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Going Green

Novi is considering implementing a "Green" building policy. It could include:

- Faster plan review if cortain environmental standards are met
- Some of the planning fee would be refunded to "preen" builders:
- Public buildings would need to meet certain environmental standards, if feasible.



■ City of Novi considers environmentallyfriendly building policies

By Greg Migliore

"Green" developments could be sprouting in Novi this

spring.

City leaders are considering environmentally-friendly or "green" building polices for developers to follow. The rules

would be voluntary, but offer several incentives to builders that conform to them. Chiefly, developers would get a speedier site review, a refund of some planning fees and mx breaks. and tax breaks.

and tax breaks,
"I think the green building
policy represents the wave of
the future of where communities are going to go," Novi City
Council Member Andrew

Mutch said.
"We can be the leader on that — or we can play catch-up on that — but it's going to hap-

pen."
Mutch and supporters of the policies said they would cut long-term costs for developers, but not everyone is sold on the

but not everyone is sold on the plan.

A resolution supporting green standards was postponed by the City Council earlier this month amidst concerns the policies would further cement Novi's reputation for being hard on developers. It could be becombt up again in a couple

Developers watching

Local developers are taking a wait-and-see approach, but are initially supportive — as long as the policies are voluntary and offer benefits to them.

"The incentives have to be the incentives have to be there from the public policy mak-ers," said Matthew Sosin, vice president of Northern Equities Group, a Farmington Hills-based developer that does extensive work in Novi. For green policies to catch on.

For green policies to catch on, Sosin said, companies would need to understand the economic

benefits to them.

"(It's) how the market values

"(It's) how the market values what dollars you're putting into that building," he said.

ITC Holdings Corp., which is planning to build a new head-quarters in Novi, is open to environmental standards for the city, ITC's facility will feature many windows to reduce energy costs and is being constructed to minimize impact on nearby wetlands, "Certainly, building a head-quarters that was more greenfriendly was on our minds," ITC spokes-woman Lisa Aragon said.

Although the policies hit a road block at council, Novi offi-

road block at council, Novi officials are watching how similar policies play out in other commu-nities, including Auburn Hills.

"It's something that is in keeping with Novi's tradition of pre-serving natural areas when possi-ble," City Manager Clay Pearson said. "We're for anything that provides long-term cost efficien-cies"

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SPOTLIGHT: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

STORY CHAT: WHAT DO YOU THINK? TELL US AT WWW.NOVINEWS.COM

Islands of Opportunity

Novi's office, service and technology districts key to economic future

By Greg Migliore

Novi is banking its economic future on three letters — OST.

future on three letters — OST.

The non-descript, three letteracronym is the official designation for the city's office, service
and technology districts — and
the unofficial buzzword for
Novi's plans for a modern,
white-collar based economy that
could insulate the city from the
brutal economic conditions that
have buffered the rest of Metro have buffeted the rest of Metro

Detroit.
The districts rake in significant tax dollars and generally don't require the high level of city serv-ices of other areas, like residen-tial. In a nutshell, OST districts fund Novi's rapid growth by pro-

ind novi's rapid growth by pro-viding revenue needed for infra-structure expansion and repair.

"The OST areas are really seen as the city's long-term bread and butter for providing job opportu-nities," City Manager Clay Pearson said.

What it is

What it is

The sector is comprised of development islands, which spread out along the city's north-eastern border, and then cut through its middle, roughly mirroring the shape of the Hawaiian archipelago. Most the districts are sandwiched between Haggerty Road and M-5, extending from 14 Mile down to the Interstate 696 interchange. About 1,098 acres of land are zoned for OST.

The seven-year-old districts feature a diverse mix of business-

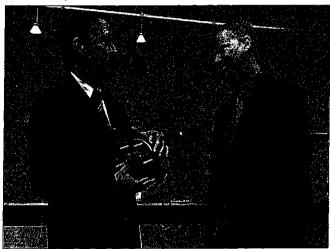


Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Michael Lembke, director of automotive advancement at Timken Co., shows Novi City Manager Clay Pearson a wheel hub assembly that the Novi R&D facility makes for the Big 3. Timken's specialty are the wheel's ball bearings.

What is the OST?

OSY stands for office, service and technology, it represents a cluster of companies in an areal specifically coned to encourage development. Facts about it include:

- is beat 130 pareers of OST land is consudered feather is depositive
- About 48 percent of the land deepn't have buildings - Was creeied about seven years ago

Companies include Lewis Technology, the Rock Financial Showplace and Magna Infler

DRCE: City of Novi

es, including the Rock Financial Showplace, Lewis Technology, and Magna Intier. By clustering companies together that comple-ment each other, Novi officials hope to spur future developments

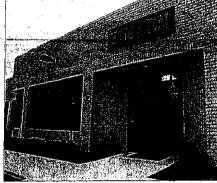
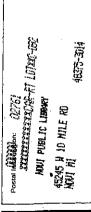


Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News continued on page 8 Timken's north Novi business location.

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My Nevi News





Claire Abraham likes to attend concerts and sporting events and collects the ticket stubs.

Honor student reaches for dreams despite disability By Renee Gates

Claire Abraham describes heran optimistic attitude.

Her 100-pound frame may be frail and her body may need the support of her motor-powered wheelchair, but don't let that fool

School honor student has never let it get in the way of reaching her goals, and she says it never will. "I've always been really motivated, but motivated to be suc-

cessful overall," Abraham said. "I just wanted to be a well-rounded person academically and socially ... and that's all I really

Yes, she can

Abraham has never crawled or walked. When she was 15 months old she was diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy (SMA), a neuromuscular disease where the muscles deteriorate but the brain

Claire began riding in her

"She is my inspiration" said Stacy Abraham, Claire's mother. "If I have a bad day or think that I have problems, then I look at Claire and how she just doesn't even blink at all the obstacles she

faces in a day.
"She can't open doors. She sits outside of a doorway in the hall waiting for someone to come open doors for her. Or when someone says, 'The paper is on

motorized wheel chair when she was 3 to the pre-primary impaired program at Novi Woods Elementary. She never looked the counter. But she just files through the day. All of her teaches are so impressed with how or the counter. But she just flies through the day. All of her teach-es are so impressed with how motivated she is and how she pushes on all the time.

For her persistence, her well roundedness and her 3.95 grade point average, Claire is receiving the 'Yes 1 CAN!' award for academic achievement March I in Grand Rapids. The National Foundation for Exceptional Children created the award in 1981 to honor young people with

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PERFECT PARTIES

Parents gravitate to themes for children's fetes

Toss out the Dixie cups and Chinet plates. That just isn't going

"Theme parties are very popular," Fochanted Garden Tea Party, "1

When it comes to children's birthday parties, experts say it is all about themes - and the more involved the better.

party birthday packages.
"My most popular package is the
'My Little Princess Tea Party." Kosar said.

As part of the package, children receive a two-hour party including dress-up clothes, custom invitations, table linens, porcelain tea set and table setting, themed music, bubble machine and specialty menu with cake. And as an extra bonus, the

party hostess will dress as going with an event planner Cinderella, Beile, Sleeping Beauty for children's birthday parties

or snow White.
Package add-ons include glamour
and animal stuffing workshops;
make a princess plate kit; princess
grams; and a Disney princess bouncing castle. Kosar said parents start ordering her services for children 4 and older,

The convenience

Kosar said another bonus of

planning has increased. "I think with the tea parties it is a very unique thing," she said. Holding themed parties at other venues is another popular trend, experts said.

Novi locations include Novi lcc

Arena, Novi Bowl and Putting

is it takes the burden off par-

ents, allowing them to relax

and enjoy.
"I take care of everything from

the beginning to the end," Kosar said, "from the food to the China

parents looking for themed party

Edge Fun Center.

For about \$20 per child, parents can throw a birthday party at the Putting Edge Fun Center includ-ing golf at the 18-hole, multi-themed glow-in-the-dark course with a private party following fea uring food and crafts. Kosar charges anywhere from \$280 and up for her deluxe tea

Sales associates at Party America Novi said the cost of parents pulling theme parties togeth er themselves ranges anywhere from \$50-\$300.

Associates said the most popular do-te-yourself themes include parents grabbing matching cups, plates, napkins and balloons with on characters Dora the SpongeBob Other popular themed items

sold at the West Oaks location neludes gift bags and favors.

While Kosar said her clients

What to watch for:

Nausea

· Weakness, fatigue Sweating

Shortness of breath

other symptoms)

· Dizziness, lightheadedness

parties, not everyone agrees in throwing specialized events. According to the group Birthdays Without Pressure, Birthdays Without Pressure, children's fetes are completely out of control.

SOURCE: Detroitblrthdays.com

How to plan a Birthday party

(without losing your mind)

determine how many ides will alter a

Pick something the Appropriate for your child

Decide whether you're having the

party at home or another locati Set a budget and stick to it

Creale a party organization

Enlist lots of help for party

The group against extravagant children's birthday parties states nowadays:
• Costs are skyrocketing;

exceeds what parents can han dle;
• children receive too many.

Think women don't have

heart attacks?

They do.

And women are more likely to die from their first heart attack.

Women may not have the same symptoms as men.

gift bags are out of control;
kids are being over-stimulat

• themes and venues have to be cooler and better each year. The Minnesota-based group the growing problem of outra-

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Experts say more and more drivers reaching for iPods

"iPods are not a distraction but a powerful educational tool," he said. "I believe that even

at work, the iPods offer

than 13,000 tunes.

tunes we have going on here

in the middle of the office specif-

Invasion of the iPods

Hey ... Hey ... HEY! You in the cubicle there Take out those iPod earbuds

and listen up.
These gadgets have made click wheels in the workplace as common as Starbucks coffee.

Employers report that employees are increasingly plugging in the ubiquitous white earers, innore bosses and pretend enter data to "Fantare for the

Common Man." Judging by the drooling over Apple Inc.'s new iPhone, there's a whole new wave of little handhelds about to invade work-

The devices, costing \$499 and \$599 and set to arrive in June, have reignited the debate over what role, if any, MP3 play-

ers have in the workplace. A Harris Interactive poll indicated that 32 percent of workers nationally used some kind of music-listening device. Nearly 80

satisfaction and/or productivity. Gravson Wheatley III promotes the use of iPods in his clinic and practice at the Arizona Heart Institute in Phoenix

important medical information to patients and employees to listen or view medical information which has been pre-loaded onto video íPods.

"Instead of reading an out-ofdate magazine, patients can be updated on the latest cardiovas cular information for preventing and treating cardiovascular dis

He also encourages employees to develop new uses for iPods to help make their jobs

when used for listening to music

improved patient and employe The Moses Anshell marketing agency in Phoenix has a resident connect their Apple iPods. DJ who spins tunes to set the

workday's mood by picking he said.
During a January press conference, Apple president Steve Jobs songs from a library of more "Basically, one of the requirements when being hired at

nectivity as an option.

That's statistic echoed at the Detroit Auto Show, where iPod Moses Anshell is that you better be able to handle the constant every day, especially since we have a gigantic speaker system

cally for the IPod," spokesman music, books, TV shows, movies Rvan La Rosa said. iPod in the workplace is a posi-

Some argue that employees waste time and block open communication by putting those conspicuous white headphone

Robin Cralo, a personalbranding expert based in Scottsdale, Ariz., offers the foliPod at work:

 Assuming your company allows iPods, let your colleagues know you're turning it on to ifanyone in your workplace approaches you, always take out the earbids from both ears, even if your iPod is off. Anyone you have a conversation with

. No singing, head popping or taking your iPod to meeting: . Be aware of your iPod's vol-

ume. If you're unsure about the and cover them with your able to hear the music.

When customers walk into the showroom of Varsity Lincoln Mercury, they echo one popula

Dean Silver, general sales man ager of the Novi dealership, said customers are looking for ways to "It is a very popular request,

announced 70 percent of new cars sold in the U.S. offer iPod con

friendly models were introduced Silver said Novi is a communi ty interested in iPod technology which includes downloading

and podeasts.
According to a survey conduct ed by text-to-speech software manufacturer NextUp.com, three out of four iPod and portable con-sumers also use their devices for listening to text outside the home or office, with 60 percent listening

in their car.

The company manufactures
TextAloud software utilizing voice synthesis to "speak aloud" docu-

ments, Web pages and e-mails for playback by MP3 players. Rick Ellis, president of NextUp.com, said most people view their commute to work as wasted time, but with the use of portable audio devices like iPods, a whole new world for the com-

muter has opened up.
According to Novi Mayor
David Landry, 183,000 vehicles
travel Interstate 275 each day, and 153,000 vehicles pass through

"The world passes through Novi," he said during his recent state of the city address. And traffic backups come hand-in-hand with long or con-gested commutes, causing many drivers to reach for their MP3

players for solace. "That technology will eventually replace CDs and CD changers," Silver said, "That is how preva-

in-car communications and enter-tainment system designed to change the way consumers use digital media portable music play-friendly technol-

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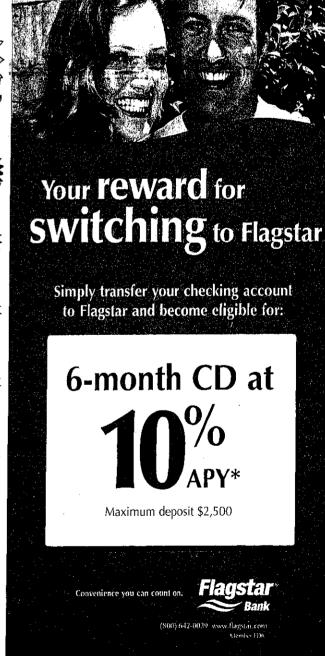




travels more enjoyable as people bring along their own favorite tunes.

ers and cell phones, including iPod connectivity.

Features of the "sync" technology scheduled for debut in select 2008 Ford and Mercury models include a USB 2.0 port for connected entirely and technology. eventually free up a for of dash-board room for technology."
Ford Motor Company execu-tives announced in January the Janueh of a new factory-installed,



MAGNETIC ATTRACTION

Couple keeps love with hobbies

before certifying the tally.

Mary Ellen has 180 magnetized baubles displayed in their Novi home, all pieces of a past spent together traveling the world.

They have to be something

that catches your eye and unique, The couple has favorites, rang-

ing from a functional music box from Austria to an entire display board of mementos captured while on a Mediterranean cruise. Mary Ellen is in charge of mak-

which began more than 20 years Jim revels in the memories each magnet brings, recalling easily a special story or dated conversa-tion shared between him and his

But Jim's respite comes in his hobby - woodworking, an award-winning endeavor he escapes with for hours on end.

"If you don't stop, they will bury you, Jim said. He smiles as he rous through the long list of hobbies he and Mary Ellen enjoy.

There is skiing, golfing, tennis, biking, walking and spending countless hours with their 14

grandchildren. Mary Ellen also works on decorating their new Novi home. "I read something recently about how important it is to always have something to look forward to," Jim said, "Especially

when you're retired." In the lower level of their home the couple charts with push pins the world travels they've experienced, with plenty of space left-

for future trips.

They always have their eyes on their favorite destination. The places we have yet to go."

Mary Ellen said. They haven't been to Alaska yet, and Jim said he wants to trav-el to South Africa.

efore. Novi home, working on an entry Rules of collection include titled "The Geisha" for next year's

Why magnets?

Before Mary Ellen Haugen decided on a magnet collection more than 20 years ago, T-shirts were he travel mementos of choice.

and-tear, her hobby of col-

venirs began to take its toll Now when Haugen travels the world, she makes it her first priority to visit loca shops looking for a magnet that best depicts the

And, Haugen said, she agree it is much easier to

"The thing with pictures is how often do you look at

albums." Jim said. For Mary Ellen, her magnets have special meaning. been all these places," she

more the longer you have

nagnets from the first time they visit a destination, and she only keeps bathles chosen and pur

Mary Ellen didn't grab a mag-net when the couple visited Hamilton, Ontario in 2002 for her hosband's first foray into the competitive world of woodworking They just dropped off his Walnut sculpture titled "The Patriot" on their way to Torontu.

"We grabbed some magnets from the shows in Toronto, but not in Hamilton," Mary Ellen said, As they stopped back on judgment day of the competition, they learned Jim took a first-place honor and a third-place nod in the

Each new magnet for Mary match the competition location. But Jim continues carving in his



Mary Ellen Haugen and her husband Jim have collected refrigerator magnets from all over the world and the U.S. like these from Marco Island in Florida and one from the wine country in California.

nd in love is a daily devotion for As he carves, Mary Ellen keeps a watchful eye on her splendid collection of memories, charting

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Novi resident Jim Haugen won an award for this carving called "the Patriot" he made out of walnut in 2002.



Welcome back! We're pleased to present our column on fine jewelry to our readers once again. If you have an appreciation for emeralds, you may want to take note of its cousin aquamarine. Like emerald, this birdstone for the month of March is a member of the bery family, It is identical in both chemical composition and harbess to its rarer green cousin. It is also no less beautiful. In fact, aquamarine's clear, large crystals of transparent blue-green have been filtened to the Mediterancean Sea. When the clearity and striking color, there are few genmones that can compete with it for attention. Aquamarine is also "dichroic," as is emerald, which means are few genmones that can compete with it for attention. Aquamarine is also "dichroic," as is emerald, which means that it has the capacity to show two shades of the same color.

Aquamarine is a gem of a gemstone.



NEXT WEEK: Learn why senior citizens are still at work

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MY SENIOR LIFE



Seniors seek **AARP** for tax

support

By Tracy Mishler NEWS SPECIAL WRITER

to make the first move.

Make an appointment

The Novi Senior Center wel-comes AARP volunteers to the center every Thursday through

Seniors interested in getting their taxes done should sign up for an appointment. "We're able to do about 15 peo

Calvin and Lillian Niemi were

with several seniors in the area, sought assistance from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) for the prepara-tion of their 2006 income taxes. "It's a great service they pro-vide," said Calvin Niemi, 79. "This is the second time AARP has done my taxes. I was really

Carol Taft, There will be sored tax

For more than five years, AARP has offered seniors, 55 years and older, free tax prepara-tion services courtesy of local volunteers and the Novi Senior

"I've always done my own waskes, but this year I wasn't able to finish them," Niemi said, "It's nice having an expert do them and he able to check them." Tom Hart, of Novi, was one of

the volunteers helping this year.

"I've heen doing my own taxes since I was 16," said Hart, now 63. "I've done my own and my moin's for a number of years, and decided I wanted to help others." Hart signed up to do tax preparation through AARP in

December and started training for this year's tax season in January.
"They gave us seven days of training in tax law and on the uter software," he said. 'We're filing everything electron

way."

Hart said after seven grueling

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reparing practice tax rounave to get certified each next year. returns and studying, be became a certified tax preparer for the federal government.

"We had to do some pretty because there's the satisfaction of helping seniors get their every year, just like the sun goes of helping seniors get their every year, just like the sun goes taxes completed and sent in on up and down." had about 20 pounds of books to help learn everything."
Hart said the seniors he's met time."
Niemi said he would definitely

with are grateful for the service, be signing up for an appointment writer for the Novi News. and he is glad to help.

"Most of the people that I've seen are pretty low income," he said. "Actually having to pay someone to do their taxes is a sig-nificant amount of their monthly

ready for the taxman this year.

And instead of waiting for his knock on their door, they decided services manager. "Our first open-ing is March 1. Anyone interested The Niemis, of Navi, along

should sign up now. They go fast."

Zagaroli said those interested in having their taxes done should bring to the appointment their Social Security card; 2005 income tax forms; W2 and 1099 forms for 2006; Social Security form SSA-1099 for 2006; a property tax statements for 2006. "We don't do taxes for small

Zagaroli said seniors don' have to be Novi residents to have their taxes done at the center.

we've been full at each session,

"It certainly is helpful," said them done. Others don't want to spend money, and AARP pro-vides an excellent service." Holforty, a certified public

accountant and member of the board of directors at Fox Run said she assisted as an AARP tar

"It's nice to help out," she said Hart said he will sign up for next year's volunteer training classes to assist during the 2008



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Beating breast cancer: Survivors tell their stories

one is different and every treatment is different, if caught early, breast cancer can be stopped in

"I think we're getting closer (to finding a cure)," she said.
"We're really beginning to
understand all the cellular path-

ways that both initiate and pro-mote the uncontrolled cell

growth (in breast cancer), and we're making really remarkable

progress.
"The most important thing is early detection. If you feel something and your doctor doesn't feel the need to do a biopsy, go

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News Five-year breast cancer

Pugsley, left, will lace up

her sneakers this June

for the Bace for a Cure

a member of Julie's Angels, in memory of a friend's daughter. Pugsly,

Novi resident, is also a

third generation cancer

Breast Cancer Myths

★ Myth: Finding a lump in your breast means you have breast cancer.

Truth: While women who have a family history of breast cancer are in

a higher risk group, most women who have breast cancer have no

see another doctor.

survivor Gretchen

By Tracy Mishler

Greteben Pugsley is a sur-Clear of breast cancer for five are diagnosed and survive breast

lump was sear tissue, but she but not the most common cause wasn't comfortable with the of death," said Dr. Judie

breast cancer patient, diagnosed ful in her grandmother, Iohannah — Goodman said though there is testing and to not be afraid. Draft, at age 83, and in her mother, Nora Selle, at age 46.

The been extra aware all my life," she said. "I was many late - did 10 years ago,

Pugsley said she opted to have - ing people who benefit from cera modified mastectomy of her tain types of therapies, and we're Pugsley said. "We race for our right breast, leaving her chest not giving chemotherapy to friends' daughter who died from

You do have choices, she and "I grew up with a mother who had a mastectomy and she survived 14 years after "Mentally. I felt more comparable to the survived to the sur

wasn't ill or anything else. She said her surgery was done

fortable having the breast removed. Pugsley said, "I didn't thing she did when she found out thing the bargery painful, and I she had breast cancer, at age 48.

The 16th annual Defroit Roce for the Cure will be Saturday, the bard breast cancer, at age 48. was get educated.

about the disease now than they

"We're far alread of where we

were," she said, "Instances are declining. We're really identify-

everyone."
"We're able to give women a

"I saw my doctor and found

"I didn't ery," she said, "It did-t affect me that way, I knew Mathers said the scariest part Goodman said though everyn't affect me that way. I knew from my mom that I was going to be OK."

Mathers said the scariest part about having cancer was not knowing what was going to hop-

Like Pugsley, many women pen. The worst fear is fear of the its tracks. The worst fear is fear of the its tracks. The worst fear is fear of the its tracks. Clear of breast cancer for five years now, Physley, 73, of Noy, has learned to appreciate himore.

"I found the lump myself," According to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, every two minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast eancer and more than 211,000 new cases are myself, who will not the national saw my gynecologist more than 211,000 new cases are myself, who will it will every myself, who will not the national saw my gynecologist.

Physicy said. "I infinediately mosed with friests cameer and went and saw any gynecologist and she sent me for a mammo gram and ultra sound."

Physicy said she was told the physicy said she was told the common cancer in women today, spend my days educating others. ers."
Both Mathers and Pugsley

diagnosis.

"I wanted a second opinion, so
I went to a specialist and was
diagnosed with breast cancer to
Providence Hospitat. "More
The went of the disease of the disease

my right friest in November women are being diagnosed with carly stage breast cancer, and plays is a third-generation breast cancer patient, diagnosed (fil.) which is definitely below the surface patient, diagnosed (fil.) which is definitely below the fil. no cure for breast cancer, doctors and scientists know much more

Racing for a cure

Both Puesley and Mathers "We've rared for six years."

breast cancer."

Known as Julie's Angels,

Pugsley said her group has more than 200 members and has been the largest family-generated group for the past two years.

registration is now available "There needs to be a cure, and at moon as an outpatient proce-dure in December 2001, and she was home by 6:30 p m.

Then I went home and surfed the Internet to find out every-said. "We race for the cause. We

Truth: Eight out of ten lumps are benign, or not cancerous. Myth: Men do not get breast cancer. Truth: This year 211,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 43,300 will die; however, 1,600 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer

family history.

and 400 will die. ☆ Myth: Having a family history of breast cancer means you will get breast cancer.

New study to better quality of life

Henry Ford Hospital is conducting a study to lest the effectiveness of acupuncture in breast cancer nationts receiving hormonal therapy, in order to reduce the nuisance of hot flashes. The study is being done at the Henry Ford Center for Integrated Medicine in Novi, and main hospital

in Detroit. Researchers are currently looking for eligible patients interested in proving that acupuncture is just as affective in reducing hot flashes as the hormonal drug Effexor.

Dr. Eleanor Walker, director of breast rational oncology for Henry Ford Hospital and lead study investigator, said the reason for the study is to better the quality of life for cancer survivors. "I was trying to look for another way that would have few side effects and refleve side effects,"
Walker said. "Women do complain of hot flashes enough, and this is another way we can try and make

their quality of life better." Walker said the study lasts 12 weeks, and those eligible to take part are randomly chosen to receive acupuncture treatment or Effexor hormonal freatment.

"In order to be eligible, the patients have to have had breast cancer within the past five years, have had anti-estrogen hormonal therapy and have at least two hot flashes a day," she said. "An alternative form of treatment with minimal or no side effects is needed."

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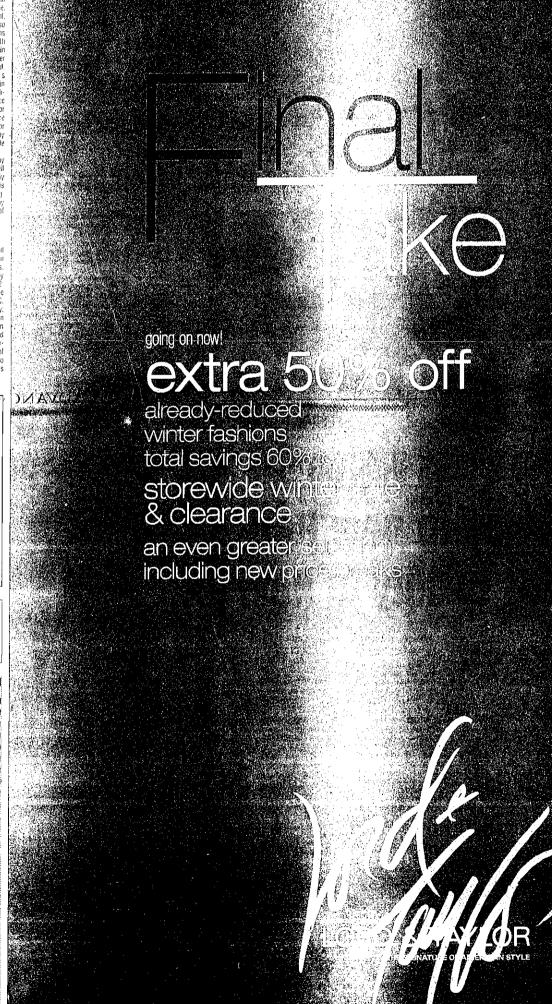
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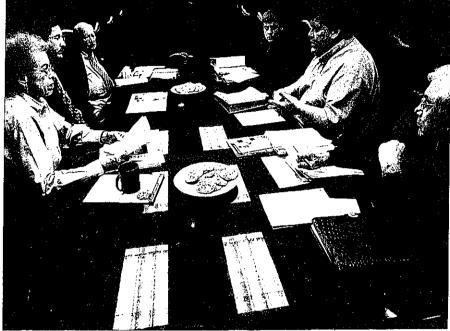
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By zoning these open areas for specialized, knowledge-based development, Novi leaders are trying to shape the city's economy and position it to compete globally.



ple: open spaces mean big bucks. The undeveloped property in OST districts is worth \$51.8 million —

as is. Throw in the value of the

developed property, about a third of the land, and the districts'

worth balloons to \$183.3 million.

And the cash can grow expo

nentially, said Greg Chapman, a

Novi resident and investm

Planning the future business growth of the city, members of the Novi Economic Development Corp. meet in the offices of FDI Group on High Pointe Blvd. From left: Eleanor Rzepecki, Mayor David Landry, Fred Clampa, Novi City

Novi's development formula: Open spaces = money

Photo by JOHN HEI-DER/Nov News Novi Mayor David Landry listens to proposals during the Novi Development



■ Smart zoning key to spurring growth

Novi's got a formula for develpment. Take the wide open spaces,

zone them shrewdly to cultivate the right investors — and reap the rewards of being one of the fastest-growing communities in

So far, it's paid off handsomely, ager.

It's perhaps most evident in the city office, service and technology districts. Known simply as districts. Known simply as gy districts. Known simply as OST, the districts are one of

By zoning these open areas for specialized, knowledge-based development, Novi leaders are specialized. trying to shape the city's economy and position it to compete global-And they have plenty of space to do it. The OST districts total

1,098 acres - 61 percent of which is still available. In fact, 48 recent figures available from the

city.
"There's still a significant amount of development activiamount of development activities," said Clay Pearson, city man-said.

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SIBLING RIVALRY: Suburbs claw for developments

SPOTLIGHT: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Local leaders say regionalism, ues. Troy has several approaches for development. Its SmartZone encourages technology and knowledge-based companies in cooperation key in sluggish economy

Novi isn't the only city trying to attract highly skilled, lucrative white-collar jobs.

The competition is cut-throat in Southeast Michigan as the area grapples with downsizings by domestic automakers and the sluggish economy. If Novi gets a high-tech corporate complex, it means Southfield, Troy or Livonia is losing out. And vice

Despite this, local city officials say they take a regional approach to development and use different tactics like Novi's office, service developments. The city has an

and technology districts to lure an increasingly shrinking pool of employers.

Troy, long known as the economic origine of Oaktuad County, is a city Novi could mirror in 25 years if its rapid growth continguation.

ed from Detroit.

Authority, which has its own budget.
Troy wants to keep pace with

but if it locates in other areas of

Now, Livonia is concentrating

The Competition Other cities are vying with Novi for lucrative white-collar jobs. A look at some of the competition:

The economic heavyweight of Oakland County has a slev of executive and office jobs. The city has a SmartZone and a Downtown Development Authority, which

The Wayne County suburb has more people is and more developed then Novi., it tries to sput all kinds of development through its Economic Development Corplin Industrial Confider, as well as a recent creation called Industry's Highway.

Commerce Township Like Novi, Commerce is a growing community. It uses a tactic known as planned unit development that allows.

improve the property. It also has a Downtown



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Jeff Bryant, as Livonia's chief eco pnomic developer, has helped to steer the suburban community's business future. Bryant stands outside Livonia's City Hall.

The Real Competition

Despite often getting lagged with blanket labels like "cookle cutter," or "vanilla," Detroit's suburbs have various strengths and weaknesses that mean develop-ments tend to fit better in certain communities. Novi's popular common for ap-and-comer com-shopping district is renowned, and munities. But the city has a slew its growing night scene rivals of rivals in its heels, including places like Royal Oak, where young people commonly gather.

Commerce Township, which are

might.
"No community can be all things to all people," Bryant said.

oung people commonly gather. Commerce Township, which are even further from the regional

"We complement each very nice-Novi has stood out as a bit of a western fruntier in recent years,

mem, allowing developers to side-step certain zoning ordinances if they improve the property. "Whatever goes up there does

n't seem to bother what happens in Commerce." Township Supervisor Thomas Zoner said. Regardless of recent trends,

to Livonia's established industrial anight.

"No community can be all things to all people," Bryant said.

"In things to all people," Bryant said. ic strategy to spur growth. It uses thrive

"Our competition isn't each what it calls planned unit developother," he said, "Our competition

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MOLECULAR INNOVATIONS Building new R&D, lab facility in Novi

■ \$2.7 million facility to employ 50, expand global sales

GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

In a little more than a decade, the Novi resident has literally taken his biotech business, Molecular Innovations, from his garage into a \$2.7-million-dollar building.

"I started the business in my garage with a crock pot." Day said. "That was my temperaturecontrolled water bath

The company broke ground in October 2006 on a state-of-the-ar research and development lab and production facility in Novi designed by Synergy Group, Inc., of Bloomfield Hills. The 12,600-square-foot facility, to be built in the Beck North industrial park at Beck and West

roads north of I-96, is scheduled r completion in fall 2007. Molecular Innovations does research on gene cloning and produces proteins for academic, instirutional commercial and pharma-

Looking for biotech start-

Day plans to hire about 40 new scientific and technical employes, as well as clerical staff.

as an incubator to one or more

small biotech start-ups with the added space, "To have our own facility designed and built to our custom specifications to further our scienbuilding will include:
• About 4,000 square feet tific research and expand our product offerings is simply fantas-ic," Day said. "This is going to of office space

give us some room to grow Day said the firm has patentexpansion of staff and the physical plant.

Currently, the company is headquartered in Southfield in a facili-ty lacking the ability to control temperature or air quality essential to cell culture work

Groundbreaking draws 100

About 100 well-wishers, including State Rep. Craig DeRoche; Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson; State Sen. Nancy Cassis; Novi City Manager Clay Pearson; Novi Planning Commission Chair Victor Cassis; and Novi City Council Member Toni Nagy joined Day for the Oct. 19, 2006,

groundbreaking.
"This facility is at the cutting edge and symbolic of Mr.
Patterson's vision of emerging sectors companies. like sectors companies, like Molecular, creating a stronger biotechnology presence in Michigan," Day said.

He decided to make the move about a year ago when he visited collaborator, Hugh Hoogendoorn, of Affinity

Molecular's new home in Novi

Molecular Innovations' new state-of-the-art lab

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and lockers

"I went to see his facility, and my jaw dropped," Day said, "I said, 'I want something like this."

He worked with Business

Biotechnology Consultants in Ann Arbor that does business consulting for biotech companies to make it happen.

huilding in Novi because of the quality of life here and in Oakland County," Day said. "The reception by the community has been great. Our central location to Ann Arbor and Detroit and ability to ship prodnet anywhere makes this area

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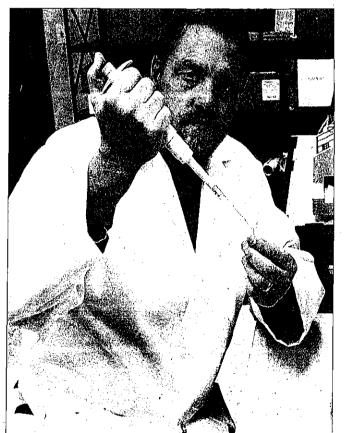


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Duane Day, president and CEO of Molecular Innovations works in the lab of his Southfield office. Molecular Innovations, who does genetic cloning for academic and narmaceutical purposes, will buildi a 12,000-square-foot lab in Novi.

About the president

Duane Day, of Novi, CEO and president of Molecular Innovations, grew up in Clarkston and graduated with a degree in chemistry from Daidand University. He was a researcher for 18 years at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit and started his company on a part-time basis while working at the hospital. He left in 1998 to devote himself full-time to the company. He lived in Royal Oak, Farmington Hills, Wayne, Southfield and now Novi. He wanted to be an entomologist when he was growing up. The Wayne, Soummen and how how, he wanted up the all entertoopies, ment has a sound on his person who inspired him the most in his life is the late scientist Carl Sagan; astronomy is one his hobbles.

And the second of the second o

ISLANDS OF OPPORTUNITY: Novi's office, service and technology districts key to economic future

creates a whole marketing con-cept around it," Detroit Regional Chamber CEO Richard Blouse Jr.

Marketing strategies aside.

and create a business-friendly image.

"I think they do it because it beautiful thing," Mayor David Landry said.

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Michael Lembke talks about what Novi's Timken auto-

motive company does for its Big 3 customers.

according to a 2006 city report, and remain among the highest land doesn't even have build-

ings.

To spur future growth, the city tweaked ordinances last fall. Most notably, height guidelines were revised in the districts, allowing

certainly have a lot of clout in Oakland County," said Jeff Potter,



Novi's office, service and technology district is comprised of development Islands, which spread out along the city's northeastern border and then cut through its middle, roughly mirroring the shape of the Hawaiian archipetago. By wisely cultivating economic growth in the sector, Novi leaders hope to shield the city from the economic troubles that are weighing down the rest of Michigan.

MY EDUCATION



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Honor student reaches for dreams despite her disability

1981 to honor young people with part of the story." nendous obstacles to achieve

What dreams may come

"Growing up, I never felt like I wish I wasn't in a wheelchair in older. I never felt like that," Abraham said.
"If had) so much support from

my family especially and friends, and when I got older, meeting so many other kids in wheelchairs with SMA and other neuro musarlar diseases. Eve met so many kids in wheelchairs, and they are Junny and so friendly and opti-

received her acceptance letter to the Phiversity of Michagan in Ann Arbor. Since her SMA will not allow her to live independently, she will commute to the university.

ty. She is majoring in journalism. "My dieam career is to be a sports journalist Pve always loved writing," she said. "I love lewspapers and print journalism.

A love for the game

Her love for writing is second only to her love for sports. She plays wheelchair floor bockey every Saturday at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville. She attends Detroit Red Wings games with her family and she has met several profes-sional athletes and has their pictures decorating her bedroom

Since Sentember, Abraham has worked as the sports editor of the Novi High School student news-paper, The Wildcat Roar. "As the editor, I help kids writ-

ing the sports article. I help them kind of develop their angle. I look cle. I also design a double

(sports) page spread, I put the pic-tures in and the text." Abraham understands ber SMA may affect her career choice, but

Howe interviewing and getting to know people through interviews ing. When I'm reading articles through the (Detroit) Free Press

Novi High School senior Claire Abraham studies at her kitchen table. She is an award winning student despite her disabilities.

mined person. I would do every-thing (I can) so that it will hap-pen.

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For her persistence, her well roundedness and her 3.95 grade point average, Claire is receiving the 'Yes I CAN!' award for academic achievement March 1 in Grand Rapids. The National Foundation for Exceptional Children created the award in 1981 to honor young people with disabilities who overcome tremendous obstaclés to achieve excellence.

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FINAL WEEKEND



PRESSURED TO SUCCEED

Students think cheating is a way to make the grade

From wanting to get into good colleges to feeling pressured by parents to perform, to just wanting a higher grade point average. Northville and Novi High schoo' students admit they have reson to cheating to get ahead, and they

"I guess because there is just so much pressure on kids to do well that cheating - it's not right - but it belps kids to get into colleges they want and to succeed in whatever they want to go into. I

wouldn't say it's totally wrong, but it is wrong."
"I know it's the easy way out," said Danielle, a junior at Novi High School. "But, I think per-sonally the stuff that we learn in school you don't ever use in the

In 2004, an ABCNEWS Primetime nation-wide poll of 504 12 to 17 year olds revealed seven out of 10 youth said kids cheat on tests; six out of 10 have friends who have cheated; and one in three admit they have

"When you talk about cheating, you have to ask, 'Why is there cheating?' said Novi High School my perspective, there is a lot of pressure over our students to pull down the lighest grade point average they can because of col-

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It's the pressure that builds up, the need for them to have to do well," said Chris Ford, Northville's American government and mythology teacher for 18 years.
"You're suppose to be in a club classes... How are you going to do it all? You've got to take some short cuts. One way to take short cuts is to have people assist you with assignments," he said

Old habits, new tricks

It's not always easy to spot cheater. According to the ABC NEWS poll, most cheaters are not caught. Students see other stu-"It happens on a daily basis." dents cheating all the time bu never report it. Some bring in the attach it to their water bottles, cal culators, baseball caps or sleeve covers, students and teachers said And when students have to work on papers or essays at home, the Internet can be a very tempting short out. But the Internet can al assist educators in finding

cheaters,
"What I tell the students is, ib they can find it online, I can find it online," said Cheryl Gibbs, Hillside Middle School eighth grade English teacher. "The Internet has made it easier in some ways to find out the cheaters. It goes both ways," she said.

Cheating hasn't changed much

teacher. "I don't think its changed a whole lot. They use to copy out of books. It's easier, because now

leges. The pressure is internal as well Turnitin.com is the name of an tions to submit students papers on-line and scan them for any unlawful use. The resource comes at a price of both time and finances, Ford said.

"You're suppose to be in a club or an organization, so many of them join three, four or five. You're in Rotary, you're in the National Honor Society, you run track, then you have a part-time of those programs are costly under the cost of the first sentence and it'll run the search. But some of those programs are costly under the cost of the first sentence and it'll run the search. But some of those programs are costly under the cost of the first sentence.



don't have all the same answers.
"I didn't want to spend my time chasing my kids around for their

homework issues like that. This

cheating."

Northville High School students are warned: Those thinking of plagiarizing text should know that the school has the ability to scan essays to see if they've been

rate on homework assignments

online, but each student has an

and is shared by four instructors

"All of my homework is online now," Didio said, "Each student has a unique set of problems so

they can help each other, but the

at the high school.

actually go and check those things?" Ford said. "I think what the bigger probphysics students aren't cheating off each others homework. The program, called LON-CAPA (learning on line, computer-assist-

lem with cheating is the home-work and the little work sheets. Because they don't think that so called 'working together' is cheatin the 20-plus years she's been a ing. But any work that is not your own, unless you attribute the source that assisted you with it, is technically plagiarism," said Ford.

Novi High School science teacher Jim Didio found an online resource that helps ensure his

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out the policy every year in the student handbook. Each student caught cheating will lose credit on ents called and receive a discipling eferral form in their student file. "I think (cheating) is always an issue for every district," said Northville High School principal Robert Watson," I think you have

to help your students understand the difference between what's their work and what's someone else's. Its more of a responsibility than a problem. Its something we have to make sure they under-stand before they leave us."

Raising the stakes

A group of Northville seniors said when they finish high school, that's probably when their cheat-

ing will stop.
"Right now, the reason we're cheating is because we have so much pressure to get into a good college and to get a good degree," said one. "So much of our cheat-ing is on little assignments that c have. In college it's going to be big papers, big tests, so it's no to be those little quizzes er one said.

Most likely, they will cheat

Ford said.

"If they cheated in high school, and there's no real repercussion for that, they'll cheat at the college level. They'll cheat on their worksheets or time cards," he said. assignment, we can fill out a dis cipline referral, but until the University of Michigan or Michigan State, or Ferris or Eastern or whoever it is says.

allowed me to free up more of the class time to do more instruction-al things rather than trying to catch them copying homework or 'You're a cheater we're not letting you in.' Until that happens, it The consequences for cheating vary with the institution. Novi High School allows teachers to Renee Gates is a staff writer take disciplinary actions on a casefor the Novi News, She can be

by-case scenario. There is no set school policy addressing cheating. Northville High School passes reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or by e-mail at vrgates@gan-

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X Physical Therapy Rehabiltation Update

by Dennis Engerer, P.T.

A MATTER OF TIMING

Women are up to eight times more likely in disordin, which happens more frethan men to tear their anterior cuciate ligsuments (ACL) during sport/sactivities that work. Most of those who have lipitered the involve vigorous lateral metion. Belwing ACL describes as a popular generation, close the base in this manner can put a serious crimpin none's achedule by taking up to a coast crimpin none's achedule by taking up to a great for treatment and rehab. One important thing to bear in mind is that timing an play a light in susceptibility to this learn play a light in the learning to the control researchers who surveyed female skiers, the ACL is weaked tuning the first half of the mentant cycle. In fact, regardless of age, body weight, or design ability, a woman's rick of an ACL, injury is three times higher during mensuration and the following week.

The ACL is most commonly injured with

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review shall convene in its first session at 9:00 a.m. EST. Tuesday, March 6th, 2007 in the Novi Assessing Department at 45175 W. Ten Mille Road for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment roil.

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 Mille Road on March 12, 13 & 14, 2007. All appearances before the Board will be by appointment only. If you or your representative want to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 9, 2007. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to tive (5) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office or at www.citychnovi.org NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

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Tuesday, March 13, 2007. Postmarks will not be considered. When sub
mitting a letter of protest for the Board of Review considered. Nye mus
attach a completed petition along with any supporting information.
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senting.

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BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE Monday, March 12, 2007 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, 2007 - 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, 2007 - 9:00 s.m. to 6:00 p.m.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS CITY CLERK

2007 Candidates Announced

two open seats on the May 8 clection of the Novi Community Schools Board of Education. Incombent David Brown is

med by George Kortlandt Bobbse Murphy, Craig Parker and Kad Wizmsky in pursing one of two four-year terms beginning July 1, 2007 and expaine June

Current board appointee JeH Nielson is the only candidate seeking to fulfill the one 2-year. erns left sacant by Dan Austr The term begins July 1, 2007 and expires June 30, 2009. Board President Carol Effing is not maning for reelection. The sex in attembridge and

Student Community Service Awards

The Options Club of Nathrifle/Novi is offering \$500 wands to area youth through its Student Community Service Award Programs Trigh school stir finis that are residents of Northville, Northville Township time stadent in good standing passing stades in classes for the trent school year, provide two ters of recognitionalistical write they have learned through their

them and society. Applications may be picked up in the counsel-ing offices of the Northville or Novi high schools. The deadline for submission is March 16, 2007. The applications and essays should be sent to: OCNN-tCSA), 143 Cally Center No. 76, Northville, MI 48167. Novi Meadows Fun Fest Novi Meadows Fun Fest 2007

unity service is important to

is coming up March 23, Two

hindred plus volunteers are committed to making this year's event successful. Plan to attend make a donation or lend a helpmg band.

Scrapbook Day Fundraiser at Walled Lake Western

Walled Lake Western's base hall team is holding a scrapbook day from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. on Saurday, March 3 in the high school's caleteria. The event costs \$30 per person, or \$100 for a table of four. The fee includes table space, lunch, dinner, coffee, equipment valet and door prizes. There will also be a concession stand, 50/50 raffle and silent au tion. The event is co-sponsored by Scrapbookers, Inc. of Commerce, Representatives will

be on band to give demonstra-A registration form can be obtained on-line at www.watleds Take k12 mins. The form must be



and why being involved in com-Baseball, c/o Walfed Lake

Walled Lake Schools Parenting Fair

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Novi Educational

Foundation Green Gala

The Novi Educational

Foundation announced the fund-

raising event "Green Gala" to be

Saturday, March 17 at the Rock

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Novi 2007 Kindergarten Registration

Open enrollment for kindergarten classes has started. Purents with children beginning kinder-garten this fall should go to their held from 7 p.m.-midnight on neighborhood elementary school register for full or half day classes. If a registration form is not available, sign up for classes and a registration from will be sent to you. You can look up your neighborhood elementary school on the district's Web site:

and dance with proceeds to bene fit Novi Community students.
N.E.F. Chairperson, Mary Alice Brunner, says, "Your support of the Green Gala fund-raiser will help us provide teacher grants for projects that are beyond the scope of the district's budget.



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MY PUBLIC SAFETY

Beefing up the Bark: Police K-9 unit gets muscle car

BARK AND BITE

Cops to get Hemi-powered Magnum by spring in Novi

By Greg Migliore

The Novi police are addingmore ponies to their K-9 unit.

After years of jamming the Brochures on the event are police dog into a patrol car or available in all school buildings lumbering around the city in a hulking SUV, the department is buying a 2007 Dodge Magnun, complete with the potent Hemi or you may call (248) 449-1206 for reservations.

> "It's a great tool for us to con-nect with the residents," The ear provides more room for officers and dogs, and more speed to eatch law-breaking Lindberg said. motorists, police said. It's expected to arrive this spring, and is being bought with state

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Novi has one police dog,

car." Novi police dogs perform a variety of roles. Chiefly, they're used to find narcoties and track criminals and missing people. They also are trained to protect

the officer, who usually owns the

dog. Other police department also use them for bomb detec-

tion.

The city has used dogs for at

least 20 years, Deputy Chief Thomas Lindberg said. Aside from their patrol duties, the dogs

also serve as perhaps the depart

ment's best public relations

Penzak, are assigned to the unit.

V-8 engine

expected to be ready by April.

Two officers, Jeff Brown and Pernzak, are assigned to the unit.

Two officers and dogs because of the amount of time they spend in the police said. Brown, who has "That's our office—we like to the Nowi News. He can be reached to be the Nowi News. He can be reached to the car up to 12 hours a day while on patrol.

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POLICE

Rear Wheel Drive

coming to Novi in 1998.

The car-also holds a good deal of symbolism for the four-legged officers, who see it as their dog

"They see that car, and they equate it with: it's time to go to work." Lindberg said.

And their job is a bit easier in the Magnum, which is larger and faster than most other police cars. Its V-8 engine pumps out 340 horsepower more than the 250 hp typically produced by police Ford Crown Victorias. The Magnum is also rear wheel drive, which usually provides better acceleration, and has a performance suspension borrowed from DaimlerChrysler's Mercedes

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CITY OF NOVI **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45/15 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18,214. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX A OF THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, ORDINANCE 57-18. AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE. SUBSECTION 2506. IN ORDER TO MODIFY THE STANDARDS FOR PARKING END ISA. AND S. All interested persons are invited to attend, Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 41575 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4.00 P.M., Wednesday, March 14, 2007.

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All Entries Must Be Received By March 6th

MY COMMENTARY

Thursday, February 22, 2007 www.novinews.com fax: (248) 349-9832

Novi News

Richard Periberg EXECUTIVE EDITOR Rich Ramhoff
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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

Novi development policies need a greening

building policies for developers.

The "green" guidelines would be voluntary, and developers would be offered a slew of incentives to follow the rules.

For city leaders, this should be a no-brainer. They should do it — and

so it might have some effect on the many construction projects scheduled to begin when the weather warms. The policies presented at a recent City Council meeting are compre-

hensive, and many of the elements could work. The plan offers developers faster reviews, fee refunds and tax abatements if they go green in their building. It's a sound, progressive green policy and would position Novi as a

leader among developing communities.

Frankly, Nove needs something like this

The city has already planted its flag in the land of unabashed growth. If Novi is to develop properly, it should have some direction coupled with a sense of obligation to the environment.

informal research conducted by the Novi News suggested the busi unity isn't opposed -- as long as the green policies are voluntary. And if the incentives implemented are as appealing as originaly proposed, developers would have to be crazy not to at least consider following some of the guidelines.

Making the plan optional is also critical. Some buildings simply will not be able to adhere to an absolutely green policy. It's unrealistic to believe otherwise. Novi needs to remain competitive and agile to angle for every development dollar in the marketplace.

That was one of the reasons the plan was tripped up earlier this month by council members, who decided to postpone a vote on the matter. Their reasoning was not without merit. Council members were quick to note that Novi - even now - is known for being hard to work with and seems to like to make developers jump through hoops. Council members were correct to argue setting up more rides isn't the way to thaw out the city's aretic reputation.

Still, it's not a direct correlation. The reasons people get frustrated with the city are they believe ordiof other reasons. They're irked by things they have to do that they think

Developers aren't mad, and probably won't get mad, at a set of optional guidelines that incentivizes doing the right thing.

It's great Novi is run like a business. And the way things are going. at's fast becoming a Fortune 500 city. But it needs to be done right, The next time this comes before council, members need to give green policies the green light.

What do you think?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and con-

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Laughing and smiling, a group of kids battle for possession of a basketball during a timeout at last week's Novi High game. The group included Eric Blant, Austin Racicot, Matthew Kiura, Sam Potts, and Patrick

School Board Budget: Black or Red?

One must marvel when learning that a municipality or school system or other gov-eramental agency is on the verge of bankrapt-cy. With well-planned budgets and a fairly predictable tax base, how could they possibly spend more than they receive?

Admittedly, there are often unforescen-causes; e.g. catastrophes, unanticipated emergency expenditures, impredictable downturns in the economy, etc. But when one reads in the same issue, on the same page, ofour local paper how a school board frets over a predictable budget deficit and almost simultane ously increases its expenses, the path to bankruptcy (or higher taxes) becomes easier to fathom.

26.4 million dollar school bond proposal, "By state law, the bond...can not be used for Board of Education, the same Board of Education floating the bond issue, is predict-

ing a 5.9 million deficit in next year's budget.

Do any of the Board members realize that three new gymnasiums and three new art and

music rooms could possibly entail greater operating expenses? Will the new security systems be self-operating and maintenance free? Are any of the unavoidable increased operating costs accounted for in the anticipated budget deficit?

only as long as it operates in the black. If our excellent school system cannot afford all of the luxuries, forego them. If the financial bur-den of a growing army of retired school employees becomes more than the city can afford, the Board of Education should recon-who we re going to fulfill a customer need-

sider some of its more extravagani proposals. Titisting that the members are diffeently iware that not all of the money they spend is

Patrick M. Downey

Early Childhood Learning Center Good Business

We hear it all the time: "I don't want my tax. dollars to support Novi Community Education, "Pay 12 million to build a preschool? Are you crazy?" The stark business reality is that constructing an early childhood learning center has become a necessity if Novi chooses to stay competitive with neighboring school districts.

And, if Novi voters choose not to support this learning center, you can bet that our property values will decline rapidly. Let's look at it from a business perspective. not an educational perspective. After all, taxpayers who don't have preschool children won't see the value in constructing and early childhood learning center.

So here is the business rationale: Parents are demanding additional early childhood educational services. Novi doesn't have the space to fulfill this "customer need." So, how do you fulfill this need?

Some detractors say parents should go to Does the Boant's left lobe know what its right lobe is thinking?

The city of Novi will remain a class A city we want Novi residents to go to other communities to get the educational services that they are demanding?

tell them to go elsewhere What do you think realtors will tell young couples moving into this area when they see

that South Lyon and Ann Arbor have an early childhood learning center and Novi doesn't? We already know that Deerfield (Elementary) parents are willing to move from one Novi house on the east side to another Novi house in the newly formed Deerfield district to keep the "Deerfield method of education. Don't you think young couples and realtors will start choosing South Lyon over Novi because South Lyon is fulfill-ing a customer need? That can't be good for ropery values in Novi for anyone, young and

Yes, it's a necessity to construct an early childhood learning center. And the price tag is -eleap because-we don't need to build from scratch. The infrastructure already exists Providence Hospital will donate the land for SI per year (no land costs). Providence Hospital will guarantee that all operating costs will be self funded (no Novi tax dollars because they will pay for a specified level of child development services. That's a good business model for construc-

tion. Besides, any and all suppport of the Providence Medical Complex will truly

This request for an additional tax comes after six years of declining tax dollars on our pre-vious bond issue. The 2006 tax rate was 0.82 mills lower than 2001. The school district would be asking for an additional 0.50 mills That's a net reduction of 0.32 mills over the past six years. The \$12 million translates into

52-3 per month additional tax dollars.

That's not a bad investment to stay compet itive and maintain strong property values, is

> Nancy Cameron Chairperson, Community Education Advisory Counci

Public needs active role in state

But we need to remember that

they are human beings as well. nstinct during rushed limo rides Pause for a moment to consider th kinds of pressures our elected leadfrom one forgettable event to ers in Lansing have to withstand another. They spend their days have kids and spouses that need snippets of conversation are just chunks of oft-repeated material and deserve their time and attention. They have the kinds of wor they have retrieved from the sturn

that afflict every one of us But unlike us, they're in the has evolved, takes individuals who Capitol, the pressure cooker of our re reasonable in private and it of burdens and responsit

Sure, they volunteered for this

duty, but it's tough duty neverthe o undermine their virtues. The process of perpetually states -- \$79,500 a year -- but most could do better elsewhere. are looking for in the first place: They expect to have their per tranquility of spirit, independence sance criticized. But it's deeply contours and complexity of realiunfair to make it personal, to

New York Times columnist David Brooks, one of the most thoughtful and insightful folks We need to keep all that in mind around, detailed just why in a greater detail the pressures that face our governor and everyone recent column: "In our democracy else we've elected, especially the

In our democracy, top officials

lead frantic, overscheduled fives,

"Our democracy, at least as it

process that is almost tailor-made

with almost no time alone and

stinks. Our state budget is awash it red ink, and big decisions about how to plug the holes have to be made within just a few months. Those decisions will have enormous consequences.

Michigan is up for grabs, as it never has been before. We can become "Michissippi," with, yes low taxes — and poorly paid my economic prospects ... plus cold weather. Or we can restructure our gov

ent, cut unnecessary spen ng, reform our tax system and find the revenue we need. The money we need, that is, to fund an invest ment program in our durable, dis-tinctive competitive assets like our universities, our "North Coast" environment and the skills and

brains of our people.

The special interests (what organization, after all, is not a special interest?) are already aroused and shouting. They are stirring up citizen unease about a 2 percent sales tax on services. The anti-tax ers-no-matter-what are threatening

The din grows, the pressure

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spaces in which lawmakers have some freedom of choice.

What would make that a lot eas ier for our elected officials to do

Ahout Phil Power

Phil Power is a fongtime observer of politics, economics and education issues n Michigan, and was a regent of the University of Michigan from 1987 to 1999. He is also president and founder of The Center for Michigan, a moderate thinkand-do tank. These opinions and others expressed in his columns are his own and do not in any way represent official policy positions of The Center for Michigan, Phil would be pleased to hear from readers at power@hcnnet.com.

plunk in the middle of the pressure Meanwhile, in our state capital

in private, everyone acknowledges complicated and how serior the choices are.
Our public officials know full well that we are approaching a defining moment in Mithigan's future. Most want to do the rigit

they risk defeat the aext time What's needed is leadership and the task of leadership is to find ways to put aside narrow partisanship and construct those small

Freedom, that is, to do what

their work would be if the public is given a chance to be heard from. By this I do NOT mean public opinion polls, Here's how America Speaks a non-profit organization

ocfully inadequate for building healthy democracy. Polls provide decision-makers with aggregate do nothing to identify or help build a collective view upon which decision makers can reasonably act.

learn or to be challenged. In the end, a public that has no opn nity to deeply engage with an issu (and only registers its opinions in snap judgments made to pollsters) will always be a ripe target for state is teetering in the balance, we desperately need civic education and public engagement. After all, it's our Michigan, and our elected officials have a responsibility to feelings, just as we have an obligation to be well informed.

There are lots of ways to do this. Reading the newspapers or surfing the web. Going to town hall meetings. Writing to our elected repre-sentatives and senators in Lansing Talking and telling — in coffee hopes and fears for our Michigan and saying what we wish would happen to allow our children and grandchildren to continue to live here, in our home state. That's

truly the democratic process, as the Founding Fathers saw it. No. then, it is a process whose time has

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Toll

Brothers/Island Lake

(248) 349-1700, ext. 113

MY BULLETIN BOARD

HOT TICKET: A Find out what to do this weekend and beyond in our weekly events calendar

Thursday, February 22, 2007 www.novinews.com fax: (248) 349-9832

EVENTS

Health Expo

DATE: Saturday, Feb. 24 TIME: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Cente DETAILS: The expo will feature complimentary gifts, massages, make overs, healthy cooking demonstrations, breakfast, lunch lectures and health care testing and screening. Preregistration is attend without the health screenings, \$35 for the health screenings, or \$50 for the combined package. Note: No food after midnight if choosing the health

e-mail savashealthexpo@hot-

Novi Youth Assistance

DATE: Saturday, March 10 LOCATION: Novi Bowl DETAILS: Support for this event is needed from the community. Lane sponsorhips, donations for oift baos and monetary contributions are all appreciated Contact the Youth Assistance CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

Novi Oaks Chapter of the **American Business** Wemen's Association

OATE: Wednesday, March 14 TIME: 6:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m. dinner LOCATION: Wyndham Garder

Hotel, Novi DETAILS: Joseph Pascaretta will do a presentation on Entrepeneurial Motivation: Overcoming Business Challenges." The cost is \$16 per

CONTACT: Marcia Applegate (248) 593-5269 or go to www.abwa-novi.org

Back Club Meeting DATE: Friday, March 16

TIME: 7 p.m. **BUSINESS** LOCATION: Starbucks, 302 East Main St., Northville DETAILS: The book for March Business Affinity Group TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. Third is "Rabbit, Run" by John Updike CONTACT: northylllebook-Thursday of every month

LAKES AREA CHAMBER OF <u>COMMERCE</u>

Since 1963, the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce has proudly served as West Oakland's Regional Chamber, servicing the communities of Commerce Lake, Waterford, Wixom, liverine Lake and White Lake.

Our purpose is to improve the quality of life for businesses and residents in the Lakes area. We act as a unified voice on behalf of the business community, provide a forum to discuss and review topics of interest, serve as a source of information and develop programs that are responsive to the needs of the communities

we serve. CONTACT: (248) 628-2826 Heart of the Lakes Gala TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. March 3 LOCATION: Shenandoah Golf, nauet & Country Club, West

DETAILS: This is a benefit for the Cardiac Care Program at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital and the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce. The theme is "Saturday Night Fever Flashback" and the evening will feature din ner, dancing, entertainment and a ilent auction. The cost is \$50 per person. Reservations that they would like to share in

Evening Connection DATE: March 13 LOCATION: Dream Dinners, 1001 Welch Road, Suite 105.

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The chamber is celebrating 40 years of business, representing over 500 members. Our mission is to be a responsible, proactive

the greater Novi area. We are business and professional people ate hats and shawls for those in working together to enhance the life of our community and the businesses in it. For more infor TIME/DATE: 10:15-11 a.m.

Thursday DETAILS: This is an ancient www.novichamber.com or contact the chamber office at (248) 349-3743 flexibility, balance and strength After Hours Mixer No experience is necessary. The

Yoga Classes TIME/DATE: 12:30-1:15 p.m. Monday (for backs): 5:30-6:30 DETAILS: Network with fellow p.m. Tuesday (for strength & endurance): 11:15 a.m.-12:15 chamber members. R.S.V.P. 12:30-1:30 p.m. Friday (for

DETAILS: The cost is \$10 for

session. Registration required.

Massage TIME/DATE: Various times,

DETAILS: Therapeutic mas-

stress and tension, chronic

fatique, pain and headaches

Everyone is welcome. Patients

bring a physician's referral. Call

for an appointment. The cost is

undergoing treatment should

\$50 for a 50-minute session.

Line Dancing DATE: Monday and Friday

TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. begin-

ners; 7:30-9:30 p.m. intermediate

Monday and Thursday

cost is \$5.

GREATER NOVI walk-in: \$80 for 10-class card **CHAMBER** and \$70 for seven-week evening

The Greater Novi Chamber is a nonprofit business association. We provide enjoyable networking opportunities for our members: act as a bridge between loca business and government; help member's services and products and the activities of their commu nity. For more information, contach Whitney McClellan, eyecu tive director, at (248) 347-4622 or wmancc@vahoo.com.

Luncheon DATE: Thursday, March 8 TIME: 11:30 a.m. registration;

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center. DETAILS: Special guest Dennis DETAILS: No partner needed for lessons in this pay-as-you-go program. Novi residents and hose 55 years and up \$5; Nonresidents \$6.

> SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT

DATE: Monday, March 5 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center,

Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting DATE: Tuesday, March 6 TIME: 6 p.m.

Novi School Board Meeting DATE: Wednesday March 8 TIME: 7:30 p.m.

Faith Community Preschool LOCATION: 44400 West 10

CONTACT: (248) 349-7911

Novi Public Library

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

library. CONTACT: (248) 349-0720 Feb. 26. Brochures available in the library for further information.

DETAILS: School age children

DATE: Monday, Feb. 26 TIME: 6-7 p.m. DETAILS: This is the once-aplies the Legos. Registration is

DATE: Monday, Feb. 26 adults of all knitting levels are

List your event in

To be included in the Bulletin Board, please send event name, date, time, location, details and contact. Board, 104 W. Main Street. Suite 101, Northville, Mi

48167. ■ Fax: (248) 349-9832 ■ E-mail: cstone@gan

welcome, Woolgatherers Knitting dance at most sessions to Alive on the Andrea Doria

DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 27 DETAILS: Pierette Domenica Simpson will tell her surviva story from when the Stockholm sage is shown to be effective for

the Nantucket coast in 1956. DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 28 TIMF: 4:30-5:15 p.m. DETAILS: The book discussion group for fifth and sixth graders 0414 will be discussing "The Thief

Learn to Download Audiobaoks

DATE: Monday, March 5 TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Learn how to download and transfer audiobooks using the library's website and high speed Internet connection (iPods excluded) Call to register Dance, Dance, Revolution

DATE: Tuesday March 6 TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. DETAILS: Kids in fifth grade library for DDR fun. No registra

Library Board Meeting DATE: Wednesday, March 1 LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Novi Civic Center

LOCATION: 1499 E. West

TIME/DAY: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

DETAILS: The drop-in story

Located in the Meadowbrook

9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength

12:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge

9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength

Massage by appointmen

10 a.m.: Body Recall

12: 30 n.m.: Pinochle

2 p.m.: Tea-\$1 at door

Massage by appointment

8:30 a.m.: Panera Bread

9-11 a.m.: *Line Dance-

Intermediate at Township Hall

1 p.m.: Bingo in Activities

1-3 p.m.: Dance-\$6 at door

Massage by appointment

9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength

10 a.m.: Body Recall

11:30 a.m.: *Clogging-

6:30 p.m.: *Clogging

11 a.m.: Blood Pressure

11 a.m.: Taking Off Pounds

12:30 p.m.: Clogging Club

10 a.m.: Asian Pacific

noon: Lunch

Wednesday

Sensibly class

(Beg./Easy/Int.)

Beginner

Commons Senior Complex 25075 Meadowbrook Road

10 a.m.: Body Recall

1p.m.: Bingo

noon: Lunch

time is for children ages 3-5

Evening Story Hour

Thursdays

NOVI

SENIOR

CENTER

334-3595 AARP Tax Day TIME/DATE: 10:20 a.m. 2:30 Neighborhood Baby-sitting p.m. Monday, March 19 Co-op DETAILS: AARP volunteers will DETAILS: Using the co-op, you be available to assist middle and and your children can make dow income individuals in prepar friends and get what you need accomplished without the little will be given to persons age 60 ones in tow. Also enjoy a mom's

> 380-0998. Friendship Circle DATE: Second Thursday of

CONTACT: Sue Tracz (248)

each month TIME: 1 o.m. LOCATION: St. James Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile Road, DETAILS: Social group for al widows and widowers. CONTACT: Norbert Monson (248) 851-6730. Florence Voight

MOMS Club of Novi

(248) 348-9138 or

(248) 477-3032 or Joy lovaldi

DATE: First Thursday of each month TIME: 10 a.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center DETAILS: Moms Offering Moms Support (MOMS) is a non-profit support group to mothers who choose to stay at home with their children or work out of their homes.

jensungfleming@yahoo.com **Kensington Valley Mothers** of Multiples DATES: Second Thursday of

each month TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot. 300 Dorothy St., South Lyon, DETAILS: This group provides information, support and social birth children and their families. Mothers of multiples living in and

school conference are all wel-CONTACT: (248) 437-5496 for

around the Kensington Valley

Women's Prayer Support

DATE: Saturday TIME: 9-10:30 a.m. LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, DETAILS: Come for encour-

anement, help, hope and prayer,

Drop in for five minutes or

CONTACT: Nancy or Susan (248) 926-8332 or harvestfellow ship@comcast.net

Breast Cancer Support

Group

DATES: Second and fourth Tuesday of each month LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commerce. Classroom

TIME: 10-11:30 a.m. DETAILS: No registration need

CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

Crohn's & Colitis Support Group DATES: First and third Wednesday of each month LOCATION: Providence Park Hospital and Medical Center

DETAILS: Enter facility through southeast entrance, Meeting in Conference Room A, immediately to the left. CONTACT: Al Biggs (313) 805-7605 or Crohn's & Colitis

> Novi Toastmasters DATE: First and third Tuesday of each month

> > TIME: 7-8:45 p.m. help you improve your communipractice leadership. CONTACT: Colleen (248) 685-

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

(TOPS) Chapter TIME/DAYS: Wednesdays 11 a.m. weigh-in; 11:30 a.m. meet-

LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi DETAILS: \$24 per annual membership includes handbook; \$1 per meeting. New members

CONTACT: Rebecca Boyke ..(248) 305-8646

CONTACT: Rev. Ed Willingham. Interim Minister, (248) 348-7757 or visit www.mbccc.org or gmccc@arounddetroit.biz

TIME: 10 a m Special Lenten Discussion

TIME/DAY: 7 p.m, Wednesday DETAILS: The tonics to be disinday, and some current issues dimension?" The public is

Sunday Schedule Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.

Episcopal Church of the

CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or

TIME/DAY: 12:10-12:50 p.m DETAILS: The service will include scripture and Holy

DETAILS: All youth welcome:

CONTACT: (248) 356-5033 or

Bowl-A-Thon

noon lunch LOCATION: Rock Financial

Archer will speak. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for not-yet members, R.S.V.P. by March 6.

> TIME: 5-7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Moe's on Ten. on 10 Mile, just west of Haggerty DETAILS: Enjoy great food and networking. Cost is \$10 for

members and \$15 for not-vel

members. RSVP by March 12.

DATE: Thursday, March 15

Females in the Family

LOCATION: Walsh College Troy DETAILS: Walsh Business Leadership Institute invites women who own, are partners in, or work for family businesses. Items discussed will be common issues, and women can share solutions in a nonthreatening noncompetitive, non-sales round

bard@waishcollege.edu Oakland Chamber Network **Business Card Exchange**

table. Registration is required.

CONTACT: Jan Hubbard, jhub-

DATE: Wednesday Feb. 28 TIME: 5:30-7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Hoops City Grill 25333 W. 12 Mile Rd., Southfield DETAILS: Here's a chance to network with business professionals from across Oakland County, Advance reservations \$10 at the door, admission \$15

Hors d'oeurvres and cash bar CONTACT: (248) 542-2160 CLASSES

Providence Center for the **Healing Arts** LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Avenue, Novi CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 Wanted: One-Time Art Vorkshop Instructors DETAILS: We are looking fo pole who have an art or craft

our series of one-time workshops. Please call (248) 465-5455 if interested. Colored Pencil Workshop TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., second DETAILS: The cost is \$2 jinners are welcome.

Ceramics Class TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 1-5 p.m. Wednesday DETAILS: There is a \$10 materials fee. Knittin' Yarns TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m

Wednesday

Novi City Council Meeting

45175 W. 10 Mile Road

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center. and older. Assistance is limited to 45175 W. 10 Mile Road simple tax returns. Appointments CONTACT: (248) 347-0410 are necessary and usually run for one hour. Call the library to schedule an appointment.

Walled Lake City Library LOCATION: Novi Meadows Elementary Maple Road, Walled Lake

LIBRARY <u>LINES</u>

LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile

library for a movie and poncorn.

Lego Club month Lego show-and-tell, buildchildren in Kindergarten through

Novi Knitters DETAILS: This is an informal knitting group that meets in the youth area of the library most second and fourth Mondays of the month, Children, teens, and

our calendar!

■ Deadline: Must be received by noon on Tuesday to be published in the Call (248) 349-1700 for additional information.

by appointment

SUPPORT

GROUPS

month TIME: 10-11 a.m.

Meadowbrook Road

required

Adoptive Parent Networking

Meeting DATE: Last Wednesday of each

LOCATION: Holy Family

meeting is open to all adoptive

is no charge. Child care is avail-

CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248)

Catholic Church, 24505

7:30 p.m.: *Clogging Massage by appointment Thursday 9-11 a.m.: *Line Dance-Int 10a.m.-2 p.m.: Income Taxes

11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.: *Line

TIME: 7-9 p.m. Dance-Beg. 12:15 p.m.: Contract Bridge 1-2 p.m.: Yoga 1:30-3:30 p.m.: Writing Workshop 1

2:30-3:30 p.m.: Line Dance Massage by appointment Activities will be held at the 737-2322. Mile Road, Phone (248) 347-

9226

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room, 45175 W. 10 polish your presentations and

<u>FAITH</u> Meadowbrook Congregational LOCATION: 21355

Sunday Worship

the sermon from the previous in the news with the question being asked, "What is the faith

encouraged to attend. First Baptist Church of Novi

CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or www.firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m. fourth Sunday of every month.

LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile

Sunday Worship TIME: 7:45 and 10 a.m. Sunday School TIME: Q a m. Adult Rible Study; 10 a.m. Worship Center for ages 3-7; 10 a.m. All ages

Youth Worship

and fourth Sunday of every

continued on next page

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

DETAILS: This group will meet on the second Saturday of each month, offering support and open discussion for all those dealing with Alzheimer's.

Holy Family LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or

visit www.holyfamilynovi.org Mass Schedule TIME/DAY: 7:30, 8:45, and 10:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 7

p.m. Tuesday: 9 a.m. Wednesday-Friday, 5 p.m. Saturday Parish Mission DATE: Sunday March 4-

Wednesday March 7 TIME: 7-8:30 p.m. DETAILS: The program will be presented by Father David Farnum and Ms. Barbara Budde Bible Study

DATE: Thursdays TIME: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. DETAILS: Join the group for orayer, sharing, and discussion of the Sunday scripture readings. CONTACT: Maria (248) 349 8847 or e-mail at spiritwalker001@aol.com

Adoptive Parent Networking DATE: Last Wednesday of each

month TIME: 10-11 a.m. DETAILS: This free informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County, Child care is available Registration is required. CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248)

Oak Pointe LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile

CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit www.oakpointe.org Sunday Worship TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

St. James Catholic LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile

CONTACT: (248) 347-7778 Mass Schedule TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. Monday Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5

Novi United Methodist

p.m. Saturday

LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 Sunday Worship TIME: 9:45 a.m Lenten Soup Potluck and Choir Presentation TIME/DATE: 5 p.m. Sunday,

March 25 DETAILS: The Chancel choice will present Mozart's "Te Deum" which will be followed by a soup potfuck. All are invited. First United Methodist of Northville LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or

visit www.fumcnorthville.org Sunday Worship TIME: 8, 9:15, 11a.m. and 5 Community Healing Service

DATE: First Monday of every DETAILS: This service is open to anyone asking God for healing

in their life or in someone close to them. **Career Ministry Meetings** DAYS: Sunday

in the Northville/Novi area.

Crosspointe Meadows

Elementary School, 29200

a.m.-2 p.m. or visit www.cross-

TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m.

LOCATION: 201 Elm St.,

CONTACT: (248) 349-3140

Sunday Worship TIME: 8:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.

Kindergarten Registration DETAILS: Children who turned

five before Friday Dec. 1 may

register for full or half-day

kindernarten at St. Paul's

pointemeadows.org

St. Paul Lutheran

Sunday Worship

Mife Road

LOCATION: Meadowbrook

TIME: 1:30-3 n m DETAILS: The Career Ministry program is to help meet the in career transition. It is free of TIME: 10:15 a.m. charge and is focused on providing career development

resources, programs, and net-Presbyterian working opportunities to anyone

Sunday Worship

TIME: 9, 10:30 a.m. Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Gracepointe Presbyterian CONTACT: (248) 427-2700, 9

> "Preview" Worship Service TIME/DATE: 6-7 p.m. Sunday Feb. 25 LOCATION: Holiday Inn and

> DETAILS: The public is invited for worship and to stay after for fellowship and learn more about Gracepointe. Child care will be available. For more information on Bible Study and other ministries, see above.

The Baha'i Faith

CONTACT: (248) 473-0355 or visit www.us.bahai.org Devotional Gathering TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. last Saturday of every month LOCATION: 23803 Ripple Creek St., Novi

DETAILS: This is a gathering focusing on prayers for peace People of all faiths are welcome.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 Sunday Worship TIME: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Single Place Ministries CONTACT: (248) 349-091 1 or visit www.singleplace.org

Divorce Recovery Workshop TIME/DAY: 7:30-9 p.m. Tonight LOCATION: Emeritus Boom DETAILS: This is the last night of the program. The presentation will be be "Relationships Old and New" presented by Sadie Bolgs.

CITY OF NOVI **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing or Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in the Not., Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider BIRCKSON REITHEMENT COMMUNITY, FOR THUN, SITE PLAN NUMBER 07-04, FOR REVISED WEST. LAND PERMIT A PPROVAL, THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 1, NORTH OF THIRTEEN MILE, EAST OF MEADOWBROOK ROAD, IN THE RM-1, LOW DENSITY, LOW RISE MULTIPLE FAMILY RES.

DENTIAL DISTRICT, The acolicant is processing additional temporary impacts to the Collegation and standards.

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LOCATION PLAN

Walking Group TIME: 11:30 a.m.

LOCATION: First, second and fourth Saturday, Big Apple Bagel Shop, 2334 Farmington Road, Farmington: Third Saturday. Panera Bread Co., 34635 Grand River Ave., Farmington OFTAILS: This is a

walking/social group. Everyone is St. John Lutheran LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road.

CONTACT: (248) 474-0584 or visit www.stjohn-lutheran.com Saturday Worship TIME: 5:30 p.m. TIME: 9:11:15 a.m.

Faith Community

LOCATION; 44400 W. 10 Mile CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or

Worship and the Arts Ministry CONTACT: (248) 497-3178 or e-mail gracepointe@mac.com

Suites, 37259 Grand River,

Beck and Grand River Roads.

Conference Rooms A, B, and C

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presented by cardiologist Dr.

Defano Small. He will focus on

what a family can do to suppor

each other towards heart health

as well as the signs and symp-

toms of heart issues at all ages.

required, CONTACT: (888) 440-7325

St. John Providence Park

LOCATION: 47601 Grand River

CONTACT: (888) 440-7325, 8

Hospital-Novi Classes

a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

Childbirth Education

There is no charge. Reservations

DETAILS: The program is

HEALTH about your medications and blood pressure check. Providence "Dinner with a Appointments are necessary **Doctor" Series** DATE: Tonight TIME: 6:30 p.m. LOCATION: Providence Park

Hospital, Novi

DETAILS: Evening or weekend series helping you and your part-ner get ready for the birth of your Childbirth Refresher

DETAILS: A one-time class to review important information for birth of your baby. Breast-feeding Preparation DETAILS: A one-time class for

mom and her partner helping to provide tips for successful breast-feeding.
Baby Care Basics
DETAILS: A one-time class

how to adapt to life with a baby. Infant Massage DETAILS: This two-session class teaches parents how to

offer their infant the comfort of

Dakland Physical Therapy Classes

LOCATION: 47601 Grand River ve., Suite B124 CONTACT: (348) 380-3550 There is no charge for the following classes. Advance registra-

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. March 7 DETAILS: This presentation will guide you through the basic Pilates philosophy and principles to help you understand what to

Health Screenings at Meijer LOCATION: 49900 Grand Rive Ave., Wixom

DETAILS: The pharmacy at Meijer will offer the following tests for low cost: Cholesterol \$30; Liver Function, \$15; Diabetes Screening, \$4; Hemoglobin A1C, \$30. You will receive results within 15 minutes All tests include consultation and explanation of results by the pharmacist, answers to questions

CONTACT: (248) 449-5733 Boost Camp Day DATE: Friday, March 23 TIME: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. LOCATION: Providence Park in balance. The cost is \$50.

CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

SWOCC Studio Tours LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile Road, Farmington.

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

tion is required.
Introduction to Pilates (248) 348-5135 ROCK FINANCIAL

DATE: Friday, March 2

DETAILS: This day-long retreat

is designed to provide participants with the tools, information and perspective toward living life including materials, and registration is required.

ONGOING

DETAILS: Come in for an upclose look at the Southwest Dakland Cable Commission Studios local community television studio. CONTACT: Melissa Cohn (248) 473-2840

Tuesday LOCATION: Novi High School, Taft Road DETAILS: Open to all wind and

percussion players. CONTACT: Diran Kochyan

m/for more information.

DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 21-

gear, fishing gear, RVs, guided

trips on display and available, plus retail section, "Great Cats o

the World" and "Hawg Trough." Great America Train Expo

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

DETAILS: This is the largest

Saturday, March 3; 10 a.m.-4

traveling show in the U.S. for

train enthusiasts. Admission i

\$7, children 11 and under are

CONTACT: (630) 279-4048

American Baby Faire

n.m. Sjinday, March 4

free, Parking is \$5.

DETAILS: The latest in hunting

Outdoorama

Sunday Feb. 25

46100 Grand River Ave. Call. (248) 348-5600 or visit http://rockfinancialshowplace.co

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 3 and Sunday,

DETAILS: This is the nation's largest expo for expectant and new families. See, learn about and buy products and services for babies. Free product samples and coupons available from over 100 exhibitors. Admission is \$8, children 12 and under are free as well as grandparents. Parking is \$5. CONTACT: (877) 959-2229

REGIONAL

Mentor Volunteers TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. Saturday,

LOCATION: Dakland County Courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac DETAILS: The Oakland County

Youth Assistance is looking for

volunteers for its Mentor Plus

program to be a positive role

model for someone 5-16 years CONTACT: Joy Delauter (248) 858-0045 or Phyllis McCaffrey (248) 858-0099

Detroit Mackenzie High School Class of 1957 DATE: Friday Oct. 19

SHOWPLACE TIME: 6:30 p.m. to midnight LOCATION: Holiday Inn Livonia, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia

DETAILS: The cost is \$75 per person. Mail M. vonGlahn, 20997 Chase Drive, Novi, MI 48375 for tickets. The deadline is June 30. Note: The reunion committee is looking for classmates from the class of 1957

CONTACT: June Class-Mari Storch at marj.storch@sbcglob al.net or Mary Middleton at mvonglahn@aol.com.

January Class-Eleanor Locke at eplocke@aol.com or Dick Bebbington at rbebbroseville@yahoo.com.

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



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MAYBURY FARM Adopt an animal; help defray annual feed cost

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Sarge is hungry, and he needs

By Pam Fleming

The 30-year-old horse that lives at Maybury Farm in Northville Township's Maybury State Park is just one of many animals that need assistance.

Through the farm's Adopt An Animal program, residents can get in touch with their agricultur-al heritage by providing some of the funding for the more than \$20,000 needed each year to feed ne animals. Dana Weeks, event coordinator

for the farm since May 2005, said the adoption program isn't new, but it's needed now more than "Because we're rebuilding and

plenty of animals left to be adopt increasing the number of animals that we have, it's expensive to feed them," Weeks said.
On Sept. 20, 2005, the come visit them when at the farm Community Foundation is sponsoring an Adopt an Animal program to help feed the animals. Community Northville

time since October 2002 when the Michigan Department of Natural budget constraints.
Then, the foundation took on a

rebuilding process on Nov. I, 2003, after a devastating fire on Feb. 12, 2003, in which many ani-

if they wish, Northville Community
Foundation, and members of her staff can also answer any ques-

mals died. It has only been through the

generosity of many area residents that the farm is now open.

The farm is a favorite place for

families with young children who

want to introduce youngsters to

"Most of them are hay eaters,"

Weeks said, and currently, the

farm has seven horses - Sarge,

Prince, Jewel, Julie, Jane, Patty

cows; pigs Elmer and Matilda; sheep; goats; turkeys; tons of chickens; about 15 rabbits and

several ducks, Weeks said, Adopt an Animal donations

don't cover the full cost of feed-

ing an animal for a year, but they certainly help. "We have had some adoptions,"

Weeks said," but there are still

Those who adopt animals can

and Rose.
Other animals include thr

What animals are at the

barnyard animals.

So, why should local residents

tions residents may have about the

Shari Peters, director of the adopt an animal rather than take "In order for us to keen the "Because Maybury Farm is a for the public's enjoyment, it's important for people to adopt animals to help defray our

Dana Weeks, Maybury Farm event coordinator, says hello to "Carmel," a Guernsey cow at the farm. Northville

Pam Fleming is a staff writer She said a lot of visitors to Maybury State Park are excited for the Northville Record, She about the fact that the farm has reopened. can be reached at (248) 349-1700,ext. 105.

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staple in the community,"

Weeks said, "and the farm's run

on donations

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SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: VOLLEYBALL

Seniors shine in leadership roles



Novi senior Wildcat volleyball team members, from left: Lauren Purdy, Amanda Diacono, and Natalia Frask show

Seniors leaving mark on Novi program

By Jeff Theisen NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Novi volleyball coach Julie Fisette has big expectations for her team as the playoffs loom ever-so-closer.

Four of her major reasons for optimism come from her seniors — Lauren Purdy, Natalie Frask, Meghan Goldsmith and Amanda Diacono.

Amanda Diacono.
"I'm very pleased with their level of competition in the way that they play and the way they practice," Fiscute said. "They're more than willing to go up and beyond what needs to be done."

What is SPORTS SPOTLIGHT? Each week, the Novi News takes a closer look at Novi athletes. Have a suggestion? E-mail itheisen@pannett.com.

Novi is 26-10-1 and 10-3 in league play. The Wildeats are currently second in the KVC, two games back of Lakeland.

"I think they're capable of a lot more than they think they are capable of," Fisette said. "I've seen them play against some state-ranked teams ... and have fought right next to them and have won in several cases.

"If they play that game, if they play up to that level, they have the ability to do it. It's just the belief in them doing it and being able to play consistently that way."

Purdy is fired up for her last shot at post-

"I think that we have enough talent, drive

and passion to go all the way this year, more than any year in the past," she said. "We've all be working really, really hard, and I think

Led by the seniors

Each senior brings different talents to the team, but Fisette has been most pleased with their ability to lead, on and off the court. Goldsmith is an outside hitter for the Wildcats. This is her third year on varsity.

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On a breakaway, Novi's Brandon Bradford gets to the

Wildcats win 4th straight

KVC hopes distant, but stay alive with winning streak

By Jeff Theisen

The Novi basketball season bit a low mark Feb. 2 at Milford, the Wildcats fourth straight loss. Since then, it's been nothing but

winning for the Wildcats. Novi dispatched Lakeland 44-39 Feb. 13 before heating crush-ing Brighton 54-40 Friday.

Winning the KVC is still a distant hope for Novi (12-5, 7-4), with South Lyon holding a twogames remaining, but the Wildcats are still on the Lions'

schedule.
"You never know," Novi head

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coach Pat Schluter said of the KVC hopes, "We're still saying let's take care of our business."

Novi 54, Brighton 40

The Wildcats wasted little time in taking control against Brighton, Novi scorched the nets 19-7.

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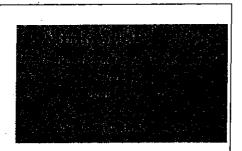
NOVI NEWS Athlete of the Week

Novi junior wrestler Ryan Thomas

Thomas captured the 145-pound title at the district mee Saturday. He pinned Farmington's Dennis Villarreal in 1:12 to

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■ VOLLEYBALL: Seniors leaving their mark on Wildcat program

■ BASKETBALL: Novi finding confidence, stays in hunt for KVC title

Going up for a shot, Novi's Dean Caleb, right, runs into

Bellamy bit four free throws

The Novi offense was stuck in the third quarter, but the Wildeats in the points to start the fourth.

"She has grown tremendously," Fisette said, "Meghan, in my opin-ion, has done a really good job of just leading the team with her skills and her abilities and yet still handling the pressure on the court of being

Frask, a second-year varsity member, sets up the action for her feant-

"She's has stepped up to the role very, very well," Fiscile said, "This year, she's played defense a lot better and she's got more confidence in

"She's really improved physically, but beyond that she's shown great leadership abilities

Fiscite said Frask and the other setters have put in a lot of extra practice time throughout the year.

Purely sets the tone in the middle, concentrating on blocks. She is also

one of the vocal leaders on the team.

Having fun on the court has been one of the biggest differences for Purdy compared to last year.

"She was more worried about the quality of her play versus just going out and having fun and doing what she loves to do." Fiscite said.
"Lauren needs to be (the vocal leader) for the girls, in order for them

n feel comfortable. She's loves to celebrate and really gets them fired "She's done a great job with the younger kids and getting them to realize how important it is to cheer and talk and communicate."

Diacono is another outside hitter for Novi, and she is the only left-

Inaded option.

"Amanda is by far a more dynamic, more aggressive, more accomplished player this year than she was last year." Fisette said. "We always knew that Amanda had it in her."

Meeting the challenge

The lead grew to 26-13 by half time, and eventually to 20 in the

time, and eventually to 20 in the fourth quarter.

"We've been playing preffy well." Schluter said. "We went through a little slump. We had a hard time scoring. We've always stopped people, but we've been shooting prefly well."

Calch Dean led all scorers with 21 points, and Brandon Bradford

scored a career-high 12 points to lead Novi, Chris Bellamy added

"It's been more or less a tean

effort," Schluter said, "We're getting other guys scoring other than Caleb.

"It was just a confidence thing We've got two young guards that are getting better. They're bitting

shots and getting more comfortable Novi 44. Łakeland 39

The Wildcats showed their best and worst basketball, all in one

Lakeland started the game on an 8-0 run and ended the first quarter up 12-6.

Going up for a shot, Nov two Brighton Buildogs.

Becoming a senior brings instant leadership roles, regardless of whether a player wants it or not. Facing this, some players will under the pressure and some thrive on it.

"As a whole, all four of these girls, they're having a much better senior year than they ever had a junior year. Fiscure said. "They're handling the pressure, they're needing problems head on, they're addressing issues, they're leading, delegating things and they're "It's really showing the jumors how to do it the right way. They're

doing it on and off the court - low to handle the pressures, have good time and win."

Jeff Theisen can be reached at jtheisen@gannett.com or at (248)



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi New: Novi's Chris Bellamy runs Into Brighton's Mitch

during last week's game

pulled out an improbable come-back after being down 15 points

Dean led the Wildcats with 17

points, 13 of which came in the fourth quarter. Bellamy finished with seven

in the second half

While waiting for a teammate to join her for a photo Wildcat senior volleybalter Lauren Purdy laughs as she tries to juggle in the athletic director's office

The University of Michigan pom team surrounds the second-place trophy the Wolverines won at the Mid American PomPon State Finals at the Eastern

Former Novi student starts pom team at U-M

in 2005, had performed Pom Pon routines in her years at Novi at the Mid American PomPon

Hirshfield enlisted the help of ond. Meena Davuluri, a sophonore in the Ross Business School. After petitioning the University for club status, calling for tryouts, the twenty-five member team.

This past fall, the club per-formed at half time for the Men's Varsity soccer games, Blood Battle on the Diag, and even the Senentilli, Wendy Yang; Juniors pre-game festivities for the – Jillian Deutloff, Katie Oddi, Detroit Pistons. All of the costs to establish the learn were collauren Davis.

Submitted to the Novi News lected through various fund-raisers. They will also be performing Laura Hirshfield, an entering at Necto on Feb. 22 as another Chemical Engineering freshman in 2005, had performed Pom Pom On Feb. 11 the team competed the Mild American Bombon.

High School, When she got to UM, she realized there was no Pom team, so she decided to create one, are one.

State Finals at the Eastern Michigan University Convection Center. The team, in their first year out, placed sec-The team consists of

arranging practice sessions. Nicole Lesnau, Rebecca Petroff; auditioning forty young women, Sophomores - Allison Baron, and designing and purchasing Auteca Stoner, Aparna Shah, uniforms, they finally decided on Ashley Schroeder, Felicia Pesis, Janay Scott, Julianne Kjolhede, Katie Scheich, Laura Hirshfield, Lauren Boumaroun, Lisa Klein, Meena Davuluri, Rachel

Sport Shorts

Novi Wildcat Preseason

(24062 Tafi Rd., Novi, MI, 48375) care of Rick. Baseball Camp

The Wildcat preseason base-ball earnp for players age 7 to 14 is set for March 17 at the Novi

S50 for early registration, Early registration is due by March 14. In draw at noon, bowling from For more information, contact
Novi coach Rick Green at a silent auction running throughregreen@servicesports.net or out the day.
call (248) 420-6637. Checks can be mailed to the high school (248) 229-4325.

Celebrity Bowlathon

The Detroit Lions' Barry is set for March 17 at the Novi The Detroit Libon's Barry High Schoel fieldhouse gym. Stokes is hosting a bowlathor The morning vession will run March 24 at Drakeshire Laues in from 8.30 a.m. to moon with registration beginning at 8 a.m. The afternoon session runs from 1—— Foundation, Michigan Elks 4:30 p.m. with registration beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The fee is \$55 at the door, or The day will feature a meet \$50 for early registration Barty.

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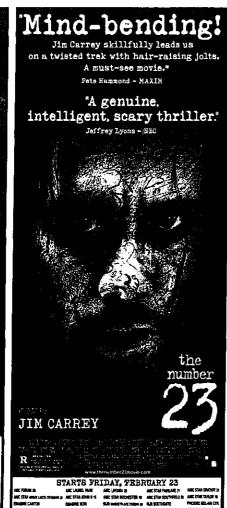
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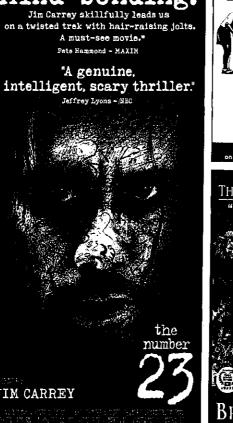
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neutral throughout the first half, and the fagles went into halftime up 24-13. Novi ripped off the next nine The Eagles pushed the lead to 28-13 in the opening moments of - throw line, but Novi kept pouring "A SPELLBINDING REAL-LIFE SUSPENSE THRILLER: "A GRIPPING AND MESMERIZING STORY. "AN INTENSE, CAPTIVATING FILMS "IT KEEPS YOU ON THE EDGE OF YOUR SEAT. EXPERIENCE CHR.S COOPER BYAN PHILLIPPE LAURA LINNEY BREACH (1995年) [1997年 - 李明明新第四月4天后中 defining of the Charles of







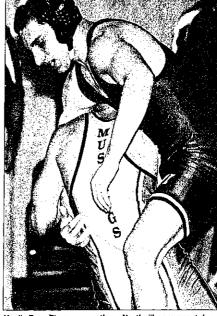




Novi's Ryan Thomas wrestles a Northville opponent dur-



Novi's Jon Lichorobiec works against a Northville oppo nent during the team districts at home.



Novi's Ryan Thomas wrestles a Northville opponent during the team districts at Novi.

Novi advances 4 from individual districts

Submitted to the Novi News

The Novi Wrestling team kicked off the postseason this week in individual districts at Saline High School. Novi had the fourth best showing at the tournament out of 14 teams. Four wrestlers qualified for regionals by finishing in the top four of their weight class.

Novi improved off its performance from last year when it sent just two wrestlers to regionals, none of whom com-

peted this year due to injuries, and nearly matched its performance from two years ago when five wrestlers advanced. or the first time in several years. Novi had two districts

champs, Justin Pullin (112) and Ryan Thomas (145) both breezed through their brackets to finish in first place. Ion Lichorobiec (103) joined them in the finals but lost to another tough wrestler from

Canton to finish runner up. Adam Ballantyne (145) finished in third place while wrestling a weight class up. Robbie Yusko, Brad Frey, Ryan Ridenour, and Nadoniel Jones made it to the "blood round" of districts, falling just short of qualifying for Regionals.

The John Glenn district and Saline district will meet up to create the south region, which will be held Saturday at Novi High School. Wrestling starts at 9:30 a.m. and wrestlers who finish in the top four of their weight class at regionals will qualify for the state meet.

112- Justin Pullin

1st Place Beat Mark Farrell of Ypsilanti Lincoln 14-8 Beat Carl Luck of Canton 8-1 Beat Jared Pieknik of Livonla

145--- Ryan Thomas 1st Place Pinned Vince Rogers of Plymouth in 1:42 Beat Aaron Towne of Northville

Beat Danny Small of Livonia Churchill 18-5 Pinned Dennis Villarreal of Farmington in 1:12

103 — Jon Licharobiec 2nd Place

Pinned Jarred Lilyhorn of Ypsilanti Lincoln in 1:21 Pinned Namic Kerimov of Farmington in 4:51 Beat by Donnie Watkins of

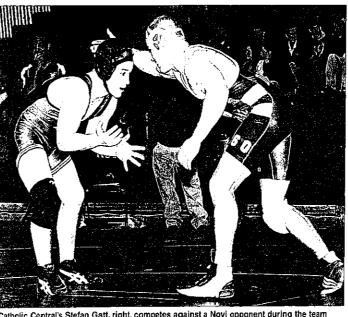
145 - Adam Ballantyne

3rd Place Beat Justin Bose of Ann Arbor Pioneer by Technical Fall in Lost to Danny Small of Livonia Churchill 2-4 Beat Aaron Towne of Northville

Beat Brandon St. Pierre of Ann Arbor Huron 6-2 Beat Jason Zanger of Franklin by Technical Fall in 4:24

Photos submitted by Jeffrey Gatt

DISTRICT WRESTLING



Catholic Central's Stefan Gatt, right, competes against a Novi opponent during the team



Catholic Central coach Mike Rodriguez holds the trophy for winning the team

Catholic Central individuals advance



Catholic Central's Ryan Brown, right, wrestles with a Novi opponent during the team district meet.

Wrestler Mike Martin Place 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 1st 2nd 2nd 1st 3rd 13-5 20-11 8-4 23-3 32-17 Barrett Schwarzlose 179 Barrett Schw 125 Trevor O'Con 135 Shea Hasena 152 Ryan Brown 160 Stefan Gatt 189 Joe Kinville 189 Matt Aubrey Trever O'Connor Shea Hasenauer Ryan Brown Stefan Gatt

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School. Advancing for

Catholic Central worked its Shamrocks are Nicko Janni (119 way through the team district to advance to regionals Feb. 15 at Novi. Two days later, nine wrestlers advanced from the indi-brown (152), Stefan Gatt (160). vidual districts at Saline High School. Advancing for the (189) and Mike Martin (285).





Catholic Central's Nieko lanni, standing, wrestles a Novi opponent during the team district meet.

Volleyball

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Howell	6	6	18 14	0
Brighton	3	9	8 15	1
Hartland	2	11	11 15	4
Pinckney	1	11	9 13	2

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Hartland	624	10 8 3
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Milford	5 7 1	10 10 3
Lakeland	472	8 10 3
South Lyon	410 0	5 13 1
Pinckney	390	10 12 1

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Hartland	6	1	36	1
Brighton	4	3	12	4
Novi	4	3	9	4
Milford	2	4	5	8
South Lyon	2	4	11	14
Pinckney	0	6	2	14
Lakoland	Λ	5	Λ	10

Schedules



2/23 at Hartland, 7 p.m. 2/27 at South Lyon, 7 p.m.

2/26 District vs. Franklin at Novi Ice Arena, 6:30 p.m

Volleyball

2/24 Individ. regional, 9:30 a.m.

Boys Swim and Dive

Cheer 2/24 at Wyandotte, 11 a.m.

Hockey 2/24 Brother Rice at Compuware, 7 p.m

2/24 Individ. regional, 9:30 a.m.

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2/26 state finals at Marquette

Novi Wildcat hockey gaining momentum

By Jeff Theisen

es to gain momentum heading into the final stretch before the

The Wildcats won a pair of games and fied U-D Jesnit, improving to 9-11-3, 6-6-1. Novi turned up the offense against South Lyon, skaling to an 8-2 victory Feb. 14, Jeff Donoliuc, Adam Szajner, Shawn Baxter and Scott Eberline each scored goals in the first period. Beyter scored again in the second period, along with Kyle Potocki and Robert Lewis.

Donohue notched his second goal of the game in the third period, capping the scoring for the Wildeats.

Novi also beat Pinckney 4-1 Leb. 12. Potocki scored twice in the second period, and Andew Haggerty ht the lamp for a 3-0

Lewis ended the secrine with

Novi Cheer

The Novi cheer team finished in second place in the KVC and at the league meet Saturday, It's the highest finish for the Wildeats since the KVC started cheer. Harland claimed the regular eason title and the league meet

KVC: Courtney Carroll, Emily Julg. Andrea Blome and Tori Roney. Voted AR-KVC honorable

mention were Jessica Jodoin and

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Now News Wildcat Shawn Baxter battles for a loose puck with a previous top score of 692.5. Hartland didn't field a JV or

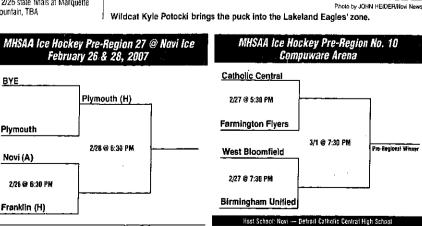
In the league meet, Hartland won with a total score 680,30, Novi was next with 654,70. freshman team, but the JV Wildcats scored 523.9, and the Brighton finished third with In a dual meet, Hartland knocked off Novi 728.0-692.60.

freshman team scored 488.7. The Wildcats set a new team-(248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or a

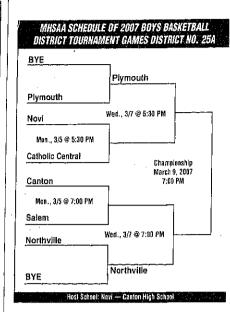


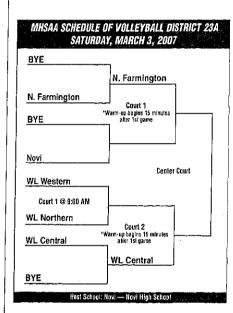
Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi Ne Wildcat Tom Dircks hustles to the bench for a line change during Novi's home





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sharp knite or pizza cutier, cu into 4 rec-tangles. Place rectangles on cookie sheet; press each into 6x5-inch rectangle. 2. In 10-inch skiller, mel butter over medium-high heat, Add chicken, onion and pepper sauce; cook 4 to 6 minutes, tirring occasionally, until chicker is no longer pink in center. Remove

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Pizza Dipping Sticks

Simply unroll the refrigerated pizza crust dough and let the fun begin. Kids will enjoy the making and the eating with these pizza sticks ready for dunking! Prep Time: 10 Minutes Start to Finish: 25 Minutes

1 can (13.8 oz) Pillsbury

refrigerated pizzu crust 30 slices pepperoni (from 3.5-oz.

package)

1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarellu cheese (6 oz)

1 to 1 1/2 cups pizza sauce, warmed

1. Heat oven to 400°F. Grease cookie sheet, or spray with cooking spray. Unroll dough; place on cookic sheet. Starting at center, press out dough into 13x9-inch

rectangle.

2. Bake 7 minutes. Top with pepperoni and

3. Bake 8 to 10 minutes longer or until cheese is melted. Cool 2 minutes, Cut pizza in half lengthwise, then cut into 16 (1 1/2 inch) strips. Serve with pizza sauce

Stuffed-Crust Pizza

Prep Time: 15 Minutes Start to Finish: 35 Minutes

1 can (13.8 oz) Pilisbury refrigerated pizza crust 7 sticks (I oz cach) string cheese 1/2 cup pizza sauce 24 slices pepperoni (from 3.5-oz

package)
1 cup cooked ground sausage
2 cups shredded Italian cheese
blend (8 oz)

1. Heat oven to 425°F. Spray 12-inch pizza pan with cooking spray. Unroll dough; place in pan. Starting at center, press out dough to

edge of dough over cheese; pinch firmly to scal. 2. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until crus is set and edges are light golden brown. Spoon and spread sauce

evenly over crust. Top with pep-peroni, sausage and cheese blend.

Bake 12 to 16 minutes longer or until crust is deep golden brown and cheese in center is melted. Cut

4-Square Family Pizza

Divide and conquer with this made-to-order pizza. Use Cheddar cheese to section off the refrigerated crust into fourths, and then let each family mem-Prep Time: 20 Minutes Start to Finish: 35 Minute

Cornmeal, if desired

1 can (13.8 oz) Pillsbury
refrigerated pizza crust

cheese (2 oz.)
1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese (6 oz)

BBQ Chicken Pizza Square
1 tablespoon chopped red onto
1/2 cup refrigerated honey

with shredded chicken. large pieces cut up.

Margherita Pizza Square
1 tablespoon shredded fresh
Parmesan cheese
4 to 5 (1/4-inch-thick) slices

plum (Roma) tomato (about 1 large tomato)

on thin fresh basil

Hawaiian Pizza Square 2 slices Canadian bacon,

quartered 1/4 cup pineapple tidbits, well drained (from 8-oz can) Pepperoni Pizza Square

2 tablespoons pizza sauce 8 to 10 slices pepperoni (from 3.5-oz package) 1. Heat oven to 425°F. Spray cookie sheet with cooking spray; sprinkle with commeal. Unroll dough; place

on cookie sheet. Starting at center, press out dough into 14x12-inch rectangle. Brush dough with olive oil 2. Bake 6 to 8 minutes. Sprinkle Cheddar cheese in the shape of a "plus sign" on crust, dividing the crust into four squares. Top each square with 1 of the 4 variation listed above to make 4 different squares; if desired, arrange the pepperoni to make a happy face. Top entire pizza with mozzarella

cheese.
3. Bake 10 to 13 minutes longer or until crust is deep golden brown and cheese is melted and bubbly. Cut pizza into 4 squares; cut each square into 4 squares to make a total of

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Center Stage presents 'Anastasia, The Ballet'

Popular dance school presents annual fairy tale ballet, and offers seasonal dance classes and summer dance camps for all ages

By Kate Phillips SPECIAL WRITER

Families will be swept away by the ballet, "Anastasia," a heart-warming story about an unlikely princess. Center Stage Dance Company is performing the classic tide as its annual spring ballet show.

'ANASTASIA, THE BALLET'

With beautiful costumes, professional scenery and vibrant music, Anastasia will delight all ages. The ballet will be performed for the general public at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, March 24, at Northville High School. Tickets are now available at Center Stage Dance Company for a family-friendly price of \$8

Company for a family-friendly price of \$8 each.

The ballet is a valuable performance opportunity that CSDC provides for its students. Dancers who join the ballet company receive the benefit of being part of a professional-level show. Students audition for their roles in the ballet. Not only is it a great dance experience, but the performers become familiar with every aspect of the full-length show, both on stage and behind the scenes, while learning how to tell a story through dance.

The ballet is an annual highlight at Center Stage. Last year the ballet company drew large crowds with their performance of "The Wizard of Oz."

"We provide as many performance opportunities for students as possible because it helps them to build confidence and self-esteem," said Lisa Shapiro, director of Center Stage Dance Company.

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Christmas and spring tours offer additional performance opportunities. Dancers serve the community while gaining performance experience by dancing at nursing homes, senior centers and children's homes. They also dance at many community events in Northville and other areas. Their annual June recital features each

dance class in full costume. This year's show, "Stars at Sea", promises to entertain all ages as the dancers take to the high seas with full-out performances to great music, enhanced by exciting scenery, Recitals give each child an opportunity to shine, Specials, like a Daddy/Daughter piece (200 participants.), make the recital fun for both the dancers and

JOY OF DANCE

Center Stage Dance Company offers classes in ballet, jazz, tap, hip-hop, lyrical and pointe.

Preschoolers can also get dancing with a

ballet-and-tan combination class for begin-

ning students ages 3 to 6.

Even adults can join in the fun — and get some exercise — with ballet, tap and jazz/funk classes. An adult punch card makes the classes flexible and affordable.

Center Stage is a place where dancers can express themselves and share their love of dance. The emphasis is on having fun while

"We are a non-competitive dance studio dedicated to teaching the art of dance for the purpose of physical, emotional and mental desclorated, and for the hope in the first forms." development, and for the sheer joy of movement to music," said Lisa Shapiro.

BALLET POINTE



Center Stage dancers from the 2006 Summer Video Dance Camp are, from left, back row, Emily Zheng, Natalie Mooney, Claire Varvatos, Lauren Nash, Bachel Coleman, Nicole Krings, Danielle Romano, Lauren Dougher and Megan Ye. Second row includes Tiffany Teng, Claire Dion, Valerie Teng, Carolyn Chen, Christiana Hart and Elena Schietele. Front row includes Sarah Brown, Kelly Owens, Gretchen Seibel and Michelle Jaskolski.

FANTASY CAMPS

Nothing is more fun than the Fantasy Camps at Center Stage. The school is now taking registration for summer sessions that bring childhood fantasies to life. Girls and boys age 4 to 8 can choose their favorite boys age to be and trianse from favorine theme: pirates and princesses, cowboys and cowgirls, Arabian nights, or memaids and sailors. Students travel to far-off lands with lavish studio decorations. Cowgirls hang out at the "ranch" and Arabian Knights journey

through the 'desen.'
"It's neat to see how the kids use their imaginations," said Mary Flis, camp coun-selor and dance instructor.

Games and crafts, plus a special dance, and lots of emphasis on using your imagina-tion, keep kids entrenched in the theme. Activities like sack races in mermaid tail sacks, rope-the-cow, hoist the sails, steering the ship, and magic carpet rides, get the kids in the action. Daily crafts, such as making binoculars or a water canteen, promote the camp's theme and end up in the Fantasy

Room as part of their activity gear.

These half-day adventures are over-the-top fun. Four sessions will be held this summer: July 10-12, July 17-19, July 24-26, and July 31 to Aug. 2.

VIDEO DANCE CAMPS

This August Center Stage will host two video-dance camps for children ages 6 and older. Choreography classes in ballet, jazz, tap, lyrical and hip-hop are just part of the action. Campers audition for roles, rehearse scenes, and create scenery. Each camper is fully costumed, and learns how-tos for make-up and hair. Dialogue, blocking, and staging bring all the parts together into a fun experience for all involved. The camp concludes with a Friday night performance at the studio for family and friends. Choose between "A Walk Down Broadway", session 1, Aug. 6-10, or "Disco Fever", session 2, Aug. 13-17. Either, or both, will be a week

you and your camper won't soon forget.

Campers can choose a half or whole day. The camps are flexible for working parents

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with before and after-camp care-available (BACC). Parents can drop kids off as early as $8:30~\rm a.m.$ and pick-up as late as $6~\rm p.m.$

NEW DANCE INTENSIVES

You've heard the song "All She (or he) Wants to Do is Dance"? Center Stage Dance has a camp for that too, Dance Intensives, held from 1-5 p.m. each aftermon, July 24, 25, and 26, will be a whole lot of ... dancin'. Choose jazz and hip-hop, ballet and lyrical and/or tap. Dancers must be 10 or older. Dance Intensives can be a jump-start to the

fall dance season.

"It's perfect for dancers who are looking to improve a favorite technique or pick up something new," said Mary Flis, senior fac-ulty member.

Dancers from the Center Stage Dance Company's 2006 production of "The Wizard of Oz" are, from left, Jessie Stadnika, Alyssa Waineo, Katherine Reaume and

TRADITIONAL SUMMER CLASS PROGRAM

Weekly classes are offered via their flexibe 'Dance Backs' program. Classes for pre-schoolers ages 3-4 and 4-5, and classes in ballet, hip-hop, jazz, and tap, for ages 6 and older — including adults — are all available starting in July. Visit the Web site. www.dancingcenterstage.com, for more information

SOLID REPUTATION

Families travel from all around the area to attend Center Stage Dance Company. The studio has had a reputation for quality dance

instruction for nearly two decades. They are the studio of choice for the Northville Parks and Recreation dance program and are active members in the community. Dance instructor Lisa Shapiro has owned

the studio since 1988. It was originally located in Walled Lake, and then moved to Northville 14 years ago.

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Center Stage also hosts birthday parties at the studio, which include pizza, cupcakes and dance, plus prizes for everyone.

Customized events for Girl Scout Badge continuously any use amiliable. requirements are also available. The large modern studio is located in the Northville Research Center on Seven Mile

Road, just east of Northville Road, in Northville, For more information visit

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