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The things we're thankful for



Parkview Elementary School student Milan Bidare, 9, wrote a Thanksgiving essay on how she was grateful for being smart in mathematics and talented in music.

By Kelly Murad

Thanksgiving is upon us, and in the blink of an eye, it will all be over.

For weeks people have been preparing for the traditional feast; selecting the freshest turkey, perfecting those homemade pie crusts and transforming the everyday dining room into an original Thanksgiving

But for what? In the end, more time is spent preparing for the day, than actually enjoying it.

Thanksgiving is supposed to be a day dedicated to giving

But in the fast-paced world of which we live, the literal meaning of the day is sometimes overlooked.

As you spend tomorrow with family and friends, make it a point to take a moment, or take the whole day, to appreciate the things life has to offer.

To help remind us of what Thanksgiving is all about, fourth-grade students from Parkview Elementary School are sharing what they are thankful for this holiday season.

What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving?

I am thankful for my little sister Chloe! Because without her I would be lonely!!

Name: Skylar Courtney Age: 9 Grade: 4 Teacher: Ms. Balko

I am thankful for learning a lot from school. Name: Michael Ho Age: 9 Grade: 4 Teacher: Mrs. Balko

What I am thankful for this Thanksgiving: I am thankful for

Race against the clock

■ Sales tax repeal pending

By Chris Jackett

The sales tax extended to many services in the early hours of Oct. I during state budget negotiations may not see the light of day, as state legislators are working to repeal the taxes before they take affect Dec. 1.

The sales tax will apply to services ranging from janitorial duties to landscaping, travel, tanning, massage, personal fitness trainers, discount buying, pay phones, document preparation, storage and other services if a repeal is not passed this month.

"It will affect us. It's going to affect both my businesses," said Boo Sadikot, owner of Fitness

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cussing our stories online via **Story Chat** at "Obviously, we don't want novinews.com it to happen, but it will be

something we'll have to pass on. It's another expense people will have to incur. We're helping people live better lives. Why you'd want to tax that, I don't know."

Sadikot said many customers, are likely to just grumble and accept the additional tax costs for services at his businesses, butsome may think twice about using

"They should just get rid of it and make the income tax 6.5 percent across the board," he said.

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City of Novi audit revealed

Fiscal health lauded

By Kelly Murad STAFF WRITER

Plante and Moran presented Novi's City Council with its "clean opinion" of the city's financial audit at last Tuesday's

meeting.
"It's basically an unqualified opinion," said Marina Neumaier, assistant finance director for the city of Novi. "They are saying

erything was presented fairly." The audit conducted by Plante and Moran was for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending

June 30, 2007.

Joe Heffernan of Plante and Moran said every city, as well as the state, has seen difficult times over the last five years, but Novi's finance department seems to be doing very well.

Plante and Moran's financial report credits Novi's residential and commercial development over the past 10 years as part of the city's success despite economchallenges throughout

One area in particular Plante and Moran auditors found impressive, was the city's ability to continually increase and maintain its general fund.

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Celebrate the holiday season

By Kelly Murad

Join the City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department in Ringing in the

Holidays, Friday Nov. 30. Since 2001, the parks department has been hosting the free annual event for the community. The family-friendly holiday

celebration will take place from 6-9 p.m. on Main Street. Kicking off the festivities is the Jingle Bell Jog, a new event this year for children 5-10. Ages 5-6, will participate in the 100-yard dash, 7-8, quarter-mile and 9-10,

half-mile.
"This event is meant to be a fun race to get hearts and spirits soaring into the holidays," said Derek Smith, recreation supervisor for the Novi Parks, Recreation and

Forestry Department. The races will begin at 6:15 p.m. and each participant will receive a finisher ribbon and

refreshments. Participants of the fun run can pre-register on the city's Web site for \$10 or at the event for \$15. Children who are pre-registered by Nov. 26 are guaranteed a com-

memorative T-shirt. The commencement of the

Electric Light Parade will be the lighting of the city's official tree at the corner of Main and Market

streets at 7 p.m. Favored among community members, the Electric Light Parade will feature 15-20 floats. created by local organizations and businesses, including Novi's City Council.

A prize for best entry will be awarded prior to the parade.

graphs will be available between

What would a holiday celebration be without jolly old St. Nick? Santa Claus is scheduled to make an appearance on Main Street and free digital photo-

6-6:45 p.m. and 7:45-9 p.m.

In true holiday spirit carriage rides will be offered and above ground fire pits will be situated downtown for marshmallow roasting.

Be sure to save room for food favorites from local businesses such as Caribou Coffee, Gus O'Connors, Lazy Lizard and Starbucks.

Performances by local dance studios will take place along with special musical guest, Sarah

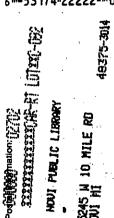
Lenore, 17, is a local rising

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File photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Ron Boyke hands out candy during last year's holiday parade.



If you're not out shopping for holiday decorations already, place your order at the "36th Annual 2007 Winter Holiday Season Sale!" from 8-9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the

Oakland Schools Technical Center-Southwest Campus, 1000 Beck Road, in Wixom. Poinsettias, wreaths, cedar roping, grave blankets and holiday cacti are some of the items available at prices ranging from \$5-75. The pre-order deadline is Nov. 30 and "when they're gone, they are gone." The center is open at the times listed above, Monday through Friday. Call (248) 668-5673 for information.

SATURDAY

Get ready for a mind-boggling night at Wise Guys Comedy Club, 40380 Grand River Ave., as Rich Guzzi performs a hypnosis show. Admission costs \$10 Friday and Saturday, \$8 on Thursday. Call Wise Guys Comedy Club at (248) 919-3216 for show times and reservations. Visit www.wiseguyscomedy.net for more information.

SUNDAY

Greece is said to be one of the most beautiful countries in the world. Take it in at Rock Financial Showplace's Diamond Center, 46100 Grand River Ave., during the 5 p.m. premiere screening event for "Our Greek Story,"

a documentary produced by Keith Famie. The documentary features the story of Novi. resident Bill Damas, who was born into a life of poverty in Crete and now owns a successful construction company. The



event will include food from various metro Detroit Greek restaurants and the Epoch Restaurant Group, Greek wines from Wine Dimensions and performances from Kyklos Dancers, Levendes and St. Nicholas Opa Dancers, along with the documentary, which will also air on WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) at 7 p.m. Dec. 8. Tickets to the event cost \$75 per person and can be reserved by calling (248) 869-0096.

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The things we're

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Teacher: Mrs. Dye

Name: Ryan Rabinowitz

I am thankful for my wonderful

Friends and Family, I am also

thankful for my Gramma getting

closer and closer to getting out of

the Hospital. I am also thankful

my dad is and for the wonderful

I am thankful for my friends

and family because my mom

feeds me and washes my clothes

my dad pays our bills. My brother

turkey I am going to eat.

Teacher: Mrs. Dye

Age: 9

Grade: 4th

Name: Stephanie Davis

Age: 9

Grade: 4th

Teacher: Mrs. Dye

Name: Bradley Huang

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Grade: 4th

Teacher: Ms. Balko

Teacher: Mrs. balko

all our food and all the things have that other people might not Name: Sarah Macek

I am thankful for the great food we get to eat every single day. I am also thankful of our life's being as great as they are. Name: Janelle Blumberg Grade: 4th

I am thankful for all my family and friends that love me. I am also thankful for all the food that I eat everyday. In some places people don't even get food, water, for my wonderful pets. I am most warmth or even shelter. I want to thankful for the wonderful cook make peace, not war. So let's make the world a better place. Name: Bobby Fox Age: 10 Grade: 4 Teacher: Mrs. Balko

This Thanksgiving I'm thankful because I don't have any medical problems. Name: Ram Kapistalam

Age: 9 Grade: 4th Teacher: Mrs. Balko

I am thankful for school because of my education. I am thankful for my dad's work because of paying bills. I am thankful for coach Grely, for coaching me in soccer. Name: Sam Sheeran

Grade: 4th Teacher: Mrs. Balko

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Grade: 4th

I am thankful for the NOVI community because it is a great place to live. Name: Kamal Aejazkhan

I am thankful for my family and I am thankful for all the fun times I had this year. Name: Christopher DuFresne

Teacher: Mrs. Balko

Teacher: Mrs. Dye I am thankful for the water that flows in rivers and I'm thankful for life. Name: Jerry Lee Grade: 4th

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I'm thankful for my parents friends play with me and make me who make my lunch and dinner. happy. I don't know why. I don't I'm also thankful for my grandma know what I would do without I am thankful for the great farnthem. These are the things I am ily I was given and what fun I am who lives with me because she

thankful for, my friends and fam-

Grade: 4th

I'm thankful for my loving, and caring parents and to have a home I am thankful for the great where I feel safe. I'm also thanktreats my mom gives me. I am ful for that I live in a free country. thankful for my nice family mem-

> Name: Edward Liu Grade: 4th Teacher: Mrs. Dye

I am thankful for being smart in math and talented in music. Teacher: Mrs. Dye

I am thankful for lots of things. I am most thankful for my grandparents. I was thrilled that my grandparents come to Novi just for Thanksgiving. I would not be who I am right now if my Grandparents weren't alive. Name: Elaine McIntyre

Grade: 4th Teacher: Mrs. Garbooshian

safely and those that did not make Name: Ryan Katulski Age: 9 Grade: 4th

having with them. I'm also thank-I am thankful for all the soldiers ful for the great school I go to that fought, and lost their life trywhich is Parkview Elementary. ing to save our country. I am also thankful that my family can come for Thanksgiving. I am also thankful that everyone else can cele-Teacher: Mrs. Garboosian

I am thankful for my family for caring for me. I am also thankful that I made friends quickly when I changed schools from Village Grade: 4th Oaks to Parkview. I want to give special thanks to my other friends

I am thankful for my family Name: Hyunji Choi Age: 9 Grade: 4th in America. Teacher: Mrs. Garbooshian

Name: Lucas Snell

that will be my best friends forev-

Age: 9

Grade: 4th

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and friends and teachers for being kind to others and caring for oth-Name: Ellen Park loving, good caring family. Teacher: Mrs. Garbooshian

I am thankful that I am o.k. Teacher: Mr. Hill from getting in a crash and that I am thankful for my family my brother and nephew are o.k. because I would be lonely and Name: Ian Dunbar-Gaynor

have nobody to talk to. Name: Kristin Gunkelman Age: 9 1/2 Grade: 4th Teacher: Mr. Hill

I am thankful for all the people that made it from Iraq to America I am thankful for having a good school and having a nice and healthy family this year for Thanksgiving. Name: Maggie Schulhoff

Teacher: Mrs. Garbooshian Age: 9 Grade: 4th Teacher: Mr. Hill

times and for the generosity of my family and my neighbors. Name: Joseph Stone brate Thanksgiving with their family and I am thankful my Aunt Grade: 4th Teacher: Scott Hill is still healthy and okay from can-

Teacher: Mrs. Garboosion

that they have given me freedom Name: William Loh Grade: 4th I am thankful for my family Teacher: Mrs. Garbooshian

> I am thankful for having a great Thanksgiving dinner with my family, and for having a very nice Name: Sean Ward Age: 9 Grade: 4th

Age: 9



I'm thankful for all of the good

I am thankful for my family because I have my brothers and sister to play with when I am

Age: 9

I'm thankful for my parents and other nice and generous people. Name: Goutham Nulu Teacher: Mr. Hill

This Thanksgiving, I am thankful for my best friend, Alison. Name: Cecile Baeza



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Fiscal health lauded

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The general fund contains more than \$11.6 million, with 22 percent of its balance as undesignat-

cent (undesignated fund balance) are at 22 percent. The (undesig- ment. nated) funds are set aside for things such as unforeseen emer-

Among other things, Plante and 349-1700, ext 103 Moran believes Novi's continuous

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growth is one of the reasons the city has been able to maintain a low tax millage rate over the past

seven years. Novi's rate of 10.5416 mills is the sixth lowest in Oakland

County. According to the report, the diverse tax mix of residential, manufacturing, office, service "The city of Novi continues to and technology and retail-recremaintain a minimum of 14 per- ational centers reduces Novi's impact of adverse economic of the current year expenditures cycles and provides a stable (budgeted)," Neumaier said. "We environment for new invest-

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■ Sales tax repeal pending continued from front

The state legislature has plans islation 58-48 on Nov. 8, seeking to comply with at least one of a repeal and providing replace-Sadikot's ideal solutions. The Senate bill seeking a repeal passed 23-15 on Nov. 7 as members wrapped up for a two- a sales tax," said Rep. Craig week recess to celebrate deer DeRoche (R-Novi) earlier this and hunting season

Thanksgiving.
"There's been a widespread outcry from all sectors of the Michigan's community about how disastrous it is. We can reduce more and can make some really meaningful reforms. Cutting the budget is tough, but taxes are toxic to the Cassis (R-Novi), who was the primary sponsor of the repeal bill. The service tax was an absolute job killer. People would be laid off in mass and (there'd be) no

nesses will be hurt.

reforms. Many businesses and losing hope. We have to do something to restore optimism and Michigan Business Tax should

bility. They'd have to lay off people, which is terrible. People won't go shopping or to restaurants. It's a vicious circle. We have to live within our means."

The House passed similar leg-

"We're proposing to repeal for

as solutions to the budget crisis by House Republicans. The proposals would save \$677 million, compared to the \$614 million the service tax would generate.

She said legislators would upon re-examination of state have broken even without the employee benefits, \$109.5 million service tax had they not in reforms to Human Services, approved the 8.2 percent budget which would include privatizing increase and froze the budget day care, and \$92.83 million in instead. Now. Michigan busi- reductions and reforms to "We have a need for real

residents are leaving. They're Corrections, 200-400 percent increase of lia- Dec. 1.

ment fund sources for the sales taxes on services.

month. "We need to eliminate the tax before it takes affect. It will have a damaging effect on Republicans are moving in the right direction by appealing the

Proposals include a \$219.4 mil-

lion Michigan Business Tax transition windfall, \$100 million saved Community Health. Other departments targeted by the changes are

Upon returning to Lansing, the

legislative bodies will have one Novi's Elements' massage therapist works on the back week to finalize and approve leg- of a guest on a recent Monday morning. Elements reform the tax on tax on tax cas- islation before Sadikot's two Therapeutic Massage is one of many businesses in Novi cading problem. It hurts thousands of businesses, and many more sands of businesses. They'd see a statewide, start paying up on statewide, start paying up on statewide.

Celebrate the holiday season along Main Street

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country music singer, songwriter and entertainer. Currently a sophomore in high school, Lenore has performed twice at Carnegie Hall in New York City and performed the National Anthem at events like the pre-season home opener for the Detroit Lions at Ford Field and at an invitation only reception for Vice President Dick Cheney at

Laurel Manor. Other activities at the Ringing in the Holidays event include arts and crafts and hockey skills challenge games provided by the evi-Ice Arena

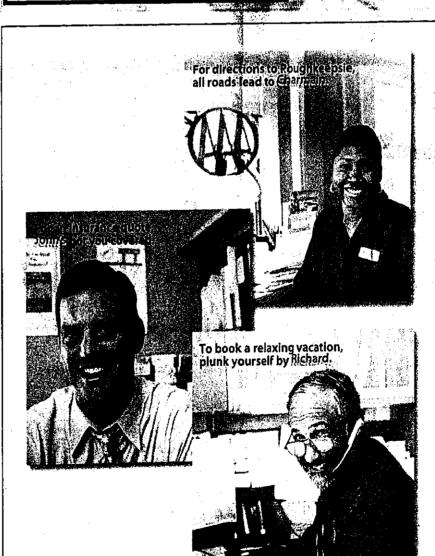


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Novi High School marching band member Scott Davis performs during last year's holiday parade in Novi.



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Arts institute opens its doors in Novi

By Chris Jackett

Novi has a new higher educational haven as The Art Institute of Michigan opened its doors last Friday off 12 Mile Road, west of Haggerty Road.

With a concept comparable to Detroit's College of Creative Studies, the new 38,000-squarefoot institute will offer certificates, bachelors or associates degrees in 11 subjects, including advertising, visual communications and a variety of culinary-, fashion- and design-geared majors.

"It's a special brand of culinary and commercial arts. We have dual accreditation," said Ted Blashak, president of The Art Institute of Michigan, "People want to touch things. It's a combination of academic preparation (and hands on experience). It helps to cultivate the commercial and creative arts, as well as culinary."

The school is prepared to take in 1,200 students, although Blashak expects it to take a few years to reach that level. The Art Institute of Michigan already has more than 20 students enrolled for the 11-week Jan. 8 term and a handful who started a five-week mid-quarter term Nov. 9.

phones turned on Oct. 14 and we've had over 4,000 people contact us," Blashak said. "The type of student we're looking for is recent high school graduates and career transitioners."

The Novi location helps out students who, Blashak said, had to travel to Chicago or Pittsburgh to find the nearest Art Institute.

"We have a very large footprint. We see some national blend with local flavor. We've gotten bigger in the United States by staying local," Blashak said. "(Novi) is a beautiful place. It provides access from the west in Lansing and from the east in Detroit. We're just really happy to be in Michigan. People have been really welcoming."

The university features a \$1 million culinary kitchen, offering another option to those awaiting admission into the nationally renown culinary program at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

"The biggest piece is dual accreditation. That's unique," Blashak said of The Art Institute of Michigan. "The comparison piece is more apt for students. It's important that the students go and feel engaged. Those other schools have phenomenal programs and

Courses at The Art Institute of Michigan cost \$433 per credit hour, according to Blashak. The programs at Schoolcraft cost \$70 per credit hour for Livonia residents and \$103 for non-residents, while the programs at CCS cost \$841 per credit hour.

Blashak said the institute's career services program is a highlight of the school.

"Ninety percent of our graduates find a job within six months in the field they were studying," he said. "The average rate of pay (among graduates) is just under \$30,000.

The Novi location is a branch of The Illinois Institute of Art -Chicago, which has more than 35 branches nationwide.

"We are thrilled to bring an Art Institute school to the Detroit area," said John Mazzoni, president of The Art Institutes, in a release. "The Art Institute of Michigan's design, fashion and culinary programs, led by skilled faculty, will help students achieve their professional aspiration while making an important impact on the communities in which they will live and work."

Blashak said the Novi university already has expansion plans in



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Chef Steve Simpson teaches a class Friday morning at Novi's new Art Institute of Michigan. The culinary program will feature a \$1 million kitchen for the class.

"Next year, we'll be looking at some long-term lease facilities for dorms," he said, adding that programs such as digital photography may also be added to the curriculum. "We have a multitude of programs to choose from. People ask and, in due time, we'll have it."

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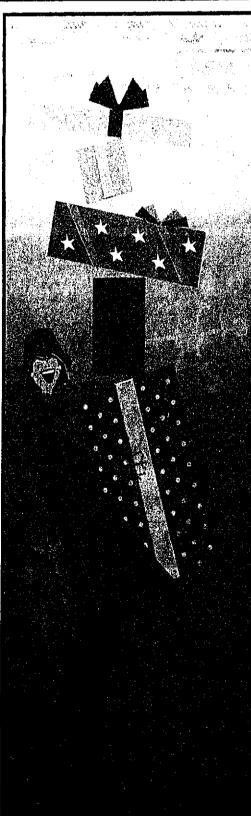
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New and re-elected council members sworn in to office

Prior to the Nov. 13 meeting. Judge Robert Bondy and Judge Brian MacKenzie of the 52-1 District Court conducted the swearing-in ceremonies for Mayor David Landry and council members Bob Gatt. Kathy Crawford and David Staudt. were elected for four-year terms—to its local community. and Landry will serve a two-year

Council denies request of Class C liquor license

Zubin Antia and Anthony Marougi, owners of Zuam LLC, approached council in an effort to obtain a Class C liquor-

additional Class C liquor licens-

Unlike regular liquor licenses purchased through the state, council selects the recipient of a unique, you're a national Class C license, which is provid- chain." ed free of charge.

Antia and Marougi were felt granting Bar Louie with a requesting the liquor license with Class C liquor license would plans of opening a Bar Louie at have a positive affect at Twelve Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Mile Crossing at Fountain

Bar Louie is a national fran-

MEETING NOTEBOOK

chise of upscale bars/restaurants with each location designed and tract approved Gatt. Crawford and Staudt customized to be complimentary Councilwoman Terry Margolis

> who had visited a Bar Louie. Although she said it was a great experience, she does not see its From the information provided

> to council, Gatt, Mayor Pro Tem Kim Capello and Landry all agreed with Margolis. The issue is not whether they qualify for a liquor license,

special census conducted last that's between them and the year, Novi was awarded three state of Michigan," Landry said. "The issue is whether or not the city should give them a liquor license free of charge. "I don't think it's all that

Councilman Andrew Mutch

The request was denied 6-1.

Council unanimously decided to award the construction for the 2007 traffic signal upgrade projwas the only member of council 13 Mile Meadowbrook roads and 14 Mile

> Power and Lighting Inc. Although the intersections have left turn lanes and signals in place, they lack a left turn lane signal for the westbound 13 Mile to southbound Meadowbrook turn; the westbound 14 Mile to southbound Novi turn; and the eastbound 14 Mile to northbound

Traffic signal upgrades con-

and Novi roads to Metropolitan

The 14 Mile project is carried over from the 2006-07 budget and the 13 Mile project is included in the 2007-08 budget. Although Metropolitan Power

Decker Road turn.

and Lighting was the lowest responsive bidder at \$135.933. the original budget for both projects was originally \$125,000. The budget was determined using design standards that would have allowed for the addi-

tion of a left turn signal to the existing single-span wire configuration. But the design standard transportation services and the from the Road Commission for Minor Home Repair program Oakland County has since will benefit from the grant. changed, requiring both signals to be reconstructed from the existing configuration to the new tion of moving \$1,000 dedicated standard box span configuration. to HAVEN and adding it to the The new standard added sub-

stantial costs to the projects in the amount of \$144,000, but from council. there was \$100,000 previously allocated for the 12 Mile Road and West Park Drive signal upgrade, which was completed the Road Commission for Oakland County. The additional \$44,000 will be

included in the second quarter budget amendment. Construction is scheduled to begin in December with a con- awarding Plante and Moran tract completion date of 90 days. CRESA the contract for project

Council unanimously approves Community **Development Block Grant**

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amount of \$60,000. The \$20,000 for renovations to police headquarters will come out of federal drug forfeiture funds.

Programs such as Novi Youth

Capello made a motion to

approve the grant with the condi-

Novi Youth Assistance funds, but

the motion died with no support

Council unanimously approved

to allocate \$116,071 for the

Community Development Block

Plante and Moran contract-

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The economic development

portion of the city of Novi Web site has been undated. An available properties feature has been added to the site for area developers or real estate brokers to list properties for sale or lease throughout the community.

There is an enhanced marketing and resource section that highlights opportunities for community involvement and valuable resources offered business through the Neighborhood Business Relations Group.

Station 2 and the renovations to onomicDevelopment.asp.

could be bid together, saving Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10

Assessment Survey for Older Adults results revealed to public

Novi City Council meeting Monday

By Kelly Murad

The results from the 2007 National Research Center senior survey will be revealed to Novi's City Council Monday. A presentation by Dr. Thomas

Miller, president of the National Research Center, will disclose findings from the scientific evalu-

In January, the Colorado-based compare results with the other com-

Novi City Council meeting Who: National Research What: Community

Assessment Survey for Older Date: Monday, Nov. 26 Time: 7 p.m. Location: Novi Civic Center

45175 W. 10 Mile Road

research center selected Novi as one of five cities across the United States to participate in the Community Assessment Survey for Older Adults.

were sent to a random selection of residents 55 and older. The collection closed Aug. 24, with the city receiving a 48 percent response rate. "It was absolutely phenomenal," said Rachel Zagaroli, senior services manager for the city of Novi.

Among other things, the fivepage survey was designed to identify community characteristics such as quality of life and health in the community, problems faced by older adults, conveniently located Novi will have the opportunity to __destinations and activities and par-

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Take in the holiday weekend together with a good movie

By Chris Jackett

Victoria Mitchell

With family and friends home for the holiday weekend, a group trip to the local theater is a great way to hang out, stay warm and be entertained.

Here's a preview of what's hitting theaters Thanksgiving weekthat's worth checking out.

concept film of the weekend.

Amy Adams plays Giselle, a peas-

ant girl who is taken from her ani-

mated world of song and joy after

falling in love with Prince Edward

(James Marsden, "Superman

Returns") and placed into reality

on the streets of New York City by

the evil Oueen Narissa (Susan

Sarandon). As Adams is taken

into the home of Robert (Patrick

Dempsey, "Grey's Anatomy") and

his daughter, she tries to adjust to

the real world and find a way

but dressed up in a suit. Rated: R.

Run time: 1 hour 40 minutes.

1 hour 47 minutes.

This weekend

Six new movies are out, featuring many new faces in Hollywood. Different film genres are well represented, so family and friends should have no problem finding something to see. · "Enchanted" has to be the best

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> regular meeting of the Novi City were present. Next meeting: 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26 at the

book. Horror and Stephen King four new films. sound good together in a sen-"Beowulf" stars Ray tence, but this film is centered

around a small town of residents hiding in the local supermarket from a dense killer cloud seemingly full of monsters. Being a King-based storyline, there's hope for some twists and turns as Thomas Jane ("The Punisher," "The Sweetest Thing") stars in this thriller, Rated: R. Run time: 2 · "August Rush" is the tale of

an orphaned child (Freddie Penn and Brendan Gleeson. Highmore, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory") with a gift and heart set on music. After Highmore and his parents were separated at birth, he befriends Wizard (Robin Williams) and rises to stardom while trying to magical toy store owned by track down his birth parents and reunite the family more than a decade later, Rated: PG, Run

time: 1 hour 53 minutes. Whitfield family as they get together for Christmas for the first time in four years. Expect laughs and on-screen revelations as Laz Alonso ("Jarhead," "Stomp the Yard") leads the way through the family gathering. Rated: PG-13. · "Christmas in Wonderland"

home. Other fairy tale characters follows a trio of children as they follow her into reality, which is move from Los Angeles to Edmonton with their dad jus sure to produce laughs as confubefore Christmas. During a trip to West Edmonton Mall, they find counterfeit cash and discover action movie of the weekend. It something about Santa Claus. Not stars Timothy Olyphant ("Go," the most heavily marketed film 'Live Free or Die Hard," "Catch judging from the lack of previews in recent weeks, but fans of and Release") as a hitman, Agent 47, who is hired by "The Agency" "Home Alone" may be enterto kill individuals. The film draws tained. Rated: PG. Run time: hour 40 minutes on a mixture of themes from "XXX" and "The Transporter,

Not happy with the new "The Mist" offers up a horror film based off the Stephen King options? Remaining screens will

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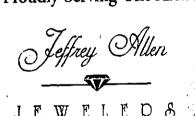


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53 minutes. "Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium" features Natalie Portman as timid shopkeeper Molly Mahoney. She works at a Edward Magorium (Dustin Hoffman), who is ready to hand over the store to her so he can retire at the age of 244. That's not • "This Christmas" follows the a typo, it's magic. The announcement causes things to go astray in

Rated: PG-13. Run time: I hour

(Giovanna Mezzogiorno) and dedicates himself to carnal affairs. Rated: R. Run time: 2 hours 18

 "No Country for Old Men" stars Tommy Lee Jones, Javier Bardem, Josh Brolin and Woody Harrelson in a story of a hunter

who finds dead bodies, heroin and mother (Angelina Jolie) with a \$2 million in cash near the Rio Grande, Action, scandal and backstabbing neighbors are expected, Rated: R. Run time: 2 hours 3 minutes . "Love in the Time of Cholera" stars Javier Bardem (in his second film from last weekend) as Florentino Ariza, whose heart was broken by Fermina Urbino

Old favorites

Recent films likely to remain in

powers are unhappy with Rated: G. Run time: 1 hour 36

in the movie "Enchanted."

weekend include "Bee Movie" "American Gangster" (Denzel Washington, Russell Crowe), "Fred Claus" (Vince Vaugh, Paul Giamati), "Dan in Real Life" (Steve Carrell), "Saw IV" (Lyriq Bent, Tobin Bell), "The Game Plan" (Dwayne Johnson, Madison Pettis) and "Lions for Lambs" (Tom Cruise, Meryl Streep, **Novi Theaters** · Call Emagine Novi, 44425 W. 12 Mile Road, at (888) 319-3456 or visit

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Resident says sales challenge prize falls through the cracks

By Chris Jackett

Sarah Davies was expecting to receive her prize of a 2007 Chevrolet Impala by Sept. 20, but has yet to receive anything nearly two months later.

Davies, 25, of Novi, was one of 12 contestants on the Ultimate Sales and Leadership Challenge earlier this year.

The challenge, developed by Livonia-based international sales and leadership company Envision U, taught the contestants leadership and problemsolving skills.

Episodes of the weekend challenges were broadcast online from Aug. 19-Sept. 20, with the top three finishers announced on the Sept. 20 finale broadcast on WXYZ-TV

(channel 7). Davies took third in the competition, behind Edward Chanof Okemos and Bob Dorigo Jones of Northville, Chan and Dorigo Jones allowed the vounger Davies to have first Davidson motorcycle, and a said Tonia Revere, program



Sarah Davies was involved in the Ultimate Sales and Leadership Challenge earlier this year.

combined with a year-long pass for free golf at St. John Golf "After we had chosen our

first, second and third place dealership in Troy, wasn't on pick of the pool of prizes, which winners, we left the prizes to be the same page, however, Revere included the car, a Harley discussed among ourselves,"

didn't need a car and Davies did, they let her have it, Revere said. But the sponsor, a car

"He was reluctant to give up

Since Chan and Dorigo Jones

We had to go into legal negotia- Envision U. tions," she said. "He thought it was negotiated that Edward, as that I was told I would get. first place, would get the car. We finally reached a negotiation' (with the dealer) where she'll U had trouble with their sponget prize money for the car." Revere said the money Davies out with Envision U to benefit will receive will be equivalent our businesses, to find a cre-

can do," she said of the delay prizes through the sponsors. It's up on the calendar before own business like Edward and I December, We're not setting a do.' date until we have the check. giving Sarah her prize." Davies is skeptical however.

"Now they're telling me they may give me cash, but it'll be another two weeks," she said. They said the money was getting signed and notarized Nov. 6, but that's what they said Oct. 12 when we met to set a date to pick up the money the next Tuesday (Oct.

Dorigo Jones, 43, who was sup- for everybody, which is what posed to receive the \$7,500 vaca- the whole program was about." tion package, said he had a similar problem at first, but has since received the year-long pass for

"I had not received my prize About two months after she was supposed to receive her prize. Davies is now more concerned with false advertising than receiving the car she was promised.

sors," he said. "We worked it "I asked them to take it off their Web site that I received a car to a two-year lease on a 2007 ative solution instead of a typi- and they haven't done that," she said, "It's morally wrong, I think cal prize. It could potentially be "There was nothing more we a lot more valuable than the At the very beginning of the show, at auditions, they said all during the legal negotiations. one of those things Sarah can't 12 people would walk away with "We want to have a meeting set do because she doesn't own her something. We never heard about that again.

Davies is concerned people will sign up for the second sea-We're really looking forward to M-Law (Michigan Lawsuit son of the Ultimate Sales and Leadership Challenge for the grassroots organization that prizes, more than the experience, and will be let down at the end if they don't receive any

> "I'm just frustrated," Davies said. "When I talked to (the Novi News) a few months ago, this was the greatest thing to happen to me. Now, it's brought so much stress don't need that. I don't want to remember it like that."

Revere confirmed a second Dorigo Jones did note he free golf at St. John Golf Center

Local professionals selected for exclusive investing program

Toth, both financial advisors with Genesis Financial Partners. recently completed "A New for Understanding Retirement Risk," an exclusive executive education program hosted at the University of and how each applies to the Pennsylvania's Wharton School

in Philadelphia. The Wharton executive education program provides select financial professionals with extensive training in retirement income strategies. The program "A New Model for Understanding Retirement Risk" helps address some of the risks of investing within the critical five years before and the five years after retirement and focuses on a three pronged model of retirement risks

and behavioral risk. of only 150 financial professionals from around the country to fall," said Eva Vitale, vice presi-Michael and Gilbert access to earn the Business Financial

Names in the News

finance minds as they discussed the experience and knowledge their thoughts on risk and alpha, needed to develop financial plans

retirement marketplace." Genesis Finanacial Partners is located at 42705 Grand River. Suite 201, Novi, Both Hycki and Toth can be reached at (248) 374-

Steven R. Swaggerty receives small business

Steven R. Swaggerty, CRPC,

BFA, a personal financial advisor with Ameriprise Financial, one of sequence risk, longevity risk the nation's largest financial plan-"Michael and Gilbert are two ming and services company, achieved the company sponsored title, Business Financial Advisor. Swaggerty completed the requirements including course work, dent of learning for Prudential client work and an extensive Annuities, "The program gave examination, Individuals who

Jack Frost is No Match for John Deere.

and employee benefits programs

for small business owners. Swaggerty is a senior financial advisor with the Ameriprise Financial Novi office located at 43000 West Nine Mile Road. He has been providing financial planning advice and services to clients

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made the announcement.

The Wharton School is recognized around the world for its academic strengths at every level of business education. The retirement education program is a cus-Ameriprise Financial is one of tomized program developed for financial professionals with intensive training in retirement plan-

> Baldwin works with individuals and business owners to help define their retirement goals and create strategies to help meet their

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John L. Lucier, Jr. Joins Fox

resident life at Fox Run. announced the appointment of John L. Lucier, Jr. as the community's new pastoral ministry manager. Fox Run is a full-service retirement community in Novi In addition to the Wharton and home to more than 700 peonle. The campus is being developed and is managed by Erickson

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Dorigo Jones is president of

Abuse Watch), a nonpartisan,

serves as a public watchdog

"Envision U got the raw end

of a deal where their sponsors

fell through," he said. "As far as

I know, Envision U did every-

thing in the contract. They're

making good-faith efforts and

working hard to find solutions

over the court system.

Baldwin is active with the Kiwanis, North Ridge Church and The Old Newsboys' Goodfellow

Run's resident life team Barbara Jablonski, director of

the FINRA Series 6, 63, 65 and 7 Lucier, who lives in Berkley, comes to Fox Run from Kensington Community Church in Troy, where he has been active as chanlain, co-leader of the men's small group, facilitator of the tual formation intern, assistant creative programmer, teacher in

> the children's program and small group leader in the children's program. John is a recent graduate of the Michigan Theological Seminary in Plymouth with a Master of Divinity. He also holds a Bachelor of Science in Business

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Novi High School pompon | Student sparks recycling teammates participate in Thanksgiving Day Parade

The elite Mid American Pompon All Star team will perform in America's Thanksgiving Day Parade for its 21st consecutive year. The prestigious All Star team, which originated in 1986 with only 40 members, has grown to 228 performers from high schools all over Michigan. Each year, they

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Quiz Bowl success performed very well on Saturday Twelve girls from Novi High Michigan-Dearborn. The varsity teams, finishing in unique blend of talented persecond and ninth place out of a

field of 24 teams, had great runs Babinchak, Lia Barduca, Kristy into the playoffs. The second Engja, Brittany Jeffe, Jillian place team, led by Captain Kaminski, Brooke McKnight, Robert Burgos, and joined by Betsy Sciriha, Sara Snyder, teammates Ruixiao Zuo, Sami Sorensen, Kathleen Khan, Nazifa Islam and Andrew Steinbock, Emily Turner and Phillips, had huge wins over Christie Wilde. The team prac-Churchill and Country Day before losing in the finals to East to the parade. The girls are Lansing. This is the highest finresponsible for learning the rouish ever for the varsity team at tines prior to the event from a this tournament

The junior varsity team also had DVD created for them by the a great day finishing in third place Mid American Pompon staff. During the parade, they will perout of a pool of 20 teams. A great team effort was put forth by: Ani form the routine up to 40 times. The All Star Team's uniforms are Ravi, Yunbo Nie, Claire Weber, patriotic colors of red, silver, blue Anand Salem, T.J. Weinenger, and black with metallic pompons. Matt Jodoin and Andi Li. To be eligible to try out for the

Mid American Pompon team, **Walled Lake schools** girls must be a member of a high school varsity pom/dance team. Each year team members are School marching band drumline, selected based upon their outstanding showmanship, academic stature and pompon/dance perplace at Mid American summer camps. The girls perform together three to four times a year. In Pontiac Trail, Commerce. Motor City Bowl at Ford Field in

at Presidential Inaugural Parades bass and tenor drums, along with for President Bill Clinton and President George W. Bush; the Lake Central marching band and Fiesta Bowl and Citrus Bowl drumline. A generous donation Parades; the 1996 Olympics in has already been made by the

Epcot Center and on Camival

tional donations outside the building during the record breaking attempt. The drumline will periodically perform outside throughout the two day event, weather permitting.

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The current record for longest group drum roll is 22 hours, 5 minutes and 23 seconds, set in the United Kingdom on Oct. 14-

Walled Lake Holiday Dance

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available for \$2. For a registration www.walledlake.k12.mi.us/pdfs/H olidaySnowBall.pdf. Registration deadline is Dec. 7. For more information contact the Walled Lake Community Education Center at (248) 956-5000.

Novi Athletic Booster's All

Western High School percussion-Now is the time to purchase an athletic booster all-sports pass for ists, will attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the entry into all home athletic events throughout the 2007-08 school longest group drum roll from noon on Friday, Nov. 23 to noon year. Tournaments, invitational on Saturday, Nov. 24. at the Waland playoff games are excluded. Mart Supercenter Store, 3301 The family pass includes all family members living in the same household for \$140. Individual The effort will help raise Detroit on Dec. 26. They have \$10,000 to pay for new percus- passes are \$40. Please bring photo sion equipment including snare,

tion contact Michele Rydzewski stands and carriers for the Walled at mrydzewski01@yahoo.com or Dwyer and Sons car dealership band students will solicit addi- Street, Northville, Mich. 48167.

By Chris Jackett

Every Friday after school, 13year-old Connor Daly steps into the lunchroom with a mission. Daly, a seventh grader at Novi Middle School, has spent his Friday afternoons collecting plastic milk bottles saving hundreds from a fate in a garbage pail and recycles them instead. "I had figured out we were throwing away 180,000 bottles a year. I wanted to change that," Daly said, noting there are about 1,000 kids at his school and 180 days of school, "My brother had

talked about doing it at the high school. My whole family recycles as much as we can. "I take them on the side and my brother picks them up after school. I collect them after

school on Fridays, It takes 20-30 minutes. His brother, Nathan Daly, a iunior at Novi High School, takes the bottles to the Novi Recycling

Center every Friday afternoon after Connor empties the large bins at the middle school. "Two cans usually fill up. It's

about 150 bottles a week," Connor said. "Most kids don't really know about it yet." He hopes to spread the word

about his efforts and get more of his peers recycling as time goes on. "He saw so many people throwing them away everyday Hundreds get thrown away," said Daly's science teacher, Sharon Kniaz. "He's an excellent student. He participates a lot and gives thoughtful responses."

Daly already has plans for his future, even though he's just 13. "I want to grow up to be a geneticist. Last year, I had my first gene class and I really liked it," he said.

For now, Daly will settle as a member of the robotics team and a post player on the seventh grade basketball team. He also plays baseball through Novi Parks and Recreation.

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Novi Middle School student Connor Daly has begun a plastic bottle recycling program at his school. Daly empties this large garbage can of its bottles about once an

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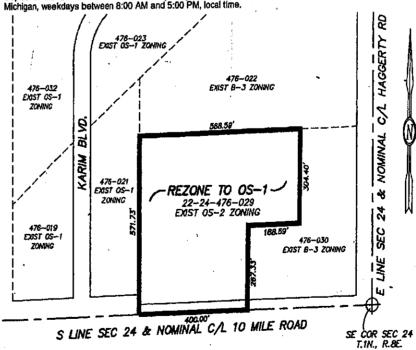
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any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.
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Awards presented; social studies teachers present plans

presented Novi High School science teacher Brian Langley with a State of Michigan Special Tribute award plaque signed by Cassis, State Rep. Craig DeRoche (R-Novi) and Sen. Mike Bishop (R-

Board President Jeff Nielson presented John O'Brien with a certificate of recognition for the 50th anniversary of the Novi Youth Assistance Program.

Student board member report

Katherine Ferriss and Derek Mully, both eighth graders at Novi Middle School, spoke on the successful eighth-grade trip to Washington D.C., various fundraisers and the upcoming Thanksgiving Parade. Mully also reported the choir concert and Friday activity afternoons have been well attended. He also said Mrs. Moore is running the 2k attend the free, all ages "An Turkey Trot, which was scheduled to take place Tuesday.

Correspondence

Secretary Katie Raeon reported three e-mail correspondences to the board. The e-mails included concern over the lack of report cards, approval of the district rezoning, support for board elections to be moved to November and support for four-year board a six-vear term.

Comments from the audi-

Paul O'Connor, a fourth grader course. O'Connor spoke about the various things he learned in his previous Spanish class and why thought the course should be and to add to Deerfield's musical decided to table the item for dis-

BOARD MEETING NOTEBOOK

Reports to the board

Alaina Bryen and Rod Franchi presented a report on the department's bridge plan for meeting new state-set curriculum requirements. Franchi and Bryen said they worked with University of Michigan professor Bob Bain and Novi district writing specialists to incorporate writing skills, disciplinary thinking and the overall Student board members process of understanding more heavily into their curriculum of historic material.

> · Novi Meadows fifth grade social studies teachers Gary Hurst, Amy Mardigian and Carol Mulhall spoke to the board about their experiences at Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia the past two summers. They invited the Evening with Thomas Jefferson" Meadows. The event will feature Bob Barker, who portrays lefferson at Colonial

by a 7-0 vote. The first three gifts terms, as opposed to the option of were from Magna Intier Trust in Northville and The Society of American Military Engineers in Detroit to the Novi High School robotics team and totaled \$51,000 in eash.

Honda Motor Company and the Honda Gift Matching Program · Novi High School social stud-

ies department representatives matched the \$600 donation. · Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Bob Schram presented, and the board approved 7-0, the hiring of high school paraprofessional Sharon Prescott Jelena Jaksic, Nancy Lilly and Cathryn Loeffler-Park to the district with Jaksic the only full-time recall of the three.

 Dion presented the updated Oakland County Facility Use Memorandum of Understanding Report, which more clearly defined the term "disaster" and who would be in charge of such an incident. The board passed the

 The board decided to change a decision made earlier this year of board and the community to not having a Board Facility Committee. With the current construction projects in the district event 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4 at Novi the board felt it would be useful to have such a committee and voted 7-0 to have the board president (Nielson) appoint members to the Williamsburg, in full Jefferson committee

 Schram presented the board attire and speaking about his life with a first look at a new Equal Employment Opportunity and required at the federal level based accepted policy is due to the state by Dec. 1, rather than the Dec. 31 date Schram had previously understood, so it can be implecern the board was asked to vote on the item the same day it was Superintendent Peter Dion noted first presented in order to meet the \$300,000 to the robotics. The to be reviewed by the district final two donations were a \$600 attorney, trustee George Kortlandt Deerfield Elementary for children readings before action can be with autism and sensory issues taken on an item. The board



Gobble, Gobble!

With turkey-themed headdresses, Novi Woods Elementary School students presented "Turkey Tunes" to their friends and family Monday. Some of their musical tunes were: "Albuquerque Turkey," "Turkey Tom and Turkey Mom," and "A Thanksgiving Song."

 The board discussed goals for the board and district to achieve on a plan accepted last April. The during the 2007-08 academic year. Some of the suggestions tion and outreach into the community while improving informamented by Dec. 4. Policy 4160 tion mediums and encouraging had been modified to bring it up more public feedback. The district to compliance. Vice President budget, board governance and Bruce Bagdady expressed con-student achievement were also goals mentioned.

 The next item of discussion regarded Michigan election law as McIntyre has donated more than deadline. In addition to the need the board continued to discuss moving its May board member elections to November. The curdonation from Sue Bai to noted board bylaws require two rent election process costs the dis-mentary report cards, which, trict \$19,000, which could be because of a glitch, will not be

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eliminated with a November election. With state legislation potentially forcing the district to move their ballot to August or November, the board is sticking with the plan to put the item to a vote of action at the Dec. 6 school board meeting. The board encourages public comment, but the most popular option would be to have four-year terms with November elections either every

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· He also addressed concerns High School on Nov. 2 and continued discussion on potentially video streaming the school board

The board retired to executive session about 10:30 p.m.

School board meeting notes were taken from the Thursday, Nov. 15 regular meeting of the Novi Community School Board. All board members were in attendance. Next meeting: 7 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft

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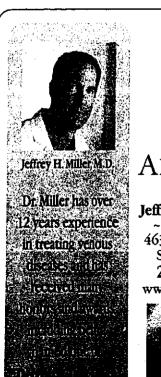
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Averie Che and Zoe Ling pose by their pumpkin before



Alex Choma looks on as his group measures the circumference of their pumpkin during a Parkview

Elementary School math exercise



Roshan Vader, Mana Ninomiya, Melanie McDowell, Jillian Werbylo and Alexander Deneweth count their pumpkin

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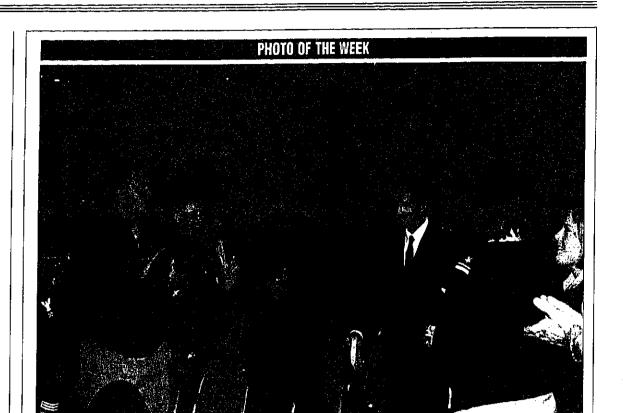
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Novi News

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Editorial - Happy Thanksgiving

The staff at the Novi News would like to wish all readers a happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday. We thank you for your continued readership and contributions to your community paper.



The Captain

Former Red Wing captain Steve Yzerman receives a standing ovation from the 250 Navy recruiters attending a Nov. 8 Novi event honoring sailors and their families during the annual Navy Recruiting District Michigan Awards Banquet and Training Seminar weekend at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Hockeytown still strong, reaches the community

"Hey Hey Hockeytown!" A phrase that used to be all over the place hasn't rung in my ears in years, it seems. However. Hockeytown is as strong, if not stronger, than it's ever been.

Not only are the Detroit Red Wings off to a great start, spotting a 14-5-1 record as Henrik Zetterberg battles Tampa Bay's Lecavalier Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby for es sounds like success with a .667 the NHL high point-gamer posiation, but the nearby Plymouth. than a third of the remaining loss-Whalers, a Carolina Hurricanes es had to be settled in overtime or development team based out of hockey presence in metro-Detroit

49-14-2-3 record and plowing fetched to believe such a run could the defense.

through the playoffs, helping to keep the spirit of Hockeytown Despite falling short of winning

Lord Stanley's Cup, the Red Wings won the their fourth Presidents' Trophy in five seasons for first place in the NHL with a 50-19-13 record. among the top two local franchiswinning percentage where more

by shootout. These squads combined to lose just 22 percent of their games in regulation! Who's to say quality hockey is no longer as the Red Wings have struggled in Detroit.

It may not be as successful as in the playoffs the past few seawhen the Red Wings and the now-The Whalers took home last defunct Detroit Vipers of the IHL

them. It reminds me of a saying

life is so short, it is that death is

hand or head. There are pictures for so very long. Yes, many of us pathy and support for this man?

hope to meet our loved ones in

to enjoy them here on earth as

can bring out the best in people.

You would be without a heart if

story about those that are trying

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The outpouring of support and

offers to help this poor puppy are

touching and show the compas-

sion and love that many in this

state and across the nation have

doned northwest Detroit home,"

as reported locally.

My pet parrot, "Jasper," so holding onto life with the sup- story in the same paper in the where our priorities lie as a

of companionship and friend- one you love suffer; you agonize bull dogs. The man was hospital- and the helpless homeless man

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daughter port of her lifelong companion, same week about a homeless man community when I read these

my dad. It's painful to see some- attacked by a roaming pack of pit stories about the helpless puppy

"alarming number of cases,"

are roaming the city and attack-

ble people with disabilities and

the homeless. I can't imagine a

much worse fate than to be

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dogs and being mauled to death.

loss of this man's dignity and

dogs roaming our streets?

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again occur in the near future. If you want to venture around the state, look at Michigan State University's NCAA championship run behind goaltender Jeff Lerg in April.

Television ratings and milliondollar deals may not be as strong ence on the ice, at least during the as they were at their high point a Statistically, a 99-33-18 record decade ago, but Hockeytown is still Hockeytown and Michigan breeds excellent hockey teams. The on-ice success of longtime ig: Wings and like and Niklas and former coach Scotty Bowman Lidstrom, Chris Osgood, Kris among its ranks, both who were Draper, Tomas Holmstrom and crucial in breaking Detroit's 42-Kirk Malthy has continued to year Stanley Cup drought in 1997, play an important role in the such as Zetterberg, Pavel

team's seasons as younger stars 1998 and 2002. Datsyuk, Dan Cleary and Valiteri the Red Wings and keeping it a The Red Wings are valuable, Filippula improve and two of the consistent contender has to be a not just in merchandise and ticket league's most senior citizens, challenge. Last I checked, former sales, but in the hearts of bank rolling next to it in Illitch's season's OHL J. Ross both brought home championships Dominik Hasek and Chris powerhouses like Dallas, Hockeytown, Many Wings have front office, thank you Red

TOM WATKINS: Parrots, puppies and priorities

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ing people; especially vulnera- has been a remarkable outpour-

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perhaps his life attributed to The puppy has a name and sup-

where dogs, mainly pit bulls, job and a home."

The new breed of players are great to watch and great for the team and, although the days of Sergei Federov and the Russian Five, Brendan Shanahan and Brett Hull are long gone, the Wings have remained a dominant presregular season.

This is largely in part to the thankless work of Mike Illitch's front office, which now boasts former captain Steve Yzerman

Running an organization like teams more valuable. Roberston Cup after posting a in 1997, but it wouldn't be too far- Chelios, continue to help anchor Colorado and New Jersey have been seen throughout the metro- Wings. Hockeytown is still alive

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our state with unemployment

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It has been reported that there

from Ottawa, Anaheim

About Tom Watkins

Tom Watkins is a business and education

consultant. He served as state superintendent

Education (R)evolution at www.nacol.org. He

believer or not, we must all

and provide comfort to the

As Thanksgiving and the hol-

iday season approaches, let's all

Jasper is flying high somewhere

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I am hoping for a miracle; that

of schools from 2001-2005. Read his inter-

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Keeping a team both successful Chris Jackett AND profitable may

Wings as the third most valuable team in the league, up 14 percent to a sailor during the Navy from last year and now worth which led to two more Cups in \$293 million. Toronto and the Awards Banquet and Training New York Rangers are the only

struggled and fallen from grace. Detroit community for fundrais- and going strong.

ers, but November featured two Novi events with Wings presence noted in prominence.

Captain Lidstrom, Holmstrom and coach Mike Babcock were present at the Novi Ice Arena earlier this month as Lidstrom was honored for his contributions to the Novi Youth Hockey Association throughout the past eight years since he moved to Novi.

Lidstrom's speech and Navy enlistment oath Recruiting District Michigan To more than a decade of excel-

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and policy system that is and complex contracts. — putting it charitably broken, as the spectacle labor contracts that erence for conflict, argu-verted a defined benefit of how our lawmakers reduce the labor costs to ment, confrontation. And health care plan (i.e. one behaved during the the car companies by many have suggested that in which the benefits are budget crisis has made something like \$30 an this long-standing cultur- set regardless of the con-Yet there are other less on a par with the foreign obvious, but perhaps transplant plants. They the automobile industry. even more important fac- also offer a two-tier wage structure that significantly reduces the wages paid

Long-standing, deeply-embedded cultural attitudes that hinder progress. We have a baffling and unjustified according to a Detroit News poll, only 27 percent of Michigan families consider post high-school sented facilities. education critical to their kids' success. Too many of us are reluctant to Automotive Research,

willing to tolerate failure. shift in the culture, from All this has worked to confrontation to collabostall the development of a ration. Cole thinks this ly needs if we are again to

The problem with cultural issues, of course, is so terrifying as to speed

But now for the - very - good news: The recentmanufacturers and the companies realize the stop there.

After all, the word "col- instruments called "con-

But it does mean they

change in Michigan in "co" ("together") and the which can be converted more than half a century. Since the 1930s, con- Latin verb, "laborare" ("to into company stock. That frontation between labor work"). A collaborative means UAW members and management has relationship, like a mar- have become major equi-For the first time since been the hallmark of the riage, doesn't mean the ty owners of the auto the Great Depression, we auto industry, our most partners never argue or are seeing reductions in important. Its history has the absolute value of real been one of shop-floor property, even in wealthy anger, out-of-touch man-recognize it is in each Motors is now about 16 repeated party's basic interest to percent, nearly 15 per-

bottom lies a political strikes and restrictive work together. Many people have remarked about Now we have a series of southeast Michigan's prefhour, putting them nearly al attitude stems from the tribution of the employee) labor relations pattern in into a defined contribu-

Perhaps the new auto the contributions of the contracts represent a employees are fixed and, change that will spread therefore, can only buy to non-core job classifica- much farther. Imagine as much health care as tions. In return, the com- what a culture of collabo- they can pay for). This panies are committed to ration might do to rela-conversation hits at the scorn for education; make investments in tionships between Detroit core of entitlement attiexisting and new plants and the suburbs. and to manufacture new Another ingrained cultural attiproduct in UAW-repretude hindering Michigan

David Cole, president of has been "entitlement for thinking," the attitude confrontation to collaborate, that gold-plated health ration and from entitle-Center accept risk and are too told me this is a historic care coverage or generous pensions are to be expected from any job. Plus the their implications for the attitude that workers are future health of our state. creative change has been developentitled to such benefits entrepreneurial economy ing for about a decade, regardless of what they that our state desperate-but the threat of disaster do or how successful regardless of what they facing the domestic mantheir employer is. union partners has been VEBAs

(Voluntary Employers' Benefit will be important that they are intangible, this up, inspiring new Associations) in the new maybe revolutionary—hard to get at and even contracts that call for a contracts. Setting up in their long-term ecocompletely different way these trusts inside the nomic impact. But what of working together. UAW to pay for retirees' they might do to over-"Instead of framing the health care takes that come and reverse longly concluded labor agree- choice as between gold liability off the balance held cultural patterns in ments between the and silver." Cole told me, sheets of the auto com- our state may, in the long domestic automobile "both the union and the panies - and doesn't run, be far more impor-

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Lansing Connection: Cassis restores early intervention to K-12 budget, ensuring early learning success

I was able to amend the School creating the SAVE the Nov. 15, Aid budget to include a provi- Children grant program the sion that will help ensure early administered by the Committee learning success for Michigan Department of Education. heard testi-

budget, intermediate school districts (ISDs) are allowed to use funds to create model the Senate adopted an service tax early intervention programs for constituent districts. ISDs can work with other intermediate districts and their local districts to develop these pro-

The programs will focus on kindergarten through thirdgrade learners. They will enable schools to identify problems early, intervene before children begin to struggle and fail, involve parents, and give students the skills they need to succeed ogist, I am well aware that

early education success fosters confidence and selfesteem. It prepares youngsters to become competent learners able to compete and achieve economically. This provision will allow schools to Service Tax replacement adopt a program that has proposal proven successful in Northville and other districts around Michigan. I am grateful we could reinstate it, for held two hearings regarding the benefit of Michigan's chil- repealing the new 6 percent the surcharge cap at the Orchard Lake, South Lyon,

Unfortunately, last spring, mony on Under Section 82 of the the governor repealed the the urgent measure after signing it into need law in 2006. In September, repeal the amendment placing the early and how a intervention program back

into the School Aid budget. The supportive data is add a surimpressive. The program is charge on the Michigan based on one put in place in Business Tax (MBT) to Northville. The number of students statewide identified for special education has increased from 10.5 percent

14.2 percent in 2003-04. Since implementing an gram, however, the Northville Public Schools special education rate has decreased from 5.38 percent in 2004-05, saving the school more than \$7.3 million in the 06-07

school year. Sen. Cassis hears testimony on impact of House

Over the past three weeks, as the chair of the Senate Finance Committee, I have

replace the revenue would hurt small and medium sized businesses. in the 1990-91 school year to ate a 33 percent surcharge will continue to be a voice for on the MBT, with a \$2 million

cap, and repeal the use tax early learning success pro- on services (Public Act 93 of 2007). This proposal pits big businesses against small businesses. According to toll free at 1-888-38-NANCY. 10.2 percent in 1992-93 to Howard Ryan, tax policy advisor in the Senate Majority Policy Office, tax liability for large firms would decrease by 35 percent while liability for medium sized businesses would increase 56 percent and small-sized businesses would see Lake, as well as the villages increased liability of 11 per-

The largest companies in the state would benefit under use tax on services. On expense of smaller business-

much smaller amount of money proportionally compared to what these large companies would pay under the services tax. Using treasury data, the recently passed MBT illustrates that the largest companies would have no tax liability and, in fact, would receive refund checks from the state worth millions of dollars. This treatment would continue if the surcharge and cap

becomes law: Since being elected I have advocated on behalf of small and midsize businesses, our House Bill 5408 would cre- state's major job providers. I

your comments. You can consis@senate.michigan.gov, or

State Senator Nancu Cassis (R-Novi) represents the 15th Senate District, which includes the townships of Commerce, Highland, Holly, Lyon, Milford, Novi, Rose West Bloomfield and White of Holly, Milford and Wolverine Lake and the cities of Novi. Northville (the Oakland County portion). Walled Lake and Wixom.



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Jasper, I am sad to lose him and vet smile thinking of the joy he long as we can. Pain and sorrow brought to me and many others. I know the pain one feels when they lose a loved one - you did not gasp at the recent human or pet. My heart aches when I read stories about tragic to save a pit bull puppy, "the accidents that destroy families, the young men and women who give their lives and limbs for our

with me. Many people, young

would sit on their shoulder.

in many photo albums across the

and old, would smile as he a friend repeats - it is not that

state of young children holding heaven - but we want and need

country and a young athlete like Ryan Shay, the marathon runner who dropped dead in the prime of his life as he pursued his dreams to represent our country in the 2008 Olympics. Sad, tragic and heartbreaking.

Life is precious. My Mom, a

However, juxtaposed to this smoker a good part of her life, is outpouring of sympathy and suptethered to an oxygen tank and port for the burned puppy is a

Your recent editorial cannot go unanswered. So here are a few of my comments/rebuttals from a very "educated citizen" as you so rightfully mention in your editorial that people should

They either have them or they don't. Answer "It makes a lot of sense" sounds like a yes. Wait, "No, it's not the best thing." Oops, sounds like a no. How about a yes or no answer. If this isn't elusive I don't know what is. John Edwards is right on about her answer, and he's a Democrat. Now lets talk about "forthright

lack of forthrightness?

Is she forthright in cozying up pear weeks later. to big business Chinese (Mr. Was she forth Shue) as well as New York City White Water scandal, whereby

is she forthright in rigging her

Was she forthright when she had her lawyer cross the crime scene barrier at Mr. Foster's

secret Travelgate scandal. and then they mysteriously rean-Was she forthright during the

foreclosures hovering at depres-

ing, "There but for the grace of

all the misery happening around

to the plight of a helpless puppy

According to the Bible and

other religious writings,

"What you do (or fail to do),

age (greater still in our urban man, you do (or fail to do) outpouring of support for him as

unto God." Regardless of well.

his luck.

There is much pain across

God, go l' takes on a powerful afflicted.

tough, direct, hard questions like Mr. Russerts, to a person that

been accomplished for the "American People". For the record the mayor of

LETTERS

Rebuttal to letter

"waffling" is to speak or write in on main issues" or any issues for an elusive manner. So let's look at that matter. With the same Intel Hillary's comment, taken right as the President had, she voted out of your own editorial, which for the War. Then, to get re-electwas her answer to Tim Russerts ed, she said she would pull the question on whether or not she troops out of Iraq as the country supported driver's licenses for mandated. Wait, then she

says troops will stay there. (By the way she also voted for Mr. Bush's directive to declare Iran a terrorist country.) Is this waffling

(Doesn't matter.) Is she forthright in not releasing papers the media has requested from the National Archives? (The Clintons have a signed order to the debate.)

illegal aliens. Simple yes or no, approves of the money to contin- Chinese dishwashers? (Which is people went to jail for her Louisiana 'who are both ue the War. Wait again, now she another story within itself.) own questions in debates'

> (alleged suicide) office and rifle his personnel files? Was she forthcoming Was she forthright when she the Archives not to release them said she lost important papers out as Mr. Russert also pointed out in of her office in the White House

rather than spill the beans on Additionally, you mis-name Katrina mess.

America with the label "Gotcha" As far as I know she hasn't ever run anything and after one year of Democratic, two house control, she hasn't billed anything. In a year a lot of things, besides wasted investigations, could have

Democrats, were the first respon-

An educated voter

Paul Thai

This letter was written in response to the letter to the editor titled "Senator Clinton and Immigration" submitted by Hannah Provence Donigan that appeared in the Nov. 8 edition of

Victoria Mitcheil, editor (248) 349-1700, ext. 102 vernitchell@gannett.com

HOT TICKET: A Stop by Wise Guys Comedy Glub

LOCATION: Novi Methodist

Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road

DETAILS: Lunch is \$10 at

Grand Prize is \$5,000 but other

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(248) 348-0551 or email Ginger

at novirotary@twmi.rr.com

CHAMBERS

COMMERCE

Greater Novi Chamber of

the month (No meeting Nov.

DETAILS: Discussing art and

culture in our area; all welcome;

TIME/DATE: 7:45-9 a.m.

Amhassadors Meeting

Novi Chamber of Commerce

The chamber is celebrating

senting over 500 members. Our

mission is to be a responsible,

proactive advocate of business

area. We are business and pro-

together to enhance the life of

our community and the busi-

Ringing in the Holidays

nesses in it. For more informa-

interests in the greater Novi

fessional people working

40 years of business, repre-

B2B Breakfast

Wednesday, Dec. 12

ideas, \$10.

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prizes also awarded.

meeting, visitors welcome, check

ULLETIN BOARD

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

EVENTS

Life Line Screening for Stroke and Osteoporosis TIME/DATE: Starting at 9 a.m.

website for speaker information, www.novirotary.org. Thursday, Nov. 30 Annual Holiday Raffle Dinner LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, DATE: Friday, Dec. 14 45175 W. 10 Mile Road DETAILS: Enjoy an enchanting DETAILS: Novi community evening of "Dancing with the members can be screened to Stars:" help support our various reduce their risk of having a community efforts with the purchase of a raffle ticket; tickets are \$125 but only 125 will be sold:

stroke. Screenings are fast, painless and affordable. A bone density screening is also offered for both men and women. Registration is required for the stroke, vascular disease and heart rhythm screenings for \$149, with osteoporosis added for an additional \$10. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes. For information or to schedule an appointment, call (888) 754-

Ringing in the Holidays

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

LOCATION: Main Street Commerce **DETAILS:** This event features We're about business. We're the "Electric Light Parade," a about networking. We're about variety of stage performances creating excitement in busiincluding Sarah Lenore, digital ness and networking! Santa photos, food from local Everyone is welcome to attend restaurants, marshmallow roastany of our events. For more ing, a hockey skills area, the information call Whitney, exec-Jingle Bell Jog, carriage rides and utive director at (248) 347lighting the official city tree. 4622 or wmgncc@vahoo.com. Opportunities for sponsorship Also visit www.greaterand food vendors are available novichamber.com. CONTACT: Derek O. Smith Sales Leads Group 1

City of Walled Lake Tree **Lighting Ceremony**

(248) 347-0474

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday, DETAILS: Serious network-Dec. 3 ing, no fee CONTACT: Michelle Winn at LOCATION: In front of the (248) 835-3754 Walled Lake Library. DETAILS: All are invited to the Arts Round Table TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m. first annual lighting of the holiday tree; caroling, entertainment, light Tuesday of every month LOCATION: Mixx Lounge, refreshments and a visit from Santa are also scheduled. Please Main Street

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"West Side Story" at Walled Lake Central

bring a non-perishable food item

to be donated to Hospitality

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. TIME/DATE: Noon Tuesday Thursday, Nov. 29, Friday, Nov. Nov. 27 Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1 and DETAILS: Find out how we can grow, win prizes and have fun.

DETAILS: The high school per-After Hours Holiday Bazaar forming arts department presents TIME/DATE: 5:30-7 p.m. this American classic; tickets are Thursday, Nov. 29 \$14 for adults and \$12 for students LOCATION: Fleming's and seniors and can be ordered at Steakhouse, 17400 Haggerty (248) 360-8156 or online at Road, south of Seven Mile Road. www.wicperformingarts.org. DETAILS: Great food and gifts

Wise Guys Comedy Club LOCATION: 40380 Grand River

DATE: Nov. 22-24, Rich Guzzi, hypnosis show, tickets now on

CONTACT: Call for show times (248) 919-3216 or visit www.wiseguyscomey.net

The Second City's "Dysfunctional Holiday

Toys for Tots

tov guns please.

Dec. 15

Visit with Santa

Novi Rotary Club

TIME/DATĚ: Noon every

DATE: Please donate a new,

unwrapped toy for a child and

drop it off at any Art Van store.

Tovs will be delivered to local

children by Christmas day. No

TIME/DATE: 3-5 p.m. Saturday,

tion, visit TIME: 8 p.m. Wednesdays and www.novichamber.com or con-Thursdays, \$15; 8 and 10 p.m. tact the chamber office at (248) Fridays, \$20; 7 and 9 p.m. (and 349-3743. 11 p.m. in December) Saturdays, \$20; and 8 p.m. Sundays, \$15 Electric Light Parade LOCATION: The Second City.

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi Nov. 30 DETAILS: Get a healthy dose of LOCATION: Main Street seasonal satire with The Second DETAILS: The Chamber will be City's 31st revue; directed by participating in the Electric Light Mark Levenson of Novi. Parade. If you would like to loin CONTACT: For tickets or infor-

us in the fun, please contact the mation, call (248) 348-4448 or Chamber at the number listed visit www.secondcity.com

Holiday Luncheon "Come Spread the Cheer" Art Van Community Events TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Art Van Furniture Store, 27775 Tuesday, Dec. 4 Novi Road, Novi, (248) 348-8922

LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi

DETAILS: Members and their ouests are invited to attend the holiday luncheon, 50/50 raffle and fabulous prizes. Please RSVP to the Chamber.

DETAILS: Children can visit Commerce with Santa and receive a treat; bring your camera.

Lakes Area Chamber of

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grams that are responsive to the

serve. For more information visit

needs of the communities we

Wednesday, Nov. 28 White Lake TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m Thursday, Nov. 29

Walled Lake

TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3 Marning Connection TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 4 LOCATION: 8175 Commerce Road, Commerce Township DETAILS: Adrianne's Country Cove Gift Shop sponsors coffee and networking between local business owners.

Heart of the Lakes Gala TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11 LOCATION: Chamber Office, 305 N. Pontiac Trail, Ste. B, Walled Lake

DETAILS: Participation in plan-TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:30 a.m., ning the 2008 Gala welcome. second and fourth Thursday of Hollday Mixer TIME/DATE: 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11 LOCATION: Hooter's of Novi

LOCATION: The Maples Club, 31260 Wakefield Drive, Novi DETAILS: Enjoyable evening of festivities, food, cash bar, 50/50 and prize drawings, \$10 per per-

BUSINESS

Females in the Family **Business Affinity Group**

Third Thursday of every month LOCATION: Walsh College

TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m.

Troy Campus DETAILS: Walsh Business Leadership institute invites women who own, are partners in, or work for family businesses, Items discussed will he common issues, and women can share solutions in a nonthreatening, noncompetitive, non-sales roundtable.

Registration is required.

CONTACT: Jan Hubbard. jhubbard@walshcollege.edu LINES

CLASSES

Providence Center for the **Healing Arts** Road LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River

Ave., Novi CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 Wanted: One-Time Art Workshop Instructors DETAILS: We are looking for people who have an art or craft

that they would like to share in our series of one-time workshops; call (248) 465-5455 if interested.

Colored Pencil Workshop TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., second Tuesday of every month DETAILS: Beginners wel-

Express Yourself with Art and Color DETAILS: \$5 materials fee; call for times and registration.

Ceramics Class TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; Friday by appoint-

DETAILS: \$10 materials fee. Knittin' Yarns TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m.

Wednesdav DETAILS: Join others and create hats and shawis for those in need. Creative Moments with

Scrapbooking TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday DETAILS: \$3 materials fee. Meditation

TIME/DATE: 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Thursday **DETAILS:** Learn proper breathing techniques that can be used at home or on the lob

to help reduce stress; class held in reflection space. Cancer Center.

Yoga Classes TIME/DATE: 12:30-1:30 p.m. Monday (for backs); 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday (for backs); 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesday (for backs); 5-6 p.m. Thursday (prenatal); 6:05-7:05 p.m. Thursday (for backs) and 12:30-1:30 p.m. Friday (for backs)

DÉTÀILS: \$10/walk-in; \$80/10class card; \$45/5-class card; Lunch and Learn Yoga 7-week session is \$60; registration

required. Massage Therapy TIME/DATE: By appointment DETAILS: Therapeutic massage is effective for stress and tension, chronic fatigue, pain and headaches. Everyone is welcome. Patients undergoing

treatment should bring physi-

cian's referral, Call (248) 465-

4300 for appointment: \$50/50-

minute session.

Line Dancing DATE: Monday and Friday TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m. intermedi-

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road DETAILS: No partner needed; pay-as-you-go; Novi residents \$5, non-residents \$6.

SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT

Novi Community School District Board of Education

Meetina TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6

LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft DETAILS: Discussion to set the regular board election date will

CONTACT: (248) 449-1204 **Novi City Council Meeting**

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday Nov. 26 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center,

45175 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-0470 Novi Youth Assistance

General Citizens Meeting TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Tuesday

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

LIBRARY

Novi Public Library

LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 1-5

p.m. Sunday CONTACT: (248) 349-0720 Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library. **Knitters and Knotters**

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. second and fourth Monday of each **DETAILS:** Drop in for informal needlework group in Youth Area;

all levels welcome. Senior Book Discussion TIME/DATE: Noon-1:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month DETAILS: Book discussion group for older adults facilitated

librarian; please call to join. **English Conversation Group** TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-noon Tuesday, Nov. 27 and Dec. 4 DETAILS: Make friends and practice English; group guided by a volunteer form the Oakland

County Literacy Council; no registration required. Library Closed Nov. 22 for Thanksgiving. Novi Writer's Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon

Saturday, Nov. 24 DETAILS: An inspirational environment for writers to collaborate, critique and create; facilitated by local writer Kathy Mutch; writers of all genres welcome: for ages 18 and older; register online or by calling the library.

Lego Club TIME/DATE: 6-7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26

DETAILS: Lego show-and-tell

List vour event in our calendar!

ee Rich Guzzi(s:hypnosis show Thursday through Saturday

To be included in My Bulletin Board, please send event name, date, time, location, details and contact. ■ Mail: Novi News, My Bulletin Board, 104 W. Main Street, Suite 101, Northville,

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■ Fax: (248) 349-9832 ■ E-mall: vemitcheil@ additional information.

and building activities for kids in grades K-4; no registration reauired. Movement and Mobility/Bone Density Screening

TIME/DATE: 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29 DETAILS: Providence-St. John Health presents a program about preventing bone, muscle or joint problems: free bone density screening for women over 40; registration required.

Walled Lake City Library LOCATION: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday: 1-5 p.m. Sunday:

Closed Friday CONTACT: (248) 624-3772 Classical Music Series TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. first Tuesday of each month DETAILS: Enjoy recorded classics, discussions and

refreshments; lasts about 90 minutes Friends of the Library TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second

Tuesday of month. **Book Discussion Group** TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. third Tuesday of each month DETAILS: Drop in for informal discussion; bring a bag lunch; check library for current book

selection. **Evening Preschool Story** TIME/DAY: 6:30 every Thursday DETAILS: For ages 3-5, no.

registration requried. Library Board of Trustees TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second

Friday of each month

Wixom Public Library

LOCATION: 49015 Pontiac Trail: Wixom HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m.

Sunday CONTACT: (248) 624-2512 **ESL Cafe** TIME/DATE: 3:30 p.m. every

Thursday DETAILS: Coffee and conversation-Improve your English speaking skills by speaking with people from other countries trying to improve their English; no tests: instructor help: free.

CONTACT: Karin at the Information Desk. Fabulous Fantastic Fridays Alphabetical Antics"

TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 7 DETAILS: For children ages 2-6 with a parent or caregiver, program offer stories, songs crafts

and food. Moonlight Story Time "Candy Canes and Snowmen' TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3

DETAILS: For children ages 2-6 with parent or caregiver; stories, songs and crafts. Slaves of Suspense Book

TIME/DATE: 2-3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28 DETAILS: Discuss "A Small Death in Lisbon" by Robert

One-Stroke Painting: Holiday Ornament TIME/DATE: 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6 **DETAILS: Paint your own glass** ornament to take home. Holiday Celebration, A

Magical Puppet Show TIME/DATÉ: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 DETAILS: For children in grades K-5; Rob Papineau of Pippin Puppets presents "The Winning Wizard and the Trophy

Hat"; registration required.

■ Deadline: Must be received by noon on Monday to be published in the Thursday edition Call (248) 349-1700 for

NOVI SENIORS

Novi Senior Activities Center LOCATION: Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior

Complex, 25075 Meadowbrook CONTACT: (248) 347-0414 Massage: 12:30-4 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-noor Saturday; call for appointment.

Thursday Closed for Thanksgiving Friday Closed for Thanksgiving Monday 9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength

10 a.m.: Body Recall Noon: Lunch 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle 1:45 p.m.: Therapeutic Laughter Club (\$5 pre-registration required)

4 p.m.: Bereavement Support Group, Dr. Michael Meyer Tuesdav 8:30 a.m.: Panera Bread; Coffee and Conversation

9-11:30 a.m.: Hearing Aid Cleaning 9-11 a.m.: Line Dance-Int. 10 a.m.: Asian Pacific 11 a.m.-noon: Computer Lab

Noon: Lunch 1 p.m.: Bingo in Activities Room 1-3 p.m.: Dance, \$6 at door Wednesday. 9 a.m. Stretch and Strength

10 a.m.: Body Recall 10: 30 a.m.: Quilting 11 a.m.: TOPS; Blood Pressure 11:30 a.m.: Beg. Clogging Noon: Lunch 12:30 p.m.: Club Clogging 2-3 p.m.: Caregiver Series

6:30 p.m.: Beg/Easy/Int.

7:30 p.m.: Club Clogging Waltonwood at Twelve

Independent Living Residence Licensed Assisted Living, Licensed Memory Care LOCATION: 27475 Huron

Circle (adjacent to Twelve Oaks CONTACT: (248) 735-1500 Open House TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

daily or by appointment. SUPPORT <u>GROUPS</u>

Adoptive Parent Networking Meetina

DATE: Last Wednesday of each month

TIME: 10-11 a.m. LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road **DETAILS: This informational** meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. There is no charge. Child care is

available: registration required. CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248) 334-3595

Bereavement Support Group DATE: Third Tuesday of each

TIME: 7:30-9 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center. 45175 W. 10 Mile Road DETAILS: The meeting provides the opportunity for those in grief to share their story and to learn about the phases and tasks of grief. All are welcome;

CONTACT: Michael M. Meyer,

Doctorate of Ministry Angela Hospice Groups **DETAILS:** Grief support

no fee.

groups include general grief, a child: discuss concerns such loss of a spouse, women's grief, as sleep deprivation and coping parents who have lost a child with the emotions of parenting and a grief support quilters group. All groups are led by

CONTACT: (248) 858-7766 Support for Smokers Group TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. first and bereavement professionals and third Tuesday of each month LOCATION: Angela Hospice **DETAILS: Provides education** Care Center, 14100 Newburgh and support to quit smoking; no fee and no pre-registration CONTACT: Joan Lee (734)

General Grief Support Groups Psychotherapy & TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. and 6:30 Counseling Services p.m. second and fourth Tuesday

trained volunteers

Road, Livonia

953-6012

Northville Counselling Center Anxiety/Agoraphobla/Panic DETAILS: Open to all losses. Attack Support Group Loss of Spouse/Significant TIME/DATE: second Other Support Group Wednesday of each month TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. first DETAILS: Call (734) 420-8175 Tuesday of month for more information. Men in Grief

fourth Monday of month Sulcide Loss Support Sarvicas DETAILS: Individual and family services offered free for those who have lost a loved one through suicide; call (734) 464-

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m.

7810 for more information.

Heartstrings: Parents Who Have Lost a Child TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first Thursday of month Grief Support Quilter's Group TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. first and third Wednesday of month

DETAILS: Register by calling (734) 953-6012 DMC Huron Valley-Sinal Hospital Support Groups

> Drive, Commerce Al-Anon Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every DETAILS: Al-Anon is similar to Alcoholics Anonymous: intended for the family and

LOCATION: 1 William Carls

friends of someone with an alcohol problem, helping them to recover from the effects of living with a problem drinker. CONTACT: (248) 706-1020 Alcoholics Anonymous

Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every DETAILS: Support group to attain and maintain sobriety. CONTACT: (248) 937-3314

Journeys Cancer Support TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m., the first and third Monday of each

month LOCATION: Lobby of the Charach Cancer Treatment Center off the hospital's South Garden Entrance DETAILS: The Charach Cancer Treatment Center hosts a support

group for anyone dealing with a cancer experience or who know someone living with cancer. CONTACT: (248) 937-5163 Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

TIME/DATE: 2-3:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month LOCATION: Krieger Center (South Garden Entrance) **DETAILS: Designed to allow**

caregivers to share tips and offer support to each other; for guestions or directions call (248) 937-**New Parents Support Group**

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second and fourth Wednesdays of each LOCATION: Hospital Conference Center DETAILS: A supportive envi-

ronment for families to share

Crohn's & Colitis Support

TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. first and resolve issues after the birth of third Wednesday of each month Cost-Effective



their struggles, learn how to

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Michigan Press Association. **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, December 12, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Hoad, Novi, Mil to consider ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18,221. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 97-18. AS AMENDED. THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, TO MODIFY VARIOUS SECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF SECTION 2519.10.C. SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVALS. MODIFYING THE STANDARDS. APPLICATION AND REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTAL OF A NOISE ANALYSIS CURRENTLY REQUIRED WITH CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVALS.

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, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 PM: Wednesday December 12, 2007.

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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

737-2322. Heartland Hospice Volunteers Needed

TIME/DATE: Day and evening

Foundation of America (888)

classes LOCATION: 28588 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 475, Southfield DETAILS: Caring and compassionate individuals needed to

register for Heartland Hospice

Volunteer Training. We serve

individuals and their families

during their end of life journey

in the Tri-County area. Office

CONTACT: Mary at (800) 770-

TIME/DATE: 7-8:45 p.m. first

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

Activities Room, 45175 W. 10

DETAILS: Toastmasters will

help you improve your commu-

nication skills, voice your opin-

ion, polish your presentations

CONTACT: Amy (248) 752-

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

and 11:30 a.m. meeting every

LOCATION: Meadowbrook

Meadowhrook Road, Novi

DETAILS: \$24 per annual

membership, includes hand-

CONTACT: Rebecca Bovke

book; \$1 per meeting. New

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. weigh-in

and practice leadership.

(TOPS) Chapter

Commons, 25075

members welcome.

(248) 305-8646

FAITH

Meadowbrook

Congregational

LOCATION: 21355

CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P.

Bitter Senior Minister (248)

omccc@arounddetroit.biz

First Baptist Church of Novi

LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile

CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or

Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.

www.firstbaptistchurchofnovi.

Family Worship: 11 a.m.

Family Movie Night: 5:30

p.m., fourth Sunday of every

Sunday Schedule

Bible Study: 6 a.m.

Sunday Wolship

Meadowbrook Road

348-7757 or visit

www.mbccc.org pr

Wednesday

Mile Road

Neighborhood Baby-sitting Co-op

CONTACT: (248) 937-3314

support is also needed. DETAILS: Using the co-op, you and your children can make friends and get what you need accomplished without the little **Novi Toastmasters** ones in tow. Also enjoy a mom's night out and other social and third Tuesday of each

CONTACT: Sue Tracz (248) 380-0998. Friendship Circle

TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Thursday of each month LOCATION: St. James Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile Road, between Taft and Beck DETAILS: Social group for all

widows and widowers. CONTACT: Norbert Monson (248) 851-6730. Florence Voight (248) 477-3032, Jov lovaldi (248) 348-9138 or joyiovaldi@earthlink.net

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

CONTACT jensungfleming@yahoo.com

Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second Thursday of each month I OCATION: Witch's Hat Depot, 300 Dorothy St., South Evening Proschool Story

DETAILS: This group provides information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their families. Mothers of multiples living in and around the Kensington Valley school conference are all

CONTACT: (248) 437-5496 for more information.

welcome.

Breast Cancer Support DATES: Second and fourth Tuesday of each month LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital (Classroom C)

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

CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

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ORDINANCE NO. 18-219

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS DOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 18-219 to amend Ordinance No. 97-18, as amended, the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance, at Article 30, Administration and Enforcement, Section 3004, Temporary Special Exception and rary Special Land Use Permits. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Tuesday nber 13, 2007 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become

effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the

Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and

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Making States The Novi High School marching band performs at the recent MCBA State Finals at Ford Field. The students had a very good year, performing their show "Immortal Beloved" at many of the competitions they attended.

Oak Pointe Church

St. James Catholic

Mass Schedule

n.m. Saturday

LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile

CONTACT: (248) 347-7778

a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-

Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5

Novi United Methodist

visit www.umcnovi.com

Sunday Worship

TIME: 9:45 a.m.

Sunday of every month

TIME/DATE: Noon, first

LOCATION: In front of the

Peace Vigil

TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30

Episcopal Church of the

LOCATION: 50200 W.. 10 Mile Holy Cross LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or Road visit www.oakoointe.org CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or Sunday Worship www.churchoftheholycross.com TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday Worship TIME: 7:45, 10 a.m.

Study; 10 a.m. Worship Center for ages 3-7; 10 a.m. All ages Youth Worship TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second and fourth Sunday of every

TIME: 9 a.m. Adult Bible

Sunday School

DETAILS: All youth welcome. Alzheimer's Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month **DETAILS: Offering support** and open discussion for all those dealing with Alzheimer's

Church of the Holy Family LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holyfamilynovi.org

disease and related dementia.

Mass Schedule TIME/DAY: 7:30, 8:45,10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9 a.m. Wedneşday: Friday: 5, p.m. Saturday & OE: 8-8:3TACKEMIT Adoptive Parent Networking

TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last

Interested in the Catholic

CONTACT: Call Maria at

(248)349-8847 or spiritwalk-

334-3595

Church?

er001@aol.com

space will be available indoors Wednesday of each month. and out; contact Pam Davis, DETAILS: This free informaedleecr@vahoo.com tional meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required. Northville CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248)

First United Methodist of LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile

'CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or

Road, Northville

ing an arts and craft show

Monday of every month Men's Bible Study TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 a.m. every Wednesday LOCATION: Room 10 Sharing Hearts Women's Bible Study TIME/DATE: 12:45-2:30 p.m.

DETAILS: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.

Sunday Worship

Healing Service

TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first

every Tuesday LOCATION: Chapel upstairs DETAILS: Child care available cost is \$11 for materials. Disciple One Bible Study TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. every Sunday: or 9:30-11:30 a.m. every

Wednesday DETAILS: Course lasts 34 LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile weeks; covers 70 percent of the CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or Disciple Three Bible Study: Remember Who You Are

TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Wednesday Disciple Bible Study: Jesus and the Gospels TIME/DATE: 3-5 p.m. every Sunday The Faith Club

DETAILS: Members of the TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every congregation and the community other Thursday DETAILS: This interfaith group will stand united in prayer for will be reading "The Faith Club"; register at (248) 344-4248. . 92001 Artists and Crafters Wanted DETAILS: The church is host-Suicide Loss Support Group TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second Saturday, June 21, 2008, Vendor

Thursday and fourth Monday of DETAILS: New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering this support group to those who have los a loved one to suicide. CONTACT: New Hope Center for

Grief Support (248) 348-0115 or www.newhopecenter.net

visit www.fumcnorthville.org continued on 16A HARVEST MINISTRIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH **CHURCH OF GOD** Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. ilidcare Every Service • Sr. Pastor Ed Cha Office Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Frid www.wardchurch.org dcast 11a.m. Sunday WROT 560 A FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE On Haggerty Rd. North of 8 Mile Rd. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Childcare Available at All Services buth Lagos Prog. Wed. 4:15 Gr. 1-5; 500 M S/S; H Singles Place Ministry - Thurs. 7:30pm Rev. W Kent Clise, Senior Pastor Rev. James P. Russell, Associate Pastor unday Celebration 10:50 a.m. & 6 p.r (248) 348-1700 MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURC OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH 1355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 1/2 Mil-148-348-7757 • MCCC@arounddetrait.bb wwm.bccc.org • Sunday Worship 10 a.m. For further information ask for Decker Page 770 Thayer, Northville EEKEND LITURGIES Saturday 5:00 p.m Sunday, 7:30, 9 AM, 11 AM, 12:30 P h 349-2621, School 349-3610 GOOD SHEPHERD ioly cross episcopai 9 Mile & Meadowbrook Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod Phone 248-427-1175 ot. 5 pm, Sun. 7:45 & 10 am Holy Eucha Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 8:45am Sunday School & Nursery 10 am Worship, † 0:00am rnas E, Schroeder, Pastor - 349-0565 FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE **FAITH COMMUNITY** PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 349-1144 8 Mile & Tatt Roads 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, 248-349-2345 1/2 mile west of Novi Rd. Sunday Worship Services 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.

NOVI 46325 10 Mile Rd. Novi, MI 48374 Parish Office: 347-7778 CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Service

Dr. Richard J. Henderson, Pastor

ST. JAMES ROMAN

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www.oakpointe.org PLACE OF CHANGE CHRISTIAN CENTER Meeting at fire House Community Center 29260 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, M Phone: (248) 910-7995 Sunday Worship at 10 a.m

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Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Pastors Brian and Gail Lane

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Sunday Services Sunday Services fatins (Orthros) 9:00 a.m., Liturgy 10:00 a.m., Rev. Fr. George M. Vaporis, Pastor www.nativitygochurch.org n. Traditional/Charat: 11:15 am Contem Sunday School- all ages 10:15 am **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

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(248) 349-1700

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LOGOS Youth Club TIME/DATE: 5:15-8:15 p.m. each Wednesday DETAILS: Program includes recreation, dinner, bible study and music; grades 4-12.

Crosspointe Meadows LOCATION: Meadowbrook

Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road (south of 13 Mile Road) CONTACT: (248) 427-2700, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org

Sunday Worship TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m. Ward Evangelical Church LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile

Road, Northville CONTACT: (248) 374-5978 Sunday AM Women's Bible

Study
TIME/DATE: 10:20-11:15 a.m. every Sunday through Dec. 30 LOCATION: Room A101-103 DETAILS: Karen Nottenkamper covers "The Life You've Always Wanted," a study by John Ortberg. **WOW Rible Studies** TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

every Tuesday through Dec. 12 LOCATION: Chapel (NE corner of church) DETAILS: Theme "In Your Wildest Dreams;" seven small

group classes. **Book Study** TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday through Dec. 12 LOCATION: Room C309 DETAILS: "Discerning His Voice" by Priscilla Shirer.

TIME/DATE: 9:15-11:15 a.m. and 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month LOCATION: Room C307-309 DETAILS: Support and encouragement for mothers of young

children CONTACT: Day MOPS, Jan Janke (734) 367-9171; for evening MOPS, Keli Plansinis (248) 561-8019. Single Point Ministries

For single adults 40 years and CONTACT: (248) 374-5920

St. Paul Lutheran LOCATION: 201 Flm St. Northville

CONTACT: (248) 349-3140 Sunday Worship TIME: 8:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.

The Baha'i Faith TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. last Saturday of every month

LOCATION: 23803 Ripple **DETAILS: This Devotional** Gathering is focused on prayers for peace. People of all faiths welcome. CONTACT: (248) 473-0355 or visit www.us.bahai.org

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 DETAILS: Thursday evenings; 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program; \$5 CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org 25th Annual Thanksgiving

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 22 LOCATION: Westminster Presbyterian Church, 17567 Hubbell at W. Outer Dr., Detroit DETAILS: Car poolers meet at Starbucks at 8:15 a.m.; return around noon. Contact Artheillia

Thompson at (313) 341-2697

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Assault Crime Prevention TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29 DETAILS: Presentation by lan

Kinder from Life Safe Academy.

LLC, a safety and self defense school. Divorce Recovery DATE: Through Dec. 6 DETAILS: \$35 per person, various speakers, topics, pot luck

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. every

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

walking/social group. Everyone is

Walking Group

Advent Candlelight Concert: Messiah TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Sunday,

Dec. 2 DETAILS: Handel's "Messiah" performed by the Northville Concert Chorale with Dr. Darlene Kuperus, conductor; tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students 12-18 years old, free for under 11 years old; purchase in advance at the church office during business hours, after Shunday services and at the door. CONTACT: Darlene Kuperus, Music Director at (248) 349-0911

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

ext. 206

Saturday Worship TIMF: 5:30 n.m. Sunday Worship TIME: 9, 11:15 a.m. Sunday School TIME: 10:15 a.m.

Universiist Unitarian Church of Farmington LOCATION: 25301 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills CONTACT: (248) 318-8044 or

www.uufarmioton.org **Faith Community** Presbyterian

LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunitynovi.org

Sunday Worship TIME: 9, 10:30 a.m. "Discovering The Bible" TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. every Tuesday

Hanging of the Greens 11:45 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 25 Bethlehem' TIME/DATE: 2:30 p.m. Sunday,

Christmas Cantata with Choir and Orchestra TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. and 10:30

a.m. Sunday, Dec. 16 GracePointe Presbyterlan CONTACT: Rev. Brian C. Sleeth, Pastor (248) 497-3178;

www.gracepointepca.org; e-mail gracepointe@mac.com TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Sunday Nov. 18; Dec. 23, Special Christmas Service LOCATION: Crown Plaza Hotel Orchard Hills Baptist Church LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665

Preschool/Klds Choir TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday DETAILS: For ages three to six; ongoing event, no need to pre-

register; all are welcome.

St. John's Episcopal Church LOCATION: 574 S. Sheldon Road Plymouth CONTACT: (734) 453-0190

Reinventing Your Life-God is Calling You to a Song TIME/DATE: 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday evenings DETAILS: Minimum of 10 people required to attend every session. CONTACT: Elizabeth Wilhelm

HEALTH

(734) 953-0190 ext. 10

Dinner with a Doctor LOCATION: St. John Providence Park Hospital, Grand River and Beck roads (use Beck Road entrance), Conference Rooms A. B and C.

Oakland Physical Therapy LOCATION: 47601 Grand River Ave., Suite B124, Providence Park Medical Center

CONTACT: 248-380-3550 Your Career as a Physical Theranist TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday,

Nov. 29 DETAILS: For high school and college students and parents to learn about a career as a physical

Get Conditioned for Skiing TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, DETAILS: Emphasis on stretching and strengthening

DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital

LOCATION: 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce CONTACT: (248) 937-3314 Alcoholics Anonymous

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every DETAILS: No pre-registration required. For information, call (248) 937-3314. Al-Anon Support Group

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every DETAILS: For family and friends of someone with an alcohol problem. No preregistration required. For information, call (248) 706-1020.

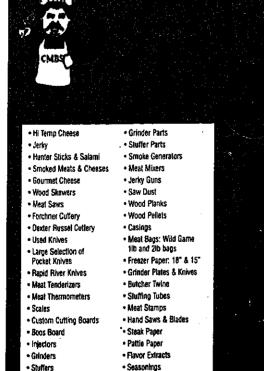
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dealing with someone with an alcohol problem. No preregistration required. For information, call (248) 706-1020. Breast Cancer Support Group

TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a.m. second and fourth Thursday of LÓCATION: Sinai Center for Women, next to hospital's South

Garden entrance. **DETAILS: This support group** is for any woman with a breast cancer diaonosis CONTACT: (248) 937-5163

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first



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Grown with Care

Jimmy Sorenson, a student at Pontiac's Kennedy Culinary Program, helps to unload trays of herbs that will be sold at Novi's Better Health Market. The Kennedy school is for developmentally disabled adults and helps them develop skills for the workplace. The herbs were grown by the students in conjunction with the "Edible School Yard" project of the Slow Food movement.

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Gardeners of Northville and

Monday of month, Sept.-May

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LOCATION: Rotates between

DETAILS: Visitors welcome

visit www.gardenersnorthville-

BORDERS

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CONTACT: (248) 231-2334 or

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. second

and third Monday of every month close look at the Southwest LOCATION: Lobby of the Charach Cancer Treatment Center DETAILS: Support group for

those with cancer or who are related to or know someone living with cancer CONTACT: (248) 937-5163 Support for Smokers

DATE: First and third Tuesday of each month **DETAILS: Provides education** and support to quit smoking, no charge, no pre-registration. CONTACT: Call (248) 937-3314 for more information.

> H.U.G.S. Group for Parents TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. third Thursday of each month DETAILS: Support and counseling to parents who have suffered a pregnancy or newborn loss, no pre-registration required. CONTACT: (248) 937-4847 for

> > more information. Holiday Blood Drive TIME/DATE: 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10 LOCATION: Hospital Conference Center

DETAILS: Donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good deneral health: donation process takes a little more than an hour. Pleage a blood donation by going to www.givelife.org with the soonsor code "DMC" and choose the HVSH drive: walk-ins welencouraged to prevent long

ONGOING

SWOCC Studio Tours LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile Road, Farmington. DETAILS: Come in for an up-

Sunday, Nov. 25 Michigan Christmas Show and Marketolace TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

family outing: Trees, wreathes, music, entertainment, arts and crafts, shops, Santa, a playland for kids; CONTACT: Melissa Cohn (248) tickets \$10 each at the door. \$8 in advance (sold at Meijer), parking is \$5.

Woodworking Show TIME/DATE: Noon-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15; 10 a.m.-4

n.m. Sunday, Dec. 16 DETAILS: Try before you buy and save on tools, equipment and supplies; learn tips observing demonstrations here before start ing your next project.

CLASS

MUSIC 43075 Crescent Blvd., Novi CONTACT: (248) 347-0780

ROCK **FINANCIAL** SHOWPLACE

46100 Grand River Ave. Call (248) 348-5600 or visit www.rockfinancialshowplace.com Antique Arms Show

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday Nov. 24; 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Thursday Nov. 29; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday Nov. 30 and Saturday, Dec. 1; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2

REUNIONS

Plymouth High School Class free, ethnic treats provided; call of 1968 library to make reservations. DETAILS: The Class of 1968 is looking for classmates for their 40th Class Reunion to be held

July 19, 2008 in Livonia. For more information, contact Janet Services Programs, 49045 (Sheedy) Johnston at (734) 437-3534 or e-mail to-phs40thre union@charter.net.

REGIONAL

Deaf Santa at SilentCall

TIME/DATE: Noon-4 p.m.: Saturday, Dec. 1 LOCATION: SilentCall Communications, 5095 Williams Lake Road, Waterford DETAILS: Children who are deaf or deaf/blind are invited to greet Santa in sign language; refreshments served; tour of

Gavin Schonfeld

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Women's Resource Center



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Feathered Friend! Lonah Harris hangs out with her African gray parrot "Amani Jazz" at last weekend's

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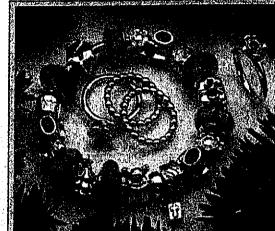
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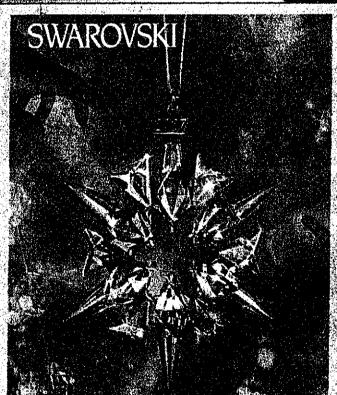
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Magical run ends in Final Four

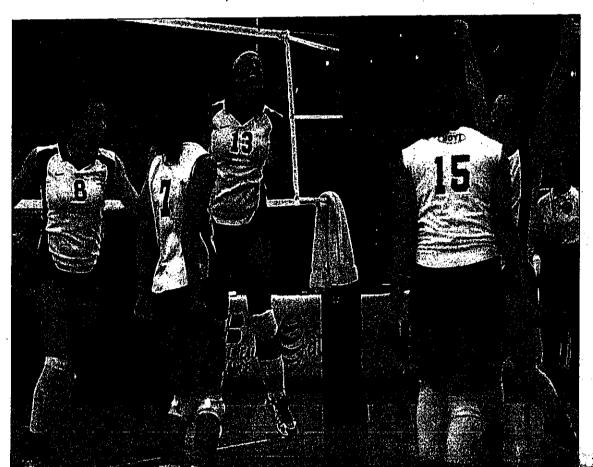


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The Novi Wildcats celebrate a point during their match against Bloomfield Hills Marian Thursday night at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.

■ Wildcats set new volleyball benchmark

By Jeff Thelsen

Novi volleyball's unprecidented run though the playoffs came to an end Thursday against Bloomfield Hills Marian at the state semifinals.

The Wildcats went out fighting, falling just short in a fivegame thriller, 20-25, 25-17, 25-21, 20-25, 15-11 in Battle Creek.

"It was a lot of fun." Novi head coach Julie Fisette said. "It was well worth the work that the girls have out into it.'

Stephanic Cripps and Paige Janer provided the bulk of the hitting for Novi (37-4-3). Cripps had 21 kills and Janer knocked home 16.

'They're phenomenal athletes," Fisette said. "It was a team effort, but by far those two girls hit the top of their stats for every game we played in.

"It was a remarkable year just to see them thrive and to see the team rally behind them."

Novi came out the aggressor in the first game, racing out to a 10-

6 lead. Marian fought back to tie things up at 17. The Wildcats pulled back in front 22-17 and

finished off the win 25-20. Marian took control of game two, taking the serve at 7-6 and not giving it back until the lead

grew to 17-6. Both teams battled throughout the third game. The lead went back and forth with several ties before Marian took serve with a

21-all tie and never gave it back. The Wildcats had to win the fourth game to stay alive, and they answered the call. The teams again battled throughout the game, but Novi pulled away when Haley Miller took the serve up 19-16. Cripps fired down a pair of kills for a 21-16 lead, and the Wildcats forced the final

game with a 25-20 win. Novi scored the first points of the final game, but Marian answered with seven of the next eight for a 7-2 lead. The Wildcats battled within 13-11, but couldn't get over the hump and fell 15-

11.
"I've always wanted to take a team there," said Fisctte of states. "I've always told different teams how cool it is to be there and how

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Wildcats Kim Hildreth, left, and Sarah Robb go up for a block against Bloomfield Marian Thursday night at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek. Novi bowed out of postseason play that night by losing a close match to Marian, where the final score of the tiebreaker game was decided by four points. Novi's volleyball team had never advanced to the state semifinals before.



Photo submitted by Dennis Barnes

Jack Daykin hauls in a pass that went for a 47-yard touchdown Saturday against Macomb Dakota.

CC turnovers prove costly

Shamrocks cough ball up five times in 17-7 defeat

Catholic Central struggled to hold onto the ball and fell 17-7 in Saturday's state semifi-

nals at Troy Athens. Several quality scoring chances fell by the wayside as the Shamrocks turned the ball over five times against Macomb

"I thought it was two real good football teams going after it," Catholic Central head coach Tom Mach said, "We have to finish drives, and we had a lot of mistakes that hurt us. You don't

win football games that way." The Shamrocks (10-3) trailed 7-0 at half and 10-0 just more than three minutes into the third

Catholic Central used the pass to get on the board. Jack Daykin broke wide open up the left sideline. Ryan Houska found him, and Kinville waited for a block before going the distance on a 47-yard touchdown reception with 4:38 left in the third.

The score sparked the Shamrock faithful, but Dakota answered with a clock-sapping drive that won the game.

The Cougars took over the ball at their own 22-line and marched 18 plays for a score.

Mitch Lovett hit Rodney Hush with an 8-yard scoring pass, putting the Shamrocks down by two scores with 7:43 left to play. The Shamrocks are not a team

built for the quick comeback, and the Cougars forced a turnover on downs on fourthand-12 with 6:02 left to play and intercepted a couple of passes as CC was forced to go to the air.

"Our hats go off to them," Mach said. "They deserve the credit. They did a nice job." Hush started the scoring with

a 79-yard reception in the second quarter. The Cougars went with a deep pass on the first play after a turnover and it paid off.

The Shamrocks were unable

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Cheslik brings all-around game

Two Wildcats make All-Area First Team

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville soccer went on its furthest run into the playoffs in school history, and Jeff Cheslik was one of many reasons why.

The senior midfielder knows exactly when to play what roll, offense or defense.

Cheslik's position does not allow him to put up gaudy offensive numbers, but it was his ability to nullify opposition's offense while sparking the Mustangs' attack that helped most.

"Most coaches realize you have some goal scorers and great defenders, but you're still going to win and lose games in the midfield," Northville head coach Henry Klimes said. "He got some big goals when we needed him. He knew how to push up when he had to."

Cheslik's play also got noticed by many others. He was voted to the First Team All-Dream Team

and All-Conference. That means he was being seen by the other coaches as a very,

very dominant player," Klimes Part of what made Cheslik a dominant player was always play-

ing at the highest level.
"He comes to play every day. Every day he was there playing, it didn't matter if it was a weaker opponent or one of the top teams in the state," Klimes said. "He gave a complete effort and dedication for that day."

While being one of the stars on the field, Cheslik also displayed leadership both on and off the pitch.

"I think Jeff had a lot to do with getting the boys on believing that one dream that we had," Klimes said. "His soccer sense and smarts are just remarkable for such a

Cheslik will take his play to Oakland University next year.

"I think he's going to be a great college player," Klimes said.

First Team

Novi blended a lot of new players into a successful team. All-Area First-Teamers Nathan Robinson and Garrett Gauruder were two of the main reasons

Robinson led the team with 27 points, including 17 goals and 10 ssists. He received Third-Team All-State honors and will continue his career at the University of Cincinnati next year.

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Mustang Jeff Cheslik is the All-Area soccer Player of the Year.

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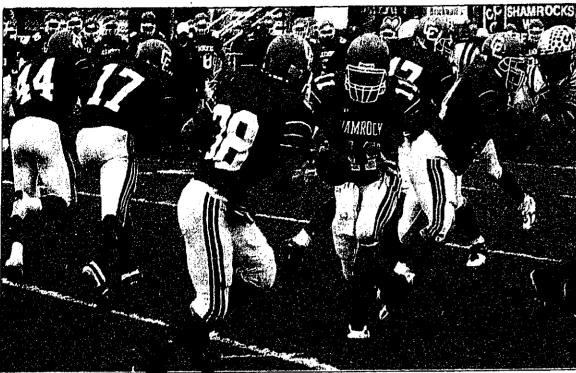


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"They were coming off a los-

Anthony Capatina takes a pitch from quarterback Ryan Houska against Macomb Dakota.

passing for 104 yards and a score

■ SHAMROCKS: Turnovers prove too costly for Catholic Central

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to get big rushing yards with all the turnovers. They finished with 124 yardds on the ground. Anthony Capatina led CC with 40 yards on nine carries. Kinville was next with 38 yards on 10 carries.

and four interceptions. Houska had three of the interceptions. Hush was the main target, hauling in five passes for 107 yards and

with two interceptions. Lovett finished 12-for-17 passing for 182 yards with two scores record.

The Shamrocks come up one ing season last year. They game short of the state finals, but worked themselves into great Mach knows his team accom- shape, and they won eight plished a lot since facing a 3-2 straight games." record.
"I was real happy with our kids," Mach said. "They played jtheisen@gannett.com or at (248)
349-1700, ext. 104.

11th at state

The Novi girl's swim and dive team finished 11th with 86 points at the Division I state meet this past weekend. The Wildcats' wishes to crack the top ten fell just short, as Novi

tial improvement from last year's 22 points and 26th place

three relays. Novi had three top-eight finishes that earned All-State designations. The medley relay of Ashley Bush (back), Meredith Cote (breast), Kerry Abel (fly) and Dana Hapanowicz (free)

carned two of the top eight finishes with a fifth in the 200 free and fourth in the 100 butterfly. Abel's butterfly time of 57.63 improved on her existing Novi

free, and Rebecca Berman's 16th finished just four points away for in the 200 indivdual medley. The 200 free relay team of Hananowicz-Berman-Bush-Madalyn Buha placed 14th. The 400 free relay team of Meredith Cote-Hapanowicz-Berman-Abel placed 10th.

> 500 free) and Annalisa Morgan (20th in the 100 backstroke) and Bush (31st in the 100 back-

cessful 2007 season and, despite losing 13 seniors, the team's depth and strong freshman class bodes well for a better 2008 in the new conference that will add swimming powerhouses Livonia Stevenson (second in the state)

■ ALL-AREA SOCCER: Novi, Catholic Central place four on 1st Team

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"He has tremendous one-onone skill and scored some big goals for us this season," Novi head coach Brian O'Leary said. "He is also very good at scoring goals on free kicks. "He has been our go to player

for two seasons." Gauruder's biggest asset was the ability to play any position that O'Leary needed him to play. He finished with 12 goals and seven assists.

"Garrett's versatility make him so valuable to any team," O'Leary said. "Not only is he a great player, but you can use him at any position. If we were ahead, we can use him at mid or defense. If we are behind, we would put him at forward." Catholic Central also places a pair of players on the First Team

Nick Kristock and Josh Gatt. Gatt led the team with 14 goals and 10 assists, including six game-winners. He was voted First Team All-Catholic League and All-State Honorable Mention.

Finishing out the All-Area First Team are Northville's Latif Alashe, Albert Keif, Alex Marilley, John Donikian and Nick Sclabassi; Lakeland's Ryan Deters and Sean Mccaul; South

Lyon's Andy Ohanesian, Danny Coppola and Kyle Kaminsky; and

Novi placed two more players on the Second Team, and Catholic Central landed four more. Representing the Wildcats are Max Wujczyk and Bobby Laski. Shamrock players include Hendrik vanHoslbeeck, Nick Pelon, Paul Kemennu and Andy Parsons.

The rest of the Second Team includes Northville's Masato Morioka, Doug Beason, Nick MacKinnon; Lakeland's Bryan Bouck and Justin Janssen; South Lyon's Brian Young, Adam Gentile and Jake Green; and Milford's Jeremy Flora.

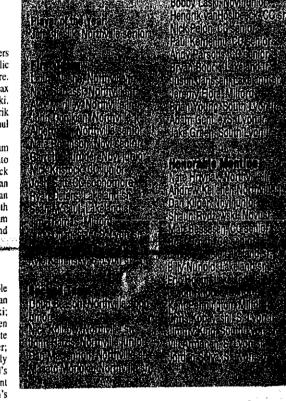
Honorable Mention

Receiving All-Area Honorable Mention honors are Novi's Dan Kilger and Shaun Rydzewski; Catholic Central's Matt Bessesen Kristock played defense and and Brad Smith; Northville's Nate still contributed five goals (two Hrivnak and Andrew Kelleher; game-winners) and three assists. Lakeland's Landon Prisk, Billy He was voted team Co-MVP as Nunoid and Eric Hoepi; Miliord: well as receiving All-State Jason Rhodes and Kent Honorable Mention and First Pennington; and South Lyon's Team All-Catholic League honors. Chris Kobayashi, Jimmy King, Vili Armanen and Jordan Selva.

> The All-Area team is nominated by coaches with final decisions coming from sports writers Jeff Theisen and Patrick Pinter.

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Novi swims to

a tie for seventh.

Novi sent seven swimmers to the state meet in 10 individual Friday's prelims, three swimindividual events along with all

placed fifth in the state.

In individual events, Abel

onds from the event's champion from Ann Arbor Pioneer, Ashley

Novi finalists in consolation heats were Cote's 13th place in both the 200 IM and the 500

Preliminary finishers, not events, plus three relays. After making the top 16 for finals were: Hapanowicz (22nd in the mers returned to the finals in five 50 free), Mary Anolick (26th in the 100 fly), Berman (24th in the

and Northville (fifth at state).

Sport Shorts

AAU Basketball Tryouts

Tryouts are set for the girls AAU Novi Motion Basketball team, formerly known as the Michigan Motion.

All tryouts are Dec. 9 at Novi Middle School and are subject to a

Players need to arrive 20 minutes before the start of tryouts for

registration. Ages 9-10 and younger will be 8-9:30 a.m. Ages 11-12 is 9:45-11:15 a.m. Age groups 13-16 will be held in March. The cutoff dates for birthdays is July 1.

Spring Training

Berkley High School will host a six-week Spring Training 2008 baseball program for players in grades one through 12 from Jan. 19 to Feb. 23. Berkley head coach Jim Ellis will direct the program in conjunction with Midwest Baseball Academy.

For more information, contact Ron Valente at (248) 349-5464.

Sessions are offered in advanced hitting and pitching at a cost of Sessions are offered in advanced finding and providing S99 for six weeks. Space is limited. Registration is now under way. For more information, visit www.sactanatademy.net by call tollfree 866-MBA-HITS.



WILDCATS: Changes pay off

Novi switched styles of play in

the offseason after attending a

she could believe how quickly the

Changes work

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"From the onset, this team had that belief that they were going to camp at Ball State University. Fisette laughed when asked if get there, and they were going to

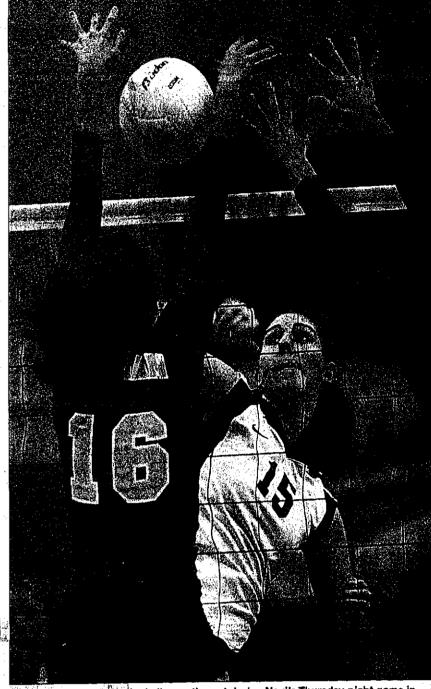
changes paid such big dividends. "It was a great feeling, just the amount of support from the Novi community to the program." "To say that I would've thought it would make this big of an impact, never in my wildest dreams," Fisette said. "But I'm so Marian went on to lose in the state finals to Jenison, 25-23, 25-

glad it did." Fisette said she received a message from members of the Ball

State volleyball program congratulating her on making the final four. But her message to Ball State will be to expect the Wildcats back for another camp. "It worked so well in our pro-

gram, at all levels," Fiscite said. "The stuff that those girls who went" to Ball State brought back was just invaluable when you talk about the impact it made on our program."

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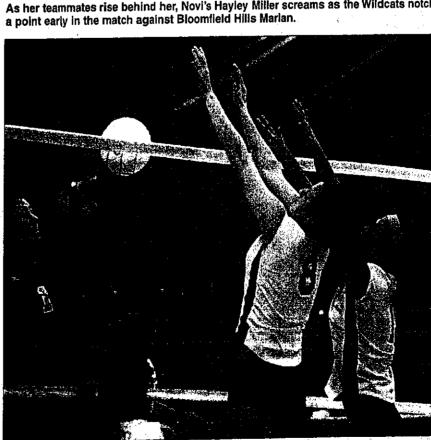
Stephanie Cripps lofts the ball over the net during Novi's Thursday night game in



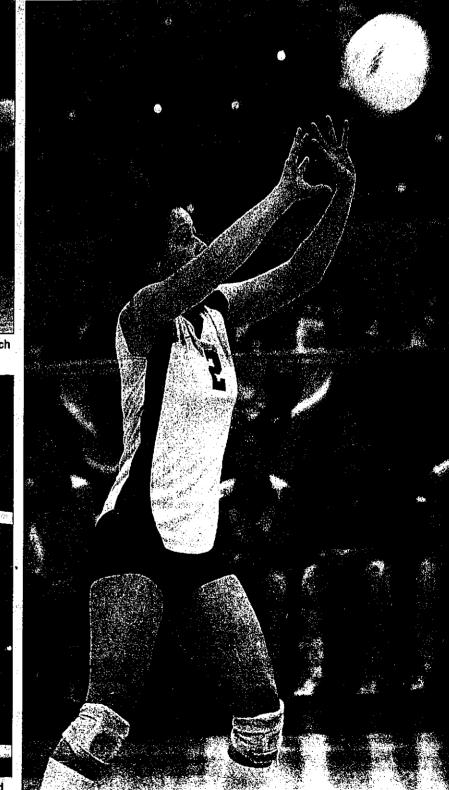
Novi's Paige Janer returns a serve during the Wildcats' semifinal game against

Bloomfield Marian.

As her teammates rise behind her, Novi's Hayley Miller screams as the Wildcats notch

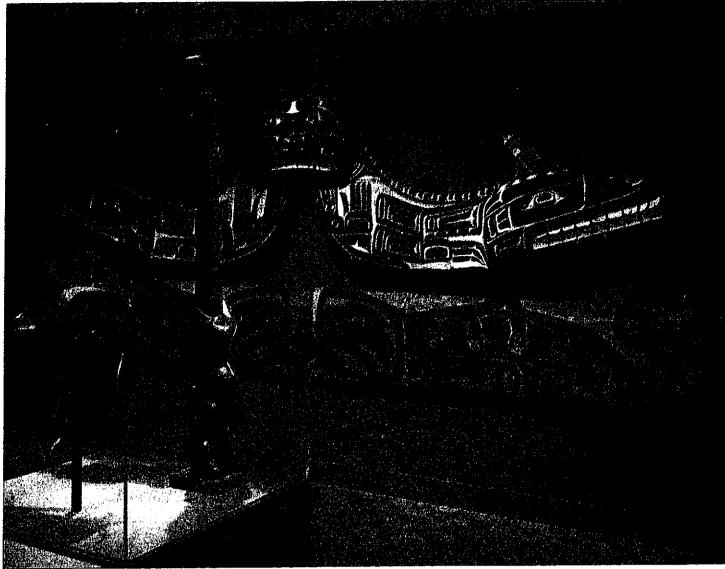


Novi's Sarah Robb and Jacquetyn Longe rise together for a block against Bloomfield Hills Marian High School during Thursday night's state semifinals in Battle Creek.



Wildcat Lauren Farley returns a serve Thursday night in Battle Creek.





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\$158 MILLION RENOVATION New DIA opens tomorrow

By James Mitchell SOUTH LYON HERALD EDITOR

If you think you've been to the Detroit Institute of Arts, think again. Even long-time, frequent visitors may feel as if they're experiencing the museum for the first

In many ways, they are. Beginning tomorrow, the "New " — as the venerable museum is billing itself - unveils a massive "re-installation" launched in 2001. Earlier this year, the DIA closed its doors while the hands-on efforts began in carnest to reorganize its galleries and showcases, home to what has long been considered one of the finest collections of art in North America.

would never arrive," said DIA Director President and CEO Graham W.J. Beal. The ambitious undertaking Beal launched - not long after his 1999 arrival in Detroit - began, in some ways, in 1966. The Woodward Avenue museum was - literally - falling apart, with pieces of granite flaking from its column-lined walls. The addition of north and south wings to the central museum during that period resulted, many felt, in "a labyrinth" that was difficult to

negotiate, let alone tour. Over the years, it became a common concern. Beal said the fundamental goal of the renovation project was "to make art have more meaning to the general public." In other words, if the plan is to spend upwards of \$150 million on a sixplus year project involving more than 60,000 works of art, why stop at just reorganizing the collection?

'No other museum of this scale has attempted a complete, top-tobottom re-installation," said David W. Penney, vice president of exhibitions and collections strategies.

Penney - who joined the DIA in 1980 - and Beale took advantage of both the DIA's reputation and permanent collection. In the past six years (while much of the permanent collection went into storage awaiting the re-installation) the DIA hosted some of North America's landmark special exhibits, including "Degas and the Dance," "Magnificenza! The Medici, Michelangelo and the Art of Late Renaissance Florence" and

"Van Gogh: Face to Face." The collection of Vincent van Gogh portraits set the record for attendance at the museum of more than 300,000 visitors; the DIA was one of just six North American museums to host a show of van Gogh portraits. (An appropriate distinction, as the DIA's iconic self-portrait was the first painting by van Gogh to become part of an American collection when it was purchased in 1927.)

Penney said the re-installation began with a series of informal panels to determine what museum guests wanted. Those involved possessed an in-depth knowledge of the DIA collection, which was coupled with an understanding of what visitors hoped to gain from a tour of the museum. "User-friendly" might have been the guiding principle involved, aiming for a more casual experience with the artists and their creations.

Interactive displays at "The New DJA" don't make assumptions that the casual visitor has an extensive . knowledge of art, and -- especially for younger visitors - panels invite viewers to find particular objects or subjects in a painting to allow the artwork to fulfill its original purpose. (There are now 5,000 text panels among the museum's 140 galleries.) Information provided to visitors avoids academic analysis in favor of more accessible explanations that help the viewer connect to the people, places and cultures represented, resulting in exhibits that are both "kid-friendly" and easy on adults.

"We needed to get to the purpose of art, the shared human and emotional experience," Beal said. The story of art, Beal said, is a framework for a walk through time, civilization and cultures.

Along with classic, priceless paintings from practically every known period and school of art, objects and artifacts are held in 320 cases throughout the museum. (The final piece was put in place on Nov. 8, just one day before a gala was held to welcome the DIA back.)

This has been a delightful adventure," said head designer Michael Graves. "You won't find anything close to what has happened here."

The Detroit Institute of Arts was established in 1887, and its first



Male and female figures from ancient Mexico.

permanent collection, The Detroit Museum of Art moved from relatively modest quarters on Jefferson Avenue to its current Woodward Avenue location in 1927. Over the years, the museum's reputation

grew along with its permanent collection and programs, to include / the Detroit Film Theater, the masterpiece "Detroit Industry" in the Rivera Court (named for muralist

Diego Rivera), and a host of class-

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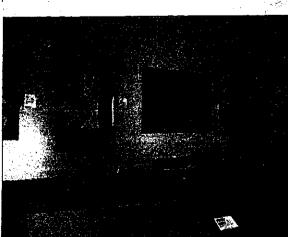
The Detroit Institute of Arts

The museum will open with an official ceremony at the Woodward entrance at 10 a.m. tomorrow, and it will stay open for 32 consecutive hours, closing at 6 p.m. Saturday. Admission is

- 5200 Woodward Ave. in Detroit, just north of Warren
- **(313) 833-7900**
- www.dia.org.

Fun Facts

- of the DIA's current building renovation and expansion project.
- \$158 million was the cost of the DIA's current renovation and expansion project.
- When the renovation project is finished more than 5,000 works of art will have been reinstalled In the newly refurbished and reconfigured galleries of the DIA.
- 657,650 is the total square footage of the DIA, including the new 31,383 square-foot addi-
- 67,000 pieces of new marble called "Vermont Danby" were used in the DIA's renovation and building expansion; it came from the original quarry used for the original building.
- The floor plan of the 1927 building was reproduced in the 1929 edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica to illustrate the ideal museum layout
- The DIA has 140 gal-
- 60,000 works of art are in the DIA's collection.
- Van Gogh's 1887 selfportrait and Matisse's The Window (1916) were the first paintings by those artists to enter
- a U.S. public collection. Face" drew the largest attendance ever for a special exhibition at the DIA - 315,000 visitors.
- Diego Rivera considered his Detroit Industry murais to be his best and most successful work. The Detroit Industry
- murals underwent an extensive cleaning in the mid-1980s using regular soap and water.
- Tintoretto's The Dreams of Men spans 13 feet. framed, weighs 160 pounds, and is the largest painting to be xrayed by the DIA's Conservation Department, it is suspended from the celling as the artist intended.
- 760 DIA volunteers donated 56,176 hours while the DIA was onethird its size. When the museum reopens, 1,000 volunteers will be need-
- To promote a Whistler exhibition in 2004 at the DIA, "Whistler's Mother" threw the first pitch at a Detroit Tigers home
- Amelia Earhart, Admiral Richard E. Byrd, Dizzy Gillespie, Princess Grace of Monaco, James Earl Jones, Spike Lee, Robert Duvall and Rosa Parks are among those who have appeared in programs in the DIA Auditorium.

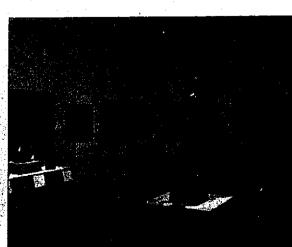


Contemporary art in one of the new African American art galleries.



A section of a gallery called "Made in Paris," featuring

objects purchased by 18th-century aristocrats.



German Expressionist works are set in one of the DIA's Modern Art galleries.