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# **Epicurean** experience



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Chef Andrea George sautees some chicken in the kitchen of Novi's Tassos Epicurean Cuisine.

By Tracy Estes-Mishler

Things are looking up in the way of quality food in the city of Novi as Tassos Epicurean Cursine introduces new ways to welcome althy and tasty Epicurcan food

into your home.

Located off Meadowbrook Road, Tassos is celebrating six years in the city and more than 17 years in business as the calendar changes to 2008, offering quality specialty foods to markets, restauants and hotels across the country.

From hors d'oeuvres, seafood specialties and dips to their famous twice baked potatoes, walnut meathalls and gournet spreads, Tassos Epicurcan Cuisine has it all.

Owned and operated by Farmington Hills-residents and graduate of Le Cordon Bleu Paris,

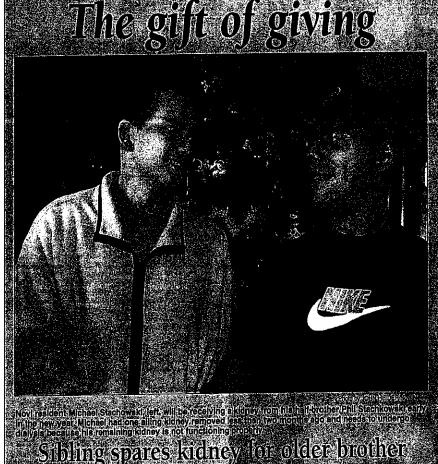
Tasso and Carol Bozadzis, and their son, Christopher, Tassos believes in quality food following the Greek Epicurean philosophy

Tasso Bozadzis said Epicurean is a way of life; some-thing more than just fine, exceptional food.

"Epicurean comes from Epicurus, a Greek philosopher who taught the young people of Athens to live their lives in the highest quality as far as living their lives and even the food they eat," he said. "It's about body care and mind care. It's an overall way

According to Greek history, Epicurus was an ancient philoso-pher, founder of Epicureanism, a popular school of thought in Hellenistic Philosophy, Epicurus', philosophy was to live a happy,

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# Out of the city ground and into the tank

By Chris Jackett STAFF WRITER

With the holidays upon us, most people will be filling up their vehicles at the gas pumps before traveling to family gather-

ings.
Although many would be quick to assume their fuel is coming from the Middle East, some could be coming from much closer to

West Bay Exploration Co. has been pumping oil out of Novi

"There's two pumping units behind the new fire station," Baker said of the city's largest site, southeast of 10 Mile and Wixom roads.

The third oil pump is behind Novi Middle School - off 11 Mile Pard save for Wixom Pool

Road, east of Wixon Road.

"We try to seek out public areas," Baker said. "Parklands and nature are appealing because there's enough room to run."

reservoirs for nearly two decades, according to operations manager. Tim Baker.

"There's two pumping units behind the new fire station," Baker said of the station," Baker said of the station,"

at a diagonal.

Baker said the three Novi sites produce about 500,000 barrels of oil to be sold at about \$90 a barrel, varying as the global economy for the natural resource

changes.

The all-time record high price for oil occurred about a month when the market hit \$99.29

prices hovering within a quarter

of \$3 for the past few months.

"The overseas situation controls the price of oil. I don't look for it tog below \$75, but it may drop below \$80. We get a good share of our oil from South America," Baker said.

Novi's neighboring municipalities also gerate a few under-

Novi's neignoring municipalities also operate a few underground "black gold" mines through West Bay Exploration Co., helping to keep the state's economy rolling and everyones'

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Signs warning about flammable gas are near the gate to West Bay Exploration Company's oil and gas reservoirs in Novi off 10 Mile Road.

Photo by JOHN HEI-DER/Novi News

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#### FRIDAY

Stop in at Emagine Novi, 44425 W. 12 Mile Road, to catch the last films of 2007. The final group include Inc Innai group include
Christmas Day releases of
"Alien vs. Predator –
Requiem," "The Great
Debaters" and "The Water
Horse: Legend of the Deep."
For show times, call (888) 319-3456 or visit www.emag-

ine-entertainment.com

### SATURDAY

Local writers unite from 10 a.m.-noon at the Novi Meeting Room East, 45245 W Mile Road, for a chance to collaborate, critique and create literary mas-terpieces with other

terpieces with other writers. Local writer and Historical

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348-4448 or by visiting www.secondcity.com.
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# Troy barber shop opens Novi location

JJ's Barber Shop in former Phyl's Barber Styling facility

By Kelly Murad

As one barber shop closed its doors, another one opened.

After almost 20 years of servner of Phyl's Barber Styling at retired, closing the shops' doors in

> By Dec. 1, II's Barber Shop of Troy opened its second location, in the former Phyl's facility.

> "We wanted to keep the doors open," said Joel Johnston, part-owner of IJ's Barber Shop, "That was one of the determining factors in opening (in this particular

Another factor was Jeannine Chrzanowski, a former long-time employee of Phyl's who had also worked for Johnston at the JJ's

Barber Shop in Troy.

"We had shared our vision of the four values the bus capansion with her," Johnston said, "So when Phyl decided to have is ministry," Johnston

JJ's Barber Shop is a family-oriented business, which began with Joel's father James in 1986. "We want to keep the old-time

skill, but we expand our knowledge to learn the latest trends, latest techniques," Johnston said.

Having an educated staff is one at JJ's Barber Shop. of the four values the business focuses on.
"One of the other values we

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www.jjsbarbershop.e Walk-in and appointment hours:

a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday: 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday: 8 a.m. 6 p.m. Saturday: 7 a.m. 5 p.m. Sunday: Closed

(now) got an industrial look, Johnston said. "We wanted some "We look to care for our clients thing more trendy, so we gave it a comes through our doors. "That's what gets me out of bed in the mornings. A greater pur-pose than just making money."

Excellence and consistency are

Joel Johnston cuts the hair of customer Anthony Randazzo in JJ's Barber Shop on 10 Mile Road near Meadowbrook, Joel Johnston is part-owner of the shop, which opened its second location in Novi. in December.

said. "We have five wells in Kensington Metro Park. One's Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News Kelli Douglass, operations manager assistant for West reservoir is hard to determine even Bay Exploration, walks by Comerica well 1-29 and 2-29 in Novl, near Wixom and 10 Mile roads. The wells collectively supply about 60,000 cubic feet of natural gas and 50 barrels of oil a day for West Bay. The oil and gas are pumped to a facility in Novi off Wixom Road and are then

trucked to a refinery or are put into the natural gas sys-

tem. Douglass said that West Bay expects to get about 15 more years of use out of the two wells.

Tassos Epicurian Cuisine chef Andrea George Joins Tasso

Novi Oil Pumps

Out of the

city ground

"There are two wells on the Northville Psychiatric Facility property. One has produced 750,000 barrels and the other

about 200,000 barrels," Baker

under Lake Kensington. We drilled two wells behind Bahama

with this eras advanced equipment

uch of it may be water or gas.

tially filled with water or eas. It could

"Sometimes the anomalies are par

absence of pain and fear, and by living a self-sufficient life sur-

living a self-sufficient title sur-rounded by friends.

Tassos Epicurean Cuisine fol-lows the Greek philosopher's teachings, and makes sure all food distributed from its facility is of the up most quality.

Christopher Bozadzis, chief operating officer and executive chef for Tassos, said the business

currently ships products to larger distributing companies like Kroger, HEB in Texas, Lipari Foods and Sam's Club in Mexico.

east coast," he said. "My dad just wanted to supply good, quality healthy food. It's like feeding the Epicurean experience can have an Epicurean experience can have an experience can

■ Sibling

spares kidney

son Daniel is 27 and Jonathan is 24.

gus of Novi High School who now lives in Wixom with his brother Dan, said it was an easy

decision for him to donate one of

life, pretty much. I was the best donator. We let the doctor pick.

Dan would donate to anyone, but

Jon was the next best match," he said. "We knew his kidneys were failing. He was an upbeat kind of

"(I decided to do it) to save his

his kidneys to his brother.

continued from front

Tassos first opened in 1991 as a take-out gournet facility, Today, aside from distributing food to different markets and companies across the country, Christopher said the business has grown leaps and bounds offering catering services and their newest feature, La Table Du Chef.

With Christopher and newest Tassos Executive Chef Andrea George, also a graduate of Le ply providing food or preparing

residents looking for a home Epicurean experience can have an entire meal prepared for six to 20

culinary demonstration and con-cludes with a gournet meal pre-pared by a Tassos executive chef. "It's all customized and it's sure there are people who have an interest in learning these kinds of

things. The idea is to make a night out of it. It's their party." He said Tassos also does small catering events, whether it be sim-

"I'm not really satisfied with the food we have in this area," he thing a little different, food they might find in LA or New York, The event commences with a this is definitely for them.

game, and we had some in Lansing, Hartland, Howell. "He was actually a really good brother now that I think of it."

With their father and oldest brother Leonard Stachowski Jr.

both living hours away and their brother Jonathan fathering a baby

born two weeks ago, the family plans to work through the hard times together as best they can. "I can't lift more than 10 pounds for six weeks," Phil Stachowski

said of the time following the Jan

going to the hospital. I had to go in four times in three weeks. I was building houses. Now I work at Arby's for \$7 an hour. I live with my older brother, Dan, so he's

going to put in overtime to help me

Michael Stachowski, who still

referees hockey as he recovers, can't wait until everything's done and he can get back to playing

This fall was the first time in six years he wasn't able to put togeth-er an "all-star" team of guys from

the Novi recreational league to travel to the Independent Softball Association's Fall World Series in

"We're looking forward to get-

ting back to things and having a normal life again," said Michael's wife, Karen Stachowski. "It makes

you realize what's more important

in life, material things or family. Michael Stachowski said his

family - dad, brothers, wife and

daughters Taylor, 9, and Kelsey, 8 - have been as helpful and sup-

portive as possible during this rough patch of a few months.

"They've just been there for

The final outcome

Michael Stachowsk

shows the 10-inch sca

on his right where his

ess that lwo month

guy. Now he just sits around. We talk a lot more. We talked before,

Phil Stachowski said his broth-er Michael Stachowski, a 1985

alumnus of Novi High School, had always been there for him

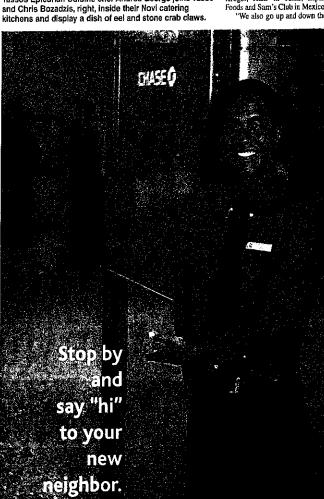
"He was there until he got married 12 years ago this December. He taught me everything I know — hockey, golf, baseball," he said. "He was my baseball coach since I was 5. I was on the high copic backey.

was on the high school hockey team. He did not miss a single me," he said.

Family bonds

their Web site and possibly a new in the works.
"We're already booked up for

New Year's Eve, but there's plen-(clients) want the most exclusive



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reacquainted.

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Fred Ciampa

Gary Cline

Colleen Collier

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Claudia Blanchard

Debbie Anderson

nel includes series and episodic premieres each month of select popular shows such as "Hannah Montana," "The Suite Life of

able to carry-on the business,

said. "It's always been a city that's

attractive and it's up and coming."

JJ's is a full-service shop

Chrzanowski being the only for

mer Phyl's employee.
"Our flavor is we appeal to young men, but also service women," Johnston said, "We're

all about family. Not just limiting it to young or old, or just men."

During the month the building was closed, the shop underwent

"It was a total remodel. It's

employing five service pro

Jeannine connected with us. The idea of opening a shop in Novi was appealing to Johnston. "Novi has a good reputation," he

Original Movies
Disney on Demand is available
as a subscription service for
\$3.99/month and can be found in
the On Demand menu under
Premium on Demand. Digital Zack and Cody," "Disney's Little Einsteins," "My Friends Tigger and Pooh" and Disney Channel

Photo contest deadline Time is running out to enter the Novi Historical Commission's

The contest runs through tomorrow and contestants may submit as many as five photo-graphs at \$5 per entry. Eligible

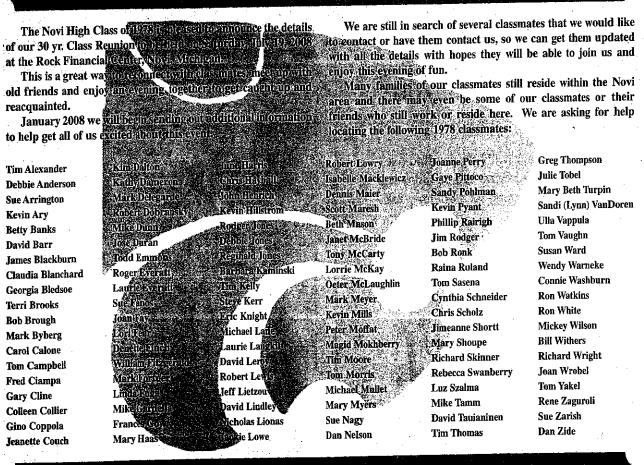
group.
Top finishers could receive \$100, \$50 and \$25 prizes, or the distinction of "People's Choice," an award voted on by those

attending the post-competition photo exhibition in January.

Call (248) 224-4211 or visit www.cityofnovi.org for more information and to obtain an entry

year's American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Novi. This

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MY PUBLIC SAFETY

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# **'Hail to the Chief'**

#### ■ Molloy elected president of Oakland County Board

By Kelly Murad

Chief David Molloy, of the Novi Police Department is mak-

ing the community proud.

Molloy, 40, was elected president of the Oakland County
Association of Chiefs of Police for 2008. Of the 120 men and women in the association, representing more

other communities it's really important to be involved with this," he said, "We'll be at the forefront of any new information, new issues."

Almost three years ago Molloy

began service on the board as the sergeant at arms, before becoming vice president. Molloy said if the possibility exists that his term could be extended.

Molloy began as a uniform police officer with the Novi Police Department in 1989. He went on to become a detective, sergeant, detective sergeant, lieu-tenant and deputy chief before his promotion to chief in 2005. "I just enjoy being a public serthan 60 law enforcement agen-cies, Molloy feels honored to

nt. Among the many accomplish-"If you want to stay current ments during his 18 years in Novi,

national Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the U.S.

Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration. Molloy also serves as the Immediate Past Executive Board President of the Fraternal Order of Police of Southwest Oakland County and sits on the Novi Youth Assistance General Advisory Board.

Detective promoted to ser-Detective Jerrod Hart, of the

Novi Police Department was pro-moted to Training and Standards Sergeant last Friday. "I'm proud to be able to pro-mote Jerrod to this key leadership position," Molloy said.

Novi Police Department 16 years ago as an officer in the uni-form division. He went on to become the first School Resource Officer at Novi High before becoming a "Jerrod's a very hard-working

police officer who gives his absolute best everyday," Molloy said. "He's gone above and beyond every expectation we've Hart is currently working toward a master's degree in police administration through Ferris State University.

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Novi Chief of Police David Mollov, elected president of the Oakland County Association of Chiefs of Police

### Missing handgun, shotgun

According to recent police reports, a Glock model 23, 40-calliber handgun was stolen from a POLICE BRIEFS vehicle between 8:30 p.m. Dec

18 and 7:30 a.m. Dec. 19.

The white Ford Explorer was parked in the driveway of a resi-

dence on Kingsley Court. According to the owner, the handgun was loaded and contained one 10 Round Magazine. It was left in a black holster in the driver-side front door pocket

overnight. At about 7:30 a.m. Dec. 19, the owner's wife noticed the interior dome light on in the vehicle. As the owner investigated his vehiele, he observed the tailgate was latched, but not closed complete

ly, reports said. There were no signs of forced entry, but the owner believes the doors were locked, reports said, on purpose because she did not

Suspect self-served and forgot to pay At about 2:15 p.m. Dec. 20, a

middle-aged woman pulled out of a gas station on 12 Mile Road without paying for the gas, reports

Volkswagen before departing. The owner obtained a possible

tion, reports said The owner said the woman did

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speed out of the parking lot,

Snowman stabbed A 13-foot blow-up snowmar was cut by an unknown suspect between 11:30-11:35 p.m., Dec. According to the owner of the 20, near Llewelyn Road, reports

gas station, the woman pumped \$26.19 worth of gas into her blue small engine vehicle leave the front of his house at a high rate of plate number, but could not pro-vide police with further informaspeed and looked outside and

According to the man, the snowman cost \$110.

The resident observed one set

small tennis shoe footprints

man, which was in the front yard, and back to the road, reports said.

If the suspect(s) can be determined, the resident intends to press charges, reports said.

leading from the road to the snow-

Between Dec. 10 and Dec. 15

an unknown suspect(s) stole \$3,000 worth of hunting equip-ment from a residence on Deer Run, reports said.

The equipment, which included an H & K 12-gauge shotgun with ammunition and compound bow and arrows, was stored in bags and cases in the arrange proofs. ma at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain, Walk, reports said.

and when she returned from a According to the report, the movie at about 11:15 p.m., the nant believes the sus-entered through an vehicle had been damaged

reports said.

According to the report, the passenger-side of the vehicle, from the rear to the front, had

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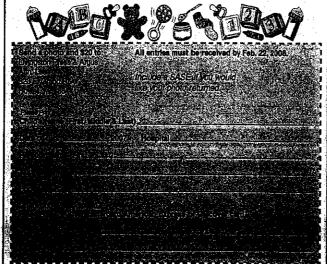
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Hatalie Rose Holmberg

John and Leslie (Reinke)

Holmberg of Howell proudly

announce the birth of their daughter Natalie Rose Holmberg on Nov. 9 in Howell, She weighed in 7

inches long.
She is welcomed by her 3-year-old brother, Kyle.
Proud grandparents include Evelyn and the late La Verne Reinke of Novi and Ann and John Holmberg of Clinton Township, and great-grandpar-

Names in the News

#### Vincent Slovan

Vincent Slovan received professional commission int the U. S. Navy in July 2007 Ensign Slovan, a Novi High School class of 2002 graduate, received his degree in bio-physiology from the University of Michigan in 2006 and is currently attending the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine. Upon graduation i 2010. Slovan will fulfill a three

#### ENGAGEMENT



Rabahy-Brandon

David and Catherine Rabahy of

Calif. to Matthew Jacques

Calif. to Matthew Jacques Brandon of Twentynine Palms, Calif., son of Roderick and Susan Brandon of Livonia.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Mercy High School, Farmington Hills, and a 2007 graduate of Michigan State University. She works at The Cheesecake Factory, Rancho Mirage, Calif.

The groom-elect is a 20/4 gradiant of Michigan State University.

The groom-elect is a 2004 grad-ate of Churchill High School, uate of Churchill High School, Livonia He is currently employed by the United States Marine Corps, stationed at base in Twentynine Palms, Calif. A February 2008 wedding is

### The Art Institute of Michigan names president

appointment

Inc., with offices in Detroit and

Vancouver, British Columbia,

announces Jeremy Holt of Novi has been appointed president, CEO and a director of the board.

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and heavy-duty diesel engines.

school that offers academic pro-grams in design, fashion and culi-nary arts, has named Ted Blashak president. In this position



Ted Blashak resource departments Prior to joining The Art Institute of Michigan, Blashak served as vice president of busi ess research & effectiveness for Apollo Group Campus Services. His responsibilities included analyzing student data related to the etention of more than 100,000 online undergraduate and graduate students, identifying opportunities for improved student retention and exploring various partner

gets.

Blashak graduated from the University of New Mexico with a bachelor's degree in organization-al communication and a master's degree in adult education/training & development. He is currently a student at the University of Phoenix pursuing an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership. Blashak is a member of the

Club, Detroit Economic American Association and Leadership Detroit, Blashak currently resides

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#### with Tastefully Simple

Susan Vargas of Novi has become an independent consult-ant with Tastefully Simple Inc., a national direct-sales company featuring easy-to-prepare gourmet

As a consultant, Vargas offers the company's gourmet foods and beverages to guests at home taste-testing parties. Guests receive samples, easy meal ideas, recipes and serving suggestion For more information about Tastefully Simple products, tastetesting parties or the business

Citizens Bank names vice president

Citizens Bank named Mark Machala vice president and treasury management sales representative at its Novi offices. In this role, Machala is responsible for deliver ing efficient treasury management solutions to help business clients in Oakland and Washtenaw counties. He works with clients to identify

> ury management operations and efficiencies and profitability.

nefficiencies in their current treas

College and MBA from Western Michigan University.

fied qualified candidates by using

a multi-step evaluation process that incorporated peer recognition and professional achievement.

Alexander is also a member of the

Million Dollar Advocates Forum

John T. Alexander graduated from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, B.A., 1983 and the

University of Detroit School of Law, J.D., 1990. He devotes his

practice exclusively to the repre-sentation of people injured by auto and truck accidents, medical and

nursing home malpractice, police brutality, construction accidents

Cost-Effective

middle market and comme

finance, working for a large

real estate clients. He has addi

pany in the energy industry. Mark obtained his BA from Alma Northwood University students Lance Suttle, a graduate of Novi High School, and Rachel Lilly of Walled Lake Western received the 2007 Best of Show Award for their Dodge automotive display that they co-captained for the 44th Alexander honored John T. Alexander, a partner in the law office of Alexander & Angelas, P.C., located in Bingham annual Northwood University International Auto Show it The event featured more than 500 Farms has recently been honored by being named a Michigan Super

new domestic and import vehicles.

It is the largest outdoor auto show in North America and one of

the largest shows of its kind in the

Senior Dawn Elizabeth Wilfong, a 2004 graduate of Novi High School, was recently involved in was a collection of three plays no intended to fit together as a single theatrical piece. Wilfong was the production stage manager for the recent production of Medieval

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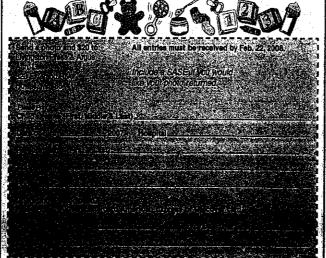
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# My Novi News



Retiring director of the Novi Public Library, Brenda Lussier, greets her friend Roland Heaton at a farewell reception honoring her many years of service. Heaton was the founder of the Friends of Novi Library. In November, the library's \$16 million bond proposal for a 60,000-square-foot new building was approved by 64 percent of voters.



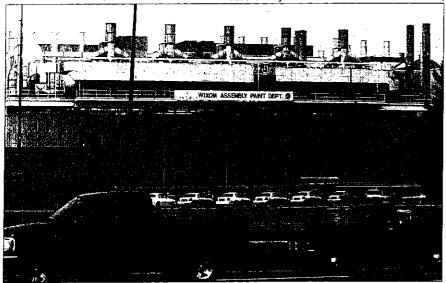
Tapper's Diamonds' Deanna Kleinman holds a strand of Tahitian black pearls at Tapper's Bloomfield store. The new Tapper's Novi location helped Twelve Oaks Mall celebrate its 30th anniversary this year.



assed by more than 60 percent of voters.



Julie Farkas took over the duties as Director of the Novi Public Library on Nov. 12.



The Wixom Assembly Plant is shown on one of its last days of operation last week. The 4.7-million-square-foot assembly plant on Wixom Road just north of Interstate 96 built Ford and Lincoln cars for the last 50 years. The nt employed 1,200 workers.



Novi Meadows instructor Lisa LaPorte, gesturing to her Year in a ceremony on Wednesday, May 23. LaPorte was recognized not only for her efforts in the classroom, but also in being a part in shaping the school's curriculum



Shoppers try on and check out shoes at Twelve Oaks Mall's Nordstrom department store on its first full day of store and its Novi location will feature five different shoe

#### PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER



Novi Meadows sixth grade teacher Dr. Katherine Ellis hands out blue ribbons to her class in honor of its selection by the Michigan Department of Education as an Exemplary School for its academic achievements



Investigators from the Novi Fire and Oakland County Sheriff's departments look at the remains of the form Whitehall Nursing Center.

# My Novi Sports LOOK AT 2007 | BEST OF 2007

By Jeff Thelsen

The Novi girls soccer team rolled through playoffs and won an unprecedented third straight state title.

ranked Rochester 2-1 June 16 at

Troy Athens.
Novi (22-1-2) pressured the Falcons (21-1-2) furiously late in the first half, but it appeared as though the half was going to end in a 1-1 tie. Stephanic Crawford alertly

headed the ball back toward the net, and Fratto blasted a shot off the right post that careened into the net about the same time as the horn sounded. In soccer, a ball must be com-

pletely over the goal line before the horn goes off to signal the end The head official signaled a

Rochester head coach Todd Heugh came storming onto the field in protest, but the goal remained and turned out to be the

game winner.

"What a heads up play by two
people," Novi head coach Brian
O'Leary said. "Crawford got it play to knock it in blind

"Jamie had the piece of mind to know, 'Hey, I've got to shoot this thing fast.' If she would've taken anything more than a turn-andshoot it probably wouldn't have Crawford didn't care about the

controversy, she loved the play.
"That was the coolest goal I
think I've ever seen in my life," think. Did that really just hap-"I've never seen a goal like that

before, It was so cool."

Novi goalkeeper Erin Zerio kept the ball out of the net the rest of the way, and five Wildean capped their career with a third-straight state title: Crawford, Stephanie Janssens, Emily Stephanie Janssens, Emily Esbrook, Kristine Chaklos and

#### Martin claims pair of state Catholic Central's Mike Martin

capped off an amazing 2007 with pair of state titles. His first came in wrestling

despite never competing in the sport before the season.

Martin's friend, Stephen Gatt, persuaded him to come out for the team to help fill the heavyweight slot. Martin claims he didn't want to, but did it anyway to stop his

friend's nagging.

Martin initially struggled the bracket and wound up in the state title match against Port ron's Aaron Robin

Matthew Armstrong in second eriod to lead 3-2 heading into the third Martin started in the down

"I didn't like it ... but coach talked to me after practice," Martin said. "I couldn't quit. I inted to help the team as much "I'm starting to love this sport

"Timing, coordination and control are also significant elements.

He exhibited all of those."

Wyandotte. Novi raced out to a

record), beating Lansing Sexton's

A run like never before Novi volleyball had never

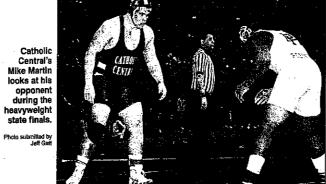
In the spring, Martin handled reached the state finals, the throws for the track team.

Entering the state meet, he was

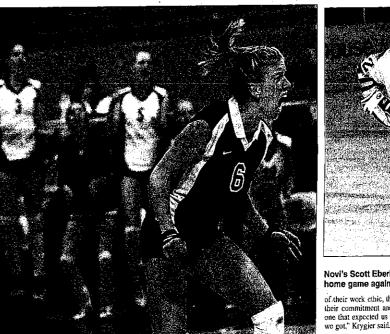
Wyandotte. Novi raced out to a big lead in the first game and eventually won 25-18. Wyandotte Wildcats started to click toward big lead in the first game and eventually won 25-18. Wyandotte

semifinals.

The Wildcats pushed Marian to the brink, but lost 20-25, 25-17,







As her teammates rise behind her, Novi's Hayley Miller screams as the Wildcats notch a point early in a match against Bloomfield Hills Marian.

The Catholic Central football team faced a possibility of not making the playoffs midway through the season. On a two-game slide, they faced Orchard Lake St. Mary's, who was unbeatone of the top shot put throwers in the state and proved as much with defense that refused to let the ball "I've always want detense that refused to let the ball hit the floor, the Wildcats started knocking off playoff teams one by one.

Wildcat hockey proved it isn't

always told different teams how cool it is to be there and how it Matthew Armstrong in second place by more than two fect.

"Mike hates losing and that fuels his determination to win," said Eugene Grewe Jr., Catholic Central shot put coach. "He is extremely strong; but in throwing, strength is only one factor, albeit a mat first trophy of the central shot put coach."

What appeared to be a major burdle in its to be there and how it feels.

"From the onset, this team had that belief that they were going to get there, and they were going to do it.

The Shamrocks won 38-10 to start the playoffs. The Shamrocks dropped Lansing Everett 21-7 in the second round to claim the district title. Catholic Central traveled to Holt in the regionals, but with a 13-9 victory against the final four of the stop until the final four of the start the playoffs. The Shamrocks won 38-10 to start the playoffs. The Shamrocks won 38-10 to start the playoffs. The Shamrocks dropped Lansing Everett 21-7 in the second round to claim the district title. Catholic Central traveled to Holt in the regionals, but with a 13-9 victory against the second round to claim the district title. Catholic Central traveled to Holt in the regionals, but with a 13-9 victory against the second round to claim the district title. Catholic Central traveled to Holt in the regionals, but with a 13-9 victory against the second round to claim the district title. Catholic Central traveled to Holt in the regionals, but with a 13-9 victory against the second round to claim the district title. Catholic Central traveled to Holt in the regionals, but with a 13-9 victory against the second round to claim the district title. Catholic Central traveled to Holt in the regionals, but with a 13-9 victory against the second round to claim the district title implication games in the KVC and came away 4-0, which are the cash that the playoffs. one. What appeared to be a major

the end of the year under first-year head coach and former NHL won the next game, but Novi won 25-16, 25-17, advancing to the

regional play.

The Wildcats won the regional title with a 3-2 win against KVC foe Lakeland. awaited the Wildcats in the quarerfinals. Novi again stayed alive

Frozen Four at Compuware Arena.
"Coming from 3-8-1, to actually finish .500 and in the semifinals, we have a lot to be proud of,"

Novi's biggest winning streak of the year was a three-gamer midway through the season. The Wildcats bettered that when the games mattered most - the play-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Novi's Scott Eberline looks to make a pass in a Novi

home game against Lakeland. of their work ethic, their attitude, never gets too down. He's very

Shamrocks roll

their commitment and there's no one that expected us to be where see him sweat."

#### Other 2007 highlights

Novi football rode into the record and the season took off from there. The Wildcats were

Novi didn't stop there. The Wildcats started their playoff run with a 13-9 victory against left town with a 21-7 win and a Livonia Churchill before losing to

team didn't have a marquee play-er, but that was fine with head coach Bill Kelp. Teams weren't

attack to break down the opposi

ition.

It all came together when the

Wildcats knocked off Canton to

For fall sports, the KVC is now

### with a 17-7 win in the final four.

en. Catholic Central (10-3) buck-

led down and won 21-10, starting

player Todd Krygier.
The playoffs started with a 5-0 win against Livonia Franklin and a 5-2 win versus Plymouth in pre-Catholic Central freshman Joseph Dubé has an honor that able to try and stop one player few first-year players can and the Wildcats used a balanced

postseason. Dubé, playing at No. 2 singles, the No. 4 seed. He faced the claim the district title, something toughest road possible for him-self, beating both the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds along the way. Dubé came back to beat No. 1

West Ottawa 6-3, 2-6, 6-4, despite falling behind 3-0 in the final set No. 2 seeded Eric Hubbard of

Ann Arbor Pioneer also made the finals, but Dubé dispatched him in straight sets, 6-3, 7-5 to claim the

"It's pretty remarkable that someone can have that kind of poise as a freshman," CC head coach Joe Stafford said. "He

history. The eight-team league is combining with teams from the WLAA and adding two more for a 24-team league that will be bro-ken into six divisions.

swim and dive and football in a tie Jeff Theisen can be reached at

played some incredible tennis. itheisen@gannett.com or at (248)
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### MY NEIGHBORS

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# Sister act: She's my true holiday hero

described as pristine by doctors, however they accidentally nicked

Whitfield's spleen, causing inter-

"It kind of hit me in the hospi-

tal when I was getting the blood transfusions," she said. "I

thought about how important it is

to give that pint of blood. I never thought 1 would be the one in

By Jessie Ellis

Elizabeth Willis has a lot to be thankful for this holiday season For the past 14 years, Willis has suffered kidney failure. In July, her sister Linda Whitfield of Novi donated one of her kidneys to

'She's my hero," Willis said. Willis' kidney began to fail late in 2005. By early 2006 she was on the transplant list and facing years of dialysis. On a spring day last year Whitfield, wife of City of Novi Police Sgt. Terry Whitfield, and Willis went out for lunch. Teary-eyed, Whitfield looked at

her sister.
"Would you consider taking "It was out of left field." Willis said. "I never even suspected she was going to tell me that. For the

Willis was first diagnosed with

ney transplant in Michigan. Three days a week for four years she went to dialysis, but her kidneys began to scar and lose their ability to function properly. After four ears of dialysis Willis was nearing her limit.
"That last year was tough,"

Then one day she got a call saying that a cadaver kidney was available.

"I had mixed feelings," Willis said; "I was happy about getting a kidney, but saddened too. I was amazed that someone thought of

The cadaver kidney was far from a perfect match for Willis. There is a factor called an "anti-

surgery. Willis suffered near rejection issues. She was very sick for about six months, but slowly getting better every day. For another six months Willis

felt better, but then she began to feel ill again. A nagging backache persisted, despite visits to the doctor. Willis was diagnosed with Stage IV Lymphoma, and an enlarged tumor was causing her back pain.

Willis went through chemother-

apy and has been in remission for nearly eight years. However, the chemotherapy damaged the kid-ney and doctors told Willis that it would fail in about eight weeks after she stopped taking

chemotherapy. She would have to go back on dialysis. Instead of taking eight weeks for the kidney to fail, it took six years of gradual decline. At the end of

of the match. A perfect match is six antigens, but the cadaver kidney had only one antigen. After when Willis was first diagnosed Whitfield had considered donating one of her kidneys, but ng was not right.

"I didn't have the support system," Whitfield said. "I didn't fee!" like I could make a good decision. Though she decided not to become a donor at the time, Whitfield carried the idea in the back of her mind. Sitting down to lunch in 2006, knowing that the

kidney was failing.

finally felt ready, and began the long process of testing which started in September and lasted through November. The best test result news came when Whitfield found out her antigen numbers.
"I remember

Whitfield said. "I was driving and I pulled off to the side of the road. (The counselor) told me I was six antigens. She was crying and I

not be a more perfect match.
"It's like winning the lottery,"
Willis said. She knows people on
dialysis who have several siblings The very next day Willis was of IVs and walked down to see her sister.
"I called it my pole dance,"
Willis joked. "It took all my who do not match at all. In July surgery day finally came. Whitfield's kidney was

strength to do it."
When the sisters saw each other

they cried and hugged.
"I thought a lot about when we nal bleeding. They repaired the nick, but Whitfield lost some blood. Willis' surgery went perlost (dad)," Whitfield said, "He

tats the perfect football pass.
Because of the internal bleeding, Whitfield received blood transfusions. A lifelong blood transfusions. A lifelong blood deade. She takes seen pills a decade. She takes seen pills a decade. She takes seen pills a decade when the pills a decade when the pills a decade when the pills a decade. She takes seen pills a decade when the pi the rest of her life. Willis is think work and volunteering.
"She's my hero," Willis says of

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### Farewell ponytails

donates hair to charity

By Kelly Murad

and parent, Dawn Bluga measured the girls hair of Brownie

Each girl needed her ponytail to Eight of the 10 girls in the Deerfield Elementary School troop earned a Locks of Love

patch by donating anywhere from 6- to 12-inches of hair to Locks of ... Both non-profit organizations provide hairpieces to financially challenged children suffering

"I am so happy of the unselfish act that these 8-year-old girls decided to do," Bluga said,
The idea for such a selfices act

Mackenna Semeyn.

"At the beginning of the year, one of the girls in the troop suggested that all the girls donate their hair to these charities."

Bluga said, "So none of the girls got haircuts for almost a year."

Although the idea of losing 8. Although the idea of losing 8-

inches of hair may be traumatic for some girls, Semeyn felt proud Since Locks of Love requires hair donations to be a min of 10-inches in length, most of the girls donated their hair to Children with Hairloss, a Michigan-based organization that

accepts contributions of shorter lengths of thair.
"A lot of the girls wanted to do it, but didn't have long enough hair," Bluga said. "This organiza-tion (Children with Hairloss) will take hair as short as 6-inches, some of the girls' hair was not as long as Locks of Love requires which is 10-inches.

hair, with Shannon Murphy making the longest donation.

Twas sort of scared," she said. donation?

Children with Hairloss Web ing donation requirements: fundralsers and events; con tact information; and volunteer conortunities

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to a good cause, adjusting to shorter hair was difficult for most "I didn't like it because I could-

Even with the donations going

n't put my hair in a ponytail," said Jackie Dolin, who donated 8-Sarah Patton, who donated 10-

and up to her ears.

The four other Brownies who



Jackle Dolin, left, Mackenna Semeyn, Samantha Bluga and Emily Mayoras spent a day In total, the girls of troop 2131 donated more than 70-inches of inches, said even though she doesn't like her hair too long, she didn't like when it was first cut at the salon together, getting their hair cut.

Sweeney, 6-inches; Claire "I take my hat off to them," Frankowski, 10-inches; Samantha Bluga said. "Their hair donations Bluga, 10 1/2-inches; and Emily Mayoras, 8-inches."

Novi News staff writer Kelly furad can be reached at (248)

## Lasting traditions: Spreading holiday cheer

By Tracy Estes-Mishler

Katie Brown is a true believer

in traditions,

And she's proved this by carrying on a holiday tradition she started 12 years ago by bringing together mothers and daughters for some memorable and meanineful holiday cheer.

Brown, of Novi, and her daughters, Sarah, 14, and Nicole, 9, wh attend Northville schools, each year host a mother-and-daughter holiday brunch with a seasonal play or musical to follow.

"It's a special event for mothers and daughters," Brown said. "It

started off small, but now about 50 moms and daughters have joined us in our tradition."

Aside from good food and friendly faces, Brown also selects a charity of organization to sup-

Dreams Foundation. This year, Brown decided it

nosed with breast cancer. wrote inspirational messages fo breast cancer patients at Novi's Providence Hospital Infusion

would be a good idea to honor a neighbor who attends the holiday brunch and was recently diag-As a holiday craft, the daughters made more than 20 colorful centerpieces and the mothers

ing time together. Flower Alley, in Novi, donated all supplies for the arrangements. This really hit home this year."

Brown said. "Not a single one of us has not been, or will be, touched by someone with breast cancer. "When I was a kid, (breast can-

know this is a beatable disease.

#### Lasting traditions

This year, after brunch and holiday music orchestrated by Brown's son, Kyle, 16, and University of Detroit friends Patrick Levandowski and Justin Malkowski, the women attended Northville's Tipping Point Theater production of "Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings."

"We've seen everything from the Nuteracker and Christmas Carol to the Radio City Rockettes Brown said. "We love our day together, but I think even more, we love the opportunity to truly spread some good cheer during

Lissa Chartier, of Farmington Hills, attended the brunch with her two daughters, Diana, 14, and

Chartier said the brunch reminds her of the days when women would get together once a year or more and knit blankets or scarves while talking and spend-

"I'm one of those traditional people, and we all look forward to this day every year." Chartier said.
"We've watched our children grow up together, and this is a great way realize how important those tradi-of bonding and catching up." realize how important those tradi-tions were.



patients at Novi's Providence Hospital Infusion Center.

The daughters from this year's Mother and Daughter brunch display their centerpieces created for cancer

Chartier said over the years, all the mothers are able to see each other in the different stages of

"It's comforting," she said, "To me, the charity support is a won-derful influence, but the neatest part is the women being togethe and helping each other in the dif-

Carrying on traditions

daughters, Sarah and Nicole, con mother-and-daughter brunch in

the future. She said many kids might think certain traditions are silly, but as an adult they might look back and

"My daughter said to me the other day, 'Boy, mom, we do, have a lot of traditions,' Brownsaid, 'Il hope they do continue to carry on this tradition. Now they think it's special, and I'm hoping they still

ah Brown said she looks forward to having all the mothers and daughters over to her house

every year.

"It's not just another party,"
Sarah said, "It's part of our life. Brown said she hopes her It's something I know will happen every year."

Sarah said she looks forward to

behind (this

ly doesn't get to see on a regula basis due to traveling distance.



did it when she was younger, and I'd like to see it keep going as well." Sarah Brown, Katle Brown and Nicole Brown.

### High School takes band honors; alumni hockey game Sunday

Novi High School is fortunate to be represented in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association All-State High School Band by five outstanding students: junior Matt Baker, trumpet; senior Alyssa Kochyan, prin-cipal clarinet; junior Jessie Linton, alto saxophone; junior— Erica Qiao, principal bassoon; and senior Erica Shadwell, princi-

nat hass clarinet ed from more than 1,850 live auditions and is represented by 55 high schools from throughout Michigan, Novi High School is the only school with five students. Admission is free.

Admission

State Band will perform as part of the Wichigan Music Conference

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Novi alumni hockey game The seventh annual Novi Wildcat Green and White Game will be held from 8:30-10:20 p.m. Sunday, Dec.

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eturning alumni who include: School 6000 Bogie Lake Road, share representing their cultural

Commerce Township. The com-munity event celebrates the mes-

Admission is free and attendees

es by student choirs, the Walled Schools "Friend of Diversity" awards and this year's main performance by professional storyleller LaRon Williams and Walled Lake students.

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heritage. For more information, call
Alec Bender at (248) 956-3432. won the Midwest Collegiate Robber
B division title for the 2006-07 sea-

#### Parenting fair

The 16th annual Wailed Lake Schools Parenting Education Fair will be 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saurday, March 8 at Walled Lake Northern High School. Parents and throughout the Detroit area are

# Area church's new name a fateful coincidence

By Alison Bergsieker

Coincidence: The occurrence of events that happen at the same ime by accident but seem to have

When Novi resident Dana Corbit, 41, began writing her inspirational romance series avid fan of Corbit's novels, drove

based on the Milford community, she had no idea what kind of coin-

Ridge Road in Milford decided it was time for a new name, so Rev. Rich LaBelle came up with Hickory Ridge Community Church in place Milford resident Joy Golicz, an Corbit's books.

knew she had come across an interesting coincidence: The church had changed its name to one that Corbit had findingly used in her novels since 2002. And even more interesting --

like a prophetic thing. It's just a like a very odd coincidence."

confirmation from us that what Linda and Rich had an oppor

Corbit agreed that the name

Community Church. "It's almost at the time was fictional. It seems "An Honest Life," "A New Life" Linda and Rich had an emportuchange must be entirely coinci- they were brought together by

And even more interesting—

change this to charty to have
the church changed their name
without ever reading any of
Corbit's books.

Corbit donated her entire series
to the church, which will be the "We had no idea," said Linda when I started the series, I set it in start of the church's first library.

and "A Hickory Ridge Christmas" Wednesday at the church, where print, but used copies can be purchased at www.amazon.com, or

My father Melvin was 88 and had been married and independent all of his life. He had lived n the same comfortable house for 54 years. Dad was frail and had been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. After the death of my nother, he moved out of state with me, but after 60 days he missed his home and community With a few small steps, I was able to help my dad stay at home with the aid of a wonderful

independence which would have been lost had I put him in a nursing home. I was constantly amazed on how strong his desire was to return to our ront porch and neighbors, and how this drove him to participate in life again

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MY SENIOR LIFE



Fox Run fitness coordinator Tony Logan, center, heads off with some residents on a quick walk. Fox Run challenged some of its Erickson affillates to a fitness effort and won by walking the most amount this past summer and readers, makes its way to the senior center on the third fall and for that received a free lunch from their Dearborn facility.



Linda Colwell checks out some of the offerings from the Novi Public Library's book mobile as it visits the Novi Senior Center. The book mobile, complete with a healthy

### PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER



Holiday tune lovers gather for a Wednesday afternoon "Sing-A-Long with George and Caroline" gathering. The group, meeting at the Novi Senior Center o Road, sang Christmas songs as George and Caroline Giese played plano and led the Buried in Credit Card Debt?



Audience members applaud the Novi Middle School



Cathy Yant sings along to some Christmas carols during last week's Novi Senior Center Christmas Party. Seniors

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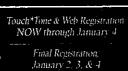
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Celebrating life: Honoring hospice and home health care

By Tracy Estes-Mishier

Alice McKenzie wanted nothing but the best for her mother,

cer in 2005. McKenzie, 57, of Novi, said her family wanted to make her mother as comfortable as possible in the last few days of "I came to terms with my

mom's passing long before it got really bad," McKenzie said. "I'd never been in this situation before and a friend told me to call hosmom went in peace and she's up there looking down on us smiling now. And that makes me feel

wasn't a fan of hospitals or nursing homes and knew she wanted to die in the home she and her husband lived for 48 years in Farmington Hills. She said bring-ing in hospice to help with her

request wasn't a prootern.

"In that type of situation, you'll do just about anything to ensure the people you love are

Like McKenzie many people are choosing hospice care to help with a loved one passing away.

According to the Center to Advanced Palliative Care, the first U.S. hospital-based palliative care traceums bears in the Lean 1980s.

programs began in the late 1980s at only a handful of institutions such as the Cleveland Clinic and Medical College, of Wisconsin. The modern hospice is a relatively recent concept that originat-ed and became popular first in the United Kingdom after the found-ing of St. Christopher's Hospice, in 1967, by Dame Cicely

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movement.

Julie Richards, vice president of community and provider rela-tions for Arbor Hospice, with locations in Northville, Ann Arbor and Trenton, said not everyone knows or understands

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Why hospice?

"We treat pediatric patients up to seniors." she said, "People think old people die and that's not

Saunders, who is regarded as the founder of the modern hospice American Academy of Family
Physicians is a program designed to care for the dying and their spe-

hospice programs should include control of pain and other symp-toms through medication, environmental adjustment and educathe concept of hospice and what it's for.

"Only about 35 percent of the deaths that occur in the United" six through bereavement; medical

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dad died, my mom was never the same. She missed him a great deal It was only right that she die in the home where they shared so many memories."

There are a lot of people who don't understand (hospice care) or in the home where they shared so many memories. It is a McKoraic many records.

The are a lot of people who patient and family support, and chucation with physician leadership, integration in the single many records. ship; integration into existing facilities where possible and spe-cially trained personnel with

expertise in care of the dying and

Richards said Arbor Hospice's main objective is to make services available to people who would benefit from them.

She said hospice is part of the Medicare health insurance benefits, but it is also covered by many private insurances. cussing with the patient things like social goals, favorite meals, maybe they want to reunite with a high school friend before they go. "We help facilitate those goals,

helping them work through issues if there are unresolved family Hospice, according to the issues ... we try getting the things done the patient wants before they

Richards said hospice personcial needs.

As stated by the Academy, all of the disease and what the patient and family can expect.

"A lot of times people think that going into hospice care is about giving up," she said. "That's absolutely wroag. It's about making that choice about how you want to live out the last months of your life."

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Know your hospice provider

Richards said in an ideal world, people would do their advanced provider. But that is not always

the case.

She said people rely on referrals from friends and family as a

trusted source.
"It could be a friend or family member with a positive experience, someone in their faith-based community or their physician. The easiest way (to find a hospice location) is through a trusted source."
Elizabeth Edenstrom, executive

director for Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks, in Novi, said Waltonwood has an established relationship with several hospice agencies in order to make refer-

rals for residents in need. "We want our residents to know, especially because we're a continuum of care, that if they want to die peacefully, they can sign up for hospice care,"

• For more information on Arbor Hospice, contact (800) 997-9266 or visit www.arborhospice.org.
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on Hospice of Michigan.

Edenstrom said, "We feel it's important to have that option available and our staff can provide

that care or we can contact a hos pice agency in the community."

Edenstrom said it's important for research on who can help them.

According to Hospice of Michigan, hospice is a palliative care that seeks to comfort rather than cure. Today, there are more than 3,000 hospice program across the country and about 100

in Michigan.

"People shouldn't be afraid to call and ask for help," McKenzie said. "I love my mom, and all I



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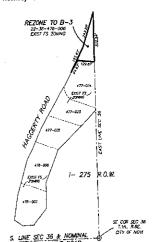
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### **Educational system** doesn't need changes, just more support

Education is a valuable tool. Lucky for Novi residents, Novi Community Schools and the surrounding districts have great classroom and extracurricular

programs.
Also lucky for Novi, most of the district's students are high-ly motivated and involved with

With the increasing pressure on today's youth to perform well and get a modern, high-paying job while remaining in Michigan, a lot of changes have
been made to set a higher bar for students. Curriculums are
shifting, collegiate acceptance is more difficult and standardized tests are including additional and tougher material.

One hot debate item is whether any single subject should be

sacrificed to free up time to focus on traditionally harder sub-jects. Highly technical jobs are requiring sharp math and sci-ence skills. Some believe cuts to other programs are an acceptable sacrifice to improve in those two areas.

I disagree.
I know I've said "What good is math or science going to do me as a journalist?" when I was growing up (yes, I had this picked out long ago), but they really are useful subjects. Many of the other subjects in jeopardy are just as important to form-ing a well-rounded person and an employee worthy of any field, maybe more so. Students should be extremely proficient

in as many subjects as possible Everyone needs writing skills, so we better not cut back on English language arts. Those are some of the most crucial skills of any job. Without the ability to convey written messages to a coworker or client, professionalism and credibility could be at stake. Text message lingo will not be acceptable in the business world, even if it is just a quick e-mail across the

office.

In the increasingly global economy, foreign language courses are vital. Not just French and Spanish, but German, Chinese, Japanese and others are all relevant in a business world without borders. As companies move from one country to another, outsourcing and insourcing jobs, there will be language barriers. Students, and future potential employees, in other countries commonly learn three languages during their childhood. Our schools need to keep up so our students have in the other processing the death of the country of the country

childhood. Our schools need to keep up so our students have at least two languages to draw from and compete for jobs in an international setting.

Social studies is important because it teaches about culture, history and civies. The phrase "History is doomed to repeat itself" didn't just appear. It came from events reoccurring because similar occasions were ignored, rather than learned from. Also, with a better grasp on the democracy we call government, it's amazing how much of a voice taxpayers would have even if it's not used as often as it could and possibly have, even if it's not used as often as it could and, possibly,

Business education is important in the same manner as all Business education is important in the same mainted as an of the above-mentioned. It applies to everything, has no borders and repeats itself on a daily basis. Every job ties into business in one way or another. Something is being sold or someone is getting paid, usually both.

Cutting any of these programs in any way would be harm-

ful. Just last month, an elementary student plead to the Novi school board to bring back Spanish classes. Students do have

an interest in these subjects.

The final key subject, one that I defend most strongly because of my background as an athlete, is physical education.

In a recent letter to the Detroit Free Press, I read something incredible. A reader wrote, "I believe an easy cut in spending in schools is to eliminate physical education in high school. ... To require a high school student to run a mile in gym is ludi-

Something more ludicrous is how Detroit has consistently been listed as one of the most overweight and obese cities (number one in 2004 and ninth in 2007, according to Men's Fitness magazine) in the U.S., which is often listed as one of the most obese countries in the world, according to the World

Heatin Organization.

Luckily, the United States falls ninth in the 2007 statistics despite 74.1 percent of the population is overweight. I guess those citizens of Nauru have us beat there. However, World Health Organization notes the United States "is by far the

largest country among the top 20."

I hate my powers of deduction sometimes. They tell me things like Detroit may be one of the most overweight cities in

To take away one of the last "required" physical fitness outlets, or to put less of an emphasis on health education for that matter, would only worsen things.

High school was only five years ago for me. But when I look at the fellow star athletes and gym class heroes of then and see how the lack of motivation and fewer fitness outlets as a young adult has effected them, I wonder how few years off a child's life. Just like how cutting the other programs will hurt students in an international business few bucks, but the health implications could also knock a

As adults, overall education importance is the message we should convey to younger generations before they lose inter-est in their own health and education.

#### What do you think?

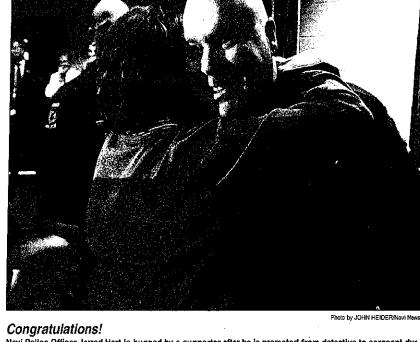


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#### LETTERS

#### Passing the war debt onto the our children

steadfastly opposed tax increases of any kind during the past year, it makes one wonder how Congress can continually support the President's ongoing requests wars in Iraq and Afghanistan

ing for any new taxes while con-tinuing to support the war, and yet I have not heard of any plan to pay off this growing expense. My biggest fear is that our chil-dren and our grandchildren will be burdened with this huge debt.

I appreciated Tom Watkins edi-torial "Where is Our Christmas ing some of the same thoughts. Where is the shared sacrifice? What is the average citizen being asked to contribute on a daily

brags about his record of not vot- favorite snacks, reading materi- Healthcare Bonds" to support als, essential toiletries, or money to call home during the holidays; ongoing care for our returning troops.

As we, average citizens of but all of that is soon forgotten as

we go about our busy lives. America, look ahead to 2008; maybe we ought to be pushing our elected officials to find appalled when I read of returning meaningful and creative ways for receiving the physical and emo-tional health care they need to achieve some semblance of a normal life after serving on the front lines. These young people should have world class health care for the remainder of their all of us to contribute to this effort to preserve freedom a to begin to pay down the deb lives, they have earned it and we owe it to them! Maybe we could be asked to purchase "War

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#### Karen B. Zyczynski

### **Tom Watkins:** Resolutions, rhetoric or results

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Are their political risks

It's new year resolutions from Saugatuck to St. time again. You know those promises you make to vourself that are often forgotten or not acted upon until, well, until it is time for the following year's resolutions. According to Firestone and other inno-Wikipedia, "a New Year's vative entrepreneurs as Resolution is a commitment that an individual a new Michigan. We need makes to a project or habit, leadership that has us often a lifestyle change that is generally interpreted as

Presidential debate, the moderator asked the Democratic candidates to all of us by not coming tell the audience their together new year resolutions. we heard more campaign rhetoric state from most of them. Gov. Richardson got the laugh line of the evening when more than lip service and lose weight - again, this year!" As Wikipedia indicates, "many resolutions go unachieved and are taxes, above the special n broken fairly shortly

#### Promises, priorities and per-

after they are set.\*

Here are some promises or resolutions that I hope defy the odds and are not only made for 2008 but are implemented:

for a "shared vision and common agenda" conference. This meeting will consist of the diverse profits and those strug-gling to make a profit;



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consultant. He served as state superintendent of schools from 2001-2005. Read his internationally recognized report: The New can be reached at towatkins@aol.com.

an unemployment rate of paying jobs fleeing our state, a job reconnais mission seems in order.

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nity colleges will be recogadd to help prepare our traditional and tional students for this fast-paced, ever-changing world economy. A summit should be held with the nity colleges, from the western edge of the UP to Monroe, to stimulate their

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'Movies at the Marquis' series begins

Whirlyhall Novi relocated from

and birthday parties.

facility in Novi, hosting large vol-umes of action in its first month. The facility, located near the northwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Meadowbrook Road. has seen a lot of revisions since

August.
The Novi SoccerZone had featured two boarded 6v6 carpeted soccer fields, a larger turf field and a whirlyball court operated separately as Whirlyball Novi.

The Total Soccer in Wixom fea-

ments should bring a large draw to Novi and Wixom tured two boarded 6v6 carpet fields and two boardless 11v1] turf fields.
With Total Soccer's revisions, of February we'll have nationals," he said. "In Wixom, we have a

the 77,000-square-foot Novi loca-tion now boasts three boarded 6v6 turf fields and the 300,000square-foot Wixom locations feares two boardless ilvll turf urf field and a roller hockey rink It also features 12 batting tunnels and three batting cages in the

"We took out all our boarded from one place to another, mai do exactly that. Whirlyball Nov manager and scheduler for Total Soccer, of the Wixom facility. occupies the northwest quarter of the building.
"We have communication "We are one of the few facilities that have 11v11s."

between us. Our customers go there He said the full-sized indoor 11v11 fields are uncommon, (and theirs come here)," York said, noting cross-promotions between the two are likely in the future. drawing a large demand.

"We do a lot of rentals to Michigan Rush, Novi Jaguars, Waza, Ann Arbor Arsenal, Livonia Hawks and Wolves, Plymouth Soccer Club and others." York said. "Saturday and Sunday we play games. Novi has games five o seven nights a week.

He said 375 teams are currently ned up in Novi and 500 kids

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By Pam Fleming

available Jan. 3

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ng each movie.

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Everyone has a list of favorite classic films they could watch

over and over again, so why not see a few of them the way they were meant to be seen — on the

As 2007 comes to a close, area amilies may enjoy a night close o home on New Year's Eve at the

1th annual Northville Nite at the

eation Center at Hillside

select classic movies each Satur night from Jan. 19 (except Marci 22) through March 29.

135 E. Main Street.

Total Soccer also benefits and contributes by sharing the Novi facility with Whirlyball Novi. Although the two businesses hav separate entrances side-by-sid

> SoccerZone in Novi employee Jen D'annunzio dribbles a ball around one of its three Indoor fields recently. Total
> Soccer of Wixom took over operations of the fields near Grand River Avenue and Meadowbrook Road in Novi.

restaurant and bar are open as long as Total Soccer is, and many people come over to watch sports

Whirlyball Novi relocated from West Bloomfield about one year ago and features a restaurant, two fully-stocked bars, pool tables, 20 flat-screen televisions and a lounge with couches and private rooms for business meetings, holitate outside autons agreen to the components. "It's just something different than bowling," she said, noting whirtyball Novi plans to start events on TV. iday outings, award ceremonies

leagues in the spring.

Whirlyball is a sport played 5v5 on a 4,000-squ similar to a bash

our food and bar," said Shannon except players ride a high speed, Graves, office manager at navigational bumper car (a Whirlyball Novi, who said the WhirlyBug) and usc Jai-Alai sticks (a lacrosse face with a shortened tennis racket grip) to through a 15-inch hole in the cen-

> Novi News staff writer Chris Jackett can be reached at (248) 349 1700, ext. 122 or ciackett@gan



Michael S. Rowe, M.D., F.A.C.P., C.P.I.

Pillows are common sources of allerfor a consultation with Dr. Rowe. We
gies. Although people often assume they
are allergle to the feathers in a pillow,
same day, early morning, evening and
dust mittes are a more likely altergy trigser. Almost half of a pillow's weight can
be made up of dust mittes, dead skin tells,
and fungus. How can you tell if your pillow is what some refer to as "deadf" 15 your pilset if your pillow is 'dead," (did in hald.
No. New patients are welcome. We
if it bounces back, it's Ok. If it does not,
it's probably "dead" and needs to
be replaced. One way to keep dust mites out
of your pillow is to use a double-stricted,
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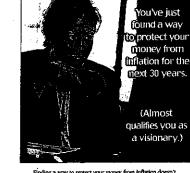


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Tom Watkins is a business and education

tries to "bring home the Tapping life sciences, bacon" for Michigan. With alternative energy, home-

 Budgets are stateand taking ments of priorities. Politicians on both sides reforming and restructur- is the most important make to help prepare our people for the transformational, technologicallydriven, global, knowledge economy. Yet funding for been cut and increases rising costs for several years in a row. Voters need to hold our elected

els exist as if nothing has leaders accountable "watch their hips." The care for employees. actions have not caught

the claim that education jump start new, creative, is the most important innovative and entrepreinvestment our state can neurial ventures.

lips" when it comes to thinking on ways their talents can be better utilized. Change is the most talked about and least acted upon concept in year begins we have the opportunity to embrace and lead change. Will we allow another year to pass



theater seats only 375 people.

Any tickets not distributed will

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which will soon host a classic film series starting with "Breakfast at Tiffany's."

March 15, "Rebel Without A

Cause," sponsored by Poole's Tayern, 157 E. Main St. and

For more information and

which will soon host a classic film series starting with "Breakfast at Tiffany's." Close, William Hurt and Geoffrey
Rush.

Show time is 7:30 p.m. for all

'Feb. 2, "To Kill A

Mockingbird," sponsored by Sherrus Gallery of
Morkingbird," sponsored by

Morthville Candle & Gift, 124 N.

Series is open to guests age 5 and

"Feb. 9, "Shakespeare in Love,"

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viewings.
The "Movies at the Marquis" series is open to guests age 5 and

older. sponsored by gg Resort Boulique, Following is the film schedule: 133 W. Main St. Ste. 243

\$25,000 to upgrade its equipment Movie lovers can relive some of • Jan. 19, "Breakfast at Tiffany's," and by Orin Tewclers, 101 the timeless films featuring many of the greatest movie stars of all time - including Audrey Hepburn, have a special breakfast the morn-

• Feb. 16, "Rear Window," sponsored by Margo's of Northville, 141 E. Cast. • Feb. 23, "Sabrina," sponsored

of the greatest movie stars of all time – including Audrey Hepburn, Humphrey Bogart, Cary Grant, Humphrey Bogart, James Dean, Judi James Stewart, James Dean, Judi snonsored by Scottie's Kitchen, Stewart Ste

Come celebrate New Year's Eve with family dition for area families and will take place at the school at 700 W. Baseline Road — the southwest corner of Eight Mile Road and inflatable games and more.

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because you can't miss the event's

special New Year's Eve count-Center Street.
The event will feature a variety of carnival games, a band and coffee house from Oak Pointe Church in Novi, woodcrafts from 4:30-8 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$2 for Northville Parks and Abrakadoodle, face-painting from vection staff, is an annual tra-

age 18 and older.
The office, which is located by

a.m.-4:30 p.m. Traci Sincock, director, said

this New Year's Eve event, call the Northville Parks and Recreation



Pillows are common sources of alter- for a consultation with Dr. Row gies. Although people often assume they diagnose and treat patients of all are altergie to the feathers in a pillow. Same day, early morning, evening that mites are a more likely altergy trig. Saturday appointments are available ger. Almost half of a pillow's weight cam us help you get started on your was been do not got dust mites, dead skin cells, happier life. For further information

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### BULLETIN BOARD

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#### **EVENTS**

### Collection

LOCATION: Provident Dentistry, 40105 Grand River.

DETAILS: Doctor's Angelocci, Kessler and Nielsen and their staff are collecting hats, scarves and gloves for needy school children, grades Kindergarten-five, in the Novi area. Please bring items to the dental office; call for

## Art Van Community Events

Sesame Street Live! Ticket Giveaway DATE: Jan 8-19 DETAILS: The Sesame Street Live! Show - Elmo Makes Music is coming to the Fox Theatre Jan. 25-Feb. 10. Art Van quests can register to win a family four pack of tickets to the Jan. 25 show including a meet and greet ses-

vinner per store. Sponsored by Kiris Castle Craft DATE: Saturday, Jan. 12 DETAILS: Kids Castles are supervised play areas for children where they can participate in a

#### The Second City's "Dystunctional Holiday

TIMF: 8 n m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, \$15; 8 and 10 p.m. Fridays, \$20: 7 and 9 p.m. (11 p.m. in December) Saturday \$20; and 8 p.m. Sundays, \$15 LOCATION: The Second City 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi

DETAILS: Get a healthy dose of seasonal satire with The Second City's 31st revue; directed by Mark Levenson of Novi. CONTACT: For tickets or information, call (248) 348-4448 or

### Improv and Comedy Writing

TIME/DATE: Class begins Jan.

Training Center, 42705 Grand

ger week (8 weeks) for 3 hours. Fultion is \$200, due in full upon es atration (no refunds, non

Jerable). Dyum or call (248) 348-4448.

Sponsored by the Novi Meinthors and Newcomers come out for all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, OJ and coffee, from Chris Cakes of Michigan and duck for flying pancake Cost is \$6, children under 3 are free. Proceeds benefit NHS student scholarships. Afterwards watch the Boys Varsity basketball

### Scrap the Night Away

Jan. 25 DETAILS: Novi High School Senior All Night Party Fundraiser \$25 per person includes pizza, snacks, beverage and door prizes; registration required; visit ww.novi.k12.mi.us/parentsscomm/orgs/WebPages/SeniorPar ty.aspx for information or to reg-

#### Silent Hands 3rd Annual Valentine Dinner Dance

TIME/DATE: 6 n m -12 a m Saturday, Jan. 26 LOCATION: Baker's of Milford **DETAILS: Silent Hands charit** provides short-term assistance to those affected by adversity; advanced tickets are \$50 or \$60 at the door, raffle tickets are \$20 each for a chance to win a trip for

River Watershed to sort through samples collected from the stream by team leaders for stoneflies: results are given the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and oth children welcome when accom nanied by one adult per child. Registration required by Jan. 18 v calling (313) 792-9621 or emailing picoordinator@ther

SCI-Novi Chapter Annual Fundraiser Banquet TIME/DATE: Doors open 4

LOCATION: Laurel Manor DETAILS: Featured items include hunting and fishing adventures all over the world. ing goods, vacations and sport orabilia: also numerous rat ing \$25 in free raffle tickets

S75 each after Jan. 31 with no free raffle tickets. Special table nurchase programs also available. Purchase tickets by visiting www.scinovi.com or calling

Wendy at (248) 620-0161. Michael Angelo Caruso: recep Novi Rotary Club and soft drinks; \$35 per person. TIME/DATE: Noon every

TIMF/DATF: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

DETAILS: Discussion topic "Show Me the Money" including lunch, \$10 per person; pre-regis

### **BUSINESS**

#### Females in the Family **Business Affinity Group** T1ME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Walsh College

Troy Campus DETAILS: Walsh Business Leadership Institute invites women who own, are partners in, or work for family businesses. Items discussed will women can share solutions in

Registration is required. CONTACT: Jan Hubbard,

their quest to bring more visitors and conventions to the area; free. Sales Lead Group 1

DETAILS: Join this group in

Center, 47601 Grand River Arts Round Table

Ave., Novi CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 Workshop Instructors

that they would like to share in our series of one-time work-Colored Pencil Workshop TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., sec-

ond Tuesday of every month DETAILS: Beginners wel-

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.

Knitlin' Yarns TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m.

create hats and shawls for those in need. Creative Moments with

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noor

DETAILS: \$3 materials fee Meditation
TIME/DATE: 11:15 a.m.-DETAILS: Learn proper be used at home or on the job to help reduce stress; class held in reflection space,

Cancer Center Therapeutic Yoga TIME/DATE: 6-7 p.m. (for backs) Monday; 11 a.m.-noor (mixed level) Tuesday: 12:15cer) and 5:30-6:30 p.m. (mixed ) Wednesday: 12:30-1:30 p.m. (for backs) and 6:45-7:45 o.m. (prenatal) Thursday; 9:30-10:30 a.m. (beginner/intermedi ate) Friday: 10:45-11:45 a.m.

te/advanced) Sat DETAILS: \$10/walk-in: \$80/10class card; \$45/5-class card; Lunch and Learn Yoga 7-week required. Classes also held at Providence Hospital, Southfield;

Massage Therapy TIME/DATE: By appointment

DETAILS: Therapeutic mastension, chronic fatique, pain and headaches, Everyone is welcome. Patients undergoing treatment should bring phys cian's referral; \$50/50-min-

> Gentle Tai Chi TIME/DATE: 10:15-11 a.m.

DETAILS: This ancient Chinese exercise promotes flexibility, balance and strength; an easy introduction to Tai Chi and for everyone; \$5

Line Dancing

DATE: Monday and Friday TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m. inte LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road DETAILS: No partner needed: /-as-you-go; Novi residents

#### SCHOOL & **GOVERNMENT**

\$5, non-residents \$6.

Novi Community School District Board of Education

Meeting TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday Jan. 10 LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road CONTACT: (248) 449-1204

Novi City Council Meeting TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. first and third Monday of month 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: Novl Civic Center, 45175 W 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

#### LIBRARY <u>LINES</u>

Novi Public Library LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile

HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m p.m. Friday and Saturday; 1-5

CONTACT: (248) 349-0720 Unless noted below, all pro-grams take place at the library. Knitters and Knotters TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. second and fourth Monday of each

month
DETAiLS: Drep in for informal dlework group in Youth Area; Senior Book Discussion TIME/DATE: Noon-1:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month

group for older adults facilitated by librarian; please call to join.

Craft-a-palooza TIME/DATE: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

#### List your event in our calendar!

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DETAILS: Join us in making a mystery craft while cleaning out

Novi Writers' Group

Saturday, Dec. 29 DETAILS: An inspirational environment for writers to collaborate, critique and create with each other, facilitated by local writer Kathy Mutch, Writers of all nenres are encouraged to participate provided they are 18 or older. ster online of call the library

Tuesday in Jan. DETAILS: For ages 18 and older; practice your English while you make friends; no registration

Library Closed Tuesday, Jan. Introduction to the Internet for TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesday,

LOCATION: Whole Meeting DETAILS: Hands-on class pro-

vides basic instruction on the Friends Board Meeting Wednesday, Jan. 9 LOCATION: Local History room

Seasonal Affective Disorder

and Degression

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. DETAILS: With Pam Oehmke

from St. John Health. Most Common Tax Mistakes TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday,

Jan 10 LOCATION: Whole Meeting Using the Internet for Job

Search TIME/DATE: 7 p.m.: Thursday, LOCATION: Whole Meeting

CONTACT: (248) 347-0414 DETAILS: For ages 20 and older, registration required. Library Closed Monday, Jan.

Massage by appointment 12:30-4 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-noon Saturda Thursday 9 a.m.: Line Dance-Int 11:15 a.m.: Line Dance-Beg.

Noon: Lunch 12:15 p.m.: Contract Bridge 1 p.m.: Computer Lab 2:30 p.m.: Line Dance Friday 10 a m. Body Becall Noon: Lunch 12:30 p.m. Dupl. Bridge 1 p.m.: Bingo Tuesday Closed, Happy New Year! Wednesday 9 a.m.: Stretch and Strenoth 10 a.m.: Body Recall

11:30 a.m.; Beg. Clogging Noon: Lunch 12:30 p.m.: Club Clogging 1-2:30 p.m. "Talk it Over" 6:30 p.m.: Beg/Easy/Int.

Waitonwood at Twelve

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SUPPORT **GROUPS** 

Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting DATE: Last Wednesday of each month

General Grief Support

LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday DETAILS: This Informational of month meeting is open to all adoptive DETAILS: Open to all losses Loss of Spouse/Significant

CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248)

There is no charge. Child care is

TIME: 10-11 a.m.

Meadowbrook Road

Rereavement Support Group DATE: Third Tuesday of each

TIME: 7:30-9 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W 10 Mile Board 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 groups include general grief, loss of a spouse, women's grief narents who have lost a child and a grief support quilters proup: All groups are led by trained volunteers.

LOCATION: Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh CONTACT: Joan Lee (734) 953-6012

ther Support Group TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. first Tuesday of month

Men in Griet TIMF/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. fourth Monday of month Suicide Loss Support

DETAILS: Individual and fami-LOCATION: Lobby of the y services offered free for those who have lost a loved one Center, off the hospital's South through suicide; call (734) 464-7810 for more informa Treatment Center hosts a support group for anyone dealing with a Heartstrings: Parents Who Have Lost a Child TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first cancer experience or who know

Grief Support Quilter's Group TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. first and third Wednesday of month DETAILS: Register by calling

**DMC Huron Valley-Sinal** Hospital Support Grouns LOCATION: 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce Al-Anon Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every

Sunday DETAILS: Al-Anon is similar to Alcoholics Anonymous intended for the family and friends of someone with an alcohol problem, helping them

to recover from the effects of ronment for families to share their strupples, learn how to living with a problem drinker CONTACT: (248) 706-1020 Alcoholics Anonymous a child; discuss concerns such

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every DETAILS: Support group to

attain and maintain sobriety.

CONTACT: (248) 937-3314

Journeys Cancer Support

first and third Monday of each

CONTACT: (248) 937-5163

TIME/DATE: 2-3:30 n.m. the

fourth Monday of each month

LOCATION: Krieger Center

DETAILS: Designed to allow

and fourth Wednesdays of each

LOCATION: Hospital

Alzheimer's Caregiver

Support Group

Group
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.mk., the fee and no pre-registration

CONTACT: (248) 937-3314 Breather's Club Support

ednesday of the month DETAILS: The Charach Cancer gram for persons afflicted with

Psychotherapy &

Nednesday of each month DETAILS: Call (734) 420-8175

Co-op DETAILS: Using the co-op, you and your children can make

resolve issues after the birth of

CONTACT: (248) 858-7766 TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. first and DETAILS: Provides education and support to quit smoking; no

TIME/DATE: Noon the third lung disease; provides support and information; pre-registration o required; for information call

Anxiety/Agoraphobia/Panic TIME/DATE: second

support to each other; for questions or directions call (248) 937-New Parents Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second

Conference Center DETAILS: A supportive envifriends and get what you need

as sleep deprivation and coping Friendship Circle TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Thursday of each month LOCATION: St. James Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile Road,

DETAILS: Free year-round pro-(248) 937-3314.

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**Kensington Valley Mothers** of Multiples TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second Neighborhood Baby-sitting

Thursday of each month LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot, 300 Dorothy St., South Lyon. DETAILS: This group provides

accomplished without the little ones in tow. Also enjoy a mom's night out and other social

between Taft and Beck roads

widows and widowers

valdi@earthlink.net

MOMS Club of Novi

Thursday of each month

(248) 851-6730, Florence

Voight (248) 477-3032. Jos

DETAILS: Social group for all

CONTACT: Norbert Monson

lovaldi (248) 348-9138 or joylo-

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. first

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

DETAILS: Moms Offering

Moms Support (MOMS) is a

non-profit support group to

home with their children or

jensungfleming@yahoo.com

work out of their homes.

CONTACT

mothers who choose to stay a

CONTACT: Sue Tracz (248) Valley school conference are al CONTACT: (248) 437-5496

Breast Cancer Support

Commerce

DATES: Second and fourth LOCATION: Huron Valley-

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

CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

#### Crohn's & Colitis Support

Group
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. first and third Wednesday of each month LOCATION: Providence Park Hospital and Medical Center DETAILS: Enter facility through southeast entrance Meeting in Conference Room A immediately to the left. CONTACT: Al Biggs (313) 805-7605 or Grohn's & Colitis

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TIME/DATE: Day and evening

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prowth chart while parents shop.

visit www.secondcity.com

LOCATION: The Second City DETAILS: Classes meet once

VTACT: Visit www.secondc-

TIME/DATE: 5-7 p.m. Friday, any of our events. For more LOCATION: Novi High School information call Whitney, exec-Cafeteria DETAILS: This fundraiser is entertaining for all ages.

TIME/DATE: 3-11 p.m. Friday,

senting over 500 members. Our mission is to be a responsible. two to Las Veoas including seven proactive advocate of business interests in the greater Novi CONTACT: For information. area. We are business and procontact (248) 684-3338 fessional people working

Winter Stonefly Search TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 26 LOCATION: Environmental Interpretive Center, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn

food. Their presence in the creek indicates good water quality and aned fishing. Volunteers are trained volunteer, and travel to the headwaters of the Rouge

ouge.org

p.m., dinner 7 p.m. Saturday, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia fles. Tickets are \$65 each, includwhen purchased by Jan. 31; and

Seating is limited to the first 1000 tickets sold.

LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road OFTAILS: Lunch is \$10 at meeting, visitors welcome, check website for speaker information.

www.novirotary.org.

**CHAMBERS** OF **COMMERCE** 

Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce We're about business. We're about networking. We're about creating excitement in business and networking! Everyone is welcome to attend

> utive director at (248) 347-4622 or wmgncc@yahoo.com. Also visit www.greaternovichamber.co Experience West Oakland TIME/DATE: 3-4 p.m. Today LOCATION: Compuware Ice Arena, M14 and Beck Roads

Tomorrow OCATION: Hooters of Novi DETAILS: Pass and receive business leads (one business per catagory); free.

LOCATION: Mixx Lounge on

DETAILS: Discuss art. Network Economic Forecast Luncheon Sponsored by Lotus Bank and TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. registration; lunch at noon; speaker to

follow: Wednesday, Jan. 9

DETAILS: We will vote for our board members; cost is \$25 per member and \$30 per non-member **Novi Chamber of Commerce** The chamber is celebrating 40 years of business, repre-

together to enhance the life of

nesses in it. For more information, visit www.novichamber.com or con-

Commerce

tact the chamber office at (248) 349-3743.

Lakes Area Chamber of Since 1963, the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce has proudly served as West Oakland's Regional Chamber, servicing the

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

ve serve. For more information visit www.lakesareachamber.com or (248) 624-2826 TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. LOCATION: Coffee 'N More

48992 Pontiac Trail, Wixom DETAILS: Members receive complimentary soft drink with purchase of a meal. Gala Meeline Tuesday, Jan. 8 and Feb. 12 LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai

Hospital (Feb. meeting at

Ever TIME/DATE: 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday Jan. 17 LOCATION: Walled Lake Central High School Auditorium DETAILS: Presentation by author and international speaker

Make 2008 Your Best Year

LOCATION: Chamber Board

month

tive, non-sales roundtable.

<u>CLASSES</u> Healing Arts LOCATION: Assarian Cancer

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the craft closet; kindergarten and

Fnolish Conversation Group TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. every

Newspapers in the New TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesday, LOCATION: Whole Meeting

Reference USA Class

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23 LOCATION: Whole Meeting DETAILS: Learn how to look up information on businesses registration required. Ancestry Library Edition

ME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday.

LOCATION: Whole Meeting

DETAILS: Discover how to

navigate this genealogy database TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan 26 LOCATION: Meeting Room DETAILS: Provides an inspira-

tional environment for writers to

writer Kathy Mutch; ages 18 and

collaborate; facilitated by local

older; registration required. Walled Lake City Library LOCATION: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday and

Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday;

Classical Music Series

**Book Discussion Group** 

CONTACT: (248) 624-3772

Closed Friday

Tuesday of month.

TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. first Tuesday of each month Friends of the Library TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second

■ Deadline: Must be

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ived by noon on Monday

Call (248) 349-1700 for additional information. TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. third

discussion; bring a bag lunch; check library for current book Evening Pre-school Story

DETAILS: Drop in for informal

Time TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Thursday DETAILS: Stories, crafts and music for the independent listener, ages 3-5; drop-in, registration Story & Snacks Family Time TIME/DAY: 6:30 every

Library Board of Trustees Meeting TIME/DATE; 1 p.m. second Friday of every month

Thursday

Wixom Public Library LOCATION: 49015 Pontlac HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. CONTACT: (248) 624-2512

TIME/DATE: 3:30 p.m. every DETAILS: Coffee and conversation-Improve your English speaking skills by speaking with people from other countries try ing to improve their English; no tests: instructor help: free. CONTACT: Karin at the

Information Desk.

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Novi Senior Activities LOCATION; Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Complex, 25075 Meadowbrook

Clogging 7:30 p.m.: Clogging Club

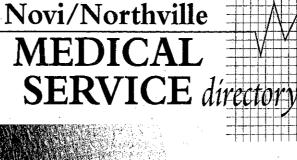
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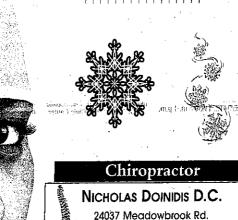
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Southfield DETAILS: Caring and compassionate individuals needed to register for Heartland Hospice Volunteer Training. We serve individuals and their families during their end of life journey in the Tri-County area. Office support is also needed. CONTACT: Mary at (800) 770-

**Novi Toastmasters** TIME/DATE: 7-8:45 p.m. first and third Tuesday of each

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room, 45175 W. 10

DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinon, polish your presentations and practice leadership. CONTACT: Amy (248) 752-

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Chapter

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. weigh in and 11:30 a.m. meeting every LOCATION: Meadowbrook

Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi DETAILS: \$24 per annual membership, includes hand book: \$1 per meeting. New members welcome. CONTACT: Rebecca Boyke

<u>FAITH</u>

Meadowbrook Congregational LOCATION: 21355

Meadowbrook Road CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757 or visit no gro.ppdm.www amccc@arounddetroit.bia Sunday Worship TIME: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Novi

CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or

org Sunday Schedule Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m., fourth Sunday of every

Episcopal Church of the LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile

Road CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or Sunday Worship

Sunday School TIME: 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship Cente for ages 3-7; 10 a.m. All ages Youth Worship TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second

and fourth Sunday of every 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 disease and related dementia.

Church of the Holy Family LOCATION: 24505

Meadowbrook Road CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holyfamilynovi.org 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. Wednesday-Friday; 5 p.m. Adoptive Parent Networking

Meeting TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each month DETAILS: This free informa tional meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248)

Interested in the Catholic Church? CONTACT: Call Maria at (248)349-8847 or spiritwalk

A Catholic Update TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. LOCATION: Family Center DETAILS: Fr. Denis Therow from Our Lady of Victory will Everyone is welcome.

Oak Pointe Church LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile

CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or IME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

St. James Catholic

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

Novi United Methodist LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile

CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or Sunday Worship

**Healing Service and Holy** TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first

TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month LOCATION: In front of the

church
DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace; not anti-anything, pro peace.

Artists and Crafters Wanted DETAILS: The church is host-

CONTACT: Pam Davis

Northville LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile

CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or

Sunday Worship DETAILS: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. Healing Service TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first

Monday of every month Men's Bible Study TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 a.m. every Wednesday LOCATION: Room 10

TIME/DATE: 12:45-2:30 p.m. every Tyesday 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 weeks; covers 70 percent of the Disciple Three Bible Study:

Remember Who You Are TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Disciple Bible Study: Jesus

TIME/DATE: 3-5 p.m. every The Faith Club

> ME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every other Thursday OETAILS: This interfaith group will be reading "The Faith Club"; register at (248) 344-4248.

Radical Joy TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of each month LOCATION: Chapel Lounge DETAILS: For women looking to connect more closely with vomen. Registration required. Suicide Loss Support Group TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second

Thursday and fourth Monday of DETAILS: New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering this support group to those who have lost ing an arts and craft show Saturday, June 21, 2008. Vendor CONTACT: New Hope Center for Grief Support (248) 348-0115 or

LOGOS Youth Club IME/DATE: 5:15-8:15 p.m.

recreation, dinner, bible study and music; grades 4-12. Men's Club



Story Party!

hvills Weeks reads the book Novi Ilbrary employee Phyliis Weeks reads the "When You Take a Pig to a Party" to a group of youngsters on a recent morning. The library offers two free, drop-in story times on Thursday mornings at 10:15 and 11:15 a.m.

DETAILS: People, pancakes

LOCATION: Meadowbrook lementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road (south of 13) Mile Road) CONTACT: (248) 427-2700, 9

a.m.-2 p.m. or visit www.cross-Sunday Worship TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Ward Evangelical Church LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile CONTACT: (248) 374-5978

TIME: 9 a.m. and 10:20 a.m. Traditional, 9 a.m. Contemporary
Single Point Ministries For single adults 40 years and

CONTACT: (248):374-5920 Every Sunday: 11:30 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments.

Every Monday: 7 p.m. earner's Bible Study, Room

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mend that you have one Smoke Alarm on each floor and in each bedroom. Carbon Monoxide detectors are reccanon Monoxine detectors are jec-ommended in the main living area and sleeping areas of your home to pro-vide family protection.

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO)

Your family could be at risk of acci-dental carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. The symptoms of CO poisoning are - dizziness, nausea, vomiting and fatigue. Often symptoms are mistak for the flu. Carbon Monoxide is an odorless, tasteless, and colorless gas. The source of the CO is usually The source of the CO is usually faulty fuel-buming (any combustible fuel such as oil, gas, propane, wood or coal) appliance such as a furnee, water heater, space heater, wood stove, gas range, or gas dryer. It is.—sessential that your home has a Carbon Monoxide detector installed in the main living area and sleeping areas of your home.

Issues to understand about CO are:
•heat exchanger cracks - CO is produced in the combustion process.
CO is produced when there is not enough air supplied to a combustion appliance - or when there is an inficient or restricted air opening into the space in which the appliance

is located. properly adjusted equipment will produce very little CO - regardless of the amount, it is important to have the CO properly vented outside have the CO properly

the dwelling. Levels of Radon in your home: More than 20,000 deaths annually have been contributed to Radon Gas. Radon is odorless, colorless, and

Radon is not caused by the age of the home, or style of house. It comes from a decay of uranium in the ground. Typically Radon Gas enters the home through the foundation, around floor drains, sump pumps, and wall crasks.

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Being the business owner and operator for more than six years has been hand work, but it's what she believes in and what her loval customers have come to

what her loval customers have come to expect when their delicious authentic Mexican meals are served to them piping

#### NO CORNER CUTTING

Dawn will not sacrifice taste and quali-ty or cut comers — that's not her style. Her goal is to maintain a high standard of great tasting food that brings you back over and over and has you telling your

friends about her food.

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How does that make a difference you ask? Dawn is the owner and she is there to answer any question, or listen to suggestions, you might have along with her great

Fresh ingredients are prepared on-site, of trucked in frozen, from some corporate kitchen out of state. What this allows why they come back and that's what

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for is that each and every customer can order food exactly how he or she likes it, whether it be mild or extra spicy. Fresh also means that you will have exceptional-ly good tasting food and the peace of mind knowing your meal was prepared for you that day, not weeks before.

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Having the onling to take a quick drive

wait for over-priced food.

Having the option to take a quick drive
5 minutes down the road to get better
food, better service, save 40 minutes and
some money, wouldn't you rather do just
that? That is exactly what Dawn and her
staff have been offering over the years.
Customers have been responding positively to the service and selection at
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have consistently reported that diners have

have consistently reported that diners have had great service, excellent food and an awesome value for their money. That's



Customers appreciate the short drive from New Hudson's shopping district to La Casa Del Rio Grande, where authentic Mexican food is served minus the long walt for a table.

Dawn finds rewarding

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they liked their meals — now that's
refreshing.

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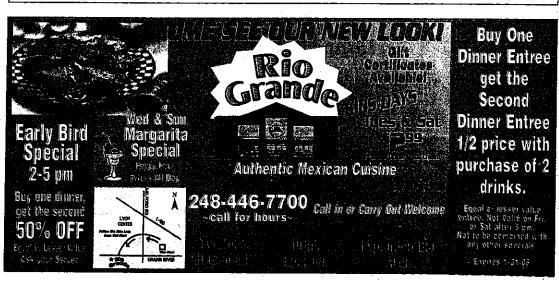
This writer can say from personal experience that the food at La Casa Del Rio Grande is two tamales way-way up!

Dawn, her staff and her family want to

wish all of you a Happy New Year "Alegre Nuevo Años!"

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