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STATE of the CITY



Mayor reflects on four key issues today: ■ Water & Sewer

Public safety

Roads By Kelly Murad

With poise, pride and direction, Mayor David Landry will address the Novi community today, at Rock Financial Showplace. "The State of the City Address

is an obligation of every mayor to report on the progress of the city," he said,

As in years past, Landry intends

to discuss three main areas he views

to discuss three main areas he views as the backbone of any city - roads; water and sewer; and public safety. "Every city has an obligation provide those services," Landry said. "These are certainly not unique to Novi. They are the number one priority of every city." In order to maintain those services, Landry said the city needs to

Development

think the Town Center is looking at attracting some new businesses

With development comes

At the State of the City Address last year, Landry may have pre-dicted Novi would reach build out in 2015-20, but with the current decline in the residential market,

"For the past four to five years, we've been looking into capacity," said Landry, noting the city purchases capacity from three separate facilities. "So as the city continues to develop, both residentially and commercially, we need to

obtain more capacity."

Since Novi, along with numerous other communities, gets its water from The Detroit Water and Sewage Department, increased water rates are forecasted for this

year.
"We're like every other city,"
Landry said. "We're between a
rock and a hard place. Oakland
County communities are screaming about it, but there is nothing
we can do about it."
Landry said Novi's only other
continu would be to look into the

option would be to look into the cost of building and maintaining the city's own water facility.

Continuing success in 2008

With significant accomplish-

Local Busch's set to open

By Chris Jackett

The grand opening of Busch's grocery store at the former Farmer Jack location in Novi is one week away. Finally. The

10 Mile and The 10 Mile and Meadowbrook roaks located store had hopes of early September 2007 and pre-Thanksgiving openings dashed by the need for reno-vations, but the long-anticipated revealing will become a reality Jan. 31.

"We're excited to open our doors and begin serving the Novi community," said John Busch, president of Busch's. "Our original plan, when we first took over the store, was to try and open it back up just as soon as we

back up just as soon as we possibly could. However, as a company, Busch's strives to provide our guests with the very best shopping experience possible and we decided the facility wasn't



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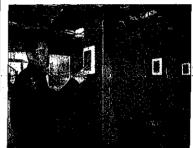
Store hours will be 6 a.m.midnight seven days a week, but not before a special cer-emony kicks things off next

"We will be having a short ribbon cutting ceremony at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 31, and then we'll be open for business," said Randi Waite, creative director for Busch's.
"We will be having some
amazing Grand Opening
sales as well as cake and balloons for the little ones."

The extensive renovations will leave the new grocer with a crisper experience than former Farmer Jack

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Novi lieutenant fires first shot



Novi Police Lt. Victor Lauria has supervised the construction of the city's gun range at the Field Services Complex since August.

Gun range ceremony Monday

By Kelly Murad

Construction of the 5,100square-foot Firearms
Training Center on Delwat Drive is near completion, with a dedication ceremony scheduled for 4 p.m. Monday.

After breaking ground in early September 2007, complications caused by Mother Nature Led to the project

Nature led to the project over-shooting its estimated completion date of Dec. 31.

"We originally anticipated the end of 2007," said Chief David Molloy of the Novi Police Department. "Unfortunately, we had an unseasonable amount of rain in the fall of 2007, which set back the project a couple of back the project a couple of

continued on 4A

ces, Landry said the city needs to not only look at what they are doing now, but in looking ahead, what they are doing to assure the money will be there in the future. Significant developments

the Providence Park campus is on a completely different level. "The significance of the Providence Park Hospital is not

Not to be confused, Landry

applauds developments such as, Rock Financial Showplace, ITC Holdings Corp., Ryder System Inc., Lotus Bank, the Twelve Oaks

Mall expansion and others for joining the Novi community during the last decade, but he believes

a lot of development.

noney will be there in the future.

Ignilicant developments

Since economic development is some development of the former of the

Fountain Walk as Twolve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk and the Novi Town Center. "As far as redevelopment, I a key factor in maintaining a broad tax base, Landry discusses today significant projects - past, present and future - throughout the City of Novi. of Novi.

"The most significant developments (of 2008) are the one's near completion," Landry said.

"Providence Park Hospital will be the single most significant development Novi has seen in the last 10 years. It's an engine that drives a lot of development."

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"We're still a relatively young
city. We're creating jobs, we're
continuing to develop," he said.
"We have to keep our eye on the
basics, keep our eye on how we
are doing now. It's giving us time
to deal with infrastructure con-

"We spent \$2 million on neigh-borhood roads (last year), which is more than '06." Another concern the city has been preparing for is sewer capacity.

NOVI WEEKEND PLANNER

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• FRIDAY

Novi High School seniors should head over to the school, 24062 Taft Road, for Scrap the Night Away, a senior "all night" party fundraiser from 3-11 p.m. The event will feature

pizza, snacks, beverages and door prizes as students work with local scrapbooking businesses that will provide pizza, snacks, beverages and usor prize work with local scrapbooking businesses that will provide supplies to create scrapbooks. The event costs \$25 per Visit

www.novi.k12.mi.us/parentscomm/orgs/WebPages/Senior Party.aspx for more information.

Did you miss Mayor David Landry's State of the City Address at 11:30 a.m. Thursday? He'll be repeating it at 10 a.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, following the 8:30 a.m. Homeowner Association Leader's Breakfast. Come by and join community members to hear the mayor's plans for Novi in 2008. Registration is required. Call (248) 347-0456 for more information.

Getting ready to do some remodeling? Head over to Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. for the 16th annual Novi Home

Improvement Show. Building Industry Association of Southeast Michigan will sponsor the event, bringing more than 300 exhibitors to show off the newest technology, products and services for home improve-ment. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors and free for ages 12 and younger. Parking costs \$5. The show also runs



noon-9 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday. Call (248) 737-4477 or visit www.novi homeshow.com for more information

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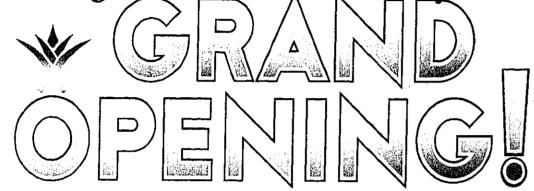
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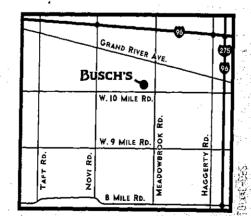
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MY NOVI COMMUNITY

Local restaurant goes smoke-free in the new year

Brady's bans smoking

By Kelly Murad

Enjoying food prepared by cer-tified executive chef Mary Brady has never been a difficult task, but enjoying it in a smoke-free envitonment may prove to be more pleasing to the palette.

"People have said 'I can taste better now." Brady said of her decision along with husband Tom

As of Jan. 1, Tom and Mary employees and guests, along with

"We've been considering doing it for a few years," Torn said. "It's as much for our employees as it is

"Most of the people that work in this industry end up with some sort of respiratory problems. All

Currently, Michigan business numerous other states, and even

Diamond Jim Brady's

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they want to do," Tom said.
"There are some (customers) I won't see because of it. It's every-one's choice where they go."

already dictates too much to us already," Mary said. "I'm on the Board of Directors for Michigan

years ago, but the restaurant was originally established in 1954 by Tom's father, James Brady, at Seven Mile and Greenfield roads. "We're definitely one of the

Past, present and future

The husband and wife duo opened Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in the Novi Town Center 16 years ago, but the restaurant's current location

Diamond Jim Brady's owner and chef Mary Brady, center, toasts the smoking ban self-instituted on her Novi Town Center ealery with waitresses Nancy Bienkowski and Karen Kowolski, right. Brady said that she's received over-whelming support from her customers for no longer allowing smoking.

that would allow us, in addition to

living doing something we both enjoy so much." women certified executive chefs in the state of Michigan, great food will always be coming out of in the state of Michigan, great food will always be coming out of the kitchen, no matter its location.

Insurance of the opportunity arises, we'd like to do a different concept in this area," Mary said. "Something a mixture of the opportunity arises, we'd like to do a different concept in this area," Mary said. "Something area," Mary said. "Something



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Brad Busch arranges shelves at the soon-to-open Busch's supermarket at 10 Mile and Meadowbrook roads. The store, featuring a new floor, ceiling, shelf space and checkout stands, has been undergoing months of renovations and will open

■ Local Busch's Busch's location set to open

shoppers had seen. been done. The majority of the mechanical systems and equip-ment have been replaced. New shelving, refrigeration equipment, HVAC equipment, generators, lighting, flooring, etc.," Busch said. "There is an entirely new décor, look and feel to the store.

/ery warm and inviting."
Among a new backdrop, the store will also feature LCD televisions playing the Food Network throughout the day, to add extra inspiration as shoppers browse the

Other features include a fullservice deli and kitchen; a bakery; domestic and imported specialty items; natural and organic items; organie produce: fresh Grand River Avanua

of food, alcohol and everything i hetween — even flowers and gift

"(Expect) a great shopping experience for some great food at a very competitive price. Come in

and you will be very pleasantly surprised," Busch said. Although the store is smaller than other Busch's locations,

Busch said future expansion is anticipated at an undetermined tomers who have been forced to other locations further from their homes for the past six months.

The Busch's store may be new, but don't be surprised if familiar faces from the location's days as a Farmer Jack are back behind the

register.
"We will employ 75-100 people. at this location. Numerous former Farmer Jack employees now work

from the old Farmer Jack are

Novi News staff writer Chris 349-1700, ext. 122 ciackett@gamett.com.

Prosecution rests case, move to jury expected Friday

two weeks is pushing the conclu-sion of its third week before Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Michael Warren.

The prosecution rested its case late Tuesday in the trial of Daniel

Tamara's body was toung used in her Novi apartment on Thanksgiving Day 1997 with a slashed throat, evidence of blunt from head and neck trauma and from head and neck trauma and the slashed throat trauma and the slashed trauma and t Tamara's body was found dead "When officers arrived on scene,

having a 2-year-old, the apartment was very orderly. The apartment had not been ransacked and valuables mony stated.

The knife used to slash
fully 1997 when she so out of
were in plain sight, said Lt. Victor
Lauria of Novi Police in his testimocan from a twelve-pack are two
from Tamara's home phone askny. 'Homicide is the only crime key pieces of evidence that were ing where Tamara was. Complex where, 100 percent of the time, you never found.

have a duty to investigate."

Lauria and Lynne Helton, a forensic scientist for Michigan State Police, who examined and took evidence at the crime scene, when the processing first two wife. were the prosecutors final two wittime floor with reso than all floor to floor. 24, 1997 – the estimated of the state of Tamara's death.

The defense expects to have a

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and both assistant prosecutor Gregory Townsend and defense attorney Neil Fink expect the case to go to the jury on Friday.

The lack of evidence placing Pittao, 48, at the crime scene has been a large piece of the defense's puzzle. Not a single hair of puzzle. Not a single hair of Pittao's was discovered upon the

indicates Tamara, then 30, had her around and spit on her, testi-

are a lot of reasons why Pittao is guilty of the murder.

- His whereabouts are unac-

The prosecution argues there afternoon of Tamara's death. nesses before the defense was given the floor with less than an hour to Nov. 24, 1997 – the estimated Pittao would return her to Tamara

and ex-wife, and threatened to kill also continued to violate a person

al protection order Tamara had cleared in the decade-long case and is the only person with a going through divorce proceed-ings with Tamara at the time and had a custody meeting scheduled for Dec. 8, 1997. Testimony said

he had once told her he would kill her if she ever left him.

- Since Tamara's apartment was locked, it is believed the homicide

into her apartment once before in

Pittao in his Jeep Cherokee the Pittao and Tamara had a major



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Mayor reflects on key issues todav

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ments such as the approval and construction of the gun range, completion of the Master Plan review and passage of the library bond, Landry looks at 2007 with

he said the upcoming year will include looking into parks, recreation and senior services wing forward with upgrading fire department facilities, continning to evaluate roads and working with the economic develop-

has been happening in Novi has 1700 or knurnd@gannett.com.

the next year," he said.

neighborhood businesses?" Landry said, "You can't ignore

position (neighborhood and small business manager) is to specifi-cally address the small business-

Landry also noted the hiring of

community development directo

Steve Rumple and economi development manager Ar

Topouzian were crucial in mak

ing Novi a more business-friend

"We're very pleased with the new hires we've had, so I don't

envision any major hires within

so we don't forget them

inesses. What we did

been big projects. What about the State of the City Address

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and City Council membe State of the City Addres and Luncheon Rock Financial Shewp

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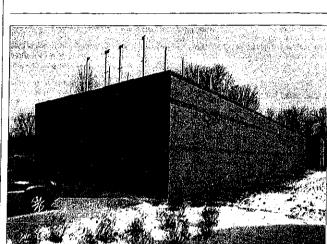
46100 Grand River Avenu Novi News staff writer Kelly Murad can be reached at (248) 349 \$25 per person

Multiple apportunities offered to experience State of the City Address
The City of Novi, in partnership with the Novi Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Novi
Chamber of Commerce presents the annual State of the City Address Luncheon Jan. 24 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

For those unable to attend today's luncheon event, other opportunities are available to experience · Mayor Landry will give a State of the City Address in conjunction with the Novi Homeowner Association Leader's Breakfast, 10 a.m. Saturday at the Civic Center. The event is free, but registra-

. The State of the City Address will be cablecast on the City of Novi's government access Channel 13 and will be archived on cityofnovi.org starting in February.

• Reaction along with audio and video footage from the event may be seen by visiting



The new Novi Police Department Firearms Training Center, located at Novi's Department of Public Works vard, will soon be open

■ Gun range ceremony

Regardless of the minor set backs, Molloy said the project is still within the amount budgeted by city council.

Although the idea of building a gun range in Novi caused controversy in the past, a proposal to allocate the final \$725,300 of a \$1.2 million police department project was approved by city council last May as part of the 2007-08 fiscal year budget.

The money used for the project allocated for police purposes.

s dedicated to the men and romen of the Novi Police Department, as well as those who Star - the 2005 drug bust, which

Dedication Ceremony

was the remainder of \$6.5 mil ion in drug forfeiture funds The Firearms Training Center

January 28 26350 Delwal Drive just west of Meadowbrook Road

"We will conduct a training demonstration on the 28th, and

we will allow our elected offi-cials to take part in the training "Without the support of our was the source of the city's drug forfeiture funds.

The dedication ceremony is

elected officials this project wouldn't have come to fruition."

Novi Police Lt. Victor Lauria open to the public. The city-owned gun range is located at the field Services Complex off 11 Mile Road, just west of City of Novi. "Lt. Lauria is going to fire the first shot because this has been his project for the last five or six

The state-of-the-art facility fea tures a 25-yard range, which will allow officers to shoot at multiple

targets at different ranges.

The facility the police department formerly rented at the Cit of Farmington's Department

have that capability.
"This will provide us several additional training opportunities for our men and women," Molloy said, "Firearms training is ou

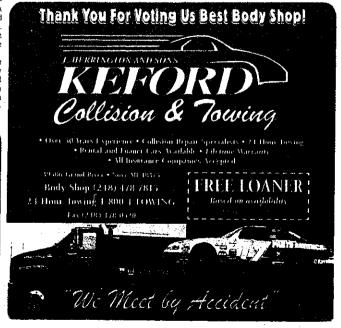
number one most important training need."

Other law enforcement agencies

will be able to rent out the range for their training needs as well. ing required of his officers is one time per year.
"We want our officers to prac-

two times a month," he said. City officials believe having the Firearms Training Center in the City of Novi will improve

Novi News staff writer Kelly



NAMES IN THE NEWS

New judges appointed

The Michigan Supreme Court appointed Judge Elizabeth Pezzetti as the Chief Judge of the position of tax and accounting Oakland County Probate Court Pezzetti appointed Judge Barry M. Grant as Chief Judge Pro Tempore and Judge Engene Arthur Moore as real estate consulting service Presiding Judge of the Estates Division. Judge Linda Hallmark.

Kobylarek's background Division Judge Linda Hallmark, a former Chief Judge of the Probate Court, also continues to experience in both public serve Oakland County as a accounting and the private sec-

supervises all staff accountants

and is responsible for new busi

self-storage properties. Kobylarek recei

currently resides in Novi.

State University and is currently a

enjoyed the past four and a half

of sales and marketing. He joined

Compuware Arena as the director

of corporate sales and marketing in 2003 where he helped expand

the organization's corporate part-

nership program, marketing com-munications and in-game enter-tainment model. Murphy also led a front-office team that created

the award-winning Catch the

Wave creative campaign and launched more than 30 new cus-

tomer sales and service initiation
Murphy holds a BA

Administration from Central

Interpersonal

seasons with the Plymouth

Probate Judge.

The Oakland County Probate Court is the second largest probate court in the state of bate court in the state of the court in the court in the state of the court in the cou Court is the second largest pro-bate court in the state of Michigan, staffed by Probate mational accounting firm. He also Schnelz, Probate Register Jill Koney Daly and 55 employees. The Probate Court maintains lurisdiction over magnificant.

and conservatorships for adults estates as well as mental health member of the American Institute commitment proceedings.

Chief Judge reappointed

The Michigan Supreme Court Suburban Sports Group bires announced that Judge Wendy Potts was reappointed as Chief Judge of the Oakland County Circuit Court. sales and marketing director Suburban Sports Group of Farmington Hills, hired Robert Murphy as director of sales and marketing.

Murphy, a resident of Novi, Murphy, Mu The position is a two-year term, ending Dec. 31, 2009.

Potts initiated programs such as E-Filing, which reduces paper use and cost to both the court and the har. She also initiated a program to expedite the collection of fees and costs from criminal defendants and developed programs to

Potts has been a leader of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Under her leadership innovative Jail Population Management Legislation was passed by the Michigan Legislature, which will help

of the court, Potts reappointed Judge Steven N. Andrews as Judge James Alexander as Chief Judge Pro Tempore and Presiding Judge of the Fantily Division.

INCAT names chief market-Maddox Ungar Silberstein names tax and accounting

INCAT, a global leader in engineering services outsourcing

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CITY OF NOVI **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at 7:00 PM. In the Novi Civic Center, 45:175 W. Fin Mile Road, Novi, MI TO PRESENT FINDINGS AND RECEIVE COMMENTS ON PROPOSES AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF NOVI MASTER PLAN FOR LAND

heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Division of the Community Development Department, 45176 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 13,

ion click on "Master Plan for Land Use Review".

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Nov! will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 12, 2088 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Nov! Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mille Road to consider: Case No. 08-001 filed by Chameleon Power located at 42400 Nine Mile

oad Chameleon Power is requesting one 30 square foot ground sign vari

Chameleon Power Is requesting one 30 square foot ground sign variance for the continued use of a previously approved (28AP-7-095/A) 10 x 3 foot ground sign to be located at 42400 Nine Mile Road. The applicant has an approved wall sign for this building. Property is zoned I-1 and is located west of Venture Drive and north of Nine Mile Road.

Case No. 309-20 filed by Trillium Yilago located at Nine Mile and Hagoger Road of the property and the state of Novi. Property is zoned F-3 and is located west of Haggerty Road and north of Nine Mile Road.

Case No. 08-03 filed by Huron Sign Company for Biggoty Coffee located.

of Novi. Property is zoned H-3 and is rocated west or happenly rocal and north of Nine Mile Road.

Case No. 08-003 filed by Huron Sign. Company for Biggby Coffee located at 43346 Grand River.

Huron Sign Company representing Biggby Coffee is requesting one 33.69 square foot area sign variance for the north elevation of Outlot Building #2 located at 43346 Grand River Avenue in the Novi Town Center. This business has 25 leet of street frontage. The applicant is also requesting an additional wall sign for the south elevation of the building measuring 64,94 square feet, Property is zoned TC-1 and is located north of Grand River and east of Novi Road.

(ESO) and product development IT services, announced the appointment of Indraneel Ganguli is INCAT chief marketing officer (CMO). He will report directly to INCAT CEO Warren Harris and

of global marketing and commu-nications of Satyam, a global IT consulting and services provider, and as director of marketing of Nipuna, a Satyam affiliate organi zation. Under his leadership at the Asia Brand Congress in tors. In addition to serving as a 2007. INCAT is a Tata Technologies

of apartments, condominiums and manufacturers. INCAT is headquartered in the United States (Novi), India (Pune)

Cutright appointed to fil and Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants. He

When Kevin W. Hinkley, th new Mayor of Wixom beat 14 incumbent McDonald, a council seat vacan meeting, city council member chose to appoint, as mandated by nan James D. Cutright to the two-year unexpired vacancy.

In his letter of interest to t council. Cutright stated that "he wished to be considered for the vacant city council position and ... plans to run for re-election a the end of this two-year term as well." He also stated he has sever al goals he will be workin city-wide bike path program completion of the Village Center Area and the future use of the Cutright says "I look forward t working for the betterment of the City of Wixom, all of its residents and taxpayers."

will be responsible for development and implementation of INCAT marketing and brand strategies worldwide.

Prior to joining INCAT, Ganguli served as vice president

House Republican Leader Craig DeRoche was recently listcompany. Founded in 1989, the company is a global leader in engineering services outsourcing ed as one of the most absent vot-(ESO) and product development ers in the Michigan Legislature The Mackinac Center for Public Policy released numbers tive aerospace and durable good

on the www.michiganvotes.org Web site, which allows users to search how legislators voted on bills presented last year. DcRoche (R-Novi) missed 91

votes in 2007, nearly 14 percent Wixom vacancy of the reported 664 roll-call votes presented to the House. He said he missed the votes

because he was in afternoon aegotiations with the governor nd other House leaders.
"I'm there in the building working. It's just a function of being a leader," DeRoche said. "Since I've been a leader, it's

been consistent. I missed maybe five session days in five years." Most of DeRoche's missed votes took place on Wednesdays and Thursdays. House leaders met primarily on Thursdays through April and on Wednesdays since May. "Novi gets the benefit of me help Novi in the leadership role

> Other House leaders missed a large number of votes, but DeRoche and fellow Republican

Legislator voting records scrutinized

(D-Detroit)

respective-

Leadership and Minority Floor Leader Chris Ward (R-Brighton), who missed role cited for 91 missina DeRoche votes Floor Leader Steve Tobocman

By Chris Jackett

two hours while 1 Craig DeRoche was in a DeRoche said. "I probably

missed 20 votes because I was in the back room meeting with the governor. I could hear them being voted on the TV behind missed 14

Other local legislators fared well with their voting records since they did not have similar meetings. Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi)

missed six of the 609 roll-call legitimate reasons. votes presented to the Senate.

Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) missed 24 votes. Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-

bers of the House,
"I was elected by our resi

dents to be their voice in the state capitol and that means showing up for work every day that I'm supposed to be there," Corriveau said. "It's my job to ensure that our communities best interests are represented and that's why I made sure I was in the House chamber to vote on every matter that was put before my colleagues and

Although DeRoche missed many votes, he did not miss the

most among legislators.

Rep. Ward topped off the list among all state legislators with his 133 missed votes in 2007. Sen. Valde Garcia (R-Howell) was highest among Senators

absences to illness and Garcia credited his duties to the National Guard. Jack McHugh, senior legisla-tive analyst with the Mackingo Center, said the goal of the Michigan Votes project isn't to

embarrass legislators, but to let voters decide if their legislators ship role in are doing their jobs. Nancy Cassis the negotiation process show that legislators simply aren't showing up for work. In some cases, the figures

"Legislators are people, too They have family emergencies.
They have other business," he said. "Citizens can judge for themselves whether those are

Rep. Marc Corriveau (D- report, Novi News staff writer Northville) was one of 18 House Chris Jackett can be reached at members to vote on all 664 votes presented. There are 110 mem-cjacket1@gamett.com.

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Council sets goal to dream big in 2008

nature park that would include a community

recreation

Members suggest acquiring property for signature park

the city might be looking to acquire property in 2008.

Every year, council outlines priorities for the upcoming year, which city administration uses to create an overall budget.

Among the many areas to consider, enhancing park, recreation-

Mayor David Landry.

"All of our goals could be accomplished on this piece of

al and cultural services seemed to the a priority among all members

David Landry

center; senior

not sports recreation," said center; and active recreation

With staff recommendations in mind, council formed a goal to

Other properties mentioned as

The primary piece of land proremainder.
Although no concrete informathe Links of Novi property on 10

nity to enrich the lives of our res- the

property if we choose to dream

"I think it's

what we're

lacking in

Mile Road, west of Wixom estimated the cost to the public would be in the range of \$15-\$20 million, similar to the library bond.
"I think as a huge overall goal, of Novi are the Bosco property, it makes sense, as opposed to a

"If you look at the economic

climate, there is probably no bet-ter time to buy land," said coun-cilwoman Terry Margolis. Landry said he would like to

explore the notion of going to

could raise money for the

Margons said.
Other goals relating to parks and recreation for the upcoming

the upcoming

developing and imple

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property if we choose to dream big." Kathy Crawford

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Let the games begin – Fox Run style

Mary Radlicki is training to become a master-Wit bowler Though she has only played Wii Bowling a handful of times, the 84-year-old Fox Run resident is learning the motions of Wii in

updating the parks and recreation master plan and exploring the val-uation of the Walled Lake Landings Property.

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order to participate in the commu January event, taking place Jan. 28-Feb. 1.

"It's only been the second time I've attempted to play." Radlicki said. "The more you play, I'm sure you can become skillful once you realize the layout of the game. It's a lot of fun."

Radlicki said Wii Bowling is similar to real bowling, as she did quite a bit earlier in life, but the earne allows seniors especially and high-level of physical exer-

"I would recommend it for things like this event in the Summer Olympics here brings people out that might not normally come out. "It's mainly about the cama-

raderie. You get to meet new peo

Alice Hixson, fitness specialist at Fox Run, came up with the idea to host the Summer Olympics in January as a way of kicking off the upcoming Beijing, China, 2008 Summer Olympics, officially known as the Games of the

XXIX Olympiad.
"I figured Art Van does Christmas in July, why not have the Olympics in January?" Hixson said. "Just like the real each day with the exception of

Starting Monday, each of the six buildings at Fox Run will form teams combined with residents and staff members to compete in a stationary pedaling challenge in the Wellness Center.

Hixson said each day that folboth the physically fit and nonunis, billiards and water volley-

Wednesday changes the pace with the introduction of crazy

events day.
"Wednesday appeals to anyone
who is not athletic," Hixson said.
"We'll have six different events including Wii Bowling, a putting challenge, ring toss, ladder golf

and stationary relay races."

She said there will also be a Chinese checkers tournament.
"The idea is to get everyone involved," she said, "This is a

good opportunity to get to know new people in the community, both residents and staff alike. meeting new friends and getting out and trying something new

introducina technology

Hixson said, since New Year's Eve. the Fox Run staff has been introducing residents to several of the Olympic events, including Wii

Bowling. Kathie Shaffer, public relations manager for Fox Run, said having Wii Bowling as part of the Summer Olympics in January is

between Japan-based Nintendo and Erickson communities. "One of our communities in the Chicago area started using (the Wii system) and got a brief mention in their local newspaper," Shaffer said. "Someone from Nintendo's marketing firm saw it and got in contact with our corpo and got in contact with our companies office to get some additional information on the program. One thing lead to another and Nintendo partnered with Erickson providing Wit games to all the communities, (including Fox

Run.)"
Shaffer said Fox Run has been part of the Wii craze for about a year and Nintendo is using Erickson communities as a way to promote the system to older generations who might not be on the

game system bandwagon.

Each community has embraced Wii in their own way and slightly different, Shaffer said.

"Many, as Fox Run has, have offered the Wii through their Wellness Centers." she said.

Playing the game is a good car-dio workout, but is something that is not overly strenuous

"There are residents that have revisited old hobbies like bowl-

Summer Olympics In January event

twining Wii Bowling into the Summer Olympics in January, the system alone has brought resi-Olympics in January event will take place Jan. 28-Feb dents together with those several generations younger to play. "It is a natural inter-ge

every year, certain events we wanted to but aren't suitable for knows more about video games than high school students? Many of the residents are now playing with their grandchildren. How cool is that?"

many years and, quite frankly, probably couldn't participate in traditional howling."

Shaffer said aside from inter-

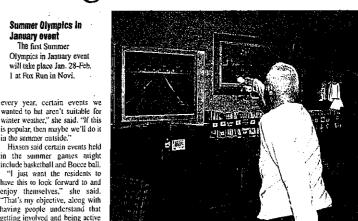
Future Olympics

idents having a lot of fun during community's

in the summer games might include basketball and Bocce ball. "I just want the residents to ave this to look forward to and enjoy themselves," she said. "That's my objective, along with Olympics week and hopes for a good turnout.

having people understand that getting involved and being active

winter weather," she said. "If this



Fox Run resident Raiph Rays práctices skills before week-long Olympics in

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MY PUBLIC SAFETY

Novi police activate first amber alert

old boy returned unharmed

By Kelly Murad

The Novi Police Department requested the Michigan State Police activate an Amber Alert Plan after Kahliel Nash, 11, was

last Thursday's pursuit of a stolen vehicle were charged the follow-ing day at the Probate Court in

The 14-year-old Novi resident, who was the passenger in the vehicle, is charged with unlawful

driving away of an automobile (UDAA) and restricting and

who was driving the vehicle, is

of an automobile (UDAA).

charged with unlawful driving

fleeing and alluding, reckless

driving, leaving the scene of an

accident and restricting and

obstructing arrest.
The 1998 Buick Century was

varming up in the parking lot of

Springs Apartments on Pontiac

Trail, just east of Beck Road,

Department noticed the Buick

raveling south on Novi Road at

12 Mile Road, but as they attempted to stop the stolen vehi-

cle, the suspects fled eastbound

The vehicle continued south

bound on Interstate 275, exiting eastbound on Seven Mile Road,

where the suspects crashed into a

Dodge Caravan, occupied by a

r-old Livonia woma

woman suffered serious injuries. The two occupants of the stolen

vehicle fled on foot, but were

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According to Chief David
Moltoy of the Novi Police
Department, prior to this incident,
Novi had never activated an "This is the first time we've had

to activate it, and we're very impressed with the results," he said. Nash was returned unharmed to his grandmother, who is his legal ardian, shortly after midnight

According to reports, Nash was Ursula Purry, 35, and Purry's son.

POLICE BRIEFS

According to Chief David Molloy of the Novi Police

The juveniles are detained at Oakland County Children's

Village with a pre-trial date set for

At about 9:30 p.m. Jan. 14

Vintage Wine, on 10 Mile Road

just west of Meadowbrook Road,

was robbed at gunpoint.

Novi Police Chief David

Molloy said the suspects demand-

ed money from the register, receiving more than \$1,700, and

The masked duo were arrested

the following morning after hit-

The suspects are responsible

for nearly 20 armed robberies

throughout the past couple of months in Novi, Ann Arbor, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford

Canton and

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crime in Novi

armed robberies commit

pects forced

roads.

Mile and Novi Darius Martin

type vehicle that was driven by an unidentified third suspect.

According to Molloy, Purry found at a residence in Detroit.

Local juveniles charged with auto theft

with armed robbery and felony firearm, second offense. He has a

criminal history of armed robbery

The other suspect is a 42-year-old Detroit resident

charged with felony firearm,

second offense. He has a crimi-

nal history of felony firearm and

second degree murder dating back to 1982.

According to a recent police

report, a man in his late 20s got

away with stealing three vacuums from Bed, Bath and Beyond just before 4 p.m. Jan. 15.

The man is believed to be about

5-foot, 10-inches, of thin-build

and was wearing a black sweat-shirt, jeans and a light green knit-

cap, reports said.
The man entered the store and

went directly to the vacuums, located at the northwest area of

ed three vacuums, which were

still in boxes, walked into the back employee, stock room-area, and exited via a fire emergency

exit.
The manager said be looked

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P.S. Aside from being incorporated into

the store, reports said. According to reports, he select-

Suspect of stolen vacuums

on the loose

dating back to 1986.

Detroit Police Department after learning there was an Amber Alert out on her son Police patched Purry through to Ursula Purry

direction and saw the suspect's

foot exit the door. When she

looked out the door she saw a

gray Pontiac Grand Prix traveling south through the alley, but was

unable to obtain the license plate

The stores surveillance footage

exited through the front doors of

the building, which are the only

doors for customer use, reports

said.
According to police, there are

A Novi Police Officer observed

uspicious activity of two subjects

in a green Saturn station wagon in the parking lot of Lifetime Fitness, near Haggerty Road,

At 4:30 p.m. Jun. 13, the officer

observed the vehicle drive through the parking lot and park behind another vehicle, reports

According to the officer, the

people were moving around inside the vehicle, doing something on their laps out of his view.

the area and as it exited the park-ing lot, the suspects looked around and then drove out of the

lot, reports said.

A marked patrol unit entered

The officer then drove past the

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said.

information, reports said.

no suspects at this time.

Mike Wilson of the Novi Police Nash, Purry and Martin were

when the emergency door alarm activated, reports said.

She said she looked in that said.

She said she looked in that said.

Purry and Martin were of The Colony, Texas, formerly of arraigned Monday at the Oakham County Circuit Court in Pontiac in front of Magistrate Marie Soma. front of Magistrate Marie Soma.

Both suspects were charged with domestic violence, which is a one-year misdemeanor. The suspects were arraigned in Pontiac, due to the holiday, but will

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According to the officer,

through his experience, people

often remove tobacco from cigars

and replace it with marijuana.

The officer followed the vehicle

and advised the officer of the sus-

Both suspects were arrested

and the passenger had a valid arrest warrant out, reports said.

According to recent police reports, a woman was arrested for stealing lingeric from Kohl's at

According to the loss preven-tion officer, the woman selected a

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woman exited the store through

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uncles, cousins and friends. She was

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■ OBITUARIES

loving family and friends. She was born in 1968 in St. Peter, Minnesota to Dr. John Arbaugh and Florence (Barkman) Arbaugh and grew up in Harbor Beach, Michigan. Paula was a graduate of Michigan State University. She married Charles A. Muth of Novi, Michigan in 1995 in Novi. Tayes he head their horms for return to the 52-1 District Court in Novi for the pre-trial, which the Novi. Texas has been their home for thirteen years. Their dog, Max has been a faithful and constant com-

panion throughout Paula's illness. Paula was very creative and skilled in needlework and crafts, often creating ing for others. She had a kind and generous spirit and shared her many talents with others who greatly cherhusband Charles (Chuck) Mulch; her parents John and Florence Arbaugh of Harbor Beach, Michigan; brothers Todd (Kristin) Arbaugh of Jenison, Michigan and Tom (Shannon) Arbaugh of Deckerville, Michigan;

entrance to the arch-driveway.

With no sidewalk on the strip, her parents-in-law Charles E, and Kathleen Mutch of Novi, Michigan; students must walk in the street The officer followed the vehicle brothers-in law Andrew Mutch and observed a tree-shaped air Matthew Mutch and Robert Mutch o freshener hanging from the sus-pect's rear view mirror, reports said. Jonathan (Tomoko) Mutch of Tokyo, According to the report, the officer called for a marked unit. Rodak of Allen Park, Michigan and piles shorten the width of the walkable ground by as much as one foot, forcing them closer to the median filled with passing picious activity and violation of a hanging object from the rear view with love by her nephews Nathan, vehicles and buses trying to edge

Victoria Mitchell, editor

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By Chris Jackett

rings, students and parents at Village Oaks Elementary School

whether on foot or in a vehicle

It's pretty had after school. have to walk in the street," said Lisa McGinn, an I1-year crossing guard at Village Oaks who had three children attend the school in the past. "People park down Franklin Mill (Road) and walk

Village Oaks students, located

because it gets crazy.

"It's bad before school for 10-15 minutes. There's been some close accidents.

home everyday and will have her son attending the school next

his two children to school through the hazardous two-lane area, Colalnea is sick of it and said be and other residents are ready for change. "I thought that this was an issue

children to and from school to

Laurrie Smith, who walks her hird-grade daughter, Makayla, nome everyday and will have her trict should be united in trying to

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concern. The buses do the best job they can." Colaluca has brought the issue up to other parents, the homeowners association, school district

Tom Colaluca, whose son mayor, city council and various committees on several occasions in the past month. Since the prop-erty is across the street from the Dominic is a fourth-grade student at Village Oaks, recently began discussion on a potentially dan-gerous stretch of road along the school in two residents' side east side of Willowbrook Drive yards, jurisdiction over the matter goes to the city.

"The city assistant manager and between Oak Tree Drive and Franklin Mill Road near the "I've seen children almost hit

the Department of Public Works have been out to observe the site by cars driving by within inches of them," Colaluca said. "I've seen buses almost clip the cars who then, in turn, try to avoid the several times in the past few weeks and are working on a plan to rectify the situation. They have been very responsive," said Sue bus and veer right at the kids and Burnham, Village Oaks' principal parents. I've watched kids, parents and one grandmother fall in students who need to The small strip of land is one of between Franklin Mill and Oak the main entrances and exits for

One issue with the strip of land is that it is not flat. The northern portion features a ditch, raised sewage drain and some trees. while the southern portion fea-tures a line of trees on a slight hill and a line of 2-foot tall boulders

set back a foot or two from the road. Neither portion has a curb.
"The people in the neighbor-hood have had to deal with this situation since the school first opened," Burnham said, "Parents have chosen to walk with their

make sure they safely can walk in

Winter roadway draws parental concern at Village Oaks walker concern spot Oak Tres Driv

MY EDUCATION

city representatives have a responsibility to provide safe pas-sage for our children to school, and that, just because there's a crossing guard, doesn't mean a

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ing to make it to her."

Since the land is on the east side of Willowbrook Drive, the property in question would require those residents to get a permit from the city before they can have sidewalks installed.

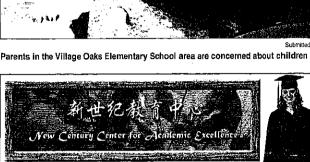
thing if the kids get run over try-

"(The school) could get a side walk (if it were on their side of the road) or redirect traffic with crossing guards," said Cl Pearson, Novi city manager. it's in the (residents') right-ofway, they just need a permit, permit just takes a matter days."

and additional landscaping costs could delay any changes as the city, school and local residents continue to discuss the malter.

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Novi News

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In our opinion: Novi State of the City

Mayor David Landry is giving his annual State of the City Address at the Rock Financial

As the city's highest-elected official, Landry will reflect on and enhancing the community's the successes of 2007 and give a snapshot of what is ahead for the community in 2008. Some of the topics discussed

today will overlap, as both past and future markers for the city.

The passing of the \$16 million library bond means a new library for Novi, and possible

changes to the neighboring Fuerst Farm historical property. The St. John Health Providence Park campus will continue developing into a state-of-the-country medical destinaers will see their dreams fulfilled this year as well.

Monday's opening ceremony for the Novi Police Department firearms training center marks yet another past goal realized in 2008. Water and Sewer, fire safety

schools and parks and recreation facilities are other highlights in the past, which will again serve as goal-setting items for 2008. But don't forget the past and future of Novi also rests on its residents.

Is the city heading in the

direction you envisioned? Are the priorities of city officials in inventory, and take action to

encourage what you applaud and change what you don't like.

As a resident, you also mold the direction Novi moves toward in the new year.

What do you think?

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

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Fibromyalgia: The pain is very

real. Is the

disease real?

On Jan. 14, 2008 the "New York Times" published an article on fibromyalgia. The article was indeed a landmark for the millions of Americans who suffer from fibromyalgia. The Times brings attention to the condition and the pain associated with it, but the reporter obviously did not

do his homework.

In the article Mr. Berenson presents outdated opinions and resurfaced old myths and additionally painful wounds within

the fibromyalgia community.

Mr. Berenson failed to discuss the research and advances of the last decade by institutions such as the University of Michigan and the extraordinary work per-formed by researcher Dr. Danie Clauw and his team. And the dedication of physicians devoted to helping and educating fibromyalgia patients, like Dr. Martin Tamler, of William Beaumont Hospital.

The article instead focused in on pharmaceutical companies' business practices and these concerns are fair, valid and quite important. But they do not was rant the way he presented it, in an article based on an old unscientific myth about whether fibromyalgia is a real illness/condition. Mr. Berenson has resur aced an ancient and discredited

The fact that western medicine does not yet understand a condition does not make it any less "real." The pain of fibromyalgia is real, even if a percentage of physicians don't believe it exists. Yes, there is no single test to identify fibromyalgia, but this does not take away the pain and fatigue we experience nor make the disorder fiction in the minds of patients and families.

Mr. Berenson, in writing this

article, stated his opinion ignor-ing the medical literature and the studies from Dr. Daniel Clauw showing brain abnormalities in the patients with I speak for all the patients and

families of those with fibromyalgia because the days of misperception and patient ridicule are validated through scientific research such as other diseases. We hoped the days of doubt were issues of the past. but this article proves the need cians. We applied Pfizer for elite position rehabilitating with average deductions could introducing a medication that young offenders. where carned \$54,400 in 2006 and introducing a medication that will offer hope and an improved quality of life to those living with fibromyalgia.

young offenders.

An offer for a retirement package will provide the following henefits:

Sharon Ostalecki, PhD Director/Helping Our Pain and

Commentary on versity study. Legislative Decision

Our Governor has spoken of the devastating effects of a brain drain after retirement of employees knowledgeable in providing state services. This brain drain condi-tion will result when the (130) least senior employees at Maxey Training School are given notice their positions are eliminated.

The remaining (130) most senfor employees have an average age of about 56.9 years of age. In earnest the brain drain will begin providers are driven by profit and monetary incentives they will be elated to discover their advantageous positions.

Lastly, the State of Michigan is and has been in the top 5 percent nationally of state pioneering rehabilitation services for young offenders. Throughout the last 65 plus years, thousands upon thousands of doctorate degrees from Michigan universities have helped format our current and national rehabilitation strategies. We can thank legislatures from eight decades ago and their past administrations for Michigan's

· Stop the brain drain Continue competition
 Limit monopoly creation
 Contain the wealth of knowledge and experience and continue the rehabilitation progress (in

smuller form) our state legisla-

ture funded decades ago
 Practical research for uni-

Struggling for Conservative *Opinions*

For a newspaper serving a Republican-leaning community, the Novi News seems to struggle to generate conservative opinion columns. I was particularly disappointed in Tom Watkins "America - We have a problem"

Watkins shot his credibilit by repeating the unsubstantiated and just plain wrong argument of the left that our government is in hock because of "benefits for middle-income and wealthy citi-

zens." I would have expected school superintendent. It is too bad because he also made some appropriate observations about our rising liability for Social Security and Medicare. ecurity and Medicare.

Maybe Watkins should have

checked the numbers, as I have. am a Chartered Financial cuts have resulted in many farmipaid zero tax compared to about \$2,500 in tax before the first tax cuts. Lower earning families benefitted from higher child tax credits, taking an already negative income tax for many even

can believe that Higher on the income ladder, someone in the top 20 percent (income of around \$84,000) received a 56 percent tax cut. A person earning \$1 million per year saw a 20 percent tax cut. Why is it that the left cannot

greater than 100 percent if you

accept that upper-middle and high-income taxpayers are left paying all the freight, and that many in the middle and lower income brackets pay nothing in federal income taxes? What is the benefit to upper middle-income and wealthy taxpayers that Watkins was referring to? What benefits do these taxpayers receive from their governmen

Scott Horsburgh, CFA

Tom Watkins: As The World Turns

Like the trick card game three-card Monte, while the world has kept its eye on China, India has grown up and may be the economy to watch as the 21st century

India is the most populous democracy in the world with more than 1.2 billion people. This is only slightly fewer people than the com-munist Peoples Republic of China India is fewering on munist reopies republic of China, India is growing economically along with many Asian nations and becoma global player in the century. India has a 21st century. India has a long and rich cultural and entrepreneurial history. Today it is the world's 12th largest economy due to eco-nomic reforms put into place in the early 90s.

After the fall of the Berlin Wall, many Asian countries opened up their economies and brain power to the world. With the end of a eign trade and investment and private sector business activities. India's economy began to take off. Today its economy is among the

fastest-growing in the world with a GDP growth of nearly 10 percent in 2006-07. India's growth has been in the shadows of China's ascending economy, which grew by a blistering double-digit rate during the past 20 years. Being in the shadow of China, whose economy seems to be on steroids makes India's growth seem anemic in comparison. Yet India has two advan-

many English speakers and

great strides since gaining independence from British rule in 1947, many Indian people still suffer from poverty, illiteracy, hunger, religious strife, environmental degradation and the

hang-over from a harsh and

discriminatory caste sys-It seemed not that long

you were seeking help with a computer problem. Today the country is bursting with knowledge workers that are seeking their equivalent of the "American Dream." As Thomas Friedman points has capitalized on its educated. English-speaking people and technologically prepared professionals to become the English speaking world's "outsourcing" tages over China. It has

Michigan to cash in on

global corporations.

capitol and a ripe destina-tion that is bearing fruit for

India
The Detroit Regional Chamber and Automation Alley have led trade missions to India to continue attracting new businesses

About Tom Watkins Tom Watkins is a business and education consultant. He served as state superintendent

health director from 1986-1990. He can be

businesses an opportunity to expand into India's fastgrowing market. Another trade mission will be in taking place this month. "The vision of both, Indian companies doing business here and Detroit compacompanies doing business here and Detroit compa-nies doing business there, is the basis for the Partnership's trip," said Detroit Regional Economic Partnership Executive Director John Carroll. "We are looking to build on the

successes of the Partnership's 2006 mission

to Michigan as well as to to India that produced new continue giving Detroit business for the Detroit business for the Detroit The results Region." included multiple strategic alliances between Indian and U.S. compa nies. The

Center Automotive Research teaming up Automation Alley Detroit Regional Chamber to lead this month's trade Director John Carroll. "We tive suppliers and commu-are looking to build on the nities interested in developing business opportunities in India. An Indian car company that many here in the Motor City have never heard of, Tata Motors, is about to break onto the world scene. Ford Motor Co. could complete the sale of its Jaguar and early in 2008, giving them a global brand and dealer network. India continues to gain

momentum as it struggles to educate more of its rural population and increase the standard of living that is mere subsistence for hundreds of millions of its people. They have come iar, but have a long way to

go.
Like the con game three-card Monte, while the world watches China, India could drive away with the eco-nomic consolation prize as the century unfolds. would behoov e us to make sure Michigan finds ways to

Lansing Connection: Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference meets

On Jan. 11, the Senate Fiscal cuts to the current budget because Agency, House Fiscal Agency and the Dept. of Treasury met for the constitutionally mandated Revenue Estimating Conference.

Revenue Estimating Conference. Revenue Estimating Concerned.
They agreed to updated revenue projections for the current fiscal year as well as revenue projections for EY 2018-09.

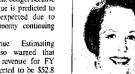
The Revenue Estimating Conference also warned that General Fund revenue for FY 2008-09 is expected to be \$52.8

Michigan finished Fiscal Year (FY) 2006-07 with \$353.1 million in the black. Of that number, (FY) 2006-07 with \$353.1 million is expected to increase by \$517.5 in the black. Of that number, s259.1 million is General Fund million Michigan Business Tax money that is the result of higher than expected revenue collections harmless from significant personal and unspent or lapsed funds from several departments. The School accompanied the new business tax. Aid Fund had a surplus of \$82.4 million because of higher than expected revenue collections and spending that was lower than exceed revenue and Michigan can maneutty place SAVE into

cal year. School Aid Fund revenue Consequently, Michigan will still encounter major budget hur-

appropriated levels.

For FY 2007-08 the conference projected that most of the FY 2006-07 budget surplus will be my could enter a recession it is For FY 2007-08 the conference projected that most of the FY 2006-07 budget surplus will be needed to avoid making mid-year with the make real cuts along and throughcut my term as a State of experience in public education.



Nancy Cassis

with major policy reforms in the coming budget year.

manently place SAVE Into

Senator it has been a lifelong goal to promote programs that offer early intervention and prevention of learning failure to Michigan

Gurrently for the 2007-08 year

Northville Schools Director of make available a model program Special Education, Dr. Robert using operational funds. I and Sormson, in 2005, I spensored legelucators across Michigan think islation called "SAVE the Children, and initiative to intervene early and prevent learning failure. This package of bills belps students master the Skills needed to excel, build Alliances allow ISD's to create a model probetween home and school, pro-vide valuable training for teach-ers, and foster the Early learning

SAVE is modeled after a suc-

wildren, intermediate school districts
Working with the former (ISD) are allowed to develop and

ative that we make this part of the school code. This program keeps savings at the local level where they can be directed back into the For further details on the SAVE

program, please visit the "SAVE" link on my Web site at www.sen-As always, I look forward to r comments. You can contact me by e-mail at senncassis@senale.michigan.gov, or toll free at (888) 38-NANCY.

Novi) represents the 15th Senate District, which includes the towners, and tosted out of the class of the foundation of rater life success.

The program encouraged teachers to recognize early learning some of our strain costs that could be redirected into the class room for other uses.

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About Phil Power

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New technologies must be the focus

locating in Michigan varied

all over the lot. Some said it

founders lived in Michigan.

Others, manufacturing-

based and therefore inter-

ested in knocking pennies

per unit off the cost of mak-

ing stuff, spoke about tak-

ing advantage of the exist-

qualified engineers and

technicians, we bite and

scratch to find every one.

in finding people who are

imaginative and fearless

and who can help us inno-

Clinthorne's Xoran is a

spin-off from the University

of Michigan, and a number

of people in the room spoke

about how technology

transfers from university

laboratories seed new busi-

mostly on either coast.

new companies, such as

accountants,

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lawyers,

vate," Crumm said.

locate in Michigan?

quickly.

grads.

going to offer buyouts to another 46,000 employees, while it's beginning to look like the smart guys at Cerebus Capital Management missed stuff like the recession and high oil prices when they did

their due diligence before

PHIL POWER:

buying Chrysler. Meanwhile, Michigan's unemployment rate for December inched up to 7.6 was simply because their percent, easily the highest in the nation, nearly a full point above floundering Mississippi. And prospects of a national recession keep growing ... as if we weren't

With all this grim news in mind, I went over late last week to moderate a panel at 2008 Collaboration

Entrepreneurship meeting in Ann Arbor. It's the area's big gathering of entrepretwice as many people there this year as last, and certainly the hall at the local community college was a beehive of Type A personal ities buzzing around wearing intense expressions and brandishing business pro-

The panel I ran wound up talking about why some start-up businesses locate n Michigan and, converse ly, why others don't. My fellow panelists made up a pretty good cross section of Michigan's emerging entrean's emerging entre preneurial economy

They included: Neal Clinthorne, Co-Founder of Xoran technologies, which makes CT scanners for ear, nose and throat physicians: Crumm, Founder of Adaptive which is in the alternative energy busi-ness; and Andrew Wykes, at IDV solutions, an artifi-

cial intelligence software We had an audience of around 50 hard-driving types who brought added

Reasons people gave for averse. Somebody located South Lyon, so it's close to

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Kelly Murad - Staff Write

in Lansing suggested, Lansing is not a known center for high tech," while another participant pointed out that the resources in biology and life sciences nearby Michigan State University were as strong as any place

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues Michigan, and was a regent of the University of Michigan from 1987 to 1999.

He is also president and founder of The Center for Michigan, a moderate think-

manufacturing infra-Many complained about structure that could get the state's efforts to help nies whose products are too entrepreneurial companies jobs done cheaply and "They're well intentioned, one audience member said Some spoke about the quality of the work force, "but they are very bureaucratic and really don't understand what we're all whether skilled blue collar workers or university "Oddly. even about," Others warned that though this appears to be investing public dollars in not a very competitive market for very highly private enterprises is intrinsically conflict-laden. This

else in the country.

minority view. The showcase presenta We're especially interested given by Dave Morin, founder and CEO of Cielo cult to get through. But at MedSolutions. Started in 2005 and now with nine came through for us. employees, Cielo makes electronic medical records software that automatically reminds physicians

screen for lead in the blood of younger kids. "There is So why don't companies so much to remember about health care and The litany and the list were very long indeed. There is very little venture deliver these services in the brief typical capital around these days, and what's available is encounter, so automatic patient-specific prompts are a huge time-saver, said Dr. Jean Malouin They complained of inadequate infrastructure to help assistant professor at the University of Michigan

bankers (people were especially grumpy at these) and proven managers.

We have a statewide culture that is much too riskhome, and this kind of company helps diversify the Michigan economy. "craziness" of information technology in the health care field, which deals with doctors who are increasing ly pressed for time and often dominated by big expensive software compa

smaller physician prac-What about the state?" I asked. "Through Ann Arbor-SPARK (the local economic development organization), we received 21st Century Jobs Fund investment that matched a was, however, distinctly a grant we received from a venture capital firm. That was great, but the bureaution at the conference was cracy and the paperwork given by Dave Morin, were complicated and diffi-

I have to confess I know Dave Morin pretty well --he was the vice president for technology in my former remind patients to get their newspaper flu or pneumonia shots or HomeTown company

Communications Network Inc. And he's a great exam-ple of the kind of folks I saw there's so little time to Smart, intense, innovative modest (in a Michigan kind of way) and very hardworking (another part of Michigan's culture.) True, our economy may be contracting just now

because of the ongoing

transformation in the auto

Department of Family industry, but if the entrepreneurs now beavering I asked Morin how he feels about having his com-pany located in Michigan. to creating a much healthi-"Great," he says. "I live in er, more diversified econo-

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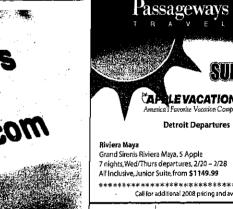
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and building activities for grades

TIME/DATE: 5-5:45 p.m.

DETAILS: Bi-monthly book

club for grades 3-4; book discus-

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oset TIME/DATE: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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DETAILS: Professional jazz band. Zamar, will perform a concert to benefit the athletic fields at Franklin Road school; tickets are \$20 now and \$25 at the right call (248) 668-7100 or order tick-

CONTACT: For more information, visit www.zamariop.com

Scrap the Night Away TIME/DATE: 3-11 p.m. Friday

DETAILS: Novi High School Senior All Night Party Fundraiser \$25 per person includes pizza, snacks, beverage and door prizes; registration required; visit www.novi.k12.mi.us/parrParty.asox for information or to

Meadowbrook Urgent Care Open House TIME/DATE: 5:30-9 o.m.

LOCATION: 25500 Meadowbrook Road, Novi DETAILS: Come to the grand opening of this new facility for strolling dinner, drinks and a free flu package for the first 500 visitors; ribbon cutting at 6:30 p.m.

CONTACT: (248) 476-8500 or

visit www.meadowbrookurgent

Silent Hands 3rd Annual Valentine Dinner Dance

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FIME/DATE: 6 p.m.-12 a.m. Saturday LOCATION: Baker's of Milford DETAILS: Silent Hands charity 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 two to Las Vegas including seven nights, air fare and \$1,000 cash

For information,

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

contact (248) 684-3338

Saturday LOCATION: Environmental Interpretive Center, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 ty cocktails and entertainment Evergreen Road, Dearboi featuring a Broadway-style revue DETAILS: Friends of the Roque by quest performers from the is looking for volunteers to Michigan Opera Theatre, music search for winter Stoneflies; their and dancing with the Tony presence in the creek indicates Lannen Quartet and silent and good water quality and good fish live auctions with WNIC's Lisa no. Volunteers are assigned to teams, led by a trained volunteer, items include sports tickets. and travel to the headwaters of the Rouge River Watershed to jewelry, restaurant gift cards and sort through samples collected ther exclusive items: tickets are

Women in Transition

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velcome when accompanied by

one adult per child. Dress for the

TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. Monday: LOCATION: Novi Community echnology Center, ITC Farus Room, 25345 Tatt Board, Novi

LOCATION: Novi Town Center DETAILS: Donna Marie and Jil DETAILS: Cost for pre-registra-Jordan present this workshop for more information or to pre-regischanges, retirement, life style ter, go to www.runsuperbowl.com or call ing a business; cost is \$69; to (734) 929-9027 register, call (248) 449-1206

CERT Meeting Community Emergency

Blood Drive Response Team TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday Tuesday, Feb. 12 LOCATION: Novi Police DETAILS: CERT members complete a 24-hour training program that provides critical skills necessary for emergency preparedness and response. The City of Novi will begin an 8-week

idents 18 years of ane and older

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center DETAILS: Help monitor the CONTACT: For more information or to register for the infortening for frogs and toads in you hood. Attend one trainmational meeting call Novi Police Sergeant Kevin Rhea (248) 348ing workshop where you will get 7100 or e-mail krhea@cityerything that you need to sur-

ofnovi.org.

The importance of Green Currents The City of Novi host these sessions regarding making your

gy efficient. Neighborhood Academy TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center DETAILS: This is for residential CONTACT: (248) 347-0437

Art Van Furniture Store LOCATION: 27775 Novi Road,

CONTACT: (248) 348-8922 Home Theatre Package

Giveaway DETAILS: Register to win a Home Theatre Package that includes: home theatre seating for three by Berkline, a 42" flat screen TV and TV console; contest continues Kids Castle Craft

DATE: Saturday, Feb. 9 DETAILS: Children visiting the store can participate in a special Valentine's project while parents shop; Kids Castles are supervised

Celebrate Italian Style with Andiamo's TIME/DATE: Noon-2 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 16 DETAILS: Leather furniture colfections are featured as guests eniov samples of specialty dishes prepared by chefs from Andiamo recines and tips on Italian cui-

Cottage and Lakefront Living Shows DATE: Thursday, Feb. 28-

Sunday March 2 LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River

DETAILS: Copper Harbor and Grand Shores Collections from their Michigan H. O. M. E. S. series are featured during the 2008 Home Shows; stop by the Art Van booths.

Mardi Gras Cabaret Fundraiser for the Friends

of the Novi Theatres any of our events. For more TIME/DATE; 6:30 p.m. Friday, LOCATION: Lyon Oaks, 52221 Pontiac Trail, Wixom DETAILS: Cabaret includes buffet dinner, beer, wine, special-

\$40 per person, \$75 per couple

and \$375 for a table of ten and

www.novitheatres.com or from

Office: attire for this adult evening

CONTACT: (248) 347-0400

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. Sunday,

Real Estate One of Novi

TIME/DATE: Noon-6 p.m.

the Novi Civic Center Parks

are available on-line at

novichamber.com. Also visit www.greaternovichamber.com Sales Leads Group TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

creating excitement in busi-

Evervone is welcome to attend

nformation call Whitney, exec-

utive director at (248) 347-

4622 or whitnev@greater-

ness and networking!

LOCATION: Hooter's of Novi DETAILS: Serious networking happens on a bi-weekly basis;

Novi State of the City Address TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. today LOCATION; Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River DETAILS: \$25 per person, please RSVP by Jan. 16 with

response card to the city. TIME/DATE: 5:30-9 p.m. Friday LOCATION: Dirty Martini (inside Andiamo, 42705 Grand

DETAILS: Admission is \$20. Become an ArtsNovi member for \$30 and get in free, Includes 1 Artini Martini, door prize entry. hors d'oeuvres, live entertain

ment, and view the work of local

Business Accelerator

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6 LOCATION: Crown Plaza Hotel DETAILS: Speaker is John Kelley of Google in Ann Arbor; cost is \$25 for members and \$30

for non-members; RSVP by Jan.

LOCATION: Real Estate One, Novi Chamber of Commerce 43155 Main St., 2nd Floor The chamber is celebrating Atrium, Novi 40 years of business, repre-CONTACT: (248) 348-6430 mission is to be a responsible. Frog and Toad Survey nterests in the greater Novi Training Workshops
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, area. We are business and professional people working

together to enhance the life of our community and the businesses in it. For more informawww.novichamber.com or contact the chamber office at (248)

349-3743.

vey. Pre-registration is required Lakes Area Chamber of for this free workshop Commerce CONTACT: Call (313) 792-9621

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

Our purpose is to improve the quality of life for businesses and residents in 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 op programs that are responsive to the needs of the communities

we serve. LOCATION: 305 N. Pontiac Trail Ste B Walled Lake CONTACT: For more information visit www.lakesareachamber.com or (248) 624-2826. Spotlight Lunch

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5 LOCATION: Senate Coney Island, 36950 W. 14 Mile at

Heart of the Lakes Gala Meeting TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12

LOCATION: Chamber office **BUSINESS**

Novi Rotary Club TIME/DATE: Noon every

LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church 41671 W 10 Mile Boad DETAILS: Lunch is \$10 at meeting, visitors welcome, check website for speaker information. www.novirotary.org.

Females in the Family **Business Affinity Group** TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m Third Thursday of every month LOCATION: Walsh College

COMMERCE Troy Campus Greater Novi Chamber of

DETAILS: Walsh Business Leadership Institute invites We're about business. We're vomen who own, are partners about networking. We're about in, or work for family businesses, Items discussed will be common issues, and women can share solutions in a nonthreatening, noncompeti tive, non-sales roundtable. CONTACT: Jan Hubbard. jhubbard@walshcollege.edt

CLASSES

Providence Center for the **Healing Arts**

LOCATION: Assarian Cancer enter, 47601 Grand River

Ave., Novi CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 Wanted: One-time Art

Workshop Instructors
DETAILS: We are looking for people who have an art or craft that they would like to share in our series of one-time work-

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

Ceramics Class Tuesdav. Wednesdav and Thursday; Friday by appoint

FIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. DETAILS: \$10 materials fee

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday DETAILS: Join others and create hats and shawls for those in need.

Meditation TIME/DATE: Meditation for individuals or groups by

DETAILS: Learn proper be used at home or on the job held in reflection space. Cancer Center

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

List vour event in our calendar!

To be included in My Bulletin Board, please send event name, date, time, incation, details and contact Matt: Novi News, My Street, Suite 101, Northville,

received by noon on Monday o be published in the ■ Fax: (248) 349-9832 Thursday edition Call (248) 349-1700 for additional information.

intermediate/advanced) Saturday DETAILS: \$10/walk-in; \$80/10class card: \$45/5-class card: Lunch and Learn Yoga 7-week

gannett.com

session is \$60; registration required. Classes also held at Providence Hospital, Southfield; call for details Massage Therapy TIME/DATE: By appointment DETAILS: Therapeutic mas-

sage is effective for stress and tension, chronic fatique, pain and headaches. Everyone is treatment should bring physitian's referral; \$50/50 Geotle Tai Chi

TIME/DATE: 10:15-11 a.m. Thursday DETAILS: This ancient

Chinese exercise promotes flexibility, balance and strength; an easy introduction to Tai Chi and for everyone; \$5 per session.

Line DancingDATE: Monday and Friday
TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m. intermediate LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W 10 Mile Boad DETAILS: No partner needed;

pay-as-you-go; Novi residents

SCHOOL & **GOVERNMENT**

\$5, non-residents \$6.

Hovi Community Schoo District Board of Education

Novi Youth Assistance

45175 W. 10 Mile Road

LIBRARY

Novi Public Library

HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5

CONTACT: (248) 349-0720

Unless noted below, all pro-

DETAILS: Please visit library

vebsite or Story Time brochure.

. DETAILŠ: Join us as we pair

Little Buddies (grades K-3) with

Knitters and Knotters

needlework group in Youth Area:

TIME/DATE: Noon-1:30 p.m.

DETAILS: Book discussion

Reading Buddies

TIME/DATE: 5-5:30 p.m.

grams take place at the library

LINES

p.m. Sunday

and sharing.

all levels welcome

Feb. 5

General Citizens Meeting

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Tuesday

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center,

CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

TIME/DATE: 19:30-11 a.m. Saturday Feb 2 TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, DETAILS: Children 18 months to 4 years can create a work of LOCATION: Educational Services art: child must be accompanied Building, 25345 Taft Road by an adult; registration required CONTACT: (248) 449-1204

TIME/DATE: 7-7:30 p.m. Novi City Council Meeting TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. first and third Monday of month (Feb. 4)

DETA/LS: Stories, music and un for preschoolers. Is it Hat in Here or is it me? Next meeting Tuesday erimenopause and Menopuase TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center. 45175 W. 10 Mile Roa CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

Wednesday, Feb. 6 DETAILS: A physician from St. John Health will discuss sions. symptoms and hormone replacement therapy: optional opportuni-Composition Scale: please regis-

Heritage Quest Genealogy **Natahase Trainin** TIME/DATE: 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7

DETAILS: During this lecture. learn how to use this online dataimages from 1790-1930 and the Revolutionary era; please register

Walled Lake City Library Maple Road, Walled Lake

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 10. a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday: 1-5 p.m. Sunday; Cinsed Frida CONTACT: (248) 624-3772 or

e-mail to admin@walledlake brary.org Classical Music Series TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. first Tuesday of each month Friends of the Library

Meeting TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Big Buddies (grades 5-12) for 30 minutes of reading, word games Tuesday of month. **Book Discussion Groun** TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. third TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. sec-Tuesday of each month DETAILS: Drop in for informal discussion; bring a bag lunch: DETAILS: Drop in for informal

check library for current book selection. Evening Pre-school Story TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

DETAILS: Stories, crafts and

TIME/DAY: 6:30 every Library Board of Trustees

Story & Snacks Family Time 9 a.m.-noon Saturday hursday 9 a.m.: Line Dance-Int

Meeting TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Noon: Lunch DETAILS: This is an intercen

like to be a storyteller or learn more about this program, contact Wixom Public Library

LOCATION: 49015 Pontiac

Friday of every month

music for the independent listen-

er, ages 3-5; drop-in, registration

Sunday CONTACT: (248) 624-2512 FSI Cafe

TIME/DATE: 3:30 p.m. every DETAILS: Coffee and conversation-Improve your English people from other countries try

CONTACT: Karin at the Information Desk Friends Mini Used Book Sale TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

\$1 and paperbacks 50 cents.

TIME/DATE: 2-3 p.m. DETAILS: "Killing Floor" by Lee

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6 DETAILS: Discussion and crafts about "Each Little Bird That Sings" by Deborah Wiles: for girls in grades 4-6 and their

Fantastic Fridays "Spice Up

DETAILS: For children ages 2-6 with a parent, registration

Baby Days TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Monday through Feb. 4 DETAILS: Playtime and infor-

mal story time for children up to 24 months with parent. Mommy and Me TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Thursday through Feb. 28 DETAILS: Stories, songs and

Preschool Slory-Time TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Tuesday or 1:30 p.m Wednesday, through Feb. 27 DETAILS: Story-times for the

independent listener, parent mus remain in hullding Moonlight Story-Time

Feb. 25 DETAILS: Stories, songs and crafts for children ages 2-6 with The Heidelberg Project: A Street of Dream:

TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 DETAILS: For grades K-5 with TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m.

uesday, Feb. 12 DETAILS: For ages 2-10; registration required Valentine's Day Romance

DETAILS: Harlequin romances are ten cents each or ten for a dollar; other paperback romances are fifty cents each.

TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. Thursday, DETAILS: For middle and high school students who love choco

Countdown to Oscar

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19 Lawrence Jeziak presents an ntertaining look at the Academy Awards: space limited, registra

NOVI **SENIORS**

Havi Senior Activities 1 OCATION: Located in the omplex, 25075 Meadowbrook

CONTACT: (248) 347-0414 Massage by appoin 12:30-4 p.m. Monday-Friday and

> 1:15 a.m.: Line Dance-Beg. 12:15 p.m.: Contract Bridge 1 p.m.: Computer Lab; Chah

10 a.m.: Aqua Express

10 a.m.: Body Recall

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

Group with Dr. Michael Meyer

8:30 a.m.: Panera Bread

9 a.m.: Line Dance-Int.

Noon: Lunch

Wednesday

Noon: Lunch

9 a m : Stretch and Strenoth

4 p.m.: Bereavement Support

6:30 p.m.: Pilates Mat Work

9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength

10 a.m.: Body Recall

11 a.m.: TOPS: Blood

Pressure: "Low Vision" clinic

11:30 a.m.: Clogging-Beg.

12:30 p.m.: Clogging-Club

6:30 p.m.; Clogging-

Licensed Memory Care

each month --

TIME: 10-11 a.m.

Catholic Church, 24505

DETAILS: This informational

meeting is open to all adoptive

here is no charge. Child care i

CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248)

families in Oakland County

Meadowbrook Road

available; registration

Daks

erational program designed to 2:30 p.m.: Line Dance connect adult storytelling volun-Friday eers with children. If you would 9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength 10 a.m.: Body Recall 12:30 p.m. Dupl, Bridge 1 p.m.: Bingo Saturday

HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. p.m. Friday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m.

speaking skills by speaking with ing to improve their English; no tests; instructor help; free,

today LOCATION: Library Meeting

DETAILS: Hardcovers sold for

Mother/Daughter Book Club

female relatives; registration on-

TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Friday,

crafts for two year olds and par

Bereavement Support Group TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday, LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W 10 Mile Road DETAILS: The meeting provides the opportunity for those to learn about the phases and tasks of grief. All are welcome:

> CONTACT: Michael M. Meyer, Doctorate of Ministry Angela Hospice Growns DETAILS: Grief support

groups include general grief. loss of a spouse, women's grief parents who have lost a child and a grief support quilters group. All groups are led by bereavement professionals and trained volunteers. LOCATION: Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh

Boad Livonia 953-6012 General Grief Support TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. and 6:30

p.m. second and fourth Tuesday DETAILS: Open to all losses Loss of Spouse/Significant TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. first Tuesday of month Men in Grief TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m.

Suicide Loss Support Services
DETAILS: Individual and family services offered free for those who have lost a loved one through suicide; call (734) 464-Heartstrings: Parents Who

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

Grief Support Quilter's Group

Thursday of month

7:30 p.m.: Clogging-Club **DMC Huron Valley-Sinai** Waltonwood at Twelve Hospital Support Groups LOCATION: 1 William Carls Independent Living Residence, Licensed Assisted Living. Al-Anon Support Group

(734) 953-6012

third Wednesday of month

DETAILS: Register by calling

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every LOCATION: 27475 Huron Circle Sunday (adjacent to Twelve Oaks Mall) DETAILS: Al-Anon is similar CONTACT: (248) 735-1500 to Alcoholics Anonymous; Onen House intended for the family and TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. friends of someone with an daily or by appointment alcohol problem, helping them to recover from the effects of

living with a problem drinker. SUPPORT CONTACT: (248) 706-1020 Alcoholics Anonymous **GROUPS** Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every

Adoptive Parent Networking Sunday DETAILS: Support group to Meeting DATE: Last Wednesday of attain and maintain sobriety CONTACT: (248) 937-3314 Journeys Cancer Support LOCATION: Holy Family

Group TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m., the LOCATION: Lobby of the Charach Cancer Treatmen

Center, off the hospital's South Garden Entrance DETAILS: The Charach Cancer Treatment Center hosts a support group for anyone dealing with a cancer experience or who know someone living with cancer

CONTACT: (248) 937-5163 zheimer's Caregiver Support Group TIME/DATE: 2-3:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month LOCATION: Krieger Center (South Garden Entrance) DETAILS: Designed to allow caregivers to share tips and offer birth children and their families. support to each other; for ques-

ions or directions call (248) 937 New Parents Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second and fourth Wednesday of each

L OCATION: Hospital Conference Center DETAILS: A supportive envi their struggles, learn how to resolve issues after the birth of a child: discuss co as sleep deprivation and coninn with the emotions of parenting CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

CONTACT: (248) 858-7766 TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. first and third Tuesday of each month **DETAILS: Provides education** and support to quit smoking; no fee and no pre-registration

CONTACT: (248) 937-3314 Breather's Club Support Group TIME/DATE: Noon the third Wednesday of the month DETAILS: Free year-round program for persons afflicted with lung disease; provides support

(248) 937-3314. Psychotherapy & Counselina Services Northville Counseling Center Anxlety/Agoraphobia/Panic

DETAILS: Call (734) 420-8175

TIME/DATE: Second

Wednesday of each mont

for more information.

and information; pre-registration

ones in tow. Also enjoy a mom's CONTACT: Sue Tracz (248) 380-0998. Friendship Circle TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second

> Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile Road, between Taft and Beck DETAILS: Social group for all widows and widowers. CONTACT: Norbert Monson (248) 851-6730, Florence,

MOMS Club of Navi TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. first Thursday of each month

LOCATION: Novi Civic Cente **DETAILS: Moms Offering** Moms Support (MOMS) is a non-profit support group for mothers who choose to stay at home with their children or work out of their homes.

iensunaflemina@vahoo.com **Kensington Valley Mothers** of Multiples

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second Thursday of each month LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot, 300 Dorothy St., South Lyon. DETAILS: This group provides information, support and social activities for mothers of multipl

and around the Kensington Valley school conference are all CONTACT: (248) 437-5496

Breast Cancer Support

DATES: Second and fourth Tuesday of each month Sinai Hospital (Classroom C) TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.

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 ugh southeast entranc Meeting in Conference Room A, immediately to the left CONTACT: Al Biggs (313) 805-7605 or Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (888) 737-2322.

Volunteers Needed LOCATION: 28588 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 475,

Volunteer Training. We serve

Study; 10 a.m. Worship Center during their end of life journey for ages 3-7: 10 a.m. All ages Youth Worship TiME/DATE: 7 p.m. second CONTACT: Mary at (800) 770and fourth Sunday of every

> DETAILS: All youth welcome. Alzheimer's Śupport Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second 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 visit www.holvfamilynovi.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.

Wednesday of each month DETAILS: This free Informational meeting is open to all County. Child care is available. Registration is required

334-3595 Interested in the Catholic Church? CONTACT: Call Maria at

er001@aol.com

LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Nov CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit www.oakpointe.org Sunday Worship TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

TIME/OATE: 7:15-9 p.m. DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective. The groups are: GriefShare (for those grieving a loved one's death): DivorceCare (for those experiencing separation or divorce): Anner Management: parents); YourSpace (for high school students): Every Man's Battle (for men seeking recovery from list, pornography and sexuwives whose busbands struggle rith pornography, sexual addi tion, same-sex attraction or adultery); Changes that Heal (for those experiencing emotional or relational pain): and CrossCurrent (for men who experience unwant-

tion or to register call (248) 912-More to Life Walk Thru the

912-0043 or visit the church web

In Step! The Novi High School varsity pom-pon team is in step during their Friday night performance at a recent girls' hasketball game.

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individuals and their families

TIME/DATE: 7-8:45 n m first

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

Activities Room, 45175 W. 10

DETAILS: Toastmasters will

nication skills, voice your opin-

CONTACT: Amy (248) 752-

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

great need for male volunteers to

support male hospice patients:

an interview and attendance at al

three training sessions is

<u>FAITH</u>

Meadowbrook

Congregational

348-7757 or visit

Sunday Worship

TIME: 10 a.m.

www.mbccc.ard

Meadowhrook Boad

CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P.

First Baptist Church of Novi

Episcopal Church of the

Holy Cross LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile

CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or

www.churchoftheholycross.com

Sunday Worship

Sunday School

TIME: 9 a.m. Adult Bible

Ritter Senior Minister (248)

ext. 8361. (248) 967-8361 or

ion, polish your presentations

and practice leadership

Novi Toastmasters

and third Tuesday of each

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. first and | Neighborhood Baby-sitting Go-op DETAILS: Using the co-op, you and your children can make

night out and other social events

friends and get what you need

accomplished without the little

LOCATION: St. James

Veight (248) 477-3032, Joy (TOPS) Chapter lovaldi (248) 348-9138 or joylo-TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. weich-in. and 11:30 a.m. meeting every Wednesday LOCATION: Meadowbrook

Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi membership, includes hand book; \$1 per meeting. New members welcome. CONTACT: Rebecca Boyke (248) 305-8646

Visitina Nurse Association Hospice Volunteers Needed TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, 16 and 23

LOCATION: Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan, 25900 Greenfield DETAILS: Looking for kind. compassionate hospice volun teers two to four hours per week needed Monday through Friday during day time hours; there is a

Mothers of multiples living in

for more information.

LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or Sunday Schedule Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. fourth Sunday of every month.

Heartland Hospice TIME/DATE: Day and evening

DETAILS: Caring and comregister for Heartland Hospice CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or

Adoptive Parent Networking TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last

CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248)

(248)349-8847 or spiritwalk-Oak Pointe Church

ReNew Life Ministries

ed same-sex attraction)

Bible Family Event TIME/DATE: 7-9:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 8 and 9 a.m.-poon DETAILS: One seminar for adults, another for kids (grades 1-5) so bring the whole family; tickets \$20 per person with registration at the door CONTACT: Joe Snyder at (248)

continued on 14A

continued from 13A St. James Catholic LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile

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

Novi United Methodisi LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile

CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit www.umcnovi.com Sunday Worship TIME: 9:45 a.m.

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Healing Service and Holy Saturday, Feb. 9 LOCATION: Fellowship Hall TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first

Sunday of every month Appalachia Service Project; regis-Peace Vigil TIME/DATE: Noon, first tration fee of \$35 includes reserved work space, morning and afternoon snack, lunch buf-LOCATION: In front of the fet, gifts, beginner instruction, church
DETAILS: Members of the conideas and more; registration required by calling church or a contact below.

gregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace; not anti-anything, pro peace. DETAILS: The church is hosting an arts and craft show Saturday, June 21. Vendor space CONTACT: Pam Davis.

First United Methodist of

Northville LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or visit www.fumcnorthville.org Sunday Worship DETAILS: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.

TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first Men's Bible Study TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 a.m every Wednesday

LOCATION: Room 10 Sharing Hearts Women's Rible Study FIME/DATE: 12:45-2:30 p.m.

every Tuesday LOCATION: Chapel upstairs DETAILS: Child care available: Disciple One Bible Study

TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. every Sunday; or 9:30-11:30 a.m. every 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 TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every other Thursday DETAILS: 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 their faith, community and other women. Registration required. Suicide Loss Support Group TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second Thursday and fourth Monday of each month

DETAILS: New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering this support group to those who have lost a loved one to suicide. CONTACT: New Hope Center for Showcase

Grief Support (248) 348-0115 or TIME/DATE: 5:15-8:15 p.m.

each Wednesday DETAILS: Program includes recreation, dinner, bible study and music: grades 4-12 M.O.M.S. First Aid

TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Lounge

DETAILS: People, pancakes

Memory Mania Scrapbook

Monday, Feb. 4

Men's Club

meet in Room C317 DETAILS: First aid instruction

from a registered nurse; child care provided for small fee. TIME/DATE: 8-9 a.m. Saturday,

and praise in the Fellowship Hall. DETAILS : Cost is \$15; purchase tickets at Ward Church.

DETAILS: Event supports the

CONTACT: Julia at (248) 380-3137 or Mary at (248) 348-1184

Crosspointe Meadows LOCATION: Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road (south of 13 CONTACT: (248) 427-2700. 9

a.m.-2 p.m. or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Ward Evangelical Church LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville CONTACT: (248) 374-5978 Sunday Worship 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. Learner's Bible Study, Room

Second and Fourth Monday 7 p.m. Study of Ephesians, Room C309

Every Tuesday: 7 p.m. Praying Together, Sanctuary Every Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Single Adult Ministries office, 7 p.m. Single Men's Bible Study: 7 p.m. Single Parents, Single Adult Ministries Office: 8:30-10 p.m. Co-ed

Volleyball, Knox Ha Every Saturday: 10 a.m. Bicycling Group starts from various locations; geared towards tourist level rider; all levels welcome; helmets required; lunch half-way through ride at your

own expense. Every Sunday: 1-3 p.m. Stevenson High School, Six Mile

Road west of Farmington Road. SPM Bridge: 5:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday; beginners welcome refreshments Lighthouse Cafe

TIME/DATE: 7-10 p.m. Friday DETAILS: Music games and refreshments in Knox Hall; \$5 at door: free childcare. Divorce Recovery Workshop

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31 through March 14 DETAILS: \$30 pre-paid or \$35 at door includes materials and

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1 DETAILS: Kim Hill is featured Tickers are \$5; free

Thursday, Jan. 24th thru Sunday, Jan. 27th

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at the Novi Store Location - This Sale is Worth The Tripl

the NOVI STORE is CLOSING! — Everything must go including all furniture

and fixtures. Clearance inventory from both stores will be discounted at least 50%

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Woman to Woman TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Feb. 2

DETAILS: Kim Hill is featured speaker; tickets are \$5 and includes continental breakfast; TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday,

DETAILS: Dick Bont is speaker "The Fortune Teller" Arts and Culture Event TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Saturday,

LOCATION: Cherry Hill Village

11:30 a.m. single's class; provide Vacation Bible School Summer Ministries Preview TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturday, March 1 DETAILS: Get a headstart on your church's summer program by viewing exhibits and demonstrations from national publishers; upgrade and enhance your skills by attending workshops; morning refreshments and lunch included in registration fee; sponsored by The International tian Education Association; event in non-denominational and

open to public. CONTACT: www.iceaOnline.org or call (248) 557-5526

> St. Paul Lutheran LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-3140 Sunday Worship TIME: 8:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.

The Baha'l Faith TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. last Saturday of every month LOCATION: 23803 Ripple DETAILS: This Devotional

Gathering is focused on prayers for peace. People of all faiths welcome. CONTACT: (248) 473-0355 or visit www.us.bahai.org

TIME: 9:30 and 11 a.m.

7:30 p.m. social time: 7:45 p.m.

opening; 8-9 p.m. informative

and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5. Check

website for details www.single

Super Bowl House Party

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Sunday

DETAILS: Maps to party in

Hamburg available at Single

%4 or \$10 if coming empty

Place: bring a dish to pass and

handed; call (810) 360-6197 to

Cards and Games Night

DETAILS: Pizza, cards and

bring \$5 and a small snack to

share; sign up if you wish to

Dining Out Group

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m.

dnesday, Feb. 13

LOCATION: Doc's Sports

games at Pastor Russell's house;

First Presbyterian Church of DATE: Today Northville LOCATION; 200 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.firstpresnville.org Tocco Night, Light & Lively

DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan Single Place Ministries OETAILS: Thursday evenings;

(734) 464-4029 to reserve your Buffet Dinner

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Saturday LOCATION: Northville Downs DETAILS: Cost is \$33 and includes buffet dinner, tax, tip and entertainment: drinks on vations by Feb. 9 to (734) 459-

"Almost Maine" at the Tipping Point Theater TIME/DATE: Saturday, Feb. 23 DETAILS: Cost is \$27: limited tickets available

Dinner and Movie TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 8 LOCATION: Grape Expectations Wine and Tapas Bar, downtown

DETAILS: Meet at the restaurant for a light dinner and then Alfred Hitchcock movie at 7 p.m. Cost on your own. Call (734) 459-7235 for more information. Walking in the Park TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. every

Saturday LOCATION: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile Roads, Farmington Hills)
DETAILS: Group meets for

lunch afterwards. CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-Divorce Recovery Workshop TIME/DATE: 7:30-9 p.m.

LOCATION: Emeritus Room **DETAILS: Workshop topics** and speakers include: Networking, Mid-life Crisis pre sented by Pastor Russell; Stages if Grief presented by J. Harold Ellens, Ph.D.; Putting Your "Ex" in Focus presented Ďeli Deaton Pot Luck Dinner and Legal Aspect of Divorce presented by David Jerome; Church & Divorce Spiritual Help & Forgiveness pre sented by Pastor Russell; Helping

Cost is \$35 per person. Psychology of an Election DETAILS: Harold Ellens, Ph. D. leads a serious yet fun discus-

Children Through Divorce pre-

sented by Sharon Bergman, MA,

LLP; and Relationships Old and

New presented by Ms. Bolos.

DETAILS: Tocco's, refresh-

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TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Sunday, through Feb. 24 DETAILS: This Adam Hamilton St. John's Episcopal Church LOCATION: 574 S. Sheldon Series "Making Love Last a Road, Plymouth CONTACT: (734) 453-0190 Lifetime" provides thoughtful and

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TIME: 5:30 p.m. Sunday Worship TIME: 9, 11:15 a.m. Sunday School TIME: 10:15 a.m. Universalist Unitarian

Church of Farmington LOCATION: 25301 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills CONTACT: (248) 318-8044 or www.uufarmigton.org

Faith Community Presbyterian LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or

Sunday Worship TIME: 9, 10:30 a.m. 'Discovering The Bible' Kerygma class ME/DATE: 7 p.m. every

visit www.faithcommunity-

GracePointe Presbyterian Church

CONTACT: Rev. Brian C Sleeth, Pastor (248) 497-3178 or oracepointe@mac.com; and Monthly Worship Service "The Art of Worship" TIME: 6:30 n.m.

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, Council Chambers DETAILS: Nursery provided. Grand Opening TIME/DATE: Palm Sunday,

DETAILS: More information can be found at the website.

overview of how Pilates may actually help your golf game;

DMC Huron Valley-Sinal

Commerce CONTACT: (248) 937-3314 Alcoholics Anonymous

Sunday DETAILS: No pre-registration DETAILS: Minimum of 10 people required to attend every ses

CONTACT: Elizabeth Wilhelm (734) 953-0190 ext. 10

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renister: all are welcome.

Calling You to a Song TIME/DATE: 7:30-9 p.m.

Wednesday evenings

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

Park Medical Center DETAILS: Classes are held at 7 p.m. and are free of charge, how-ever, registration is required as space is limited. Participants should wear loose, comfortable clothing and appropriate or to register, call the number

CONTACT: 248-380-3550 Exercise for Low Back Pain/Tips for Shoveling Snow

DATÉ: Wednesday lecture/demonstration/participation class for those interested in preventing low back pain; speak ers are Frank Kava, MS, PT and Julie Wright, DPT. Fit After Fifty DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 12

DETAILS: Program will review and discuss safe, effective exercise for generalized strengthening and cardiovascular fitness; speakers are Linda Erickson, MS Pt and Cathy Jamrog, MPT. Managing Osteparthritis and

DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 20 DETAILS: This class is a lecture and demonstration for those with arthritis in need of advice on starting an exercise program and/or those already involved with an exercise program; speak Pilates and Your Golf Game er is Elizabeth Uitti, DPT.

DETAILS: A lecture and

IHA Welcomes Peter Dews, MD, MS



Hours: Retreat, 19265 Victor Parkwa Mon: 11 am - 7 pm east of 1-275 at Seven Mile Road Tues: 8 am - 5 pm DETAILS: Cost on your own, Wed: 8 am - 12 pm reservations mandatory, carl Thurs: 9 am - 5:30 pm

Sat: 8 am - 12 pm

IHA is pleased to announce their newest physician, Dr. Peter Dews, who collaboratively with IHA, will open the IHA Plymouth Internal Medicine office in Plymouth, Michigan in late February. Completing both his medical and residency training at Wayne State University (WSU), Dr. Dews also served as a faculty member in the WSU Department of Medicine. He enjoys the continuity of long term care, collaborative relationships with patients, and has special interests in diabetes and hypertension.

Dr. Dews will be seeing patients temporarily at IHA's Associates in Internal Medicine - Cherry Hill office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (through 02/08). He will also see new patients on Monday and Friday at their location in Plymouth.

For more information about IHA Plymouth Internal Medicine and the insurances that are accepted please visit www.ihacares.com, or to schedule an appointment contact:

IHA Plymouth Internal Medicine 990 W. Ann Arbor Trail Suite 208 Plymouth, Michigan 48170

734.455.1200



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class is for both male and female golfers; given by Kristie Kava, PT, DScPT, MS and Linda Erickson,

Hospital LOCATION: 1 William Carls Dr.,

Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every

required. For information, call (248) 937-3314. TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every

DETAILS: For family and friends of someone with an alcohol problem. No preregistration required. For information, call 248) 706-1020. Alateen Support Group

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

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

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every

second and fourth Thursday of LOCATION: Sinai Center for Women, next to hospital's South

DETAILS: This support group is for any woman diagnosed with breast cancer, CONTACT: (248) 937-5163 **Journeys Cancer Support**

Group TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Monday of every month LOCATION: Lobby of the Charach Cancer Treatment Cente DETAILS: Support group for

those with cancer or who are

related to or know someone liv

ing with cancer. CONTACT: (248) 937-5163 Support for Smokers DATE: First and third Tuesday of each month

DETAILS: Provides education and support to quit smoking, no for more information. H.U.G.S. Group for Parents

TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. third Thursday of each mor DETAILS: Support and counseling to parents who have suffered a pregnancy or newborn loss, no pre-registration required CONTACT: (248) 937-4847 for more information.

Dinner with a Doctor DATE: Last Thursday of month TIME: 6:30-8:30 p.m. LOCATION: St. John

Providence Park Hospital, Grand River and Beck roads (use Beck Rooms A. B and C.



With snow flying up and covering his face, Naoya Kikukawa, 11, flies down the hill at Novi's North Lakeshore ternoon. A pretty steady snowfall that day left the area with about three inches of the fluffly white stuff, which made for some pretty good sledding

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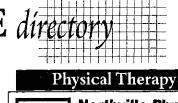
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DETAILS: Jan. 31: Dr. Robert

You "Heart" What You Eat DETAILS: Feb. 28; presentation by cardiologist, Dr. Zarghami followed by strolling dinner featur-ing heart healthy food; recipes and cookbooks distributed.

DETAILS: March 27: presenta tion by orthopedic surgeon Dr. David Markel.

BORDERS **BOOKS AND** MUSIC

43075 Crescent Blvd., Novi CONTACT: (248) 347-0780 Author John Gray TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday DETAILS: John Gray will be at Borders with his new book "Why Mars and Venus Collide: Improving Relationships by Understanding how Men and Stress," on sale Monday,

ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE

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

for more information. Home Improvement Show TIME/DATE: Noon-9 p.m. Friday: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday DETAILS: This show features hundreds of exhibitors including the latest technology, products and services for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, remodeling, heating, and cooling. Arts and crafts show inside. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors,

2008 Great Lakes Aviation Conference and Expo TIME/DATE: 7 a.m.-10 o.m. Friday, Feb. 1 and 7 a.m.-4 p.m

Saturday, Feb. 2 DETAILS: The most compre hensive aviation event of its kind; registration required Antique Arms Show

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10 DETAILS: Buy, sell and trade antique arms: \$6 admission, 12 and younger are free; \$5 parking 42nd Annual Detroit Camper

and RV Show

Saturday, Feb. 16; 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

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Services Programs, 49045 Pontiac Trail, Wixom, (248) 624-

Senior Ongoing Programs

Some of these activities have a

Monday: 10-11 a.m. Exercise

is required no later than Friday

Jan. 25 to Farmington

489-3333 to register.

City of Wixom CONTACT: Community

Class Tuesday: 10 a.m.-noon

Knit/Crochet and Sew Group:

noon-2:30 p.m. Line Dancing

Wednesday: 10-11 a.m.

Second Tuesday: 10 a.m.

Bingo Fourth Thursday: 10-11:30

Moms Day Valentine

Second Monday: 11:30 a.m.

Second Thursday: 11:30 a.m.

TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Exercise Class

Lunch Bunch

Senior Commission

a.m. Blood Pressure

Sunday, Feb. 17 DETAILS: New recreational \$9, 12 and under are free, sen-Thursday only: \$5 parking.

REGIONAL

Plymouth Ice Festival

DATE: Friday-Sunday LOCATION: Kellogg Park, DETAILS: This fun-filled family event is free and open all weekend; ice carving during daytime

CONTACT: For more informa-tion, contact (734) 453-1540 or visit www.plymouthice.com

Texas Hold'em

TIME/DATE: Noon registration. gaming 1:30 p.m. Sunday LOCATION: 700 Bowl, 700 N. Lafayette, South Lyon DETAILS: Entrance fee is \$60.

Last player standing receives a \$777 prize. Forty participants will nitiate a 2nd (\$300) and 3rd (\$150) place pay off.

New Hope Church Special Service TIME/DATE: 3 p.m. Sunday

LOCATION: New building, 57885 Grand River, Lyon Twp. DETAILS: This service is to celebrate the affirmation of minister Rev. Suzanne Paul and the dedication of the new building; musical talents of Kentare Roy and Matt Justice are featured at

the reception at 4:30 p.m. CONTACT: Deb Tyler (810) 229-3228 or deborah-tyler@sbc global.net

8th Annual Winter Bridal

TIME/DATE: 11 am-4 a.m. Sunday LOCATION: Genoa Woods

ing and greeting over 40 area wedding professionals and see ing the latest bridal fashions; seminars at noon and 1 n.m. ashion show at 3 p.m.; doc prizes, give-aways and food tast ng during the day; admission is \$5 but free for brides with a paying guest; pre-register at

TIME/DATE: 6-10 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday, Jan. 29, LOCATION: Farmington Community School, 30415 Shiawassee Road, Farmington

Conference and Banquet Center, 7707 Conference Center Dr.

Brighton
DETAILS: Plan you entire wedding in one location by meet-

www.genoawoods.com. Builder's Pre-License Class

DETAILS: Moms and kids come make Valentines for you family and friends; will make 15 couple; pre-register by 3 p.m. or

TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. DETAILS: Enjoy a night of

dancing, includes a pizza dinner; \$25 per couple, \$5 each additional girl; pre-register by 3 p.m. on Feb. 6.

Kensington Metro Park LOCATION: 2240 West Buno

Road, Milford, (248) 685-1561 or

Nature Center Programs

(Please pre-register.) SCHEDULE: 1-4 p.m.

Saturday - Ice Fishing for

Beginners: 2 p.m. Sunday

ireside Stories and Hot

Chocolate; 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb.

2 - Ice Fishing for Scouts; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3 - Winter Nature

Detectives: 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb.

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DATE: Saturday and Sunday,

LOCATION: Farm Learning

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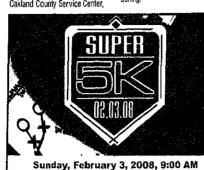
Winter Master Gardener Class TIME/DATE: 6-10 n.m.

Thursday evenings through Apr. LOCATION: Executive Office Building Conference Center.

2100 Pontiac Lake Road.

Waterford DETAILS: Each session focuses on a different horticultural topic that will prepare you to fulfill a 40-hour community service commitment to earn Master Gardener Certification First-come, first-served; \$25 appli cation fee, class fee \$300.

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Local art work featured in ArtINI

■ ArtsNovi premiere event

By Kelly Murad

Novi resident Alcea Hibbeln, is one of six artists whose work will be featured at ArtINI, the premiere event of ArtsNovi, tomorrow at the Dirty Martini. ArtsNovi is a recently formed

organization, made up of a board of directors, dedicated to promoting and supporting arts in the

"The people on the board and the members and the people who attend these events are so passionate about art," Hibbeln said. "They're not necessarily artists themselves, but they love to look at it and support art because that's what Michigan needs."

Admission is \$20 for the event,

the door, which is a special discounted member rate.
The whole nature of this inaugural event is to introduce our board of directors and to welcome ership," said ArtsNovi pres-

Schoolcraft College

Women's Resource Center

College, 18600 Haggerty Road

CONTACT: For more information

tion and to register call (734)

Divorce Support Group

and fourth Tuesday of month

Resource Center, Room 225

LOCATION: Women's

McDowell Center

TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. second

DETAILS: Open to anyone con-

templating, in the process of, or

divorce: first meeting group dis-

cussion with facilitator Cynthia

Kippin, MA, LPD, LLP; second

fee or registration required.

p.m. Friday

Women's Resource Center Luncheon Series

LOCATION: Schoolcraft

College, VisTaTech Center

Boarding

Training

8a.m. - 4p.m. Sat.

TIME/DATE: 11:45 a.m.-1:30

neeting features a speaker, no

462-4443

live entertainment, art displays from local artists and door prizes. Sleeth is estimating an attendance of anywhere between 100-200 people.
"There are six artists and each artist gets a panel to show their stuff," Hibbeln said. "The panel

ArtINI martini, sponsored by Svedka Vodka, hors d'oeuvres,

has four sides. I will have pieces that will be as small as 5-by-5inch, to 12-by-12-inch and much bigger than that. "Our prices are reasonable." Each of the artists exhibited art-

work will be for sale. Hibbeln, an abstract landscape painter, used to showease her work at Starring The Gallery in Northville, but it is currently fear tured at the Orchard Lake Framing and Gallery in West

"I've been painting for years." she said. "Abstract landscapes just came about by experimenting with color and different mediums." Anyone interested in becoming an AnsNovi member can pay \$30 at Prior to painting on convas, Hibbeln hand-painted glassware, which she sold to Jacobson's department stores.

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about divorce and family law

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begins at 4:30 p.m.: Sept.-May:

walk-in; no fee CONTACT: (734) 462-4443

Money Matters In Divorce DATE: 5-7 p.m. first Monday of

DETAILS: Opportunity to ask a

certified financial planner about

the financial concerns related to

divorce: walk-in, no fee; sign-in

DETAILS: Ask an attorney

"Painting on canvas is a little bit more sophisticated than nainting on glass," she said. "You get to do so much more. I've introduced texture to some of my The admission will include one paintings and you can't do that on

The event will also leature abstract textural painter Michelle Hinz of Rochester; abstract painter Michelle Moore of Plymouth; watercolorist Nancy Modick; photographer Jenny Wood of Walled Lake; and photographer Jenny Wood of Walled Lake; and photographer Jenny Modick; photographer Jenny Modick; photographer Jenny Modick; photographer Jenny Modick (1998) and Jenny tographer David Amamoto of Walled Lake. ArtsNovi is already planning for a black-tie event in April at Rock Financial Showplace, "Wine, Chocolate, Jazz and all that Art."

DETAILS: Tickets \$22-\$46: Rackham Auditorium Celebration of the Keyboard

ArtsNovi presents

Artini

5:30-9 p.m. Jan. 25

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The event will also feature

local artists

Feb. 2 DETAILS: Tickets \$10-\$56, Hill Auditoriu m Chicago Classical Orlenia

FIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Saturday,

TIME/DATE: 8 n.m. Friday, Feb. 8 DETAILS: Tickets \$20-\$40; Rackham Auditorium Guarneri String Quartel and Johannes String Quartet TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Saturday

University Musical Society, Wu Man, pipa and Bay Area Shawm Band University of Michigan
PERFORMANCE LOCATIONS: TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. Sunday

Hill Auditorium, 825 North University Ave.: Rackham Auditorium, 915 East Washingto St.: Power Center, 121 Fletcher Michigan Theater, 603 East CONTACT: (734) 764-2538,

(800) 221-1229 or visit humorous anecdotes from her w.ums.oro. Moiseyev Dance Company TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Sunday Turo": \$15 per luncheon; prepaid

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5577 Whittaker Road TIME/DATE: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 8 LOCATION: Multi-purpose

Room of the Ann Arbor Library, downtown branch. DETAILS: Children enjoy learning about the sound of woodwind instruments in this creative

DETAILS: Tickets \$16-\$40;

LOCATION: Ypsilanti Library, Symphony Society Youth Artist Competition
TIME/DATE: Sunday, Feb. 3

ing Artini event Friday at Novi's Dirty Martini bar.

LOCATION: Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty Road, Canton DETAILS: The three divisions of the competition are Senior

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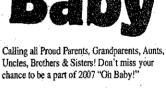
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SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: FIGURE SKATING

ICE DANCING TH THE STARS



Novi's Emily Samuelson performs a routine with her ice dancing partner Evan Bates in Poland.

Skating takes Novi student around the world

By Jeff Theisen SPORTS WRITER

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It all started when a 5-year old Emily

amuelson saw another little girl skate.

She knew that was what she wanted to do.
"I said, 'Mommy, I want to do that," Samuelson said. "She told me when we came back to the United Sates I could do that. We

Countless practice hours, travel miles galore and a move to ice dancing later, Samuelson is now the one that other little girls want to be

Samuelson, from Novi, and her ice dancing partner Evan Bates are in St. Paul, Minn., competing at the U.S. Figure Skating Nationals this week against the best of the moved back when I was 5. I started right best.

"It's going to be very, very exciting and very hard," Samuelson said. "We'll be competing against the Olympic silver medalists, Tanith against the Olympic silver medalists, Tanith Belben and Ben Agosto and other great skaters.

Samuelson and Bates, ranked No. 10 in the

See SKATING, 2A



Wildcat wrestlers Robbie Yusko, left, and Ryan Thomas

Picking up the pace

Thomas, Yusko, Ridenour gear up for postseason run

By Jeff Theisen

Robbie Yusko, Ryan Thomas and Ryan Ridenour have proven hard work can pay big dividends. Each of the wrestlers have racked up more than 20 wins

while keeping losses to a mini-Head coach Brad Huss hopes

Head coach Brad Huss nopes all have a chance to make a deep run into the postseason, but the first goal is the most important — just get there. "From there, anything can happen," Huss said.

Robble Yusko

Despite being certified at 119 pounds, Yusko has wrestled up at 125 pounds most of the year. Despite giving up weight in most of the matches, he's still com-piled a 22-5 record.

Overcoming weight obviously isn't the biggest issue for him, it was overcoming technical issues on the mat. "His problem, if he has one, is

getting off the bottom," Huss said. "He's so much better now off the bottom," Huss and much improved. It's really changing the matches for him.

"Now that he can get off the bottom, he's got a great take-down and he's really, really tough on top. He's got the abili-ties to place in the state, but that was what was holding him back."

Things came to a summit for Yusko at the Brighton tournament, where he pinned Northville's Johnny D'Anna in the semifinals and won the title with another pin with another pin.

Ryan Thomas

force at 152 pounds, racking up a 27-4 record. "He's so fun to watch," Huss said. "He's just got his own style. He does not panic. No matter what his opponent is doing, you never see any fear in him. "He just finds a way to win."

Thomas is enjoying the benefits of a healthy season.

He did not wrestle as a freshman and missed more than half of his junior year because of an

injury.
"It should've been so detrimental to him, having missed that time," Huss soid. "He just gets it, He just understands the sport. On top of that, he's got good athletic ability and confi-

good atmedidence.

Huss doesn't know where a will end up at the end of the year. But he does know his 152-pounder could be danger-

"He's a kid that because of his style, he could win a state cham-pionship," Huss said. "But because of his style, who knows? "I wouldn't want to wrestle

him at the state meet. I don't care what your record is. I wouldn't want to wrestle him."

Another factor pushing Thomas is having fellow coach Corey Grant as a drill partner. "That's a major bonus," Huss

said

Ryan Ridenour

Ridenour might not be the flashiest wrestler, but Huss said he is more the grinding or workmanlike wrestler.

"He's very methodical. He's a strong, strong kid," Huss said. "He probably doesn't have the

See WRESTLE: 2B



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Newi News Wildcat Alyssa Armiak makes a pass.

Novi boys, girls hoops victorious

By Jeff Theisen SPORTS WRITER

The Novi boys basketball team hammered Brighton 70-49 Jan. 15 and picked up another win, 49-46 Friday against South Lyon.

Friday against South Lyon.

Against Brighton, Chris
Bellamy led the scoring with 19
points. Caleb Dean posted another double-double with 16 points and 14 rebounds. Brandon Bradford also scored 15 points. Bellamy again led the charge against South Lyon with 18 points. The Wildcats rallied from a 39-36 deficit heading into the also score fourth to pick up their fourth 10 points.

Girls Basketball

The Novi girls improved to 10-2, 5-1 with a 41-39 win Friday against South Lyon and a 52-44 win against Brighton.

Against Brighton, Chantel Hill led the way with 14 points, with

eight of them coming from the free throw line. Caroline Johnson also scored in double digits with

Against South Lyon, Johnson's basket with 4.3 seconds left proved to be the game-winning shot. Hill again led the Wildcats with

Swim and Dive

The Novi swim and dive team teat Lakeland 110-75 last

Thursday,
Winning events for the
Wildcats were the 200 medley
relay team of Dan Meister, Joon relay team of Dan Meister, Joon Chung, Dan Kiefer and Tyler Vincent (1:48.81), Vincent in the 200 freestyle (1:56.68), Chung in the 50 free (24.75), Kiefer in the 100 butterfly (1:00.68), Chung in Vincent in the 500 freestyle

See ROUNDUP, 3B

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Samuelson said a lot of people

are aware of what she does on the

ice, but the second injury gave her more school notoriety than she

and I had my hand in a sling, I would walk down the hall and

there was a group of girls who were like, 'Oh my gosh, You're

the girl whose partner stepped on her hand," she said. "I'm the one who fell. I didn't blame him at all.

"It took a while to recover com-

pletely, but it's just a good story now I guess."

But she's back on the ice and

dancing with Bates again. They are in Minnesota and hoping to

bring back stories with a much different ending, along with expe-

"I'm not all that nervous because it is our first year ar sen

It was a freak accident.

"When I was injured in March,

The Novi Middle School pom team placed second at the Churchill competition last Thursday.

SKATING: Samuelson, Bates head to skate against the world's best pariner skaling, but she has lost teeth on a fall and accidentally had her pariner skate over her hand, severing a tendon after another fail.

world, are competing at the senior level of ice dancing, the highest

"When I first started, I never imagined I would be where I am right now," she said. "I was just looking forward to getting on the ice and practicing every

Samuelson and Bates will go through three dances at the competition. They start with the compulsory dance (yesterday).

The compulsory dance has everyone doing the same things

with the same steps.

Today, they will be doing their onginal, or short program. It's a 2.5 routine. The routine must

Saturday is the free dance, or long program. Certain elements have to be completed, but the choreography and everything else is up to the dancers.

Samuelson started in freestyle skating, a solo style that involves jumps.
After several years of freestyle.

her coach asked her if she would like to try ice dancing. Samuelson has been hooked ever since. She was partnered with Bates through a mutual coach. At 10, Samuelson tried out for a spot,

been ice skating partners ever since.
"Everything just clicked,"
Samuelson said. "I've been with

Evan for about eight years now, and every single day we've gotten better and better."

ners. The difference is in the style. Pairs involves jumps, spins, overhead lifts and through. Ice dancing is just that — dancin

Figure skating levels

Novi

Boys Basketball

Girls Basketball

1/25 vs. Milford, 7 p.m

1/29 vs. Pinckney, 7 p.m.

1/26 vs. Forest Hills C., 6:30

p.m. 1/30 at Lakeland, 7:20 p.m.

Boys Swim and Dive

Bowling 1/25 vs. Milford, 4 p.m.

1/28 at Lakeland, 5 p.m.

1/30 vs. Lakeland, 7 p.m.

Figure skating involves four different disciplines – ladies, men freestyle (solo), pairs and ice different disciplines - ladies, men freestyle (solo), pairs and ice dancing.

Pairs and ice dancing are it's a flot of fun."

Photo submitted by Daphne Backman

iors so we don't have any expec-tations," Samuelson said.

She admitted that she never expected to travel to such places as Germany, Slovenia, Austria. Bulgaria or Slovakia, but skating has taken her many places.

Who knows? Maybe this weekend it could take Samuelson and

349-1700, ext. 104.

Jeff Theisen can be reached at

ON THE MOVE

plans started

The New Year greeted area residents with a major snowstorm on Jan. 1. For example, if you would like he New Year greeted are residents with a major residents with a major snowstorm on Jan. 1.
Those that took the opportunity to run or walk outdoors in the days following the snowfall one, determine your training one, determine your training days following the snowfall one, determine your training were rewarded with exceptional meeds and identify a few races winter scenery. While winter running in Michigan has its chaltone, One of the great motivalenges, it can also be a very spe-cial and enjoyable time. to sign up for

With the start of the New Year, my training in by that review your running experiences from the past year and to set some plans and goals for 2008 as you look ahead. Whether you are a casual runner or walker, or an avid racer, having goals is a great way to achieve improvements And to keep track of your progress. I recommend keeping a runner's log with daily entries of your training and races.
Your goals should be as specific as possible and measurable.

Plans for the New Year

Some examples include:
• Running your first 5K, 10K
or other distance (possibly your t marathon).

specific time (maybe setting a new personal record). • Participating in a particular race or event.

• Training X days a week or

· Completing a race under a

running Y miles a year. (You pick the numbers that are right or you.)
There is no one goal that is

suitable for everyone. There are differences in overall objectives, training levels, time available, family commitments, and work obligations, to name a few. You should decide what is best for you. In addition, once a goal is achieved, select a new one. This will help assure your motivation level remains high.

By planning your running year now, you will make sure it is an integral part of your life

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but he's going to keep coming at you for six minutes with no let-

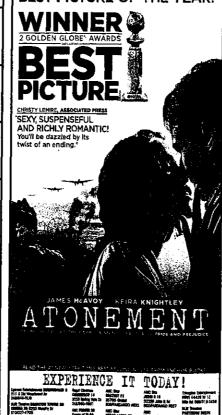
shape." to the record son Ridenour has earned a 28-6 to be around."

record at 189 pounds.
"He's another one that really dedicated himself to the sport with camps, Monday and (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

Wednesday practices and just his and Ridenour are a big part of the team's success, th

wrestlers.
This whole crew has been a lot you better be in great, great of fun," Huss said. "We've got a lot of personalities. Regardless of their records, they're fun kids

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Getting your '08



Routes If you would like to look for new running routes in this o other areas, or determine the dis tance of your personal roules check out the USA Track and Field website: usatf.org/roules. There are many routes listed for the Northville/Novi area which others have submitted. The real

throughout the winter. The following two races offer indoor facilities to stay warm in before

and after the event.

• Sunday, Feb. 3: Get a little exercise before the big game at the Super 5K in Novi. The race director guarantees it will be warmer than in 2007. (runsuper-

 Sunday, Feb. 10: Run the Riverview Winterfest 4-Mile event and then enjoy a pancake breakfast.

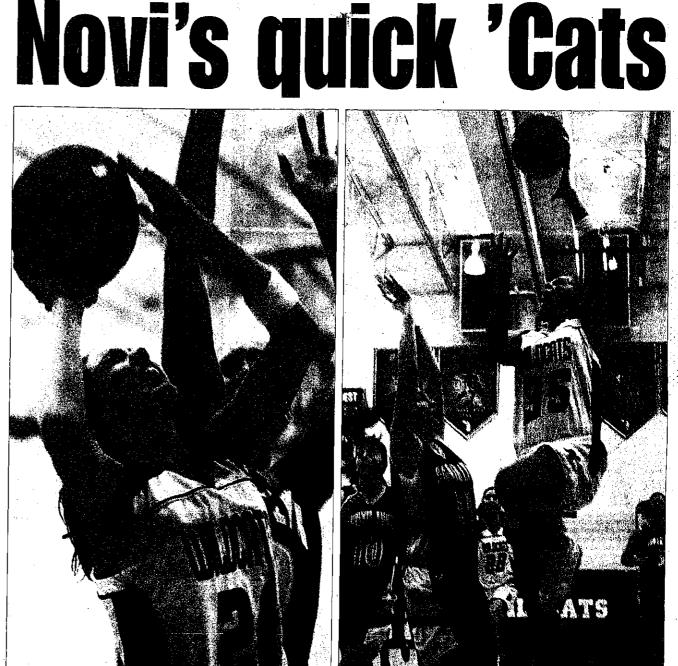
Mittman is an avid runner and has completed over 600 races, includ-ing 59 marathons, He can be con-tacted at jjm997@hotmail.com.

■ WRESTLE: Thomas, Yusko, Riddenour ready for final push

BEST PICTURE OF THE YEAR!



Novi's Caroline Johnson jukes left as she tries to get around a South Lyon defender.



Photos by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

■ ROUNDUP: Novi basketball teams victorious

(5:21.89), the 200 free relay team

ond and 241.5 in the final round. The Novi cheer team knocked off Milford 627.32-534.464 Jan. 235.915.

Jeff Theisen can be reached at the first round, 199,32 in the sec- jtheisen@gannett.com.

Sport Shorts

Scott signs with Toledo

Novi baseball player Tyler cott signed a National Letter of Scott signed a National Letter of Intent to play at the University of Toledo next fall.

Super 5K Run

The Super 5-kilometer Run

day.

For more information or to preregister online, go to www.runsu-perbowl.com or call (734) 929-9027.

Pistons Basketball Clinic The Detroit Pistons Youth

Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville on Saturday, Jan. 26. Coach Steve Moreland will conduct his clinic for boys and girls, grades first-third from noon-2:30 p.m., and grades fourth-sixth from 2-4:30

p.m. cheer team is hosting a Cheer
Each participant will receive
an authentic "Piston Basketball"
T-shirt. Parents will also be able to purchase Piston tickets at a discount and be invited to attend which includes a T-shirt, instrucwhich includes a 1-shirt, instruc-with their children the popular with their children the popular pre-game shoot around at court-side at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Refreshments for all pro-vided at the clinic. Bring your basketball and camera. Cost is

is required by contacting Margy cheer basics along with flexibility, margy.burkhart@wardchurch.org skills. or (248) 374-5932. All Attendees should dress in loose

The University of Michigan Coach mens soccer team is hosting the sixth annual three-on-three Micro-Soccer Shootout Camp on Advanced registration Micro-Soccer Shootout Camp on will take place 9 a.m. Feb. 3 at Feb. 9-10 at the Oosterbaan

> game guarantee for each team. Ages range from 7 to adult with recreational and competitive divirecreational and competitive divisions available for boys and girls.
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mailing ldurkee@umich.edu.
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cheer team is hosting a Cheer

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tumbling, jumping and precision

gentzme@northville.k12.mi.us or Parker

required and must be received no later than Jan. 25. The fee of \$100 includes a four-

forming at the TotalSports Complex in Wixom for the winter Teams will play on Saturday

nights in the roller rink at TotalSports. Ball hockey is similar to ice hockey, except it's played on a plastic floor by players wearing sneakers. Instead of a puck, players use the orange plas-tic ball.

play 10 games a year plus play-offs. Each game consists of three

in the high school cafeteria.

The cost of the camp is \$40, which includes a T-shirt, instruction from the Northville High School competitive cheerleaders, and michiganballhockey@communication.

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be sent to sports writer leff
The clinic is designed to teach
Theisen at jtheisen@gannett.com.

Skiling 1/24 vs. WLC/Milford, 4 p.m. Wrastling 1/25 at Hartland, 5:30 p.m.

2/10 State Finals at EMU, TBA

Figure Skating 2/4 at Farmington, 4 p.m.

1/25 vs. Divine Child, 7:30

Hockey 1/25 at Cuiver Mil. Acad., 7 p.m. 1/26 at Culver Mil. Acad.,

1/30 at Trenton (Kennedy),

Wrestling 1/24 Tri-Meet, (AA Pioneer), 5 p.m. 1/26 at Observerland

Bowling 1/25 Clarenceville at Country, 3:30 p.m.

1/28 Divine Child at Woodland,

1/30 U-D at Sterling, 3:30 p.m.

often confused for each other

Basketball 1/29 vs. U-D, 7:30 p.m.

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Commonly, slow cooker recipes contain few steps and ingredients, which are tenderized by cooking at a low temperature for an extended period of time. By taking just minutes in the morning to get dinner underway with a slow cooker, you can leave for bours and still have a hearty and daverful dish at the end of the

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Doubt you can prep a home-cooked meal in just 10 minutes?

This crowd-pleasing pot roast dish takes only that long to prepare.

Savory Pat Roast starts with a base of Campbell's Cream of Mushroom soup, which turns into a savory sauce for the roast. The addition of hearty potatoes and carrots makes this dish a well-rounded main course.

If you're craving a rich and creamy meal, Slow-Cooker Chicken and Dampflings will hit the spot. This casy recipe evokes the flavors of a chicken not no earl or cruitses to become a first family flavorite.

pot pie and promises to become a fast family favorite.

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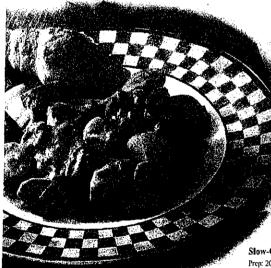
Leave the lid on! This will keep the heat in and ensure proper cooking time.

Also, while it seems natural to want to stir every now and then, it's not necessary—

The next time you have a heetic day shead and dimertime is likely to be a rush, plan to make one of Campbell's warm and filling slow cooker recipes. You'll be hooked on slow cooking in no time.

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Slow-Caoker



Slow-Cooker Savory Pot Roast Prep: [1] minutes Cook; 8 to 9 hours Makes 8 servings

Golden Mushroo Pork and Apples

1 can (10 3/4 ounces) Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup (Regular, 98% Fat Free or 25% Less Sodlum) I pouch (2 ounces)

Campbell's Dry Onion Soup

medium potatoes, ent into 1-inch pieces
medium carcots, thickly sliced
to 4-pound boncless beef
bottom round or chuck

pot roast Stir soup, soup mix, potatoes and carrots in 3 1/2-quart slow cooker. Top with roast and turn to coat. Cover and cook on LOW 8 to 9 hours

 Stir soup, water, brown sugar, Worcestershire and thyme in 3 1/2-quart slow cooker. Add pork, apples and onions.

Cover and cook on LOW 8 to 9 hours (or or HIGH 4 to 5 hours) or until pork is cooked through

Golden Chicken With Golden Mushroom Prep: 5 minutes Cook: 7 to 8 hours Makes: 8 servings Pork and Apples

Prep: 10 minutes Cook: 8 to 9 hours Makes: 8 servings

2 cans (10 3/4 ounces each) Campbell's Golden Mushroom Soup 1/2 cup water
1 tablespoon packed brown

1 tablespoon packed brown sugar
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed
8 boneless park chops, 3/4 inch thick

8 skinless, boncless chicken 4 large Granny Smith

breasts
4 cups medium egg noodles,
cooked and drained
Chopped fresh parsley apples, silced
2 large onions, sliced Stir soup, water, lemon juice, mustard, gurlic powder and carrots in 3 1/2-quart slow cooker, Add chicken and turn to coat.
 Cover and cook on LOW 7 to 8 hours (or on HIGH 4 to 5 hours) or until chicken is. 5 hours) or until chicken is cooked through. Serve with noodles. Sprinkle with parsley.

> Slow-Cooker Chicken and Dumpling

2 cans (10 3/4 ounces each) Campbell's Cream of Chicken Soup (Regular or 98% Fat Free)

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard 1 1/2 teaspoons garlie powder 8 large carrets, thickly

1/2 cup water

Slow-Cooker Pulled Pork

brown sugar in 5-quart slow cooker,

hours (or on HIGH 4 to 5 hours) or antil meat is fork-tender.

Add roast and turn to coat

3. Cover and cook on LOW 8 to 10

ded pork to cooker

5. Divide pork and sauce mixture

Prep: 15 minutes Cook: 8 to 9 hours Makes: 8 servings Prep: 15 minutes Cook; 8 to 10 hours Shard: 10 minutes 1 can (10 3/4 ounces)

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Campbell's Tomato Soup
1 can (10 1/2 ounces)
Campbell's Beef Broth
1/2 cup Burgundy, other dry
ced wine or water
1 teaspoon dried Italian
seasoning, crushed 1 tablispoon vegetable oil 3 1/2 to 4 pounds boneless pork shoulder, netted or tied 1 cau (10 1/2 ounces) Campbell's French Onion Soup 1 cup ketchup 1/4 cup (der vincear

Slow-Cooker Tuscan

1 cup Retenup
14 cup elder vinegar
3 tablespoons packed brown
sugar
12 Pepperidge Farm Classic
Sandwich Buns with Sesame
Seeds, split

seasoning, crushed
1/2 (easpoun garlic powder
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) dieed
1 talian-style tomatoes,
undrained
3 large carrots, cut into
1-inch pieces
2 pounds beef for stew,
cut into 1-inch pieces
2 cans (shaut 16 ponces eec. Heat oil in 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Add roast and cook until well browned on all sides.
 Stir soup, ketchup, vinegar and

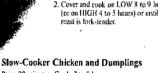
1. Stir soup, broth, wine, Italian seasoning, garlic powder, tomatoes carrots and beef in 3 1/2-quart

carross and beet in 3 1/2-quart slow cooker.

2. Cover and cook on LOW 8 to 9 hours (or on HIGH 4 to 5 hours) or until meat and vegetables are fork-tender.

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3. Stir in beans. Turn heat to HIGH.



Prep: 20 minutes Cook: 7 to 8 hours Makes: 8 servings 2 medium Yukon gold potatoes, cut into 2 cups fresh or frozen whole baby carrots 2 stalks celery, sliced 1 1/2 pounds skinless, bancless chicken brensts, cut into 1-inch pieces 2 cans (10 3/4 ounces each)

Campbell's Cream of Chicken Soup (Regular *or* 98% Fat Free) cup water teaspoon dried thyme teaves, crushed 1/4 teaspoon ground black

purpose baking mix 2/3 cup milk Place potatoes, carrots, celery and chicken in 6-quart slow cooker.
 Stir soup, water, thyme and black pepper in bowl, Pour carrots are people and their carrots. over vegetables and chicken

pepper 2 cups all-

beans, rinsed and drained 3. Cover and cook on LOW 7 to 8 hours (or on HIGH 4 to 5 hours) or until chicken is cooked through.

ingredients are mixed, Drop batter by rounded tablespoons over chicken mixture. Turn heat to HIGH, Tilt cooker lid to vent and cook 30 minutes or until dumplings are



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MY HEALTHY LIVING



ould you and your family use a salad makeover? Sometimes that's what it

takes to keep everyone interested in eating a variety of good-for-you salads each week. How do you elevate a healthy salad from simple to sensational? First things first. A tempting salad starts with the freshest, tastiest and most flavorful ingredients you can find. Then, it's the small but important touches that change everything: the unexpected but delectable crunch, the appealing contrast of colors, the fresh herbs and a great dressing. Master these elements and you're on

your way to a super salad. If you're ready to begin your family's salad makeover, think about putting a new twist on a favorite combination. Even better if that twist is in the form of

a nutritious ingredient that goes beyond the ordinary -- like Sunkist* Almond Accents" sliced almonds that are toasted golden brown and seasoned to perfection. Almond Accents add unique flavor and texture - that unexpected but delectable crunch you're looking for - to any

salad, and they're good for you. Almonds

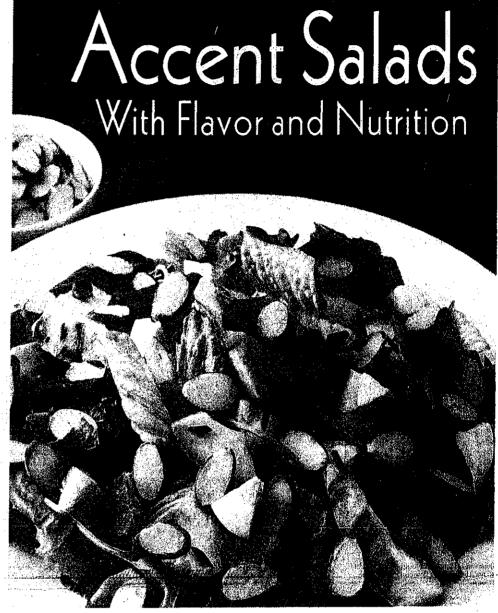
are heart-healthy and offer important nutrients including protein, vitamin E, magnesium and fiber — without cholesterol or trans fat.

Go ahead — sprinkle a generous handful of your favorite Almond Accents on every salad and enjoy nibbling a few on the side. Available in seven flavors: Original Oven Roasted, Honey Roasted, Roasted Garlic Caesar, Oven Roasted

No Salt, Butter Toffee Glazed, Italian Parmesan and Ranch Style - there's

a perfect Almond Accent for every salad you can think of. Learn more and

find delicious serving suggestions at www.almondaccents.com.



Health Nut Cobb

Health Nut Cobb Prep time: 15 minutes

8 cups romaine lettuce, torn into bite-size pieces 4 cups arugula or watercres

leaves
1/4 cup low-fat ranch dressing
1 cup diced chicken breast
1/2 cup diced tomatoes
1 small avocado, cut into

1/2-inch cubes 3/2 cup Almond Accents Original Oven Roasted Flavored

1 hard-cooked egg, grated or chopped

1/4 cup blue cheese crumbles

tablespoon chopped chives In large bowl, gently toss lettuce and arugula with ranch dressing until evenly coated. Transfer to serving dish or 4 plates. Top with chicken, tomatoes and avocado; sprinkle with Almond Accents egg, cheese and chives.

Serves 4 Nutrition Information Per Serving: 315 calories; 22 g fat; 93 mg cholesterol: 445 mg sodium; 14 g carbohydrate; 6 g

Enlightened Chicken Caesar

Prep time: 10 minutes 1/4 cup fat-free mayonnaise

3 tablespoons water
11/2 teaspoons freshly squeezed

1 minced garlic clove

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 minecd anchovy fillet
 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
 teaves
 sounces grilled or roasted
 chicken breast, cut into strips 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese 1/4 cup Almond Accents Italian

Parmesan Flavored Sliced In large bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, water, lemon juice, garlic, anchovy and Worcestershire sauce. Add lettuce; toss gently until evenly coated with dressing. Divide salad among 4 plates; top with chicken. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and Almond Accents.

Nutrition Information Per Serving: 197 calories; 8 g fat; 53 mg cholestero 388 mg sodium; 9 g carbohydrate; 4 g fiber; 23 g protein



Enlightened Chicken Caesar



Asian Chicken Salad

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Prep time: 15 minutes 2 tablespoons canola or peanut

1 tablespoon Asian sesame oil 2 tablespoons rice vinegar 1 tablespoon honey

teaspoon soy sauce 4 cups shredded green or napa

cabbage
4 cups shredded radicchio 3 cup shredded poached or roasted chicken breast

1 cup cilantro leaves
1/2 cup thinly sliced green onions 1/4 cun Almond Accents Honey Roasted Flavored Sliced In large bowl, whisk together oils

vinegar, honey and soy sauce. Add cabbage, radicchio, chicken, cilantro green onions and ginger, toss gently until evenly coated with dressing. Divide salad among 4 plates. Sprinkle with Almond Accent Serves 4

Nutrition Information Per Serving: carbohydrate; 3 g fiber; 29 g protein

Chopped Salad Prep time: 15 minutes

1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil 1 tablespoon balsamic vine

1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground
black pepper
4 cups chopped radicchio
4 cups chopped iceberg leftuce
2 cups diced fresh tomatoes
1 cup diced red minne cup diced red onlons

1/2 cup chopped chives 1/4 cup crumbled blue cheese 1/4 cup Almond Accents Oven Roasted No Salt Toasted

In large how! whisk together oil, vinegar, mustard, salt and pepper. Add radicchio, lettuce, tomatoes, onions chives and cheese. Toss gently until venly coated with dress alad among 4 plates. Sprinkle with Almond Accents.

Sliced Almonds

Serves 4

Nutrition Information Per Serving: 252 calories; 4 g fat; 6 mg cholesterol; 239 mg sodium; 13 g carbohydrate; 4 g fiber, 5 g protein

Here are some easy, family-friendly "Salad Makeover" recipes to get you started.

More tips to add appeal and pizzazz to your healthy salads:

Aim for a selection of at least appealing textures and colors such as a blend of radicchio arugula and romaine. Buy a packaged blend or select

Experiment with new toppings and incredients to add a refreshing twist to your favorite salad combinations. Try almonds and pistachios for an appealing and unique

Stock up on fine ingredients such as premium extra virgin olive oil and a variety of flavored vinegars. Try sherry and champagne vinegars for a change, and keep a good balsamic vinegar on hand.

Condiments, such as mustards and soy sauces, add character to basic vinalgrettes. So do diced shallots or a sprinkling of blue or Parmesan cheese.

If you have fresh herbs, toss at how their intense flavors can lift a salad. From fresh i welcome addition. a welcome addition. Just a long way, so don't a more than a handful to a salad for four.

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Home Owners It's The Time Of Year To Check:



NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

FOR YOUR HOME Many of us make optimistic resolutions for the New Year. Whether it's deciding to take a class, stick to a budget, or to finally drop those 20 pounds, we're full of ideas on how make ourselves and our lives better. Because your home is such an important part of your life, why not make some worthwhile resolutions for it as well? Here are some ideas to get you started.

KEEP CURRENT ON ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

One of the most important thing you can do as a homeowner is to make sure routine maintenance is part of your plan. Catching prob-lems early can often help you avoid larger issues down the road. What is now a minor plumbing or roof leak can cause major prob lems if not detected and fixed immediately. Check around the home for cracked or peeling paint, have chimneys and fireplaces inspected and cleaned, and make sure the driveway and walkways are not cracked or lifting.



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icy and reassessed the value of our home's contents. An undated home inventory of your posses-sions can help you determine if you have the proper type and amount of insurance. Your insur ance company may make forms available to help you organize and record your inventory, and there are several home inventory software programs available. You also can download a free program from www.knowyourstuff.org. Should you have an insurance claim for property loss or damage, your movers and accurate valuation easier. inventory can help make the

AUDIT YOUR HOME FOR ENERGY SAVINGS

There are simple things that every homeowner can do to improved energy efficiency and save on utili-ty bills. Switching from conven-tional light bulbs to compact fluorescent versions wherever possible saves money and makes things easier for you, too. For example, you will need to replace bulbs in awkward places less often. Make sure windows and doors are caulked and in good repair; this will save energy in both winter and summer. If you're planning to replace any appliances this year, shop for and compare efficient, energy-saving models. Also if there are holes in the wall under sinks, then scal/caulk these holes to help prevent wall drafts and ve overall home heating and oling efficiency

CREATE A FIRE SAFETY PLAN FOR YOUR FAMILY

Everyone knows the importance of having a plan in place should a fire occur in your home. But each year, tragedy strikes homes and families who didn't think about it or who promised to make a plan "one of these days". The basics include working and properly installed smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, and an escape plan for every room Your local fire department is an excellent resource for directions or creating a plan designed to keep you and your loved ones safe, Give ome peace of mind by making this the year to put that

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Therapists restore functionality

Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists expands to serve more patients

By John R. Hall

The patient list continues to grow as the locations grow in the Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists' practice, which specializes in orthopedies and sports medicine.

There are no secrets to its growth (now in seven locations), according to owner and founder Jeff Sirabian. It is all about experi-ence, commitment to personal care, and continuing education — all which set his continuing education — a practice apart from others.

"The expertise and training of our physical therapists is very important to our success," Jeff said. "And our one-on-one sessions with every patient shows how much we care."

QUALIFIED SPECIALISTS

All of the physical therapists at Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists work toward their own specialties and are provided ongoing training to keep them current with all certifications set forward by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties and the American Physical Therapy Association. Most physi-cal therapists are board certified or working

For example, therapists utilize a combi-nation of exercise and philosophies which include a lot of functional-based rehabilita-tion. Visitors to one of the Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists locations may not be overwhelmed by a glut of machinery or swimming pools — that's because the or swimming pools — that's because the emphasis is on everyday functionality and rehabilitating the related muscles.

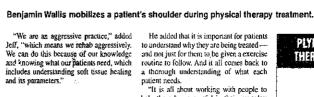
NOT JUST MACHINES

Physical therapist Benjamin Wallis explained. "Machines can only be used one way," he said. "People need to train their muscles in the way they will use them, not by what a machine wants to train them to do. We prepare people to function in the environment they live, work, and play in.

'Our therapists are our equipment

AGGRESSIVE PRACTICE

By their rehabilitation philosophy, the physical therapists at Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists can help their patients return to their normal routines more quickly than usual, which is a key to any



He added that it is important for patients to understand why they are being treated— and not just for them to be given a exercise routine to follow. And it all comes back to a thorough understanding of what each

"It is all about working with people to help them be successful in their everyday activities," said physical therapist Shawn Grant. "This includes activities to alleviate trauma, neck/back pain, and pre- and post-surgery procedures."

SIX-PLUS LOCATIONS

Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists have locations in Plymouth — which was the original office founded by Jeff in 1994 — Livonia, Northville, Novi, Wixom, and Walted Lake. In addition, the practice also has sports medicine services in a number of area high schools.

Being in close geographic proximity is helpful to patients who prefer to stay close to home. For example, when the Northville office was opened, it attracted patients who had been traveling to the Novi location, "The demographics were right for the new office," added Benjamin. "Instead of

making the Novi office bigger, it made more sease to open up in Northville." The expansion to several communities was not the first plan for Jeff, who said he originally did not think of growth beyond Plymouth. But emphasis on patient care and continuing education has brought generations of people to each clinic.

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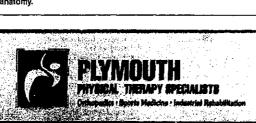
"Our youngest patient is two years old and the oldest is 95," Jeff said. And each is helped by an experienced staff, too. There is 100 years of experience among the physical therapists.

WALK-INS WELCOME

All of the offices encourage appoint-ments but there are always time slots set aside for walk-in patients. New patients are always seen within 24-48 hours after contacting the office.

Most of the Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists are open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily and 7:30 a.m. to noon Saturday.

For more information on treatment and Northville. call programs in 1 (248) 347-1168 www.plymouthpts.com.



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