



Novi's "Farm Lady" Margaret Schmidt, left, was one of many people who turned out for a discussion last Friday on the future on Novi's Fuerst Farm. Schmidt brought along a toy tractor, right, and other mementos of Novi's farming past.

To preserve or not to preserve

Fuerst Farm property under review

By Kelly Murad STAFF WRITER

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The dynamic group of roughly two dozen members of the Novi community all had one thing in common at Friday's Focus Group session – an interest in the future of Fuerst Farm.

"Our goal here today is to gen-erate as many ideas as possible." said Terry Croad, vice president of McKenna Associates, Inc., the

of McKenna Associates, Inc., Inc. planning consultants for the city-owned property. "There are no wrong answers." Friday was the fourth and final Focus Group session, wrapping up one phase of the process to develop a plan for the property at the southeast corner of Taft and 10 Mile roads.

Mile roads. Mile roads. "There's been some interesting concepts," said Randy Auler, director of the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.

Department. : Currently, upon the 6.5 acres sits a home, three barns, a well house, gardens and an orchard. Much to people's dismay, Croad revealed the buildings on the prop-lerty are in a state of disrepair. "I'm disappointed in the demise of this property," said Novi resi-dent Dave Lussier. The farmstead is listed on the

The farmstead is listed on the

State Register of Historic Sites and the National Register of Historic Places. Attendees of Friday's session

Attendees of Friday's session seemed concerned in the preser-vation of the property's historical significance. Referred to in Novi as "the farm lady," Margaret Schmidt shared a number of ideas on how the farm could be transformed into an educational, recreational and historical ford nair for the and historical focal point for the

city. "It is not an eye sore, it is a farm," she said, "It needs to be fixed up." Other preservation ideas gener-ated were to create a farmer's mar-bet on the property and an ice skal-

Act of the property and an ice skal-ing rink during the winter months. "I'd hate to see something like Margaret's belief disappear, it's too valuable." Lussier said. "History is hard to preserve.

"I do think a volunteer group would need to be put together with goals, time frames and marketing support."

Keing support." A number of people expressed the need for a signature park with-in the City of Novi, but the gener-al consensus was the location of the Fuerst Farm property isn't suited for such an endeavor.

As part of city council's goals for the upcoming year, strides are The idea to review potential uses for the upcoming made to acquire property for such a park, includ-ing possibilities of a recreation center and amphitheater. The idea to review potential uses for the property became a priority with plans for the new library. "With the library construction

"With the library construction project, it will require the old town hall to be relocated and we only want to do that one time," Auler said last month. "We'll take the community input and all the research that's being conducted to come up with options and recom-

mendations for the property that will best serve the community." The consultants are expected to submit a plan with recommenda-tions to the city by the beginning of March.

Included with the report will be recommendations regarding the permanent location of the Old Township Hall, whether it is the Fuerst Farm or another location, and the long-term uses of the frametead comparty. farmstead property.

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Leader Dog candidate, Lada; goes for a quick walk outside her Novi home with temporary owners and trainors Randy Bridgeman and Irina Mackay.

By Tracy Estes-Mishler ECIAL WRITER

Who would have thought a life-enhancing, some-times life-saving resource could have four legs and be dobbed 'man's best friend?' Bochester howd

Leader Rochester-based Rochester-based Leader Dogs for the Blind have been helping the visually impaired see through the eyes of their four-legged friends since 1939 and have since raised and grad-uated more than 14,000 work-ing person and dog teams since its incertion. its i

With the help of people from all walks of life assisting in rais-ing puppies and training them, Leader Dogs has helped provide heroes to those in need of welltrained seeing eye dogs across

handra seeing eye dogs across the globe. Irina Mackay and her hus-band, Randy Bridgeman, of Novi, recently brough home a nine-week-old female yellow Labrador retriever, whom they named Labrador retriever, whom they named Lada.

Mackay said Lada, one of three girls and four boys in her-litter born Dec. 5, will live with her family for about 12 months before she is returned to start

training extensively for the Leader Dog program. In the mean time, she will learn house manners, basic obedience and gain exposure to many real-world experiences including shopping malls, loud sirens, other animals, busy side-

sirens, other animals, busy side-walks, bicycles, sporting events, grocery stores and even church. "I'm a dog trainer, and I work for PETCO," Mackay said. "We travel a lot, and I can't get my own dog. I decided I wanted to do something nice. "I will do a great job and bring so much joy to sorneone who can't see. It's great." Mackay said working at PETCO, she has the ability to bring Lada to work with her, lo interact with other dogs, learn and encounter new environand encounter new environ-

Leader Dogs for the Blind, funded by donations from Lions

and Lioness Club members individuals, foundations and corporations dedicated to com-munity service, have puppy raisers in 22 different states and Canada.

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According to Leader Dogs staff, once a puppy is 12 to 15 months old, they are returned to the Rochester location for

the Rochester location for extensive training of learning the responsibility of their job. "People have asked me if it's going to be hard to give Lada up." Mackay said. "I've loved her and will continue to love her. It's part of my soul. "My love will go on with her to someone else and it will bring tife. To he hind it starkness.

life ... To be blind is darkness. With these dogs, people can go out and live and enjoy their live?" lives.

Mackay said she doesn't know where Lada will end up once her training is complete, but she will take her love with her.

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growth slows, funding uncertain

By Chris Jackett STAFF WRITER

Although it's happening slower then in the past, Novi Community School District is still growing. The first of two annual student count days took place last Wednesday and saw a head count of 6,304 k-2 surferate

12 students at Novi schools, up TALK ABOUT IT: from the 2007 num-Join in discussing our of bers 6,289 on Sept. 26 stories online Sept. 26 and 6,296 via Story Chat at Feb. 13 February novinews.com

Student Count Day accounts for 25 percent of the dis-trict's budgeted student enroll-ment numbers, with September's count making up the other 75 per-cent. The blended total is used to determine the amount of money the district will receive from the state

"Generally, counts are down a little in February because of early graduations at the high school," said Bob Schram, assistant superintendent of human resources, noting this month's increase as a welcome change. "It's just kids here or there. There's no trend. Elementary is down, which is the

(only) trend we've seen." The five k-four elementary schools accounted for 2,314 stu-dents last week, up from 2,298 last September and 2,296 one year ago. Compared to other classes over the past decade, Schram said numbers have slowly dwindled. "The senior class is 488 and kindergarten is 399," he said. "We

are, obviously, just by a straight line, down 89 students. There are more kids out of the pipeline than into the pipeline." To cover the number of outgo-

ing seniors this spring, next year's kindergarten class would need to boast at least 89 more students, a class size more than 22 percent larger than this year's group of 399

Helping the monetary cause, however, will be an increase in per pupil funding through the State Foundation Allowance. The district received a \$48 increase last year amid the Lansing budget cri-sis and currently earns \$8,743 per

pupil. With Gov. Jennifer Granholm's newly proposed budget. Novi could receive a \$108 per pupil increase this year, setting the number at \$8,851 per pupil.

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Through a photographer's lens "I really have nothing planned,"





Elementary additions approved, residents concerned

some parking at the south end of board and residents share are th the soccer field net year will not be immediately adjacent to the building and will likely not be close enough for those who will be using the gym." Suggestions for the gym addi-Suggestions for the gym addi-tion are to place it on the north side of the building along 11 Mile Road, cutting out about half of the available parking spaces at the school, which residents argue are already more than ample with about 200 spaces. However, putting the gym in-front of the school would require the current water main, which runs along the front and castern sides of the school, to be moved and without a character school s and extended, as structures cannot be built above a water main for safety and maintenance reasons, officials said. "It would cost an additional "It would cost an additional \$1.7 million to move the gym to the front of the building. It would be impractical," Superintendent Peter Dion said. Credit said putting the addition in the front would create window First to be awarded in coming in the from would create window-weeks. Less classrooms and require the front of the school to be closed down because of the construction area of open iand southeast of the school, closer to a hill leading to the cost of moving the water down to Novi Meadows and the main underground pipes. main underground pipes. Although residents question the estimate, they also suggest putting in additional parking southcast of the school near the preschool and Novi Meadows to accommodate Novi Meadows to accommoune the south-side gym entrances and move the fire route so it doesn't run along residential backyards. But a large hill and a poorly maneuverable access route for fire services nullified the idea. Residents urged the Board to think long-term when suggesting delaying the construction at ing the soccer stadium altogether may be an ideal way to cronte Parkview, mentioning that mov-"If you go forward with the construction at Parkview at all, which we question, then you owe it to the children of Parkview and the com-munity at large to select a plan that can work in the long term," Vera-

Brugos told the board at its Feb. 7 meeting. "Times have changed in Novi and the decision to build needs to be reconsidered based on the current environment.'

One of the largest concerns the

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western side of the building into the neighborhood. Construction-company Skanska and district administration are working to make the process as safe as poss The current fire route will be fenced off just past the cafeteria and locked at its entrance to keep vehicles out. During construction traffic and the paving of the lol-lipop extension, the area will be

lipop extension, the area will be fenced in on all sides to keep children out. "We have we've come up with a solution that is safe for our kids, meets the requirements of the city with the fire route and alleviates some concerns of the residents, said Jeff Nielson, president of the Novi Board of Education.

Other construction projects Village Oaks and Orchard Hills elementary schools did not drav nearly as much controversy in the proposed construction plans a Parkview Elementary School did. The Village Oaks construction will add a gym, music room and art room to the western corner of the school for \$2.89 million. Construction traffic will come in

from Village Wood Road, south-west of the school, avoiding traf-fic from parents and children during the spring. Orchard Hills will spend \$2.96 million to add to the northwesterr corner of the school, which would also require the northern part of the playground to be moved. Construction traffic will come in northwest of the school down a service drive east of Run Street in order to avoid traffic entanglement The Parkview projects are awaiting further approval. "We're still waiting on the (Department of Environ

Quality) for permit at Parkview because of the wetlands," Nielson The Novi Board of Education approved the three-school con-struction project by a unanimous 7-0 vote last Tuesday.

"We're just excited to be moving the projects before us. Electrical and flooring items were discussed and will be action (items) on the 28th. We've spent \$8 million out of the \$19 million

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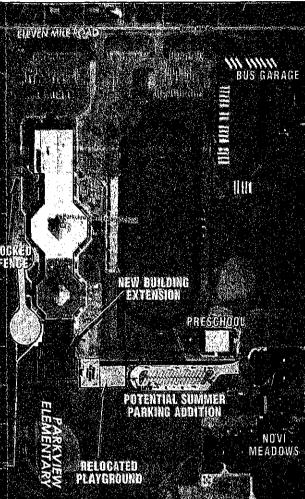
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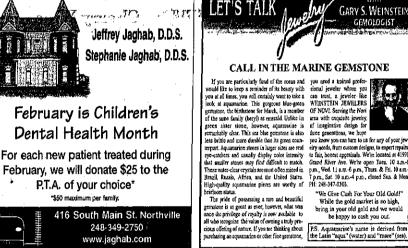
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tion" DeRoche suid

Cassis echoed a statewide need for specialized programs through schools at all ages, rather than

dividing larger schools as sug-gested in Granholm's proposal. She also said the kindergarten-three grades are important devel-opmental years that will set the

stage for high school and college

Cassis said the next six months of budget negotiations will be inter-

esting and shouldn't go down to the

will not be a billion-dollar deficit. but rather, major policy issues, which should be faster to resolve.

"Working with the governor and

the other side of the aisle to reach a

core and common ground is really important. We all want to see

Novi legislators react to Granholm budget proposal

in place that eliminates

fund. It's risky and STAFF WRITER Gov. Jennifer Granholm announced her state budget pro-posal earlier this month and Novi's legislators have mixed irresponsi-ble." DeRoche feelings. "The budget is definitely in

"The budget is definitely in much better shape than it was a year ago," said Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi). "Her message was very positive in terms of bipartisanship end wording together" lion of the Craig DeRoche state employee pension funds and and working together. invests it with venture capital firms.

and working together." House Minority Leader Craig DeRoche (R-Novi) said Granholm's lack of new taxes is a biglight of the proposal, huch dis-agenes on some of the other items. Marken State S Cassis said the program, the Invest Michigan Fund, borrows 1 "We favor that there is no new taxes and fees, but disagree with structural deficits and drawing percent of the state employee penfrom one-time funding," he said. sion fund to give the credits to the "She spends all of our surplus this year in creating a structural deficit. She's using hundreds of top 50 businesses. However, she doesn't feel Granholm's fund is necessary thousands of one-time funds. She because of a self-sponsored

to pay Paul and there are winners and losers here." Cassis suggests looking at privatizing corrections and consoli-dating small educational and most

the state.

branches of government services, such as police and fire, at all lev-els from the state down. She also emphasizes the need such as police and fire, at all lev-els from the state down. Right to Work law, which has She ulso emphasizes the need to produce, keep and draw jobs to Michigan. Michigan. "How can we best stimulate the economy? We've got to think much employee union. more out of the box to compete in

the 21st century, Government doesn't create jobs, it's the private sec-tor that does. We need to open up the marketplace and let the market-Entrepreneurial Exemption law place determine who's going to be to North Carolina, Virginia, more needs for diverse educa-

Georgia, Texas and even Utah," Cassis said. "The message of unionism was important 30-40 years ago. A lot has changed since then. We're not the same state or tax liabilities for three years for businesses that create 20 jobs while investing \$1.25 million in outstanding Cassis said. "Michigan is \$22 as a techno "We have the same goal to rejulogical, inno-vative state and we country we were 40-50 years ago. venate the conomy. We just have different ways of getting there," Cassis said, "She takes from Peter should pur-sue that with

all diligence Nancy Cassis and do any-thing we can to attract those kind Cassis and DeRoche both agree Granholm's education budget is much better off then it has been in of high-tech, innovative businesspast years. The budget proposes \$108-216 wire like last year. She said there es into Michigan?

per pupil funding increases for kindergarten-12 school districts and increases funding 3 percent for universities and community colleges. leave the choice up to workers as to their membership in an "We think it's good and appropriate," DeRoche said. "It's more in line with what Republicans "I'm convinced we should at

"I'm convinced we shown an least start talking about it, the buses and the minuses, needs to continue expanding its otherwise, we'd stay behind the programs. "Our district is growing and has still and businesses may go "Our district is growing and has still "What is the proper role of the government? Stay tuned."

Wireless Oakland County project further delayed

takes away from the state employ-

officials said Earthlink's state ments have affected the project's delay in Oakland County, as well What appeared to be a project nearing its completion is actually becoming a project put on another as other government-sponsored waiting list. Oakland County nitiatives across the country

But county officials said the delay still puts the project ahead officials recently announced that plans to roll out the Wireless Oakland iniof other national initiatives. iative, which would provide wire "National experts are saying less Internet service throughout that Oakland County has the bes the county, are delayed once again nodel in the country," said Phil due to concerns from partners Bertolini, deputy county execufooting the bill for the project. The county does not own or operate the wireless network, but tive, "High-tech companies will be coming to a high-tech county because of Wireless Oakland." Robert Dustman, county comhas instead created private and munications officer, said MichTe public partnerships by providing businesses access to ass continues to work with private ds count xpayers have already funded investors to get the funding

hich in turn allows the partners required for the project. "The company is very confident to provide free wireless access. it will be successful in accom-plishing this goal some time in MichTel Pontiac-based Pontiac-based MichTel Communications is the Internet pervice-movider and contractor for the project, and is working under an agreement that expires in 2020. But other periners have plishing this goal some time in early 2008," Dustman said. Private sector providers and their investors are looking for government to guarantee revenue heen more hesitant to come on over the life of a given contract, board, according to Oakland thus reducing the risk

County officials. Recently, Earthlink, a large Phase 1 of Wireless Oakland was implemented in July 2005 in dial-up Internet provider, released seven communities — statements that mass wireless net-works need more financial back-Oak Park, Pontiac, Royal Oak, dial-up Internet provider, released statements that mass wireless net-

Road resurfacing

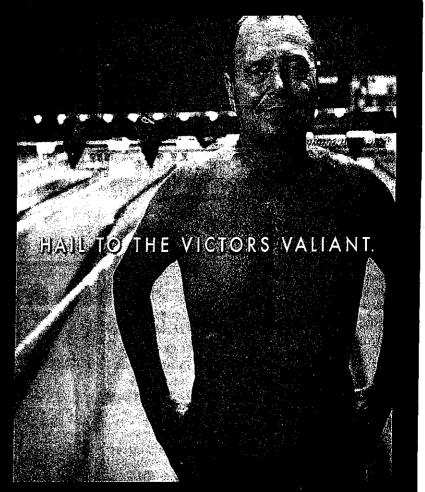
The Road Commission for The \$169,900 Meadowbrood The Road Commission for Oakland County approved \$25 militon in funding for 2012 proj-readway between Eight Mile and Nine Mile roads. Three resurfacing projects are in Novi. Two will take place on Nine Mile Road and one on Meadowbrook Road. The \$169,900 Meadowbrook Road project will resurface the Nine Mile roads. "This year, we were able to fund nearly 30 miles of resurfacing proj-ects," said Dennis Kolar, deputy managing director and county highway engineer for the commis-sion. "This will help to ensure that the function of the payed roads in the the surface the area ween Novi and Taft roads. The cond, a \$169,800 project, will surface Nine Mile Road from receive a smooth new surface." dowbrook to Haggerty roads



ing from governmental agencies to be successful. Oakland County

The service cur- than what was projected so far rently has 15,370 subscribers, covers 18.5 square miles and 910 miles of the county will have visitors and businesses, but subreaches 78,172 people in 35,277 wireless internet service and will scibers will be able to upgrade to households, Bertolini said, Thuse provide low-or no-cost computers figures are much higher, he said, and training to low-income resi-said. Almost 200 users have sectors to fund the program.

upgraded to a higher bandwidth. Plans to blanket the county with wireless Internet won't be announced until MichTel finds the \$75 million required from private





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Local family raises funds for pediatric rehabilitation center



With her triplet siblings, Jack and Alivia acting as ballast, Alex Foltyn, 5, uses her legs to push them backward during her rehab for her cerebal palsy at Novi's Providence Hospital Rehabilitation Center with therapist Stephanie Herrle. Alex's parents have pur chased some equipment for the center to help patients with their physical therapy.

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Wines around the World

By Kelly Murad

Alexandra Foltyn spends more than an hour a day, three days a week in physical therapy. Foltyn, 5, is the only one of thar

triplets to suffer from a mild case of cerebral palsy, a physical dis-ability that affects the muscles from her mid-core down. Her therapy helps strengthen

and stretch her petite muscles

"She misses out on some of the physical things her brother (Jack) and sister (Alivia) do," said moth-er, Cassandra Foltyn, "But she has plateaued in her recovery. which is great. "And they're her little helper

bees.

For the past three years, Alexandra has been working with physical therapist Stephanie Herrle through Providence's Detach/Unities_Continentiate Rehabilitation Services

After winnessing a little boy being discharged because he did-n't have the money to continue therapy, Cassandra and her hus-band Michael began raising money to benefit such causes.



Foltyn's The set-up the Rehabilitation Pediatrie Scholarship Fund and began rais-Scholarship Fund and began rais-ing money through golf outings four years ago. "Anytime a kid has a problem and insurance won't cover it, "there funds"

we've set up these funds," Cassandra said, "A lot of kids this are getting rejected for is. We've bought several year a claims claims. We've h walkers (for kids)." Tuesday, the Foltyn's will host their first wine tasting event.

Wines around the World will consist of 16 wines from eight different regions, including California, New Zealand, Spain. including

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Cattornia. New Zealand, Spain. Italy, Argentina, France, Michigan and regional organic wines. The event will take place at O'Callaghan's Irish Pab in Brighton and will include food pairings to match the regions of the wine. Tuckets are \$55 in advance and

Tickets are \$55 in advance and \$65 at the door.

"The money is going to expand the new rehabilitation center for the kids," Cassandra said. "Our goal was to raise \$8,500, but we'd like to raise a little more than that.'

Cassandra is hoping the money raised will help to fulfill the need for new rehabilitation equipment.

"We already bought the rock wall that is going in there," she said. The Foltyns feel fortunate to have been able to provide Alexandra with the treatment and equipment necessary to deal with her disability, and are trying to help those less fortunate.

"I need no recognition," Cassandra said. "I just need to know the kids have what they need."



Novi residents Irina Mackay and Randy Bridgeman hang out with their future Leader Dog for the Blind "Lada." They are raising the yellow Labrador retriever for the next year until she will be returned to the Leader Dog program.

Leader of the Dack Canada growing up learning about the world around them." Blanchard said. "The exposure pack continued from front

Raising a pup

Mackay said during her time with Lada she has begun crate training and teaching her to focus

"You need to work very hard to make progress with a puppy." she said. "li's like having a baby." Mackay said she did her research before becoming a

puppy raiser for the Leader Dogs and is happy she did. "It's very rewarding," she said. "These dogs really make a differ-

ence in peoples' lives. "We waited a long time to get her and we will do our best to get her ready for her future. We plan

her ready for her future. We plan on getting more dogs in the future and raising them for the Leader Dogs as well." Beverly Blanchard, puppy program development manager for Leader Dogs for the Blind, said there is about a nine month to a year waiting list for people looking to raise a Leader Dog. "We would not be able to orn-

"We would not be able to pro-vide Leader Dogs at all if it weren't for volunteer puppy rais-ers. Right now we have about 400 puppies in 22 states and

that the puppy raisers provide is an intricate part of the dog's extensive training needed to become a Leader Dog."

become a Leader Dog." Creating a responsible candi-date to become a Leader Dog entails a great deal of socializa-tion. The more the puppy sees and experiences during the first year of its life, the more adapting and calm it will be when exposed to future experiences.

Blanchard said anyone can Bianchard said anyone can apply to become a puppy raiser. "The application procedure gives us an idea of the environ-ment our puppy is going into." she said. "Some have never had a dog. Some families simply want another. I mised my first when I was 11.

Blanchard said there is no perfect family or person to apply and the Leader Dogs try hard not to deny puppy raisers as long as

to deny puppy raisers as long as their past pet history is clean. "We have students from all over the world (including Mexico, Spain and Argentina) and the people who raise the dogs, who guide our students, are very important to as," the said. Blanchard said when the pup-pies return to Leader Dogs after their 12-mouth stav with their pies return to Leader Dogs atter their 12-month stay with their

puppy raisers, they are thorough-iy evaluated for medical history and personality traits. She said puppies that pass the evaluation are trained one-on-

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one for the next four months by a professional instructor and care-fully matched with an individual who is legally blind. The team then trains together at Leader Dogs for a month before leaving the facility and returning home.

"We want all dogs to become Leader Dogs, but that's like say-ing all kids are going to become doctors." Blanchard said. "Not every dog we raise is going to make it into our program. If the dog graduates he or she is matched with a student, if not, those who raised it have the first

opportunity in adoption." Blanchard said only 65 to 70 percent of the dogs raised through Leader Dogs become guides

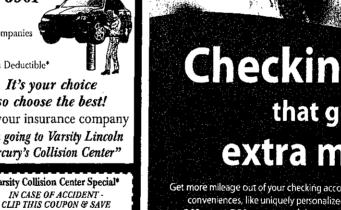
Mackay said though she has only had Lada a few months, she

knows her pup will be a leader. "I will put all my love and soul into this baby," she said. "I will do it and must do it. It's very important that Lada make it into the program. "If she does not, however, the

first person for adoption would be us and we'll be happy to have her back.

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NovI High School students in the statistics class of teacher Maggie Laine on last Wednesday's Student Count Day. Even though 5 inches of snow fell early Wednesday, classes were not canceled as schools derive funding from the head count taken that day.

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Schram said the \$108 would be welcomed, and also a steady increase on the \$48 raise last year, but it is still not enough. "Anything positive helps the district. We're lobbying to get a cost of living increase. Cost of living increased about 3 per-cent, so we'd need about \$230-250," he suid. "It helps, but it doesn't solve our problem. We haven't gotten a cost of living increase in a while. It just adds

Full-Time Equivalent Using the Full-Time Equivalent student numbers,

which was eight lower than the head-count number in September, the district's numbers are officially tallied for the State Foundation Allowance. Last week's Student Count

Numbers won't be made FTE-known to the district until 30 days after the count.

The FTE incorporates part time, home-schooled and partial students as less than one on the final fund-based student count

Student Count Day Enrollment

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	Feb. 13	Sept. 16	Feb. 13	Difference	
High School	1,923	1,934	1,936	+13	
Middle School	1,047	1,085	1,089	+42	
Novi Meadows	1,030	972	965	-65	
Deertield	476	513	523	+47	
Novi Woods	444	469	476	+32	
Orchard Hills	475	427	435	-40	
Parkview	516	442	445	-71	
Village Oaks	385	447	435	+50	
Total	6,296	6,289	6,304	+8	

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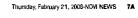
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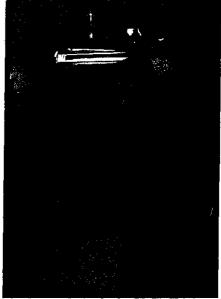


Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News Photographer Monte Nagler works with his enlarger in his Farmington Hills home darkroom.

Monte Nagler at Novi library tonight

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Art Advice in New York City. Corporate An Group in Chicago, Art Expressions Gallery in San Diego and the Tom James Gallery in downtown Northville.

As a fine art photographer, most of Nagler's work consists of landscape, architecture and peo-ple from all over the world. "I like all areas," he said.

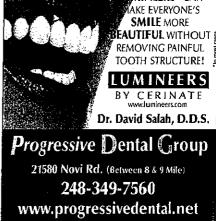
"T like all areas," he said, "There's a picture everywhere." Although Nagler does color photography as well, his passion is in black and white. "It's more of a challenge to the photographer," Nagler said. "I think there is an emotion to black and white that color doesn' give you. "Color is like going to see the

movie and black and white is like reading the book, I've never pur-chased a color photograph, always black and white, it's more artsy." Along with being a photogra-pher. Nagler has also written five piter, Nagter has also written live books and wrote a photography column for the Observer and Eccentric newspaper for 25 years. In his third book, Nagler, an Ann Arbor pative who now lives

Ann Arbor native who now lives in Farmington Hills, captures the beauty of his home state. "Monte Nagler's Michigan" features photographs of the Lake Michigan shoreline, lighthouses, waterfalls and the state Capitol, anong other Michigan scenes. "It's all Michigan in black and white" Naeler said. "It's act

white," Nagler said. "It's not touristy things, it's more artsy." Nagler will have copies of "Monte Nagler's Michigan," along with his latest book, "Amos Walker's latest book, "Amos Walker's Detroit," to sell and sign at the event. To register for the program visit www.novilibrary.org or call (248) 349-0720.

Friends of the Novi Library Program viends 1 lovi Librari uuli aresents. wering the Aitis Id the Lens, onte Nagler. Libe Novi Public Library In the meeting room. 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb.21 - Free to the public THE NO-PAIN, NO-SHOT*, PERFECT SMILE. MINEERS* CAN



Cable studio launches SWOCC Shop My Novi, briefly () NxtGen will invest \$1.2 million

If you're still post holiday shop-ping, why not stop at SWOCC Studios new 'SWOCC Shop'. New for 2008, SWOCC Studios launched its own customized mer-chandise online shop which includes sweatshirts, T-shirts, tote bags, clocks and much more. Each inerty includes either the logo of bit Gity, 12, SWOCC Studios or fun television catchphrases.

To log on click on www.swocc studios.com and hit the 'shop' tab. From there, it will direct you to the Web site Café Press (www.cafepress.com), the host-ing online marketplace that offers sellers complete e-commerce services to independently create and call medicate understanding to the second services to independently create and sell products where you can shop at your leisure. Everything is mailed directly to you and a portion of the sale from each pur chase goes directly to SWOCC Studios to support access TV. There's something for everyone. Support access television and shop SWOCC.

The Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission provides community, government and pub-lic access for the cities of Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi, and is a very important resource for local, information. For more information, contact Melissa Cohn, community rela-tions, (248) 473-2840.

Cassis announces nearly tax credit for Wixom company

State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) announced today that a Wixom company received a near-ly \$1 million tax credit from the Michigan Economic Growth Authority.

The High-Technology Employment Tax Credit for NxtGen Emission Controls USA Inc. is valued at \$909,000 throughout 10 years

to locate its North American administration and manufacturing facility in Wixom. The project is expected to create 47 jobs over the next five years and 106 jobs by 2017.

years and 10b jobs by 2017. To support the project, the City of Wixom has approved a 50 percent abatement of the company's new personal property taxes for five years valued at \$1,000. NxtGen Emission Controls is a high-technology company that delivers clean. efficient diesel (cchnology,

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Do you ever wonder "how to" store music on different electronic music devices today? Or "how to" improve your car's fuel economy, "how to" tape that great borne "how to" rape that great home vacation video or "how to" create your own free personal Web site?" On this month's SWOCC Around The Block, SWOCC staff

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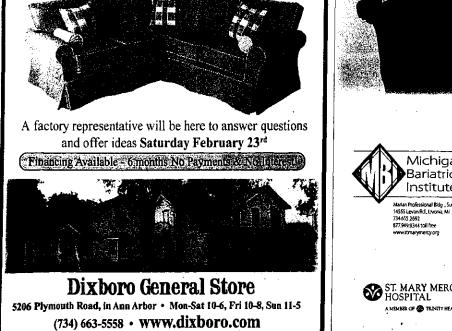


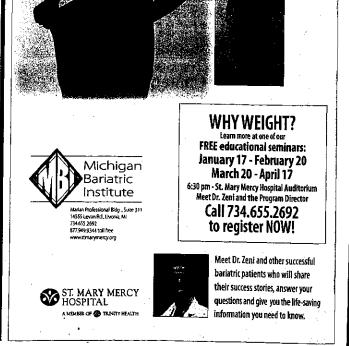


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Back row, Diego Burgess, Nikita Patel, Brady Harris, Lilly Peters, Jonathan Jackson, Jason Aurilia, Jona Larm, and Isabel Acosta. Front row, Emma Lehnert, Ben Prisby and Spencer Harris enjoy fun in the snow at Faith Community Preschool.



Photo by Janet Flores Novi Meadows' students and Ms. Glomb wait their turn for a run down the sledding hill while at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center for winter camp.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Dana Esser, 17, shovels her Novi home's driveway — instead of enjoying a day at Novi High, because classes were canceled that day.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi New

Galway Road resident Grant Huckabone throws a white cloud of snow through his snowblower one morning earlier this month, cleaning up from a 4-inch snowfall the night before.

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Episcopal Church of the

Holy Cross LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile

Road CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or

www.churchoftheholycross.com

Sunday Worship

TIME: 7:45: 10 a.m.

Sunday School TIME: 9 a.m. Adult Bible

Study; 10 a.m. Worship Center

for ages 3-7; 10 a.m. all ages

BREAKING NEWS: Go to the Web at novinews.com for updated news and info

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Meadowbrook Congregational LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P Ritter Senior Minister (248) 348-7757 or visit www.mbccc.org_or_ gmccc@arounddetroit.biz Sunday Worship TIME: 10 a.m. Pilgrim Fellowship 6 p.m. every Sunday for

Youth Worship TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second grades 6-12 Bible Study Group and fourth Sunday of every TIME/DATE: 10:30-11:45 a.m. month DETAILS: All youth welcome every Tuesday Alzheimer's Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second DETAILS: Reverend Art Ritter will lead this group; please call the church office if you are inter Saturday of month ested in allending. DETAILS: Offering support and open discussion for all Fellowship Nigh FIME/DATE: 7-10 p.m. Friday those dealing with Alzheimer's LOCATION: Fellowship Hall disease and related dementia DEFAILS: Couples and singles church members and friends will Church of the Holy Family be playing Mexican Train Dominos: everyone to being an LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road appetizer. CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or **Prospective Member Meeting** TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Sunday visit www.holyfamilynovi.org Mass Schedule Lenten Bible Study TIME/DAY: 7:30_8:45.10:30 TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Even

a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 7 Tuesday during Lent. n m Tuesday: 9 a m Lenten Dinner and Lesson TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. Nednesday-Friday; 5 p.m. Wednesday Saturday Interested in the Catholic Church? First Baptist Church of Novi CONTACT: Call Maria at LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile (248)349-8847 or spiritwalker001@aol.com

CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or www.firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org Sunday Schedule March 1 and 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. March 2 Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Sludy: 6 p.m. great selection of almost new and Family Movie Night: 5:30 used books available for a donap.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

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tion. Proceeds support our youth pilgrims in attending World Youth Day 2008 in Australia. CONTACT: (248) 349-8847. ext. 245

Used Book Fundraiser

TIME/DATE: 1-5 p.m. Saturday,

DETAILS: Come and shop; a

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for he City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Monday. March 10, 2008 a 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mil

pad to consider: Case_No.08-004.filed_by_Premier_Finish_ing.for_40359_Guilford Road Premier Finish Inc. is requesting one 3.1 foot rear yard setback vari ance and one 1% total fot coverage variance for the construction of a 253 ritement Finish Inc. is requesting one 3.1 foot rear yard setback vari-anco and one 1% total tot coverage variance for the construction of a 252 square tool proposed addition to an existing home located at 40390 Guildrod Road in the Fairfield Farms Subdivision. Property is zoned R-1 and is located east of Moadowbrock Road and south of Ten Mile Road. Case No.08-005 filled by <u>Haley Law Firm for AT&T</u> AT&T is requesting a variance from the requirement of a face brick exterior equipment shaterbuilding on at sides with gable tool for two pro-posed wireless outdoor equipment cabinets to be located at 42400 Arena Drive. Property is zoned I-1 and is located east of Novi Road and south of Ten Mile Road.

Case No.06-006 filed by Signature Associates for 41280 Bridge

Signature Associates is requesting one thirty two square foot sign events in the placement of requesting one unity two square loot signers variance for the placement of a forty right square loop rad estate asing sign to be placed on the property of 41280 Bridge Street facing 1.5. Property is zoned I-1 and is located east of Meadowbrook Road and with of 1-96.

a No. 08-007 filed by Professional Engineering Associate

for Best Buy Professional Engineering Associates is requesting six variances to the construction of a proposed Best Buy store to be located at 27772

the construction of a proposed Best Buy store to be located at 27772 Novi Road Applicant is requesting two building setback variances, one off-street loading and unloading location variance, one dumpster location variance and two dumpster setback variances. Property is zoned RC and is located south of Twelve Mile Road and easi of Novi Road. Case No.09-000 Illed for 47875, Ravello Court Applicants are requesting a variance from the strict requirement of the ordinance regulating the keeping of cals and dogs Applicants are requesting to allow four dogs to reside at 47875 Ravello Court in the Bellagio Studiesion. Property is zoned RA and is located west of Bock Road and south of Nine Mile Road.

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Oak Pointe Church visit www.umcnovi.com Sunday Worship TIME: 9:45 a.m. LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road; Novi CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or Healing Service and Holy visit www.oakpointe.org TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Supday Worship TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday of every month ReNew Life Ministries Peace Vigil TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. TIME/DATE: Noon_first Mondays DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate person-Sunday of every month LOCATION: In front of the church DETAILS: Members of the conal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspecgregation and the community will tive. The groups are: GriefShare stand united in prayer for peace; (for those grieving a loved one's not anti-anything; pro peace. Artists and Crafters Wanted death); DivorceCare (for those DETAILS: The church is hostexperiencing separation or ing an arts and craft show divorce); Anger Management; Dealing with Struggling Teens (for parents); YourSpace (for Saturday, June 21. Vendor space will be available indoors and out. high school students); Every CONTACT: Pam Davis. Man's Battle (for men seeking edleecr@yahoo.com recovery from lust: cornography and sexual addiction); Betrayed First United Methodist of Hearts (for wives whose hus-Northville bands struggle with pornogra-LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile phy; sexual addiction; same-sex Road; Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or attraction or adultery); Changes that Heal (for those experiencing visit www.fumcnorthville.org emotional or relational pain); and Sunday Worship CrossCurrent (for men who expe-DETAILS: 8. 9:15 and 11 a.m. rience unwanted same-sex attrac-Healing Service tion). CONTACT: For more informa-TIME/DATE: 4 nm first Monday of every month tion or to register call (248) 912-Men's Bible Study TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 a.m. 0043 or visit www.oakpointe.org. every Wednesday LÓCATION: Room 10 St. James Catholic **Disciple One Bible Study** LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. every Sunday; or 9:30-11:30 a.m. every CONTACT: (248) 347-7778 Wednesday Mass Schedule TIME/DAY: 8; 9:30 and 11:30 DETAILS: Course lasts 34 weeks, covers 70 percent of the a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 Disciple Three Bible Sludy: p.m. Saturday Remember Who You Are TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Wednesday Disciple Bible Study: Jesus Novi Un)ted Methodist LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile and the Gospels TIME/DATE: 3-5 p.m. every CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or

NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

Bid proposals will be received by the Novi Community School District; located at 25345 Tath Road, Novi, Michigan, 48374, by mail or hand deliv-ared by 2:00 p.m. local irme on Monday, March 3, 2008, when the bids will be opened and read publidy. Bids received after the specified date and time will not be considered on accepted. Faxed or e-mailed responses will not be accepted. All submissions should include <u>One_original. Two</u> <u>Printed Copies</u> and <u>Three Electronic Copies</u> on a <u>CD</u> and shall be deliv-ered in a sceled package, addressed as follows:

NCSD - Access Control System RFP #NCSD0801 Response Novi Community School District 25345 Taft Road Novi, Mi 48374

Bid documents will be available for examination and distribution beginning February 16, 2008. For a copy of the Request for Proposal, wish: <u>http://polantemoran.com</u> and click on "Novi Community School District." If you have not previously registered with this site, you will need to do so to across the files. o do so to access the files

Your bid proposal form shall be accompanied by a sworn and nota-

Your bid proposal form shall be accompanied by a swon and neta-rized statement disclosing any familiar latitionship that exists between the Owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board or the Superintendent of the school district. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals, either in whole or in part. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informati-tes or irreguiarilies in the bidding and to accept bid atternates. The Owner also reserves the right to award a contract in any manner deemed by the Owner, in the Owner's sole discretion, to be in the Owner's best interests.

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the COTICE IS TREADED GIVEN that the Hamiling Ophimission hor the fit of Novi will field a public hearing on Wednesdey, February 27, 2008 at 7:00 PM. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ShiftWAINIAN OFFICE BUILDING, SITE PLAN NUMBER 07-75. FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WOODLAND PERMIT AND STODMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. The SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN. SECTION 15, WEST OF NOVI ROAD, NORTH OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE ON FONDA DRIVE. The sub-

for peace. People of all faiths The Faith Club welcome. CONTACT: (248) 473-0355 or visit www.us.bahal.org TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every other Thursday DETAILS: This interfaith group will be reading "The Faith Club"; register at (248) 344-4248. LOGOS Youth Club Faith Community Presbyterian TIME/DATE: 5:15-8:15 p.m. Road each Wednesday DETAILS: Program includes visit www.faithcommunityrecreation; dinner; bible study and nevi.org Sunday Worship music: grades 4-12. TIME: 9; 10:30 a.m. "Discovering The Bible" **Crosspointe Meadows** Kerygma class TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. every LOCATION: Meadowbrook mentary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road (south of 13 Tuesday Mile Road) CONTACT: (248) 427-2700; 9 GracePointe Presbyterian a.m.-2 p.m. or visit www.cross-Church CONTACT: Rev. Brian C pointemeadows.org Sieeth, Pastor (248) 497-3178 or Sunday Worship TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m gracepointe@mac.com: and www.gracepointepca.org Grand Opening St, Paul Lutheran TIME/DATE: Palm Sunday LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-3140 Mar. 16 **DETAILS: More information** can be found at the website. Sunday Worship TIME: 8:30; 11 and 11:30 a.m. **Orchard Hills Baptist Church** LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hix The Baha'i Falth TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. last (248) 349-5665 Saturday of every month Preschool/Klds Choir LOCATION: 23803 Ripple TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p.m. every Creek St., Nov Wednesday DETAILS: This Devotional DETAILS: For ages 3-6 ongo-Gathering is focused on prayers ing event; all are welcome.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review shall convene in its irst session at 9:00 a.m. EST, Tueaday, March 4th, 2008 in the Nov Assessing Department at 45:175 W. Ten Mile Road for the purpose of eviewing and correcting the assassment roll. Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review. Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meel for the purpose of haaring and considering assessment appeals in the Novi City Council Chembers at 45176 W. Ten Mille Road on March 10, 11 & 12, 2006. All appearances before the Board will be by appoint-ment only. If you or your representative want to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 7, 2008. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office or al www.otlychowl.org MO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL ASSESSING DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS AND A SALE AND A

Persons on fixed or limited income may be eligible for a reduction property taxes due to poverty. Applications are available at the Assessin Department, or at www.cityofnovi.org

BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE

Monday, March 10, 2008 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, 2008 - 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, 2008 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Any questions should be directed to the Assessing Department (248) 347-0485.

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REPORT CRIME: Call (248) 348-7100 for non-emergencies in Novi Victoria Mitchell, edito MY PUBLIC SAFETY Thursday, February 21, 2008 (248) 349-1700, ext. 102 www.novinews.com vemitchell@gannett.com fax: (248) 349-9832

Vehicles broken into at Lifetime Fitness

ignition damaged

and on the floor

According to recent police reports, a vehicle was damaged while parked on Pheasant Run Street between 5-7 p.m. Feb. 8.

The owner of the vehicle said

tion mechanism was broken off

POLICE BRIEFS

Nothing was reported missing The purse contained a driver's book.

wrench set and Husky socket set 7 and 8:30 p.m. Feb. 8, reports were located behind the seat, reports said. There was no damage to the exte-

> According to the report the victim believes the driver-side the following morning, the driver-side door was ajar, reports said. door was slightly aiar, providing the suspect access to the vehicle. There was no damage to the

Both the driver-side and pas-senger-side doors were unlocked and the victim said they were locked prior to the incider

The steering column and plastic around the column were broken inside the vehicle, reports

the quality of Novi's Public Safety Services. This award amplifies the survey results," commented David E. Molloy,

Novi's Chief of Police, "I com-

mend the dedication of the men and women of our Police

Department for their continued

commitment to achieving such

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said it appeared an unknown suspect jammed something into the reports said, key hole to try to start the vehicle. The wife The wife of the victim came one at about 10:30 p.m. and said the didn't notice anything suspi-with a dead battery, reports said. home at about 10:30 p.m. and said she didn't notice anything suspi-Suspect stole tools and cious.

When the victim went to his car Tools and \$500 were stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway of a residence on Birchwoods Drive between 5:30

vehicle. Radio stolen from defunct

reports said. According to the victim, he had vehicle just cashed a check and placed the \$500 inside the case for a pair of An Alpine in-dash compact

icle. disc player and radio was stolen Pneumatic from a vehicle between noon Feb. said

Increased police visibility at

Novi Police Department earns prestigious awards

Winners

cash

p.m. Feb. 7 and 5:20 a.m. Feb. 8.

sunglasses in his vehicle.

Chicago

Highway Safety Planning and AAA Michigan. The Department was honored with the 2007 Award for Excellence in Commercial Vehicle Safety for the first time

project • Complexity or difficulty of Results achieved

MACP/OHSP/AAA Michigan community events allowed the Traffic Safety Award must Novi Police Department to demonstrate a clear and convine-reduce injury crashes by 77 and ing commitment to traffic safety within their communities. Programs are judged on four com-ponents: · Scope and duration of the speed or alcohol were not a factor in the crash.

"In 2006, we learned from the excellence."

- Submitted to the Novi News percentile (above the norm) from

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hours. The instruction covers a dif-ferent area of the police depart-ment every week for 10 weeks and also includes a graduation The Lakes Area Citizen's Wolverine Lake. Police Academy has one sess in the spring and one in the fall The Purpose?

PYRA

David Schmidt

Frustrated Contractor

The Lakes Area Citizen's Police

are able to make informed judgments about the police department and police activity

"Am | Crazy?"

from 6:30 p.m. to about 9 p.m.

Local Contractor is "Giving Away" \$4,780 Lennox Furnaces for \$984 with Off-Season Central Air...

We did this program last March and 45 homeowners saved an incredible amount of money on their new home comfort system and we kept our install crews busy and didn't have to send them home!

Yes, it's absolutely true. You can actually replace your old (and probably very inefficient) furnace and air conditioner as a pack age for at least \$3,798 less than you would have to pay at any other time, let me explain. Every year, the months of February and other time. Let me explain. Every year, the months of February and March can "Kill" my business. Lend up losing a los of money dur-ing these "Killer" months and it can take me the remaining ten months to make up for them. And I'm looking for the same thing o hoppen this year.

My Problem Is Your Opportunity The decided to give up trying to make a profit during the "killer" months. If I came out primiting the profit of the other ten months. Here's how March, I will come out cheod of the other ten months. Here's how this (admittedly daring) offer came about. Every year, the big manufacturers of air conditioners have to guess how many to build in meet the demand. Of course, they're never exactly right. So, they always have some inventory they must hold over unit the next summer season. I went to Lennox and contracted for the purchase

of 48 oremium our conditioners and humaces in the four most popar sizes used in this Area. And, because of the auantity and time of year, I was able to buy them at drastically reduced, dirt cheap, out of season prices. They are brand new 2008 models. And they rtility usane will help you save bio



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The City of Novi Police for Excellence in Traffic Safety Commercial Vehicle Safety rec-Department was honored with for agencies with 50-80 offi-two distinctive awards in Traffic cers. cers. The Novi Police Department Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, the Michigan Office of two awards. Has the only department to our any optimizer of the output their respective Having earned these disting-tions, the Novi Police Department automatically will be submitted to automatically will be submitted to munity policing project developed to address overweight commer-cial motor vehicles that travel the International Association of Chiefs of Police to compete for

the same recognition internation-

and, for the third consecutive ally. year, received the 2007 Award The Award for Excellence in Road to Interstate 96.

Lakes Area Citizen's Police Academy begins Recruiting has begun for the Matt Conquest at (248) 347-0530. 27th Lakes Area Citizen's Police Academy. This 11-week program begins March 6, and ends with a gradua-tion dinner on May 15. What is it?

The Novi, Walled Lake, Wixom, Wolverine Lake and The academy meets once a week South Lyon police departments have created the Lakes Area

Applications can be picked up Applications can be picked up at the Novi Police Department or by visiting the city Web site at the public a working knowledge of Who may Attend? The class is made up of a cross-

tion deadline is Feb. 29. and policies, it is a series of class. Is made up of a cross-section of the five communities, and policies, it is a series of class. Anyone interested can also contact were held once a week for three corroll.

(This is great financial news if your furnace is over 8 years old)

and the rest of the year, I can be a winner

No Obligation Even ofter I completely explain the insultation, there is absolutely na obligation. If you decide you don't want to take advantage at the spectacular savings... that's akay. I will give you a surprise gift worth \$50 because you are kind encough that you to think well of give me a chance to solve my problem. I want you to think well of PYRO Heating even if you don't buy.

You Can Buy With NO Cash You don't even have to pay me right away. I have set up a terrific bank rate financing plan, I even decided not to mark up the inter-est rete like some companies do. Consider this, If you decide to make monify investments instead of paying cash the entire amount of your payments might be more than offset by the savings on your utility bills. It's like "having your cake and eating it too".

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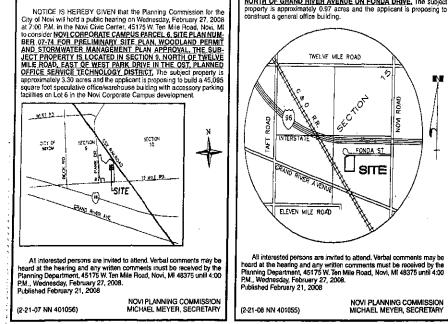
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rear driver-side window of a white Dodge was smashed in, reports of the building reports said. According to reports a multi-color leather shoulder purse was stolen from inside the vehicle. According to reports, the vehicle was parked in the southeast

vehicle was smashed in, while parked in the northeast parking lot



are NOT the seconds or "blems" or standard "builder" models double your savings if you save less than 25%. If these premius They are factory-fresh, premium Lennox air conditioners and fur-naces and have a full factory warrony. systems were not among the best on the market, I couldn't afford to make such a promise.

Here's How You Can Get A Furnace For Peanuls

Why This Offer Can't Last You must act before March 31st. Here are two reasons why. 1. I can only have 12 of each of the four sizes. When all of the air By putting this furnace and air conditioner package tog-tennox and committing to a do-or-die purchase agreen systems, I was able to buy both the furnace and the air conditioners are sold and all the furnaces are "given" away in a systems, twas able to buy own the United with the Vin Containing er for less than anyone should have a right to paylo 50, if you buy one of these normal 48 new, premium air conditioners (but only if one of the four sizes I have will fit your house, of course), I am "giving" you the furnace and all task for is the \$984 in labor and material it cours have norm former installed 2. If I have any of the 48 systems left on March 37 (although 1 doubt I will), this after still ends. Here's why. The only reason I am making this virtually no-profit (for me) offer is because of the "killer months. My business always rials it costs to have your furnace installed.

for me) one is because or the inter motions, my obsides and/ starts to improve in April and because the fundaces cast me so fit fle, I can sell them at 2007 prices next November and December Here's How Just call me at 517-548-2114 anytime. I will come out and meas-ure your home (and determine the availability of the proper size). Don't forget, I only have 48 matched lemox systems in four sizes. and still come out ahead. Give me a call now at 517-548-2114 and I will set an appointment for your no obligation survey When they are gone, this remarkable offer ends also. I will show you the real workd price on the air conditioner that fits your home.

y or me near more price on me on consider manner manney your nome. Then, I will show you the substantial savings naw. And it will include all labor and installation materials. Nothing is left out.

The Concept Is Simple Really ly letting you win big now, I will win at the end of the year. I'm betting that if I make you an offer that is "irresistible" (at least it should be if your furnace or air conditioner is over 8 years old) nd I barely mark it up above the price I paid, I will occomplish wo lhings:

). F will cover my rent, utilities, insurance and taxes in the "killer" 2.1 can pay my professional staff of 12 technicians to work

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In our opinion: State funding gap should continue to close

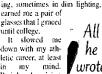
When Proposal A was \$108 per pupil per year adopted back in the early increase. The lowest fund-1990s, one of its stated ed school districts would goals was to close the gap get twice as much, **S216**, in funding between the Neighboring districts lik best-funded school dis South Lyon and Huro Neighboring districts like South Lyon and Huron tricts and those at the bol-Valley schools would get the higher amount, while Novi would likely see the ont end Immediate parity wasn't possible: either funding for \$108. well-heeled districts would Any funding increase is have to be slashed or so supported by state Rep. much additional money Craig DeRoche [R-Novi] have to be poured and state Sen. Nancy would have to be poured into the lowest funded dis-Cassis (R-Novi). (See story tricts that it would break on page 5A.) the bank. So lawmakers The agreement comes out of the budget disaster last settled on a strategy of narrowing the gap year by year, which resulted in a tax increase in order approve the budget. Ward said the 2X Agreement was In recent years, as the economy faltered and times got tough at the state level a part of what he was bar for finding new money to gaining for in return for his put toward education, leg-islators in Lansing seemed vote to support the budget Currently, Novi schools i funded at the rate of \$8,743 to forget about that cominfiment. In recent years, per student. With a \$108 nominal progress has been dollar increase, the district made at trying to catch up would receive \$8,851 in the lowest funded districts. per-pupil funding. But Rep. Chris Ward (R-Huron Valley Schools Brighton) has been work- and others are funded near ing on an agreement that the bottom of the state aid would restore that commitrange, not much better than \$7,100 per student. ment to closing the gap. Jennifer While Gov neighboring executive Northville receives \$8,483. year 2008- The gap is wide enough Granholm's budget for fiscal year 2008-09, which begins Oct. 1, that the 2X Agreement includes a so-called "2X wort close it this year, or agreement" that will give even the next. But it is a Michigan's lowest-funded step in the right direction. districts twice the boost in an improvement to be sure additional funding for the And if the state additional funding for the Legislature continues with coming year. Under the plan, all public it this time there will school districts will see a eventually be equality

Lasik procedure solves life-long woes

Eyes were a love-hate relation- really, really relieved hip with me for a long time. Now, it's like I'm wearing con There's nothing that shows tacts lenses 24/7, a feeling I note emotion in a person then haven't had since I was too their eyes. It can show passionate young to remember feelings, love or hate, determination or inv number of other things.

Was I nervous? However, since the third grade,

I think about 20 people askee othing has affected me more than my own eyes. My genetic me this question in the two days line and childhood love of readleading up to the procedure. ing, sometimes in dim lighting, wasn't nervous, until you asked.



It slowed me down with my ath-tetic career, at least in my mind. Peripheral vision vas important for It the sports I ayed; from second waiting room featured a large, glass window looking into the surgical room, which featured a 40inch television show

ing a 39-inch eyeball played; from soccer, to basket- during the procedure.

Arriving at the eye institute, I was shak-en further to see the



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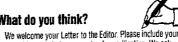
State of the County speech. In his speech Mr. Patterson reviewed the campaigns, ("Justice should be nonpartisan," Novi News, many achievements of his admin-Feb.13) istration over the past year. Power suggests that cam Although all of his topics were interesting 1 found the topic of Oakland County tax dollars to paign contributions influence judicial decisions, but he has it exactly backwards. Every judge fund the expansion of Cobo Hall brings a certain philosophy to the bench that will guide his or intriguing. Patterson questioned the value of this and brought ap-sonte interesting and under recher rulings. Judicial elections make that philosophy clear to ognized points. voters - and, as it becomes The Wayne County Executive, clear, that philosophy drives contributions from like-minded Robert Ficano, proposes that a to be-created authority purchase. Cobo Hall from the City o For example, advocacy groups Detroit for \$20 million. What that believe judges should use decisions to achieve a desired about the \$209 million for the "deferred maintenance" on the facility? Why should we pay \$20 political autome are more likely to contribute to Justice Cavanaugh or Justice Kelly. And million for a facility that has not been properly maintained? while I might disagree with them it is outrageous to suggest that either Justice Cavanaugh or Justice Kelly base their decisions Since the City of Detroit owns Cobo Hall, why are they not at the table for this project? What gives Ficano the authority to sell someon the source of their campaign thing that he does not own? contributions. I've been involved in Michigan politics for over 30 years, and I've never seen a cred-ible example showing a link If Cobo Hall is a regional asset, then why are the other counties in the region not participating? are Monroe and between any judicial ruling and any contribution. It simply does-Washtenaw and why has Macomb n't exist. That same level of integrity, however, cannot be claimed by been allowed to opt out? Under Patterson's leadership Oakland County is a true regional player. Look at Automation organizations that profess suppor for ideals like impartial justice, hut are heavily-funded special Alley and the partnership with Genesee County to expand service at Flint Bishop Airport as interests pushing a decidedly secret political agenda. The ultra-feft-wing Open Society Institute, the political tool of hedge fund billionaire George Soros, finances the National Institute on The county is a good example of government being run like a business. Lots of politicians talk about this method of management but too few practice it. Is a vibrant Cobo Hall and City Money in State Politics, which Powers cites. The Michigan Campaign Finance Network, also of Detroit important to the region? Sure it is. This is why I cited by Power, is a "campaign agree with Patterson. Until he partner" of another Soros-backed gets answers to these and other questions, Oakland County will continue to resist the plan. special interest called Justice at Stake. Strip away the non-partisan Patterson has a great thought pretenses of these organizations. process related to the business of and what's the cause of publicly the county. If it is good for the City of Detroit and Wayne County, and good for Oakland financed judicial elections really about? The entire campaign is entire campaign is based on a deep distrust of citi-County, he supports it. If it is good zen involvement in judicial elecfor Detroit and Wayne County and neutral for Oakland County he is in. However, if a plan is good for Winston Churchill once called democracy the worst form of Detroit and Wayne County and bad for Oakland County, he will government - except for all the others. The same might also be said about private financing of judicial elections – it has its flaws, but it's the best way to

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examples.

oppose it Lagree. It is my opinion that the Oakland County Commission ensure citizens stay engaged in the judicial selection process and it preserves their ability to hold should support Patterson's posi-tion on this issue. Help him to the county as a business. judges accountable for their rul-

ings. Like Power, I agree that judges must remain independent and impartial in every case. But vot-Lou Csordas Former City of Novi Mayor ers are entitled to know what principles and philosophy a judicial candidate brings to the bench



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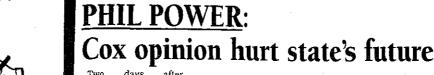
and to financially support those - her class to one of the old barns candidates who share their views. and read to them from "Charlotte's Web" - how perfect Eleanor Roosevelt said, "The Dan Pero beican Justice hield of Staff to this of staff to President of the American Justice Partnership, former Chief of Staff to Gov. Engler and a former member of an old farmstead, once again a the Judicial Tenure Commission vital community entity where people can come together to celebrate all that was, is and will be Please take time to consider doing something to help me make this dream a reality. Thank Save the Fuerst Farm Margaret Schmidt My name is Margaret Schmidt The Farm Lady and I'm known to many as the Farm Lady. I went to a focus group Feb. 15, which involved the Fuerst Farm located at 10 Mile and Taft roads. It's a historic Keep the past in our future farm. It's a representation of what Novi was. I went to the focus group and 21 years of frustration, sadness and anger followed me and stopped me from making the It is about time that Novi's historic Fuerst Farm Property, locat-ed on the corner of 10 Mile and Taft roads, is finally getting the kind of presentation that was needed. attention that it deserves, I want the Fuerst Farm saved 1 The city has engaged the con-ulting company McKenna and can see 100 uses and probably sulting company more. I've been involved with Associates to take input at a educating children and adults for series of public meetings on the nore than 25 years. I've taiked to them about animals, farming in general, history, natural resources, making the world ontential uses of the farm-site, 1 attended one of these focus group meetings on Wednesday, Feb. 13. general, The other attendees represented a more beautiful, kindness and on cross section of Novi residents and on it's gone. I've touched the lives of many children and their and also included our mayor. David Landry. The facilitator for the group led a discussion of potential uses of parents, especially through may camps and 4-H, and I would like to ask something of you. Remember those times we've shared. Go to the Fuerst Farm and the site. I was very pleased to see that there was size ag support fo maintaining the integrity of the barns and farmhouse. imagine children and adults gath-The consensus was also that ered there doing what I have done with you. There is value in simplicity. the site needs to be used. Many ssibilities were suggested, but the strongest vote came for adapt-There is value in using the land gently and there is value in caring for these very old buildings and ing the buildings for use for youth programs and for the arts. there is value in using this space to learn and play and rest. There was much support for using the outdoor areas for access I'm very realistic when I think sible gardens and recreational of maintaining and using this farm. Coming up with ideas is easy, finding the money to imple-ment these ideas won't be easy. greenspace With land within Novi ranidly filling with buildings, roads and other construction, I feel blessed but, really, it can be done. I want as a Novi resident that the city

to volunteer my services and many other people feel the same way, but to get started we need L certainly hope that we can our past. I certainly hope that we can the city council to say, "OK, it's find a place for this important bit finally time to do this. of the past in our future.

If you support the Fuerst farm and the programming that can be done there, let the coancil know. Roy Prentice A Novi teacher once told me that, each year, she would take

Input on Fuerst Farm engaging, fitting

Finally. Novi residents pated with about 24 other development plan should. It was very exciting to see have been waiting patiently people in the first of these involve adaptive re-use of the wonderful ideas that for the city to re-engage the groups, it was encouraging the buildings on-site. No have been incubating in the community in the process to see the level of interest demolition; no removal of community since then and buildings. the creative energy that the People with an interest in discussion of those ideas is the environment, gardening bringing forth. Historical and ecology, the arts, edu The Commission is taking its lead from the City Council cation. recreation, improv-It is surely an indication of the high regard and con-cern all of us have for the ing accessibility of public parks and facilities, as well and will be hosting several public meetings over the as programs for seniors. is focused on the disappearing historical resources of Novi and the children and youth, saw next several months to same site where the first resources of Novi and the the programming and rev- explore the equally impor-town meeting took place degree to which we value enue potential of the site as tant issues of documenting. neighborhood park spaces cept protects the integrity to see so many staff mem-here - ahout a third of our would provide needed space for many of the com-Novi's historic Township munity needs identified Hall and the continuation of the annual Fuerst Farm It also was deemed Family Day will be on the important ~ I would say agenda as well. Historical essential – that the use of Commission meeting times, library and the business resented. Commission meeting times, barns and additional farm tor elicited a variety of spedates and location can be confirmed by contacting the Parks and Recreation of the surrounding neigh-borhoods and compatible the vided a wide range of possi-of bilities to consider. This borhoods and compatible Department office at (248) with the adjacent public 347-0400. Everyone is wel-Register uses - the high school and come and encouraged to the new library. The con- attend.



Two days after Christmas, while Lansing was silent and largely deserted for the holiday Michigan P season, Attorney General Mike Cox issued an opinion indicating that only permanent Michigan resi-

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COMMENTARY

About Phil Power

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in Michigan, and was a recent of the University of Michigan from 1987 to 1999

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

and-do tank. These opinions and others expressed in his columns are his own

Nichigan. Phil would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@hcnnet.com.

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Meanwhile

figure out what I meant.

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bipartisanship, both the

House and Senate over-

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porarily in Michigan to obtain a driver's license.

The governor promptly signed the bill last

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facing terrible economic times, with Michigan

desperate for skilled

immigrant workers and

students. Cox's opinion

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and do not in any way represent official policy positions of The Center for

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community the percep-tion that Michigan is not

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been on the phone at all

hours trying to explain

what was going on to

angry foreign companies considering — at least, they had been —

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Universities were just

as dismayed. University of Michigan President

Mary Sue Coleman point-

ed out that our universi-

ties are on the front line

of bringing capable peo-ple to Michigan. I got a

call from Linda Lim, the

Southeast Asia Center.

saying that she had an

office full of students in

tears. Meanwhile, once the

Secretary of State's office

started figuring out what

the opinion really meant, they ran into all kinds of

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dents may get a driver's license. It appeared to say that people living political dimension to all business community and ver's here legally but on a tem this. (Surprise surprise.) porary basis couldn't get The subject of illegal aliens has been one That opinion came in consuming interest dur- international business by a suit response to a request by State Rep. Rick Jones, Ring the presidential campaign, especially to many Grand Ledge. It was Republicans who want clearly not produced the border with Mexico Epolito cited more than that the Secretary of closed and all illegals 375,000 employees who State "misread" the opinovernight. The opinion was five single-spaced chucked out. (That is, pages in length and was unless they employ any accompanied by 13 foot-notes and case citations. on the sly.) And the issue has more duct their business with-Nobody I talked with in than just Republicans out squirming: U.S. Sen. car. preparing this column and I talked with plenty Hillary Clinton got herself into trouble during the of people - knew Cox's opinion was coming. But it was a bombshell. presidential debates with a series of confusing and It provoked a round of contradictory responses furious finger-pointing when asked whether illewith Secretary of State gal aliens should get dri-Terri Lynn Land, his felver's licenses. Most Lansing sources I Republican. Her office was responsible for talked with figure that implementing Cox's com-Cox was doing little more plex ruling. It enraged the business community, than pandering to the anti-immigrant wing of which employs nearly 400,000 aliens legally in Michigan on valid visas. It infuriated state universities when they suddendiscovered that thousands of their students and faculty members living legally in Michigan could not get a driver's license. It wounded economic

the GOP. I tried to ask Cox's PR guy about this, but my call was not returned. In any event, once peoreturned to Lansing and the national press started saying that Michigan was now the toughest state in the country for aliens to get drivers' licenses, all hell developers across the state who found thembroke loose: Jim Epolito, CEO of the selves trying to explain Michigan Economic that Michigan really did-Development Corporation n't want to slam the door was politely furious. He fired off a letter to Cox against international business expansion. And noting that his troops provoked official been receiving "have protests from the governfrantic telephone calls, ements of Japan and mails and letters from India. Michigan's international All this from one little community business opinion by a state attorney general! Of course, there was a

Lawyers quickly pointed out that Cox's language ing and all-too pre-dictable about this parappeared to mean that even U.S. citizens living ticular episode of pander ing-gone-wrong is that it regarding this issue. Your opinion, issued with no in Michigan temporarily advanced warning to the could not obtain a driwas totally and completeissued with no in Michigan temporarily



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ball, to tennis to a neighborhood Along with paper cuts and game of everything else. steel nails through fingernails, eye damage is one of the few things to get me squeamish. I've seen enough horror flicks that 1 About two months into college, I faced what I now feel is a silly fear of contact lenses. I used to think they'd roll around behind can shrug off almost everything my eyes and cut my retinas. else. blinding me forever. This was not I had a choice. It was either the case, or else this colu the case, or else this column watch the procedure performed would have more typos then on another person or watch you'd know what to do with. Katherine Heigl cook on "The However, two years later, I did Martha Stewart Show run into a medical issue because of the contacts. I tore some holes So I faced my fears and was a little grossed out at first, but by in my corneas, the thin, clear layer the time I got under the laser, I on the outside of an eye. The dry knew exactly what every blur or shape passing over my line of vision was. There was no pain, just a little pressure around the November winds of East Lansin and the long walks to class were poor combination, and restricted me from contacts for a few weeks edge of my socket to hold my eye as my eves healed. in place. I was in and out of the surgical room in less than 20 minutes and both eyes, although a bit blurry, already had notice-For the next two years. I was constantly in fear of another annoying drought where I would be temporarily banned from ably improved vision. wearing contact lenses. ly, last month, I was able my post-operation appointment dy all of these problems. the next day and resume my regto remedy all of these problems. Similar to facing the fear of eter-nal blindness | had with contacts, | scheduled assortment of eye drops every hour or two. dure that I'd heard about years ago. For those considering the procedure, it was well worth it. For those I got Lasik, a form of laser eye surgery for near-sighted vision. skeptic or fearful, it all ends well. It has for thousands of people and it when I got contacts. I was really, did for me.

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of planning the restoration and participation, not only and adaptive re-use of the by residents, but by so many historic city-owned Fuerst of the staff - whether they farmstead property – a live in Novi or not, in the dis-process interrupted back in cussion that took place. 2000 - and it seems the time is now. How fitting that the request for citizen input after Novi was designated a township by the territorial legislature in 1830. In December, the current hers - about a third of our Cliv Council resumed stew-ardship for this community and promoting project munity needs id asset by hiring a firm to ideas. Novi Schools, the within our session. asset by hiring a firm to develop a master plan for the potential use of the community were also repproperty. The site monuter fruit trees, a house, three erty. The site includes structures. The farmstead cific ideas from us that prohas been listed on the National Historic Places since 1998. input was documented and Last week, the consulting rm McKenna and then everyone had an firm McKenna and opportunity to vote on ideas sensus was a reaffirmation Associates held four focus that had been presented. of the work begun by resi-groups to solicit communil-by the end of this particu-dents assisted by staff ty ideas and input. On lar session, there was a groups to solicit communi-ty ideas and input. On

This quest column was submitted by Kathleen Mutch, chair of the Novi Historical Tuesday afternoon, I partici- clear consensus that a property in the late 1990s. Commission.





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March 8, 9 and 15

LOCATION: Novi Middl

School Auditorium, 49000 11

DETAILS: This is the commu-

CONTACT: (248) 347-0400

TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. Friday.

LOCATION: Novi Meadows

DETAILS: The annual Fun Fest

includes names, food, raffle and

prizes. Adult volunteers needed

for the Fun Fest: many different

especially dads. For more infor

mation, contact Lynne at (248)

305-3256 or Linda at (248) 344-

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Saturday

LOCATION: Rock Financial

Showplace, 46100 Grand River

Foundation's 2008 Green Gala

Help our Children Shine Like

Stars" event is a fun evening of

bling benefiting students of the

i Community Schools, Tickets

tion: visit

349-3743.

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we serve.

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Wines You Must Try

Wednesday, March 12

LOCATION: Mezza

Grand River Ave.

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

Mediterranean Grille, 42050

DETAILS: Fifty wines from the

area's smaller, more selective dis-

tributors with Mezza hors d'oeu-

vres. Special pricing and volume

discounts on event wine. Tickets

are \$30 per person in advance,

he Bottle Novi. For tickets and

TIME/DATE: 1-4 p.m. Saturday

LOCATION: Novi Bowl. 21700

DETAILS: Form a team, spon-

or a bowler, or sponsor a lane

DETAILS: The Novi Educationa

Novi Educational

School, 6th Grade House

March 7

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March 8

HOT TICKET: A Meet new friends, dance and socialize Friday at the Single Mingle Dance at the Sheraton. (Thursday, February 21, 2006 (248) 349-1700, ext. 102 MY BULLETIN BOARD www.novinews.com fax: (248) 349-9832

EVENTS

Single Mingle Dance IME/DATE: 8 p.m.-1 a.m

Friday LOCATION: Sheraton Hotel nity theatre world premier of this Novi, 21111 Haggerty Road, near musical comedy. Everyone is corner of Eight Mile Road, Novi looking for salvation and the DETAILS: Meet new friends stakes are raised with the intro duction of bingo to the parish dance and socialize. Too 40 DJ. cash bar, hors d'oeuvres and church Tickets are on sale now at door prizes. Admission is \$5 for the Novi Parks office, 45175 W. members, \$10 for non members 10 Mile Road. Tickets are \$18 Attire is dressy casual (no blueand all seats are reserved. ieans, blue jean skirts or tennis shoes), Hosted by The Metropolitan Single Novi Meadows Fun Fest

Professionals. CONTACT: (248) 544-6445 or visit www.mspsc.com

Bridgepointe Gently Used Book Collection

TIME/DATE: Sunday - March 12

LOCATION: Novi Meadows DETAILS: Novi Meadows students are once again celebrating March Reading Month by helping share the gift of reading with stu dents at Maybury and Bennett Elementary Schools in Detroit Foundation Green Gala Please send in either cently used

r new books with your student Each class will be collecting books and the one with the biobest total will win a "Thank You celebration. Monetary donations are also welcomed

CONTACT: Kelle Vela at (313) 819-6789

Mad Hatter Tea Party Art Show TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

include chips for gambling in the Stardust Casino, hors d'oeuvres Monday-Friday until Feb. 29 LOCATION: Nancy A. Fox Art and desserts, a live and silent auction, music, dancing and Gallery, Assarian Cancer Center, Providence Park Hospital, Nov chances to win raffle prizes. The DETAILS: Art show of original cost is \$75 per person and tickartwork featuring playful and ets are available by calling (248) imaginative teapots created by a 449-1206 or visit variety of local artists and Nov www.NoviEducationalFoundation high school students; part of the org. partnership between Providence

Community School District.

Park Hospital and the Novi

Art Van Furniture Store Events LOCATION: 27775 Novi Road CONTACT: (248) 348-8922 Cottage and Lakefront Living Shows DATE: Thursday; Feb. 28-Sunday: March 2 LOCATION: Rock Financial

\$35 at the door. Sponsored by By Showplace: 46100 Grand River Ave : Novi information, call (248) 344-8992. DETAILS: Copper Harbor and Grand Shores Collections from Novi Youth Assistance 26th their Michigan H.O.M.E.S. series

Annual Bowl-A-Thon are featured during the 2008 Home Shows March 15 Novi Road, between Eight and Novi Lions Citth 2nd Annual Nine Mile roads

Charity Dinner and Auction TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Saturday March 1 for \$100, Food and drink provid-LOCATION: Maples of Novi Clubhouse, 31260 Wakefield Dr on 14 Mile Road, east of Novi Road, Nov

DETAILS: Tickets are \$15 per nerson and includes a carved beef dinner with all the fixings and access to the Live and Silent Auction; auction items include April 6

ed for all bowlers. Prizes for all. CONTACT: For more information, call (248) 347-0410 Friendshin Concert Series at Hammeli Music Hall TIME/DATE: 3 p.m. Sunday,

DETAILS: Network with over ness and networking Everyone is welcome to attend 250-300 other business memany of our events. For more hers from 18 chambers, Browse nformation call Whitney; execexhibitor displays, munchles and utive director at (248) 347cash bar. Tickets are \$10 per per-4622 or whitney@greater son and reservations by Feb. 29 novichamber.com. Also visit are a must. Sorry, no walk-ins. www.oreaternovichamber.com Home-based Business Roundtable Discussion Sales Leads Group TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:30 a.m. TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. second and fourth Thursday of Thursday, March 13 each month (Feb. 28) LOCATION: Chamber LOCATION: Hooter's of Novi Boardroom DETAILS: Topic for group dis-DETAILS: Serious networking. cussion is Website/E-mail Atter Hours at The Grapevine Marketing, Cost of \$10 includes TIME/DATE: 5-7 p.m. tonight LOCATION: The Grapevine, lunch and beverage. No charge you bring your own lunch. Pre 43155 Main St., Novi registration required for lunch. DETAILS: Come join us for some wonderful food and wine **BUSINESS** cash bar; \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Ambassador Committee **Novi Rotary Club** TIME/DATE: Noon-1:30 p.m. TIME/DATE: Noon every Tuesday LOCATION: Moe's on Ten Thursday LOCATION: Novi Methodist DETAILS: Committee meeting: Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road DETAILS: Lunch is \$10 at Month Long Realth Fair LOCATION: Meadowbrook and meeting: visitors welcome: check Neb site for speaker information 11 Mile roads DETAILS: During the month of www.novirotary.org. Novi Schools - Current February, member Meadowbrook Urgent Care is offering, on a Developments TIME/DATE: Noon, February walk-in basis, free cholestero checks, blood alucose checks, DETAILS: Jeff Neilson blood pressures with complete President, Novi Board of vital signs, oxygen saturation Education rates and vision testing. Interpreting Communication TIME/DATE: Noon, March 13 DETAILS: Dr. Lee Meadows Novi Chamber of Commerce Prof. Walsh College, gives and The chamber is celebrating overview on the meaning of the 40 years of business; represpoken words we use as well as senting over 500 members. Out the different ways readers intermission is to be a responsible; pret the written word. proactive advocate of business. interests in the greater Nov Annual Novi Rotary Senior Easter Luncheor area. We are business and pro-TIME/DATE: Noon, March 20 onal people working together to enhance the life of our community and the busi Females in the Family nesses in it. For more informa-Business Affinity Grow www.novichamber.com or con-TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. tact the chamber office at (248) Third Thursday of every nonth LOCATION: Walsh College roy Campus DETAILS: Walsh Business Lakes Area Chamber of Leadership Institute invites Since 1963; the Lakes Area women who own; are partners in: or work for family busi-Chamber of Commerce has nesses. Items discussed will proudly served as West Oakland's be common issues; and Regional Chamber: servicing the women can share solutions communities of Commerce a nonthreatening; noncompeti-Townshio; Union Lake; Walled ive: non-sales roundtable lake: Waterford: Wixom Wolverine Lake and White Lake. Registration is required. CONTACT: Jan Hubbard Our purpose is to improve the quality of life for businesses and ihubbard@walshcollege.edu residents in the Lakes area. We act as a unified voice on behalf of CLASSES the business community; provide a forum to discuss and review topics of interest; serve as a **Providence Center for the** source of information and devel-Healing Arts op programs that are responsive LOCATION: Assarian Cancer to the needs of the communities Center: 47601 Grand River LOCATION: 305 N. Pontiac CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 Trall; Ste. B; Walled Lake Wanled: One-time Art CONTACT: For more informaorkshop Instructors tion visit www.lakesareacham DETAILS: We are looking for ber.com or (248) 624-2826. people who have an art or craft Spollight Lunch that they would like to share in IME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. today our series of one-time work-LOCATION: Dobski's shoos staurant, 7960 Cooley Lake

List your event in DÍ our calendar! To be included in My Bulletin Board, please send 60 vent name, date, time, loca tion, details and contact, ■ Mail: Novi News. Mv Bulletin Board, 104 W. Main Deadline: Must be Street, Suite 101, Northville, received by noon on Monday to be published in the AI 48167. E Fax: (248) 349-9832 Thursday edition Call (248) 349-1700 for E-mail: vemitchell@ gannett.com additional information. QuickBooks 2006 (intermediate/advanced) Saturday DATE: Tuesday, February 26-May 6 (no class March 25) DETAILS: \$10/walk-in; \$80/10 class card; \$45/5-class card; Lunch and Learn Yoga 7-wee TIME: 6:30-9:30 o.m. LOCATION: Instructiona session is \$60; registration regulated. Classes also held at Technology Center Computer Lab DETAILS: A hands-on class Providence Hospital; Southfield call for details. using the QuickBooks 2006 soft Massage Therapy vare. Learn to computerize TIME/DATE: By appointment accounting functions such as accounts receivable, payables DETAILS: Therapeutic masbanking functions, jobs, employ sage is effective for stress and ee payroll, taxes, expenses, sales n; chronic fatigue; palr and more. Produce financia and headaches. Everyone is velcome. Patients undergoing reports such as balance sheets and profit and loss statements treatment should bring physi cian's referral: \$50/50-min Certificate and C.E.U.s awarded FEE: \$ 299, book fee: \$33 utes Gentle Tal Chi Computer Skills for TIME/DATE: 10:15-11 a.m. DATE: Thursday, February 28every Thursday DETAILS: This ancient May 15 (no class March 20 & Chinese exercise promotes 271 / TIME: 6:30-9:30 o.m. flexibility; balance and LOCATION: Instructional strength; an easy introductio to Tai Chi and for everyone; \$5 Technology Center Computer Lab DETAILS: Better prepare yourper session. Create with Kathy self to answer HELP WANTED TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. - noon ads for a job as an administrative Mondays and Fridays assistant, manager, supervisor, DETAILS: An opportunity to receptionist, cool Learn Microsoft Excel and Word express yourself artistically in our peaceful and inspirational creative Fundamentals, and get an arts studio. Kathy provides guidoverview of PowerPoint; produce ance in a variety of techniqu various types of business docu and projects. \$5 suggested per ments, maintain computer records, and track expenses ses Food for Life Cooking Classes services, product, customers and TIMF/DATE: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., staff. Increase your keyboarding Tuesdays, Feb. 26-April 22 and computer procedures DETAILS: 8-week series about Certificate and C.E.U.s awarded cancer related nutrition topics FEE: \$ 299, book fee \$59 How to Present Yoursel and cooking demonstrations. insored by The Cancer Professionally: From Inside to Project. Open to those interested in preventing and surviving cap-DATE: Monday, February 25 cer. Call for reservation. \$3 sug-TIME: 6:00-8:30 p.m. pested per session. LOCATION: Novi Meadows 6 Media Cent DETAILS: Gain tips and Line Dancing strategies on creating a profes DATE: Monday and Friday sional appearance and impres-TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginsion nowerful introduction ners; 7:30-9:30 p.m. intermediat and intentional conversations. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Learn to understand your "inner 45175 W. 10 Mile Boad self" or your inner workings DETAILS: No partner needed: that influence your presence pay-as-you-go; Novi residents and connections with others \$5; non-residents \$6. Gain powerful networking skills. how to build strong relation ships, build upon your current SCHOOL & skills, utilize inner indicators GOVERNMENT and enhance your inner confidence. For more information www.DonnaMarieConsulting.co. Nevi Community School m and www.smartwomen-**District Board of Education** scoaching.com. Meeting TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, FEE: \$ 49 Interior Decoration Feb. 28 LOCATION: Educational Services DATE: Tuesday, February 26-Building: 25345 Taft Road April 22 (no March 25) CONTACT: (248) 449-1204 TIME: 6:30-9:15 p.m. LOCATION: Instructional

Senior Book Discussio TIME/DATE: Noon-1:30 p.m econd Thursday of each month DETAILS: Book discussion proup for older adults facilitated / librarian: please call to inin. English Conversation Gr TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-noon ---ry Tuesday through February DETAILS: For ages 18 and elder: gractice your English while you make friends; no registration equired. Movie Afternoon TIME/DATE: 1-2:30 p.m. today DETAILS: Join us for an after poon movie; for ages 4 and up. Discover the Artist Behind the Lens: Monte Nagier TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. tonight DETAILS: A student of Ansel Adams, Nagler is a top landscape photographer. Improve your photo skills in a short "workshop." Napler will sell and sign copies of his book. "Mont Nagler's Michigan." Registration eterl Novi Writers' Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon Saturday DETAILS: This group, facilitated by local writer Kathy Mutch, provides environment for writers to collaborate, critique and creat with other writers. Ages 18 and older. Please registe Lego Club IME/DATE: 6-7 p.m. Monday DETAILS: Lego show-and-tell and building activities for grades On-Line Databases Training TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday DETAILS: Learn how to search and refine searches on some ofour popular databases. Family Game Night TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m Wednesday DETAILS: Drop in to play names with your family and friends. All ages welcome. Resume Writing Workshop TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday Feb. 28 DETAILS: Build an attention grabbing, targeted and attractive resume. Create cover and thank you letters, business cards and ortfolios. Please register. DDR and Guitar Hero TIME/DATE: 3-4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 29 DETAILS: For high schools students. Bring your friends and spend your extra day this year with us. Walled Lake City Library LOCATION: 1499 E. Wes Maple Road, Walled Lake HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 10 a m -5 n m. Wednesday and Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday; closed Frida CONTACT: (248) 624-3772 or e-mail to admin@walledlakelibrary.org **Classical Music Series** TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. first Tuesday of each month Friends of the Library Meetina TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Tuesday of month. Rank Discussion Group TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. third Tuesday of each month DETAILS: Drop in for informal discussion: bring a bag lunch: check library for current book selection. Preschool Stary Time TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. every DETAILS: For ages 2-4; registration required.

DETAILS: Drop In for informa DETAILS: For ages 5-8; Kelly Childress reads stories and leads eedlework group in Youth Area; crafts; registration required. Get Caunht Readin TIME/DATE: 4:30-8 p.m. Monday, March 10 DETAILS: Reading Catchers will be looking for children in grades 1-5 who are caught read ing for fun; they will receive a Bio Boy oiff certificate ess About E-mail DATE: Tuesday March 18-Monday, March 24; Tuesday, TIME: 7 nm DETAILS: Participants create and begin using their own free e-mail accounts. Please register. Preschapi Story Heu DATE: Tuesday - P is for Puddles DATE: Tuesday, March 11 - "G is for Green" DATE: Tuesday, March 18 - "K Is for Kite TIME: 11-11:45 a m DETAILS: For ages 2-4; language development and reading readiness are emphasized through finger plays, crafts. nusic games and puppets Wixom Public Library LOCATION: 49015 Pontiac HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. nday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. unday CONTACT: (248) 624-2512 ESI Cafe TIME/DATE: 3:30 p.m. every Thursday DETAILS: Coffee and conversation-Improve your English speaking skills by speaking with people from other countries try na to improve their English; na tests; instructor help; free. CONTACT: Karin at the Information Desk. Afternaan Book Group TIME/DATE: 2-3 p.m. Wednesday DETAILS: "Amagansett" by Mark Mills Read Something Differen TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13 DETAILS: "Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking" by Malcolm Gladwell Fantastic Fridays "Button Up" TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 14 DETAILS: For children ages 2-6 with a parent. Registration required. Mommy and Me TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. every Thursday through Feb. 28 DETAILS: Storles: songs and crafts for two year olds and part Preschool Story-Time TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Tuesday or 1:30 p.m. Wednesday; through Feb. 2 DETAILS: Story-times for the Independent listener. Parent must remain in building Moonlight Story-Time "Numbers["] TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday DETAILS: Stories: songs and crafts for children ages 2-6 with an adult. Internet and Computer Classes DETAILS: Space is limited: registration begins Feb. 4 at the nformation Desk. Computer Basic TIME/DATE: 2:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 4; or 5:30-7:30 n m. Wednesday, March 5 E-Mail Basics TIME/DATE: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 6 Internet 101 TIME/DATE: 2:30-4:30 p.m Friday, March 7: or 2:30-4:30 p.m. Monday, March 10

Massage by appointment Men in Grief 12:30-4 p.m. Monday-Friday and TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. 9 a.m.-noon Saturday fourth Monday of month Thursday Suicide Loss Suppor 9 a.m.: Line Dance-Int. Services 9:30 a.m.: Travel meeting DETAILS: Individual and fami-10 a.m.-2 p.m.: AARP Income ly services offered free for those Tax by appt who have lost a loved one 11:15 a.m.; Line Dance-Beg through suicide; call (734) 464-Noon: Lunch 7810 for more information 12:15 p.m.: Contract Bridge Heartstrings: Parents Who 1 p.m.: Computer Lab Have Lost a Child 2:30 p.m.: Line Dance TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first Thursday of month Friday 9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength Grief Sunnort Quilter's Group 0 a.m.: Body Recall Noon: Lunch third Wednesday of month 12:30 p.m. Dupl. Bridge (734) 953-6012 1 p.m.: Bingo Saturday 4 p.m.: Tropical Day **BMC Huron Valley-Sinai** Monday **Hospital Support Groups** 9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength 10 a.m.: Body Recall Drive: Commerce Noon: Lunch Al-Anon Support Group 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle 4-5 p.m.: Bereavem Support Group with Dr. Michael Meve 6:30: Pilates Mat Work to Alcoholics Anonymous; Tuesday 8:30 a.m.: Panera Bread intended for the family and friends of someone with an 9 a.m.: Line Dance-Int.: alcohol problem; helping then to recover from the effects of Hearing Aid Clear ving with a problem drinke 10 a.m.: Asian Pacific 11 a.m.: Computer Lab; Quick Alcoholics Anonymous and Easy Meals Noon: Luoch Support Group 1 р.т.: Вілдо 1-3 o.m.: Dance, \$6 at door Sunday Wednesday 9 a.m.: Stretch and Strenot attain and maintain sobriety. 10 a.m.: Body Recali 10:30 a.m.: Quilting 11 a.m.: TOPS; Blood Pressure Noon; Lunch 12:30 p.m.: Cloadina-Club first and third Monday of each 6:30 p.m.: Clogging-Beg/Int LOCATION: Lobby of the 7:30 p.m.: Clogging-Club Charach Cancer Treatment Center; off the hospital's South Waltonwood at Twelve Garden Entrance Oaks Independent Living Residence; Licensed Assisted Living; Licensed Memory Care LOCATION: 27475 Huron Circle someone living with cancer (adjacent to Twelve Oaks Mail) CONTACT: (248) 735-1500 Alzheimer's Caregiver Open House TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Support Group daily or by appointment fourth Monday of each month Rob Casalou, President of LOCATION: Krisper Center New Providence Park Hospita (South Garden Entrance TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. today DETAILS: Come listen and earn about how this new hospita support to each other; for ques will combine the latest in health care thinking with the best of the hospitality industry and a focus on wellness; refreshments provided, No reservations needed. and fourth Wednesday of each CONTACT: For questions, call month LOCATION: Hospital (248) 735-1500 Conference Center SUPPORT ronment for families to share their struggles; learn how to GROUPS resolve issues after the birth of a child; discuss concerns such

Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting DATE: Last Wednesday of each month TIME: 10-11 a.m. LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church; 24505 Meadowbrook Road DETAILS: This informational required. meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. There is no charge. Child care is Groun available; registration Wednesday of the month required. CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248) 334-3595

no required: for information call Bereavement Support Group (248) 937-3314. DATE: Third Tuesday of each TIME: 7:30-9 p.m. Neighborhood Baby-sitting LOCATION: Novi Civic Center; 45175 W 10 Mile Board Co-op

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. first and CONTACT: (248) 937-5017 DETAILS: Register by calling Croba's & Califis Support Group TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. first and third Wednesday of each month LOCATION: Providence Park LOCATION: 1-William Carls **Hospital and Medical Center** DETAILS: Enter facility through southeast entrance. TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Meeting in Conference Room A Sunday DETAILS: Al-Anon is similar immediately to the left. CONTACT: Al Biggs (313) 805-7605 pr. Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (888) 737-2322. Novi Teastmasters TIME/DATE: 7-8:45 p.m. first CONTACT: (248) 706-1020 and third Tuesday of each monti LOCATION: Novi Civic Center TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Activities Room; 45175 W. 10 Mile Road DETAILS: Support group to DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your commu-CONTACT: (248) 937-3314 nication skills; voice your opin-Journeys Cancer Support ion: polish your presentations Group TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m.; the and practice leadership CONTACT: Amy (248) 752-2800 Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Chapter TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. weigh-i and 11:30 a.m. meeting every DETAILS: The Charach Cancel Treatment Center hosts a support LOCATIÓN: Meadowbrook group for anyone dealing with a Commons; 25075 cancer experience or who know Meadowbrook Road: Novi CONTACT: (248) 937-5163 DETAILS: \$24 per annua membership; includes hand honk: \$1 per meeting. New TIME/DATE 2-3:30 nm the members welcome. CONTACT: Rebecca Boyke (248) 305-8646. **DETAILS: Designed to allow** HEALTH caregivers to share tips and offer tions or directions call (248) 937-**Oakland Physical Therapy** 1 OCATION: Providence Par New Parents Support Group Medical Centér, 47601 Grand TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. secon River Ave., Suite B124 DETAILS: Classes are held at 7 p.m. and are free of charge, how ver, registration is required as space is limited. Participants DETAILS: A supportive envishould wear loose, comfortable clothing and appropriate, footwear. For more information or to register, call the number as sleep deprivation and coping CONTACT: 248-380-3550 with the emotions of parent Pilates and Your Golf Game CONTACT: (248) 858-7766 DATE: Wednesday, March 12 Sunnort for Smokers Group DETAILS: A lecture and TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. first and overview of how Pilates may third Tuesday of each month actually help your golf game DETAILS: Provides education Class is for both male and female and support to guit smoking; no rs; given by Kristie Kava, PT, fee and no pre-registration DScPT, MS and Linda Erickson. MS. PT. CONTACT: (248) 937-3314 Breather's Club Support **DMC Huron Valley-Sinai** novi.org TIME/DATE: Noon the third Hosnital LOCATION: 1 William Carls Dr. DETAILS: Free year-round pro Commerce CONTACT: (248) 937-3314 oram for persons afflicted with ung disease; provides support Alcoholics Anonymous Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every and information; pre-registration

home with their children or

ensungfleming@yahoo.com

work out of their homes

CONTACT:

Group

Sunday DETAILS: No pre-registration 43075 Crescent Blvd., Nov required. For information, call CONTACT: (248) 347-0780 Book Signing TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. Saturday. (248) 937-3314. Al-Anon Support Group

DATE: First and third Tuesday of each month Breast Cancer Support DETAILS: Provides education and support to guit smoking; no DATES: Second and fourth charge; no pre-registration. CONTACT: Call (248) 937-3314 Tuesday of each month LOCATION: Huron Valleyfor more informatio Sinal Hospital (Classroom C H.U.G.S. Group for Parent Commerce TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. third TIME: 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday of each month DETAILS: No registration DETAILS: Support and couning to parents who have suffered a pregnancy or newborn loss; no pre-registration required. CONTACT: (248) 937-4847 for more information. St. John Providence Hospital LOCATION: Grand River and 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 Road entrance); Conference Rooms A. B and C. CONTACT: Free registration for lecture and dinner by calling (888) 440-7325 You "Hearl" What You Eat DETAILS: Feb. 28 presentation by cardiologist Dr. Zarghami followed by strolling dinner featur no heart healthy food; recipes and cookbooks distributed. Total Knee Benjacement DETAILS: March 27; presentation by orthopedic surgeon Dr. Cancer Prevention and Survival Cooking Course TIME/DATE: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. sdays Feb., 26 - April 22 (no class March 25) 1 OCATION: Providence Center for the Healing Arts, Assarian Caricer Center DETAILS: The Cancer Project a national nonprofit dedicated to advancing cancer prevention through education and research offering a free, eight-session cooking course designed to help Novi residents prevent and survive cancer through proper diet and nutrition. No cost CONTACT: James Tester at (248) 465-5455 to register. **ONGOING** SWECC Studio Tears LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile Road, Farmington. DETAILS: Come in for an upclose look at the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Studios local community television studio. CONTACT: Melissa Cohn (248)

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related to or know someone liv-

ing with cancer. CONTACT: (248) 937-5163

Sunnort for Smokers

473-2840 **Gardeners of Northville and** TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. second Monday of month through May LOCATION: Rotates between Novi Civic Center and the Northvlile Library. DETAILS: Visitors welcome CONTACT: (248) 231-2334 or visit www.gardenersnorthville-

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Concert features Walled Lake Northern, Central and Western band and orchestra students. A silent auc- tion of gift baskets will occur before the concert and during intermission; free afterglow fol- fowing concert at Johnny Carino's Italian Restaurant. Discount offered for ficket holders who wish to dine also. Concert pro- ceeds support local scholarships and Rotary service projerts. Tickets are \$10 for students and their parents, and \$20 for adults; purchase tickets by calling Cheryl at (248) 960-0033 or Lorrie at (248) 390-8572. Program adver- tising is also available.	Road, Wareford. Ambassador Meeting TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. Friday LOCATION: Chamber Office Programs Committee Meeting TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. Wethesday, Feb. 27 LOCATION: Chamber Office, 305 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake Heart of Lakes Gala - Motown Review TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Saturday; March 1 LOCATION: Shenandoah Country Club; 5600 Walmut Lake Road; West Bloomfield DETAILS: Features dinner with cash bar; dancing and a silent uauction; cost is \$55 per person; proceeds benefit the Cardiac Care Program at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital and the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce; tickels are available by contacting the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce. Spotight Lunch TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m1 p.m. Thursday, March 6 LOCATION: Unique Franks.	Colored Pencil Workshop TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m.; sec- ond Tuesday of every month DETAILS: Beginners wel- come. Ceramics Class TIME/DATE: 10 a.m3 p.m. Tuesday; Wednesday and Thursday; Friday by appoint- ment DETAILS: \$10 materials fee. Knitlin' Yams 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 appointment. 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Discover the techniques used by professional designers to evaluate and execute effective and innovative design solutions. Class includes hands- an projects and classroom dis- cussions. FEE: \$ 199, book fee: \$33 LIBRARY LINES Nov! Public Library LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile Road HOURS: 10 a.m9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday CONTACT: (248) 349-0720	Tuesday DETAILS: For ages 2-4; regis- tration required. Stery & Snacks Family Time TIME/DAY: 6:30 every Thursday DETAILS: Drop-in program designed for the independent lis- tener ages 2-6. Library Board of Truslees Meeting TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Friday of every month Storytellers Connection Volunteers DETAILS: Volunteer readers are needed to read to children in a classroom setting. Contact the fibrary for more information. Design-A-Bookmark Contest "Reading Bug" DETAILS: Students in grades K-5 may design a bookmark; rules and specifications are avail- able at the library; deadline is Saturday, at 5 p.m. Cat in the Hat, Dr. Seuss Bithday Celebration TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28	p.m. Monday, March 10 Start Your Job Search TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m12:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 11 Explore the Library Online TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12 Red, White and Green TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 1 DETALLS: What do The Cat in the Hat, shamrocks and pasta all have in common? For ages 2-10; please register. Test Drive Bookflix TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 9 DETALLS: Pre-schoolers through third graders can drop-in to see and test the computer pro- gram "Bookflix."	TIME: 7:30-9 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center; 45175 W. 10 Mile Road DETAILS: The meeting pro- vides the opportunity for those in grief to share their story and to learn about the phases and tasks of grief. All are welcome; no fee, CONTACT: Michael M. Meyer, Doctorate of Ministry Angela Hospice Groups DETAILS: Grief support groups include general grief, loss of a spouse, women's grief, parents who have lost a child and a grief support guilters group. All groups are led by bereavement professionals and trained volunteers. LOCATION: Angela Hospice Care Center; 14100 Newburgh Road; Livonia CONTACT: Joan Lee (734) 953-6012 General Grief Support Groups TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. and 6:30 per served and fourth Tuesday	Neighborhood Baby-sitting Co-op DETAILS: Using the co-op; you and your children can make friends and get what you need accomplished without the little ones in tow. Also enjoy a mom's night out and other social events. CONTACT: Sue Tracz (248) 380-0998. Friendship Circle TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Thursday of each month LOCATION: St. James Catholic Church; 46325 10 Mile Road; between Talt and Beck roads DETAILS: Social group for all widows and widowers. CONTACT: Norbert Monson (248) 851-6730; Florence Voight (248) 436-9138 or joylo- valdi@earthlink.net	DETAILS: For family and friends of someone with an alco- hol problem. No preregistration required: For information, call (249) 706-1020. Alateen Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Sunday DETAILS: Intended for teens dealing with someone with an alcohol problem. No preregistra- tion required. For information; call (249) 706-1020. Breast Cancer Support Group TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a.m. second and fourth Thursday of every month LOCATION: Sinai Center for Women; next to the hospital's South Garden entrance. DETAILS: This support group is for any woman diagnosed with breast cancer. CONTACT: (248) 937-5163 Journeys Cancer Support	CONTACT: (248) 347-0780 Book Signing TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. Saturday, March 8 DETAILS: Dr. James Dowd, author of "The Vitamin D Cure" will discuss and sign copies of his book. ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE 46100 Grand River Ave. Call (248) 348-5600 or visit www.rockfinancialshowplace.com for more information. Great Train Expo TIME/DATE: 10 a.m4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday DETAILS: Largest traveling show in the U.S.; admission is \$7 for ages 12 and older; under 12 free; \$5 parking. Great Motorcycle Swap TIME/DATE: 11 a.m4 p.m. Saturday
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son2004@vahoo.com. continued from 15A Thursday and Friday, Feb. 28-29; Plymouth High School Class 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, March 1; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. of 1968 DETAILS: The Class of 1968 is March 2 looking for classmates for their 40th Class Reunion to be held DETAILS: Admission is \$9 for adults, \$4 for ages 6-14 and under 5 is free; parking is \$5. The Michigan Golf Show July 19, 2008 in Livonia. For more information, contact Janei (Sheedy) Johnston at (734) 437-3534 or e-mail to phs40thre-TIME/DATE: 2-9 p.m. Friday, March 7; 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, union@charter.net. March 8; and 10 a.m. -5 p.m. Sunday, March 9 DETAILS: Nation's largest golf South Lyon High School show. Admission is \$10 for Class of 1963 DETAILS: The Class of 1963 is adults, ages 12 and under are free. \$5 to park.

CLASS REUNIONS

Northville High School Class of 1968

a 40th reunion for the Class of 1968, please contact Ron Barnum at (248) 347-8808.

Northville High School Class of 1988 DETAILS: The Class of 1988 is planning a 20th reunion for the weekend of July 26, 2008. For

further information, please contact Jennifer Clarkson at jolark-



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Class TIME/DATE: 6-10 p.m.

Wednesday: 10-11 a.m

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Second Thursday: 11:30 a.m.

Second Tuesday: 10 a.m.

Bingo Fourth Thursday: 10-11:30

6th Annual Wine Tasting TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Friday

DETAILS: Taste wines from

crackers and fruits; also beer and

non-alcohol tables; ages 21 and

Australia and enjoy cheeses.

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DETAILS: The SFJAZZ Second Annual Baskel Raffle Collective explores the last 50 TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Tuesday, years of jazz repertoire through March 18 new compositions written by LOCATION: VisTaTech Center, band members and new arrange DiPonio Room DETAILS: Spaghetti Dinner and ments of seminal works from wine glow followed by the pro-gram, Tickets are \$30 per person. modern jazz history. Led by Joe Lovano, the concert pays tribute to the genius of saxophonist and composer Wayne Shorter. Ticket University Musical Society; prices are \$10 - \$44. For infor-University of Michigan PERFORMANCE LOCATIONS: mation, www.ums.org and click on "Education and Community." Send your calendar items to Novi News: 104 W. Main Street; Suite 101; Northville; MI 48167; fax to (248) 349-9832; or e-mail to vemitchell@gannett.com Cost-Effective Statewide Coverage Place your 2x2 display ad and each over 3.5 million readers for just \$999! Place a 25-word classified ad and reach over 4 million readers for just \$299!

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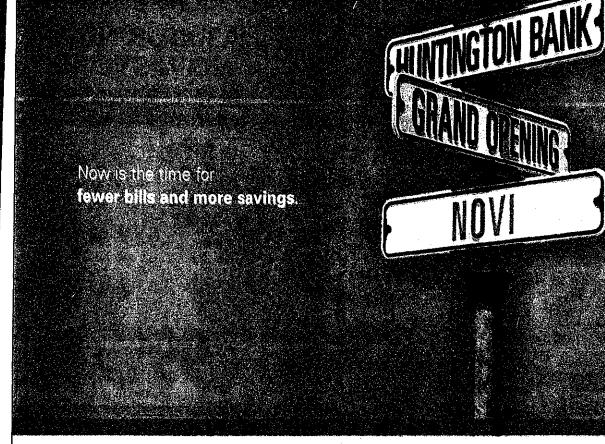
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Doctors and dieticians offer tips on heart health February is For example, at one station, a chef will prepare grilled chicken with Spanish rice while talking about low sodium. Dinner with a doctor heart awareness month "The current recommendation is 2,300 mg of sodium and the average American probably eats 7,000 mg a day," said Gunsorek, noting that high amounts of sodi-By Kelly Murad

um are found in seasonings and In honor of February being ience food heart awareness month, the topic of St. John Providence Park Hospital's upcoming Dinner with a Doctor event is "You 'Heart' What You Eat." The chefs will also demonstrate appropriate portion sizes. "In this country, we've gotten really carried away in our portion sizes." Gunsorek said. "Most restaurant meals are double a nor-

"The number one killer in this country is heart attacks," said car-diologist Dr. Jamal Zarghami. mal portion size.' Bottles of water will be handed out at the food stations as well. "Use water for at least half of your beverage intake for the day," "Since heart attacks kill, if we can educe the number of deaths." The event will include a presensaid Gunsorek, noting eight cups of fluid is recommended per day. "When you drink more water, you eat less food, fuice is good for tation by Zarghami and registered dieticians to address the impor-tance of proper diet aud autrition in heart health. you, but drink juice in moderation A five-station strolling dinner because it's a calorie-dense food." Another factor in maintaining a healthy heart is the importance of

A investation strolling damer will be served, providing atten-dees with recipes and suggestions to maintain a healthy lifestyle. "It will be a full heart-healthy meal from appetizer to dessort," said Susanne Gunsorek, director of foods and nutrition at Providence Park Hospital. "We want to muich neode to make exercise. "Exercise is good to maintain normal weight and blood pres-sure, and managing stress, which is really important for heart E is also important for heart health because it helps to increase the HDL (high-density lipoprotein) which is good cholesterol. I call it happy cholesterol." want to guide people to make good choices ' Through food and demonstra-tions, the dicticians will address

issues such as the use of sodjum, appropriate amounts and types of fat, portion control, use of fiber and adequate water nation of lifestyle and genetics, Zarghami tries to encourage his patients, and their families, to

intake.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2006 at 7.00 PLM, in the Novi Civic Center, 43175 W. Ten Mite Road, Novi, MI to consider 20/NING MAP AMENDIART 16.072 FOR A RECOMMENDA-TION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR BEZONING OF PROPERTY IN SEC-TION 20, LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF TEN MILE AND BECK ROAD, FROM R-1, ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. TO B-2, COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT. The subject property is 24.3 acres. D DAKS SUB 1 DOST A-1 TOPONO SUS AS & 44 12 22-20-400-003 EXIST R-1 ZONIN REZONE TO B-2 S. LINE SEC 20 & NOMINAL C/L TEN MI RD SE COR SEC 20 T.IN., R.BE.

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All interested persons are invited to attend, Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 PM, Wednesday, March 12, 2008. hed February 21, 2008 NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION MICHAEL MEYER, SECRETARY

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(888) 440-7325 lead healthy lifestyles. "This is a family-oriented pre-vention program, so that children understand a healthy diet can pre-

vent heart disease in the future," he said. "Most of the problems here (in this country) are probably related to lifestyle." pain is normally a sign that an artery is 70-80 percent blocked, and heart attacks normally occur when there is 50 percent blockage. "The sooner you can get to a

heart allack patient, the more muscle you can save," he said.

"You can still have increased risk of having a heart attack, even if you're not experiencing any chest pain," he said. According to Zarghami, chest

> Novi Providence Hospital cardiologist Dr. Jamal Zarghami checks the heart of patient Jeff Gilreath. Gilreath suffered a large heart attack a month ago and is feeling much better after Zarghami installed two stents Into arteries near his heart.

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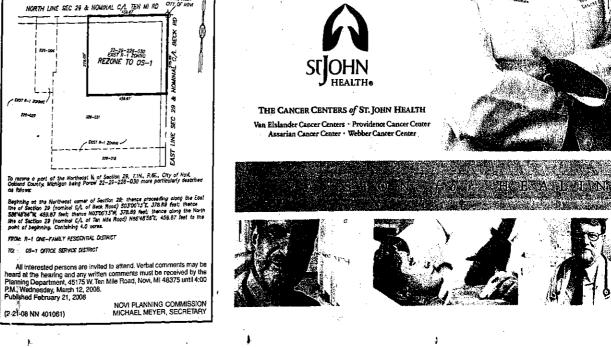
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SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: HOCKEY STORY CHAT: WHAT DO YOU THINK? TELL US AT WWW.NOVINEWS.COM Ready for another long playoff run



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi Ne Wildcat Erik Aepelbacher wins a faceoff. Novi hopes to repeat last year's playoff performance with another extended postseason run

Wildcats finishing last year's season in Final 4

By Jeff Theisen SPORTS WRITER

Last year's Novi hockey team got hot at the right time of the year and rode the momen-tum all the way to the final four. Second-year head coach Todd Krygier is hoping the Wildcats can go on another extended winning streak as the playoffs approach.

approach. We have several returning players that have won regionals the last two years in a row, and over half the team participated on last year's team that lost in semifinals," Krygier said. "These type of experienced players know what to expect and the addi-tional work, effort and discipline to win in the playoffs,"

Nothing is going to come easy for the Wildcats, as they draw one of Division II's biggest heavyweights in Brother Rice for the opening round Feb. 25 at Novi Ice Arena. But Krygier isn't worried about who the Wildcats have to face. "In order to win a State Championship we

have to beat the best teams at some point in the process," he said, "We have a great oppor-tunity to do that in the first and second games of the playoffs. "Brother Rice is an excellent hockey team,

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who can draw players from all over the state,

coming off a good season and Farmington is

an excellent hockey team having a great sea-

Son." Farmington is on the other side of the bracket and plays Walled Lake Western the game before Novi's opener. The Wildcats have used a strong defense paired with quality goaltending to stay with teams this year. The offense hasn't been quite where Kreyeir would like it, but if all comes

where Krygjer would like it, but if all comes together, the Wildcats could be ready for

Double Time: Novi hoops best in KVC

Wildcat boys win final KVC title outright, girls share

By Jeff Theisen SPORTS WRITER

The final KVC basketball titles will have one name tat-tooed with it forever - Novi.

The Wildcat boys won the title outright with a 12-2 league record, 14-6 overall. "Being able to win the last "Being able to win the last KVC is a great honor," said first-year head coach Cory Heitsch. "I am continually impressed with our team's ability to show resilience, focus and to play with the consistency needed to win 12 games in a tough 14-game schedule."

Novi wrapped up the outright title with a 64-62 win against

Hartland on Friday. "Also, winning it the same year as the girls adds a wonder-ful touch." Heitsch said. "Coach Bill Kelp does a fantastic job, and for the boys and girls pro-grams to grab hold of the last KVC title means a lot."

The Novi girls overcame all Sorts of obstacles this year to tie Brighton for the top spot. The Wildcats were 12-2, 17-3. It was Novi's first title since 1999. The Bulldogs have won it

1999, The Bundog tave worn to every year since. Novi beat Brighton both times this year, and had a one-game lead with two games left. But the Wildcats fell 42-41 in overtime

Wildcats fell 42-41 in overtime Feb. 12 against South Lyon. The Wildcats had to beat Hardtand to secure the tie, and ran away with a 45-37 victory against the Eagles. "With everything the team has gone though, injurics, illnesses and personal losses, for them to win the KVC is a terminat In win the KVC is a testament to what these kids are all about,' Novi head coach Bill Kelp said. "We haven't won it since '99.

To close out the league was something special." For the boys to also get their names on the final trophy just adds to the school pride for Kelp. "What's nice about that is both

programs support each other a great deal," he said. "It's just fan-tastic. It says a lot about the

cohesiveness between the programs." The news continued to get bet-ter for the girls. Caroline

KVC Standings

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All-KVC Girls

First Team Caroline Johnson, Player of the year Katie Chaklos Second Team

Chantel Hill Honorable Mention

Paige Janer Mellsså Gasolorek Kelsey Masserant

Johnson, a sophomore was voted the KVC Player of the Year. Joining her on the first team is senior Katie Chaklos.

Chantel Hill made the All-KVC Second Team. The Honorable Mention team includes Paige Janer, Melissa Gasiorek and Kelsey Masserant. The Wildcats also included 13

players on the All-Academic team: Chaklos, Janer, Katie Barry, Heather Armiak, Meghan Robinson, Alyssa Armiak, Erin Zerio, Emily Hall, Catie Kozak, Masserant, Johnson, Marissa Kalaj and Gasiorek.

Jeff Theisen can be reached at jtheisen@gannett.com or (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

'Cats beat Northville for district title

By Jeff Theisen ORTS WRITER

Novi won the wrestling team district in wild fashion last Thursday

The Wildcats faced rival district host Northville for the title. The match came down to the final pairing, with Northville leading 33-31

The Mustangs Dave Owens faced Novi's Joey Shada with everything on the line for the 215-

The first period went scoreless, but Shada took the lead with an escape point in the second.

Owens started the third in the down position but was unable to get the escape point as the two were put in the middle with 11 seconds left in the match.

Owens tried to stand up right

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away, but Shada pulled him back ircle. Shada appeared to be vorking on Owens' arm to turn im over but the to the ground near the edge of the circle. m over, but the referee called hada for stalling and awarded Owens a point, tying the match with two seconds left.

"I was upset," Shada said, "I "I was upset," Shada said. "I was rolling the wrist over. He nails me for stalling while I'm working on top. I didn't know what he was thinking."

The Novi bench erupted in anger, while the Mustanes celebrated wildly, knowing chances of a victory we their were sal vaged

The two were put back in the middle for sudden-death over-time. Just 14 seconds in, Shada went with a bull rush and got the two-point takedown as the two landed just in front of the Novi bench

Shada got the win, and Novi

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of the title by a 34-33 margin.

"I needed to get the win there to move my team past districts and said. "You got to do what you got to do. You've got to put it out move on to regionals," Shada do. You've got to gut it out. 'It felt dama good. It makes it

even more fun beating Northville. our Baseline rival. It was a great match."

Novi started with a 12-0 edge as Northville voided at heavy-weight and the Wildcat's Conner Caldwell won by pin with four seconds left in the first period.

Mustangs streak

Northville didn't panic. The Mustangs instead ripped off 29-straight points over the next six



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Novi's Ryan Thomas has his North Farmington opponent in a near-pin situation during the district meet held at Northville High School.



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Novi knocks off Northville in district final

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matches Mike Bagian (112) and Jonny D'Anna (119) each won 12-0 to pull within four points. John Hebert (125) won 6-2 to pull within 12-11.

within 12-11. Evan Bentley (130) put the Mustangs ahead 17-12 with a pin 1:11 into the first, Matt Ladhoff kept the momentum going with a pin 2:34 into the match at 135 pounds.

Aaron Towne (140) gave the Mustangs their biggest lead of the night at 29-12 with a pin 4:31 in. "It was exciting." Northville head coach Jeff Balagna said. "That's what wrestling is supposed to be. My guys, they laid it out there, "I'm really proud of the way

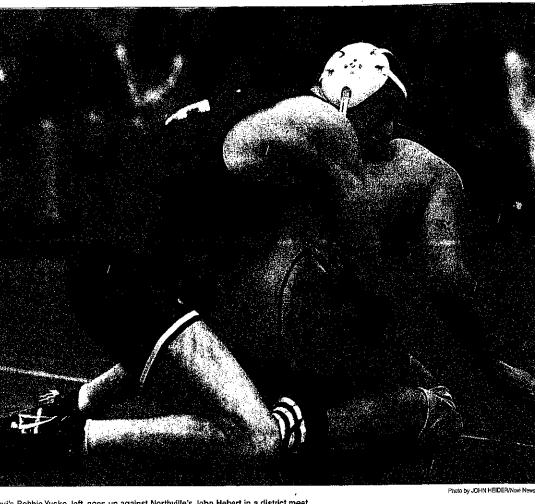
my guys wrestled." The match changed at 145 pounds. Northville's Brian Bagian picked up Aditya Sathi and dropped him on his left shoulder. Sathi screanted in pain and the match was stopped. Sathi was unable to continue

and the injury was deemed a dan-gerous move, which awarded Novi with six points, pulling the Wildcats within 29-18. "Pan not jumping up and down too much," Novi head coach Brad

Huss said, "I thought that was a poor performance on our part. When we go out there to win, we do fine. You could see a couple of them trying not to lose, trying not to lose and, of course, they lost "Hopefully, they learned a good lesson that that's not going to cut

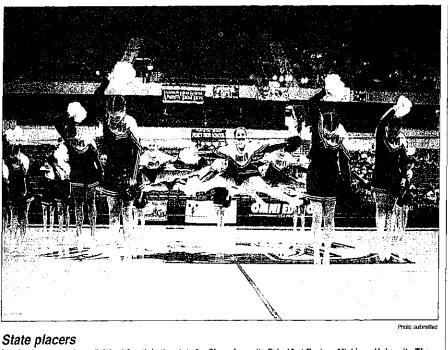
Matt Hagan earned a 15-7 win for Northville at 152 pounds for a 33-18 lead, but it was Novi's turn to go on a run.

The tide turns Ryan Thomas won 18-11 at

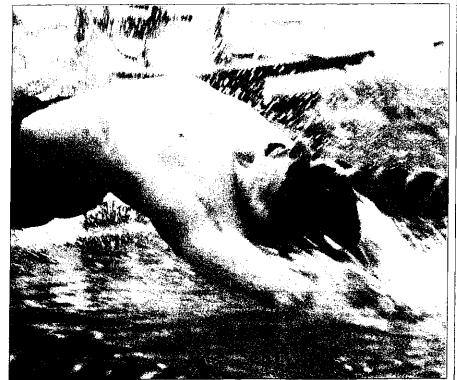


Novi's Robbie Yusko, left, goes up against Northville's John Hebert in a district meet.

 160. Joe Pritchard (171) won by
 "You can't be discouraged pin 18 seconds in and Ryan when you lose a good match like unfortunate Novi came out on top that." Balagna said. "It's supposed the winner-take-all final match.
 Novi vs. Northville. It's just of us."
 Farmington 48-23 in the district opening round. Northville came down to the final match is first to come down to the last match.
 Jeff Theisen can be reached at to come down to the last match.



The Novi pom pon team finished fourth in the state for Class A varsity Feb. 10 at Eastern Michigan University. The Wildcat junior versity team placed fift



Wildcat roundup: Boys ski 4-4 in duals By Jeff Theisen

200 medley team of Meister

Chung, Kiefer and John Lu (1:48.63), Chung in the 200 indi-The Novi girls finished their vidual medley (2:07.91), Travis dual season 4-4, the boys fin-ished 2-6 at Alpine Valley Ski Resort. The team raced at Mt. Vincent in the 500 freestyle (5:23.75) and Tyler Vincent i the 100 breaststroke (1:09.46). Brighton on Feb. 6 for the KVC السريب براغر أك Champion Meet. The boys finished sixth with Cheer Eric Jones taking 20th in the Slalom and Garett Farley finish-The Novi cheer team just beat South Lyon in the last regular season KVC meet. Novi led 197.5-196.5 after the ing 19th. The girls took fourth place, with Danielle Fahoome taking 14th and Lindsey Johnson 20th in Giant Staton. Danielle also first round. The Wildcats poured it on and won the second round 198.89-185.71. The Lyons came storming placed ninth in Slalom with Megan Burns 12th and Sara Sheeran 16th. Sheeran 16th. Megan Burns 12th and Sara Sheeran 16th. Megan Burns 12th and Sheeran 15th Sheeran 1 666.21 for the win. The Novi JV team fell Swim and Dive The Novi 400 freestyle relay team won the final race of the 621.483-546.535 to Brighton on Feb. 11. The freshmen also lost to the Bulidogs, 622-574.52. The JV and freshmen teams night, and the Wildcats edged Pinckney 96-89 Feb. 12. Dan Meister, Dan Kiefer, Tyler Vincent and Joon Chung combined to finish in 3:32,53, competed at South Lyon, though the Lions only had a varsity team. The JV team scored 517.725, and the freshmen beating the Pirates' time of 3.33 46 scored 494.46 to finish out the Other Novi wins included the season.

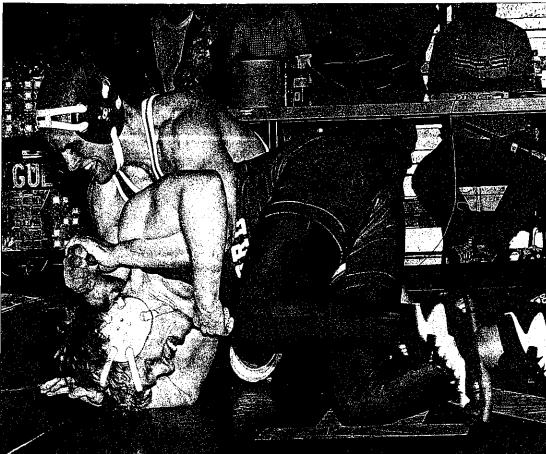
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Cripps on All-American Academic Team

Novi's Stephanie Cripps hit the books just as hard as she played on the court, being voted to the All-American Academic Second Team. Qualifications to make the team include being a nominated senior that not only had top volleyball talent, but also among the best grades

in the state. Cripps helped the Wildcat's roll all the way to the final four while chool record in kills for a se tting

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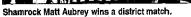
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29 in Battle Creek. Regional results can be found at

Catholic Central's Stephen Gatt works over an opponent during districts







Shea Hasenauer breaks down his opponent during district wrestling



A well insulated and sealed attic will unlikely have ice dams—there will be no warm air to melt the snow. If there CC wins team district By Jeff Theisen

The Catholic Central wrestling team took care of The Stamrocks won the team district and wrested at he regionals yesterday in Holly. If the Sharmocks at he regionals yesterday in Holly. If the Sharmocks the regionals yesterday in Holly. If the Sharmocks the regional system of the team of at the regionals yesterday in Holly. If the Shamrocks pional they advance to the state finals Feb.

At the individual district, Catholic Central *nett.com or at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.*

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Ice Damming.

is sufficient insulation to keep heat from the house escaping into the attic. and there are no holes or air leaks, then the attic should be in good shape. The attic air should be cool and dry just like advanced seven wrestlers out of a very tough field the outside air (ice dams are rarely seen on barns or detached garages). Ice

damning occurs when there is a signif-icant depth of snow on the roof and outside temperatures are below freezing for a long period of time with little or a no thaw in-between. The warm air in The individual regionals are Saturday at Hartland.

the attic melts the snow near the peak of the roof. As the melted snow reaches the colder soffit area, i refreezes creating a dam for water underneath. A good sign of an ice dan are icicles at the gutters

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What causes Ice

Damming & How to Avoid It?

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ing warm air to rise into the attic ICE DAMMING LEADS TO: • SIGNIFICANT STRUCTURE DAMAGE AND LEAKS

There are methods to minimize ice dams and their effect. Installing selfealing membranes about 3' from the eave under the shingles does not stop ce dams; they just prevent the water rom leaking through the roof sheathing. Removing gutters will keep them from becoming ice traps, but may lead to further problems such as wet base ments and perhaps foundation settle-ment, or wet fascia and soffit areas. Electric cables may alleviate the prob-tem but can use a significant amount of electricity as well as being an eyesore. The best way to fix a wet/damp attic is to locate the source and to stop air novement from the house into the attic Dace

Following the principle of 1 square for of ventilation for every 300 square fee of insulated attic space spilt between the roof and soffit vents (1 Sq. Ft. to 150 Sq. ft. in colder climates or lowloped roofs) should be sufficient.

We can provide information for hot to minimize warm air into the attic and reduce and prevent ice damming from occurring

Next up: League meet

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With a backwards dive from the water, Novi's Dan Melster starts off the backstroke portion of the 200 medley. The KVC meet begins Friday and finishes Saturday at South Lyon East.

(131). She was also voted KVC First Team, All-Region and Third Team All State. Cripps maintains a 4.0 GPA and was accepted to Notre Dame in the pre-med program.

Shamrock lacrosse fundralser

There will be a Catholic Central lacrosse fundraiser at BD's Mongolian BBQ on Thursday, March. Seatings will be at 7 and 8 p.m. for walk-ins. Questions or donations can go to coachdwilson@yahoo.com.

Novi Youth Basebali Registration

The 2008 Novi Youth Baseball season is almost here. League reg-istration began Feb. 1 and will run through March 15. The NYBL is open to all children 7-18. See www.noviyouthbaseball.org for more information and registration.

Youth Lacrosse Teams

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi New

Travel team lacrosse will be offered for boys at all skill levels in fifth-eighth grades. Northville lacrosse will play the top teams and participate in the Crapbropk Jambore.

The season runs March 17-June 1, practice is M-W-F. The cost is \$195 for Northville residents.

\$195 for Northville residents. Girls lacrosse will learn the fundamentals and play four-six games. Season runs April 14-May 30. Cost is \$120 for Northville residents. New teams are forming now for the spring. For more information please contact Kathy at (248) 305-9776.

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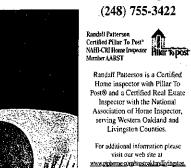


Shamrock Joe Kinville grabs his opponent's leg during district wrestling.



Mike Martin puts the finishing touches on an opponent during district wrestling.





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Trevor O'Conner works above his opponent during districts.

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757.191951 Doug Eldridge, left, keeps a grasp on his opponent dur ing district wrestling.

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HOCKEY: Novi ready for playoff run

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another surprising run. "The guys have been executing our systems very well over the last four or five games, and the puck movement has significantly improved," he said. "We still have to put the puck at the net more and crash net for rebounds, along with making sure we make the oppos-ing goaltender save the shot id of shooting wide or too

cute." Getting one or two players Charle orbat Krygier is jump-started isn't what Kryger is looking for. He wants to see a team playing as one. "We are not the type of team

that is dependent on a few play-ers," he said, "It takes everyone on our team pulling on the same rope in the same direction for us to succced.

"Everybody has got to find the next level for their game in order for us to be successful." Last year's Wildcat run brings hope to every team in the state come playoff time that might no

have had the regular season it wanted But even a coach that played in the NHL is ready to get the play offs started.

"I'm very exciteif," he said. "The playoff's are always the most exenting time of the year. We have

been working very hard as a team. tor this year's playoffs."

Wildcat Matt Fegert gets squished between two South Lyon players during Novi's December home game against the KVC rival,

KVC champs host districts

Novi meets Northville with win vs. Canton

By Jeff Theisen SPORTS WHITER

The Novi boys basketbal team heads into the playoffs fresh off wrapping up the final KVC title. The Wildcats accomplished their first goal of winning the league, but now the biggest goals to shead. The Wildcats accomplished their first goal of winning the league, but now the biggest goals to shead. The Wildcats accomplished their first goal of winning the league, but now the biggest goals to sheads due to shead the shead the shead the biodicat. The Novi boys basketball team made for ourselves," Novi head coach Cory Heitsch said. "Having it at our place gives us a - on the big shoulders of 6-9 Caleblittle extra hoost I believe. The Wildcats face off with Canton 5:30 p.m. Monday, and Heitsch and company can't wait

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Resolution management 101

If you are the flows and so peo-iling to ramine your flow in the source of the source you here we have a source of the source of the source of the improve health and lose weight. 12-20 pounds and more of that

year, partly because of changes going. to the team and partly because — "Caleb has been fantastic, Heitsch is new to the team and _ especially the last three weeks," some adjustments had to be made - Heitsch said, "The biggest thing for him and the players.

"Being a new conch...we had "rebounding ability." a lot of frials by fire. Sometimes they worked and sometimes they game where he's played the

Health

pressuring the basketball,' Heitsch said. "In the halfcourt we've done a nice job of funnel-ing things toward Caleb, and he's adjusted shots or blocked shots." changes. "Brandon, Shaun and Chris, Being the lead dog in the KVC race and defending the lead down the stretch has given the Wildcats the necessary confidence a team needs going into picking their spots and kind of defining their own roles." The inside work is left mostly the playoffs. "They're very confident right now," Heitsch said. "The surprising thing is how resilient they are. Nothing seems to really The Wildcats hit just two of 16



plenty of water and attempt to cut

back a little on the junk food (ye

you know what junk food is). At the very least be careful not to

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	Hockey 2/25 Pre-regional, home vs. Brother Rice, 7 p.m.	Hockey 2/26 Pre-regional vs. Northville at Novi Ice Arena, 5:30 p.m. 2/28 Pre-regional finals at Novi					
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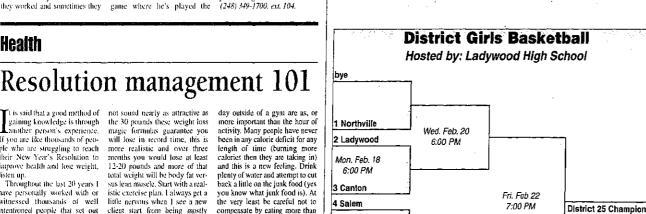
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT



o matter what the latest taste trend or hot new celebrityendorsed recipe, you can always count on a few classic home-style standards to make a comeback around this time every year. Typically known as "comfort foods" for their ability to soothe and warm the soul, these familiar dishes not only taste delicious, but also make us feel warm and fuzzy all over — and are especially welcoming during the chill of the colder months. Perhaps Grandma's famed chicken noodle soup comes to mind,

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or Dad's special meatballs with marinara. Maybe it's Mom's ultra-gooey, rich mac 'n' cheese, your own fork-tender pot roast or delicious turkey and stuffing holiday leftovers. vh all comfort

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- Slow Cooker Savory Pot Roast Pren Time: 10 minutes
- Cook Time: 8 to 10 hours Serves 6 to 8

- Spounds bottom round beef roast
 Wyler's Mrs. Grass Reduced Sodium Onion Recipe, Soup and Dip Mix pouch
 Jar (12 cunces) Heinz HomeStyle Savory Beef Gravy
 Wyler's Beef Bouillon Cubes or 2 teaspoons Wyler's Beef Journels
 can (14 1/2-ounces) diced tomato with basil, garlic and (24 1/2-ounces)
- and oregano 2 enps water
- 3 cups mixed vegetables, such as sliced carrots. cut green beans, diced redskin potatoes, green peas, sliced celery

In large skillet sprayed with nonstick spray, brown beef over medium-high heat 8 to 10 minutes, turning occasionally. Combine soup mix, 1 jar of gravy, bouillon and diced tomato n 5-ouart slow cooker. Add water and stir well, Add beef and turn until well coated. Cover and cook on low heat setting 8 to 10 hours, turning occasionally.

Add mixed vegetables during last 2 hours, stirring occasionally. When vegetables are tender, remove beef from cooker. Slice or shred beef as desired, and serve with vegetables and sauce.

Shepherd's Pic Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 25 to 30 minutes Serves 4 to 6

- I pound lean ground beef jar (12 ounces) Heinz HomeStyle Savory Beef Gravy
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- In large skillet, cook ground beef over medium heat until browned proughly cooked. Carefully drain liquids and return to stove top. Stir in gravy and vegetables and bring to boil. Reduce heat

Throughout the last 20 years 1 sus lean muscle. Start with a real-tave personally worked with or witnessed thousands of well little nervous when 1 see a new little nervous when 1 see a new intentioned people that set out client start from being mostly compensate by eating more than you did before starting an exerwill the exact same goal only to find it totally abandoned cise routine. 3. Get some basic instruction — I cannot tell you how many by this time. maintained this pace long enough to reach some goals ask yourself. he year. I times we have seen -CI could you maintain this pace long term to keep the goals you have achieveed? The right amount of exercise old one. Being a recent, lucky have watched as watched as our clubs swell at the heginning of each year with new. Chris Klebba time is different for everyone and I attt not trying to slow anyone down but set a pace you can stick with and works with your lifestyle in three month intervals enthusiastic ifisityle in three month intervals, reviewing your goals and progress at that time and re-set-ting new goals. Two to three times a week for at least 45 minmembers that seem to virtually vanish 30-60 days later I have summarized the top conditions that continue to kill these goals year after year after nece gould year after year after year in hopes of helping a few. No matter where you are with your weight loss goals right new your weight loss goals right new term if they are on their last attempts or if you have given up; if you are willing to read these to starting an exercise program repeat goal killers and learn from them they will improve your chances of success. These are not increase and in some cases the them they will improve your chances of success. These are not from some text book, some burning of extra calories will review every three months. Note that the book source of the builting of exite calores with weight loss expert's opinion, or a increase your appetite. It always study biased on trying to sell amazes me that the number one some magic potion, rather they reason people drop their goals is are real life experiences as I men-tioned earlier, from thousands of motivate them and unfortunately the number one reason they don't I. False expectations — This see results is they actually is a BIGGIE and ranges from expectations of weight loss over starting an exercise program. If speaker. For fitness quest mail fitness@sbcglobal.net_a Juness@sbcglobal.net and for more information call 248-449-7634 or go to www.planetfit-ness.com a period of time to exercise fre-quency. For long-term weight loss plan on losing about a pound or two a week. While this does ness.com.

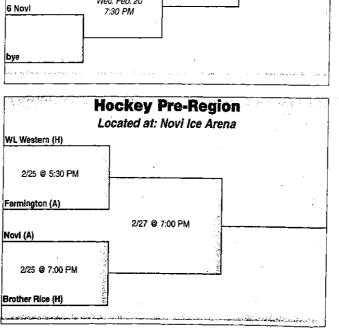
didn't," Heitsch said. But things starting clicking big time as the offense turned more toward guard play once post-phyer Tyler Hower gradatade early to play football at Michigan State. Brondon, Bradford, Chris majority of the minutes where he's gotten less than 13 or 14 rebounds." The strong man-to-man defensive play has also helped gener-ate offense for Novi. "We've done a nice job of Brandon Bradford. Chris Bellamy and Shaun Rydzewski have flourished since the

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common - we turn to them for relief when we're tired, stressed, under-the-weather or simply looking for a taste of home. They are typically simple, hearty, uncomplicated meals, informal and inexpen-sive to prepare, yet immensely satisfying to those lucky enough to be served them.

Three comfort classics that never seem to go out of style are pot roast, shepherd's pie and beef stroganoff. The recipes included here require no extensive prep or unusual ingredients, so they're casy to white up even are a uncluded.

whip up, even on a wecknight. The slow cooker pot roast offers a particularly convenient alter-native to last-minute cooking, since the prep all occurs in the mom-ing, leaving the roast to cook to tender perfection all day. By using and, waving the roas to cook to tender perfection in adv. by dSh some convenient comfort food shortcuts on your ingredient list, such as Hein? HomeStyle Savory Beef Gravy and Wyler's' beef Bouillon cubes, you can add an extra layer of flavor to the roast, without the fuss of making gravy from scratch. The pot roast also include a billu better formation of the state of the state of the state bedden a billu better formation of the state of the state of the state in the state of th includes a healthy helping of veggies, so it could easily become a complete meal with fresh bread or a green salad. If you're looking for a comfort food that doubles as a one-dish wonder — shepherd's pie has it all. It includes the meat, vegetables

and starch most of us associate with a complete home-style meal. Plus, using prepared Ore-Idat Mashed Potatoes to top the pic climi-Plus, using prepared Ore-Ida² Mashed Potates to top the plant nates the laborious task of making mashed potatoes from scratch. Also, if you're craving a comfort food with some added interest, try this creamy beef stroganoff. It's simple to make and serves up a delicious plate of savory chunks of beef tenderloin, sautéed musi-rooms and steaming poolles. And, if you want to add a little extra solution of the other solution of model. That's sure to offer some Tous and stearing modes. And, if you want to be a time of the first of a start of the start of t

"cookbook du jour." Just stick to the basics this season and you'll be sure to find some classic convenience, comfort and good taste.

Beef Stroganoff

Shepherd's Pie

Prep Time: 5 minutes Cook Time: 15 minutes Serves 6 to 8

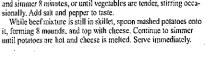
1 pound sirloin steak (cut into thin strips) or 1 pound lean ground beef 2 cups (8 ounces) sliced fresh mushrooms

1 medium onion, sliced

cup margarine or butter

- 1 cup water 1 tablespoon Wyler's Beef Flavored Granules or 3 bouillon cubes
- 1/2 cup sour cream 8 ounces wide egg noodles, prepared according to package directions Chopped parsley, optional

In large skillet, over medium-high heat, cook and stir steak, mush-rooms and onion in margarine until steak is browned and vegetables are tender. Reduce heat to medium. Add flour to thicken, if desired cook and stir I minute. Add water and bouilion: cook and stir until ened and bubbly. Stir in sour cream: heat through. (Do not boil.) Serve with hot nobeles. Gamish with parsley if desired.





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Beef Stroganoff

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magine spending a crisp, clear day at a major metropolitan zoa and casually taking your time through each of the exhibits, without any of the usual crowds. Or, how about sipping a Pinot Noir at a Napa Valley vineyard and chating with the winemakers about their passion for crafting fine wine ... an experience you're not likely to duplicate during the busy harvest season. busy harvest season.

Whether you are visiting family for a special occasion or holiday, traveling for business or just booking a special winter retreat, don't forget to take a little extra time this Since the strategize and think creatively before your trip. Winter travel can be very rewarding, especially if you are visiting with far-away family or have the opportunity to get outside and enjoy a variety of fun winter activitics. Travel this time of year, however, also has the potential for firstration with potential airport delays and bad weather

Be prepared by following a few key tips and tactics designed to keep you stress-free.

Selecting and Booking Your Destination

For many winter travelers, external circumstances often dictate their destination.

For example, business travelers don't have a choice of where they're going — but they can invite their spouse, partner or family and extend the trip into a weekend mini-vacation. For those travelers who have the freedom to choose, be

trip into a weckend mini-vacation. For those travelers who have the freedom to choose, be resourceful. Narrow down what you hope to achieve on your trip (relax, play golf, shop) and then determine what type of climate would suit you best. (Do you want to escape winter's chill or capitalize on its fiosty beauty?) Once you've settled on your destination, it's time to shop around for the best deals on hotel, airfare and car rentals. You may find the most value for your dollar at an upscale, mid-priced hotel — which doesn't skimp on amenities, and still offers attractive package deals with extras such as complimentary breakfast and gift cards to local establistments. A top choice of travelers in recent years has been the Hilton Garden Inn, which offers the Holiday Breakfast Deal at many of its locations. The deal includes complimentary break-fast at the hotel's restaurant for up to four people (staying in the same room).

Planning Activities

Hot Tips for Cool Winter Fun

Travel expert and award-winning author Marybeth Bond — also known as the "Gutsy Traveler" — offers these do's and don'ts to make the most of your travel this season.

- Do prepare for delays pack books, games and snacks.
- Do be patient build in extra time whenever possible.
- Don't overbook your days adopt a leisurely pace to make the most of your trip.
- Do consider the comforts of a hotel over staying with relatives, for a stressee visit.
- Do extend business trips into weekend escapes.
- Don't forget your home town --- local getaways can add up to big fun.

As with all aspects of travel, research is vital when scheduling your itinerary. Take some time beforehand to research your destination online. StayHGL.com offers a convenient database of attractions by city or ZIP code. Simply type in your destination and you'll number of choices in local dining,

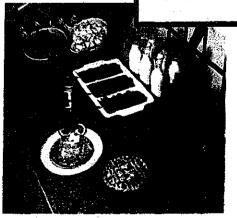
be provided with local weather forecasts, as well as a entertainment, festivals, shopping, sports and more. Pick up a guidebook to take along on your trip for useful insider travel tips and to double as great reading material to help pass the time.

Coping With the Weather and Other Mishaps

There's no doubt that unpredictable winter weather can wreak havoc on your schedule so before you leave, check the weather forecast before you leave, check the weather forecast as well as your flight, train or bus schedule, so you know up front if you'll be facing major delays. Be sure to carry "emergency" rations – snacks like apples, granola bars or crackers — and other essentials, such as books, pocket games and medications. With the number of transfer the rand checked how constitutes travelers on the road, checked bags sometimes travelers on the road, checked bags sometimes get lost along the way so take an extra change of clothing and toiletries in your carry-on. Leave valuables like costly jewelry at home or keep them close by in your carry-on. To help spot your bag on the luggage carousel, add a per-sonalized decoration or string a bright ribbon on your luggage handle your luggage handle.

Following these simple tips and incorporating a little extra planning will help get you on your way.

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Don't pay too much for lodging — look into mid-priced hotels that feature special packages that include complimentary breakfast, like the Hilton Garden Inn Holiday Breakfast Deal.

Do consider off-season getaways -- you'll save money and avoid the crowds. For more information on the Holiday Breakfast Deal or ideas on inspired winter getaways, visit StayHGI.com.

Amenities 101

When choosing the hotel that's right for you and your family, be sure to take a look at what amenities they offer, to find the right fit.

- Eating Whether or not you plan to eat meals at your hotel, or on the go, will influence your choices. However, it's always wise to select a hotel that offers a complete range of food and beverage offerings, from a full-service restaurant and lounge, to in-room microwaves and mini fridges, to the 24-hour Pavilion Pantry* where guests can find healthy snacks, microwaveable meals and sundries.
- Sleeping Find out what kind of bedding hotels offer to get a good night's rest. Hilton Garden Inn locations offer crisp white duvets and pillows and the innovative Garden Sleep System" that allows guests to adjust the firmness and softness of their bed.
- Staying Fit Even though you're traveling, there's no reason to leave your workout schedule behind. Take advantage of the hotel's fitness center or, if you'd prefer to work out in the privacy of your own room, check out the Stay Fit Kit[®] from the Hilton Garden Inn front desk. It features a yoga mat, strap and bricks, eight-pound abs ball, three-pound hands weights, a Pilates band and a resistance rope.

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