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Schools enforce interim beef ban

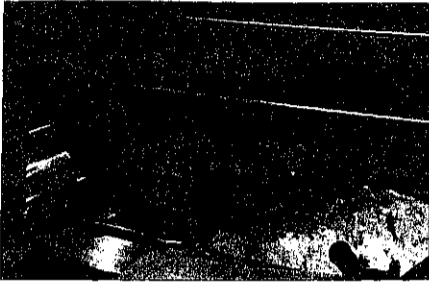


Photo by Chris Jackett

Novi Middle School students had their hamburger lunch option replaced with chicken Tuesday, as a result of last week's beef recall and the temporary district ban on all beef products.

District food identified in national recall

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Novi Community Schools identified and removed cases of beef products Wednesday as a result of a U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service recall.

The department recalled more than 143 million pounds of raw and frozen beef Feb. 17, affecting several schools throughout the state.

Joann Clements, Nutrition and Food Service director for Novi Schools, said 14 cases of recalled beef products were identified at Novi school district buildings. The beef products, consisting of one bag of taco meat, one case of spaghetti sauce and several cases of hamburger patties, will be bleached and discarded in compliance with state regulations.

All recalled beef was immediately isolated and labeled for disposal by the district.

According to a statement on the district's Web site last week, "All school food service sites have been inspected and made aware of the situation."

The U.S. Department of

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Agriculture deemed beef from Hullmark/Westland Meat Packing Co. in Chino, Calif., unfit for human consumption because the cattle did not receive complete and proper inspection in instances where sick, non-ambulatory cattle were abused and herded into the slaughterhouse, sometimes with the aid of forklifts.

The meatpacking company sent beef to wholesale distributors nationwide in bulk packages unavailable for direct consumer purchase.

"The products were placed on administrative hold Jan. 30," said Deb Abraham, spokesperson for Gordon Food Services, which provides the beef for many school districts, including Novi, through the USDA.

All USDA-inspected products with "EST. 336" listed as the establishment number have been recalled. The products were produced between Feb. 1, 2006 and Feb. 2, 2008. Frozen meat products can last up to a year before expiring, Clements said.

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Book Bonding

On a recent cold, but sunny, Thursday morning, Meghan Dinhan reads to her son Sean, 3, during a visit to the Novi Public Library.

Second DeRoche recall denied

Tindall announces candidacy

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER



Craig DeRoche

Novi resident Karen Zyczynski was denied a recall petition against Rep. Craig DeRoche Monday at a hearing before Oakland County Probate Court Judge Elizabeth Pozzetti's courtroom.

Zyczynski, a commissioner on the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission's

Beautification Committee, was seeking to recall House Minority Leader DeRoche (R-Novi) for his "no" vote on Feb. 22, 2007 against a house bill that would repeal the drug immunity law, which protects drug companies from being sued by its users.

"Since 1996, Michigan law has provided that no product liability lawsuit could be brought in Michigan against the manufacturer or seller if the drug was approved for safety and efficiency by the United States Food and Drug Administration. No other state in the country gives such immunity to drug manufacturers," Zyczynski's recall read.

She filed recall paperwork at the county clerk's office on Feb. 12 with the reason for the recall listed as her disagreement with his vote. The petition was denied for clarity.

According to Section 952 of the Michigan Election Law's Recall Section, the Oakland County Election Commission shall meet and determine whether each reason for the recall stated in the petition is of sufficient clarity to enable the officer whose recall is being sought and the electors to identify the course of conduct which is

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Community theater world premier in Novi

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

The production of "Father Bingo" is coming to the Novi Theatres before making its way to the Big Apple.

The play, written by William G. Nilsson of Dearborn Heights, debuted at Detroit's Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in February 2006 and is currently in negotiations to be taken to New York City.

During its four-performance run at the music hall, the musical

comedy brought in 4,000 people.

"That's huge for an unknown show," said Debbie Lannen, director and performing arts coordinator. "Nilsson had never written anything before."

Based in Detroit, "Father Bingo" is reminiscent of the struggles faced during the proposal to bring casinos to the motor city.

Lannen said the overall message of the play is that everything happens for a reason.

"It's trust that things are going to work out the way they're sup-

posed to," she said. "It's just a feel good kind of musical."

About 30 cast members of the Novi Theatres will be debuting the community theater premier of "Father Bingo" next week.

"This is the first time any community theater has done it," said Lannen, who was also the director of the original production. "I've been working as the director since its inception. It's a huge deal that we got to do it."

But Lannen is not the only similarity to the play's original production.

Lannen's husband, Joe Lannen, who played the role of Father Bingo during the debut at the music hall, will be playing the role of the mayor.

"He's been a professional actor for 30 years," Lannen said of her husband, who is also the drama teacher at Walled Lake Northern High School.

Their son Tony Lannen, 15, is also participating in the production.

Tony, who is a student at

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Tickets are \$18 and can be purchased at the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department office, inside the Novi Civic Center at 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. For more information call (248) 347-0400 or visit www.cityofnovi.org.

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NOVI WEEKEND PLANNER

FRIDAY

Spend Leap Day at Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., from 2-9:30 p.m. for the 36th annual Outdoorama. The family event will have displays, seminars and demonstrations for hunters, anglers, campers, boaters, hikers, conservationists, canoeists and more. "Michigan Outdoors" television hosts Jimmy Gretzinger and Kelly Gotch will be in attendance along with Michigan Out-of-Doors magazine editor Tony Hansen. "Big Buck Night," "Wildlife Encounters" daily fish fry, "Ultimate Air Dogs" and other special features will also take place. Admission

is \$9 adults, \$4 children 6-14 and free for 5 and younger. Admission also gains access to the Cottage and Lakefront Living Show. Both events also run 2-9:30 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (800) 328-6550.

SATURDAY

Join in on the 6 p.m. sixth annual Heart of the Lakes Gala. The Motown-themed event will benefit sponsors DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital and the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce. The festive evening will feature Motown music, dinner, dancing, a silent auction and fun at the Shenandoah Country Club in West Bloomfield. Last year, the event raised \$34,000 and allowed the hospital to purchase state-of-the-art medical equipment. Tickets

can be ordered for \$55 by calling (248) 624-2826.

SUNDAY

Looking to buy, build or rent a nice cottage on the lake? Stop by the Cottage and Lakefront Living Show at Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. to learn about how cabins are put together, sand sculptures are made and what to do to have your place built with the highest quality. Visit www.cottageandlakefrontliving.com or call (800) 328-6550 for more information.

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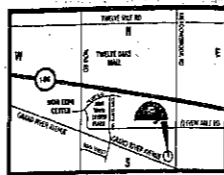
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Pizza, a way of life

By Tracy Estes-Mishler
SPECIAL WRITER

Peter and Shawn Woolford never thought an early retirement dream would turn into a familiar taste in the community they've lived in for several years.

Celebrating their 15th anniversary in business, the Woolfords, former Novi residents, are even more excited every time customers open the door for a slice at the Novi Pizza Company, located on Novi Road.

"Fifteen years has just flown by," Shawn said. "I can't believe we've been here that long. I don't feel any older."
Shawn said she's excited to celebrate their company's 15th birthday this year and its inception date April 15.

"We've had a lot of people come through our door over the years," she said. "We see some of the same faces we've had from day one and many new ones. It's just been really great."

The Novi Pizza Company is a 100 percent family-owned business and customers can expect to either see Shawn or Peter's face in the store everyday, except on Mondays when the store is closed or the two weeks each year the couple jets out of town for a much deserved vacation.

"Fifteen years ago I decided to take an early retirement," Peter said. "I used to work for the French auto maker Renault, and I needed something to keep me busy."

"We were going to move west to Washington, but we looked around and thought the pizza business would be a good idea."

Peter said neither he nor Shawn knew much about the food industry, but they thought they'd try their hand in pizza making.

He said at the business' opening he hadn't taken his retirement and Shawn was working full-time for a local bank. The couple worked nights at the store and days at their full-time careers.

Soon however, enough was enough, and pizza became their lives.
"Business grew and grew and we did really well," he said. "We tried to incorporate some of the things other pizza places might not have. That's what made us unique."

Family ties

Peter said throughout the years, both of his daughters, Anneliese and Colby, worked at the store.

"We thought they would be interested, but they got into careers of their own," he said. "I think they realized it took a lot of hours and hard work. We notice it more because we're older."
"People are quite surprised to see two older people in the business, and we're always here, one of us at least!"
Peter said through his daughters don't share their same pizza love, he knows they are proud of the job well-done by their parents.

"I feel we try to make our customers feel like part of the family here," he said. "And our employees are like having dozens of sons and daughters."

Peter said business was hurt during the road construction throughout the past years on Novi Road, but they've kept several loyal customers coming back.

He said the regulars are what helped his business survive while others in the area had to close their doors.

"We've made some real loyal customers, he said. "We even get Christmas cards from people who've come to us and moved away."

"People did stick with us. If we hadn't been an independent family owned business, they might not have been that loyal."

Celebrating 15 years

Peter said customers can expect to find different specials and

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Peter Woolford dishes out a couple of slices for a "lunch special" at the Novi Pizza Co.

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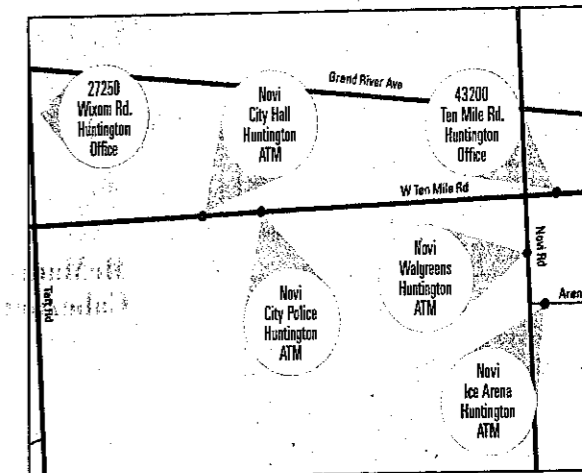
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Singh seeks reconsideration of Master Plan; interviews held

During audience participation, Joe Galvin, representing Singh Development, requested council remove item 1 from the consent agenda.

The item to adopt the resolution of the proposed City of Novi Master Plan for Land Use was not removed and unanimously approved.

The developers were particularly concerned with the proposed plans for the southwest quadrant of the city. The planning commission recommended no changes be made to the Master Plan regarding that study area.

Galvin argued that although the study showed an increase in Novi's aging population, the plans don't meet the needs identified. "The Master Plan that is proposed doesn't show any land that is to be used for active adult housing," Galvin said. "We believe there has been a clear mistake and we ask this council to ask the planning commission to reconsider the plan."

Reorganization of Economic Development Corporation

Council unanimously approved the resolution of Economic Development Corporation reorganization and ad hoc committee creation.

Part of council's goals for 2008 included winding down the responsibilities of the Economic Development Corporation.

The resolution was created for the city to transition from relying on the corporation, to public participation and support of the city's economic development initiatives.

Ad hoc committees will be created to focus on specific projects as the need arises. Committee members will include existing Economic Development Corporation members, local business leaders and other stakeholders - whether residents or not.

Three ad hoc committees already created for the 2008-09 year are the Business Assistance Team, Business Recognition Program and Interstate 96 Corridor Study.

Councilman Andrew Match requested additional language be added to the I-96 Corridor Study to emphasize the infrastructure as the priority of project.

Library bond approved; plans underway

Council unanimously approved the resolution authorizing a \$16 million library bond at Monday's meeting.

The library bond proposal was passed by voters Nov. 6, 2007.

The resolution projects the city's total tax rate of 10.5416 mills will be maintained by incorporating the library debt service with the existing city levy.

Construction and design plans for the new library are underway. City Manager Clay Pearson announced a joint meeting of the Library Board and Building Authority is scheduled for 7 p.m. March 5.

The public meeting is intended to give the community an update regarding the plans for the new library. Pearson said they are three-quarters of the way done, in terms of solidifying the site plan.

The meeting will be in council chambers, at the Novi Civic Center.

SWOCC presents annual report

Caren Collins, Executive Director of Southwestern Oakland County Cable Commission presented council with the studio's annual and financial report.

Collins discussed the success of additional programs to Novi's Channel 13 in 2007, including "Corporate Review," "Faces & Places," "The Briefing Room," "Fire House No. VI" and "Beyond Books."

Collins also mentioned some difficulties they are facing with AT&T joining the cable market in Novi.

"Currently, our PEG (Public Education and Government) channels are not available with AT&T," Collins said.

Interviews for boards and commissions

Council held eight board and commission interviews at the beginning of Monday's meeting.

The interviews included Laura Casey, Bob Cutler and Willy Mena for the Library Board; David Ghannam and Rickie He for the Zoning Board of Appeals; Ron Boron for Housing and Community Development; Lec Mamola for Construction Board of Appeals; and Colin Todd for the Beautification Commission.

Furner councilwoman Lynne Paul also applied for the Beautification Commission but could not attend Monday's meeting.

Council chambers upgraded

The existing council chambers, inside the Novi Civic Center, underwent renovations, budgeted for this year.

Upgrades were made to the chambers' seating, carpeting and lighting.

Glass doors with the city logo were also created by a city employee from the Department of Public Works.

Council meeting notes were taken from the Monday, Feb. 25 regular meeting of the Novi City Council. Councilwoman Kathy Crawford and Councilwoman Terry Margolis were absent. Next meeting: 7 p.m. Monday, March 3 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Rd.

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Community theater world premier in Novi

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Walled Lake Central and member of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Civic Ensemble wrote the bass guitar part into the original production and will be playing in the pit.

"It's a fun musical," Lannen said. "The songs are really good. I guarantee you'll walk out singing them."

The production will be held at Novi Middle School because of the size of the set, which was donated by the original producer of the play.

"What the audience is going to see in Novi, is what they would have seen at the Detroit Music Hall, just with a different cast," Lannen said. "It's like we brought the Detroit professional to Novi, with a local cast."

"People paid \$15 to see it downtown, it's \$18 here. It's the best deal in town."

The cast is made up of mostly adults from Novi, Northville, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Wixom, Walled Lake, Novi and Milford.

Although Lannen said it is appropriate for all ages, there are some swear words used throughout the production.

"It's based on the mayor of Detroit at the time and his language was pretty colorful," she said.

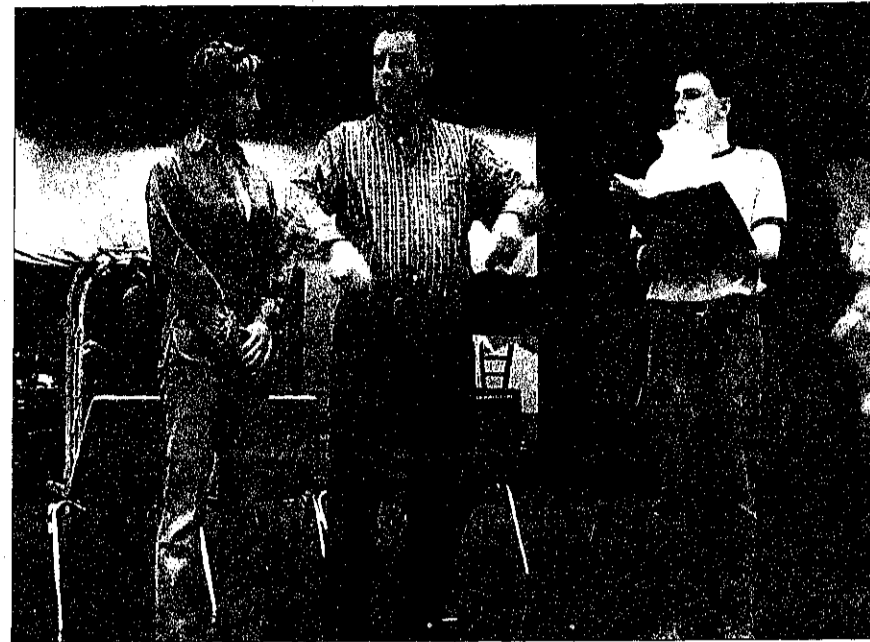
The middle school auditorium seats 450 and Lannen is expecting large turnouts, especially opening night.

Opening night is going to be exciting because a lot of original cast members are coming," she said, including two of the original Vandellas, Rosalind Holmes and Annette Helton, who played the Bingo Mamas in the original production.

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Father Bingo

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Actors Julie Landry (Novi) who plays Mary Jane, Larry Kallie (Plymouth) who plays God and Kyle Coykendall (Walled Lake), rehearse for the upcoming Novi Theatres presentation of "Father Bingo."

Tindall announces candidacy

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the basis for the recall," according to county clerk documents.

DeRoche said the recall wasn't submitted in regard to disagreement with his vote on the drug liability law, but rather on his disagreement with raising taxes during last September's budget negotiations.

"The Democratic Party leaders are trying to retaliate for my opposition on their tax increases," he said. "The citizens expect us to work together and solve their problems. I do believe it's beneath the Democratic Party leaders to pursue this."

The recall attempt is the second in the past month against DeRoche, whose term in the 38th District seat ends at the end of the year as a result of term limits.

"They have to go through a process and get 1,000 signatures from voters, something like 25 percent of the people who voted in the last election," DeRoche said last month during the first recall campaign. "The election will be three months after the signatures are turned in. It's a six-month process. I'm out of office Dec. 31 anyway."

New district candidate

Novi resident Chuck Tindall, 54, announced last week that he is running for DeRoche's seat through the Democratic Party.

Tindall, who has lived in Novi for 22 years, made the announcement Feb. 19 at the West Oakland County Democrats Club meeting and to the Novi City Council Monday.

"A commercial carpenter, and union member of 21 years, Tindall was a write-in candidate for Novi mayor in the 2001 election and founded a grassroots group opposing the city's potential transformation of land at 12 Mile Road, west of Novi Road, in 1996.

"In 1999, the citizen's ballot initiative amended the city charter and passed overwhelmingly," Tindall said of his successful effort to prevent the land to be turned into a golf course. "Anyone pro-golf course was not re-elected. We changed over the mayor and two city council members."

The Garden City native and lifelong Michigan resident will challenge former 15-year Novi City Council member and current seven-year Oakland County Commissioner Hugh Crawford (R-Nowi) to take DeRoche's seat in 2009.

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District food identified in national recall

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She said 37 million pounds went to schools nationwide, but the remaining 106 pounds are on shelves in restaurants and grocers, meaning some Novi residents may need to check their freezers.

The Jan. 30 administrative hold should have kept the beef products out of school, restaurant and grocer kitchens since the beginning of February, but Clements said most schools

and restaurants keep small inventories and use up their beef products in a matter of days or less than a month, making it likely that most people have already consumed the now-recalled beef during the past two years.

"There's no doubt they did. Some recall products were very popular," Clements said, adding that 60-70 percent of the district's 6,300 students

buy lunch. Although the meat has been recalled, there have been no related illnesses reported.

Clements said the USDA's decision was precautionary and schools and suppliers like Gordon Food Services acted quickly to remove the products

from their shelves. "It really makes us think about ordering in bulk from large companies," said Superintendent Peter Dion. "I can't say for sure, but, most likely, you've had it and I've had it."

As a safety precaution, the district removed all beef items from school lunch menus this week. Students were on mid-winter break last week.

"We're going to wait until we're confident all of our vendors are safe," Clements said. "Gordon Food Service is our primary vendor and they gave us a guarantee (Monday)."

The normal lunch schedule is expected to resume next week, she said.

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MY EDUCATION



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EYE-mazing

PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER



A Novi High student's hands dissect a sheep eyeball during a visit to Novi's Orchard Hills Elementary School.



Novi High School biology students Dan Meister, left, and Matt Masserant help to open up and dissect a sheep eyeball for Orchard Hills students.



Orchard Hills student Collin Dunn squeamishly watches the dissection of a sheep's eye.



Orchard Hills student Collin Dunn seems stunned to see a sheep's eye as it's dissected directly in front of him. The elementary pupils were learning how the eye works and saw the sheep eye's various parts, including the cornea, iris, lens, retina and vitreous humor.

ON CAMPUS

Central Michigan University

The following Novi students were named to the fall semester honors list at Central Michigan University: Teresa R. Azevedo, Shannon V. Barbour, Jeremy M. Church, Katherine Jo Coluccino, Danielle T. Fennelly, Brittany Krystine Hollings, Evan Bradley Gabe, Gabrielle Marie Hamilton, Steven Jordan Hart, Erin Marie Ilaynes, Staci L. Johnson, Patrick Dizan Kochyan, Michael A. Kowalski, Sarah Jean Lambert, Kelsi E. Olkowski, Emily C. Peltis, Orianda Leila Piccinini, Matthew C. Simich, Alexandra Marie Sisson, Emily A. St. Clair, Megan M. Tarrant, Chad R. Thurman, Kelly J. Wasalaska, Shawn E. Welling and Kara L. Yachach.

Northwood University

The following students from Novi were named to the Dean's List for the fall term at Northwood University: Stephanie Jirasek, a freshman and daughter of Michael and Ruth Jirasek; and Lance W. Suttle, a junior and son

of Clifford and Marilyn Suttle.

Michael A. Beard, a freshman and son of David and Joanne Beard of Novi, was named to the President's List for fall term. To achieve President's List recognition, students must earn a 3.85 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

Madonna University

The following students from Novi were named to the Dean's List during the past term at Madonna University: Sharon Ann Ales, Kristina Anne Bilowus, Derek Samuel Blair, Doreen Ann Brant, Lesley Suzanne Cartwright, Briana Kristin Coombs-Proveaux, Stephanie Marie Coppola, Christiane Daitz, Megan Marie Daybird, Audrey Edwards, Jillian A. Firoz, Heidi A. Frantz, Caitlin L. Graham, Andrea Anne Grieshaber, Kimberly Rochelle Harbin, Amy M. Hudgins, Kimberly Ann Jilg, Jennifer Lauren Kish, Brittany Marie Krist, Sean McCuckin, Krystal A. Milgrin, Kyung Hi Park, Lauren Vane Peace, Jacqueline Marie Puente, Usha Ranaswami,

Christine JoAnn Skouberdis, Megan Sledz, Alexandra Smith, Zofia R. Sperka, Stacy A. Starkel, Stacey Marie Szczosniak, Lauren Taylor, Alyssa M. Wagner, Brandon Robert Wales, Jennifer Marie Warner, Roxanne Renee Warner, Alecia Elizabeth Zanotti and Nancy Zhao.

The following students from Novi graduated from Madonna University this past term: Andrea Anne Grieshaber, Nursing; and Kimberly Ann Jilg, Criminal Justice.

Spring Arbor University

Stephanie Ling, daughter of Donald and Lorna Ling of Wixom, was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester 2007. She is a junior majoring in Biology Health Careers.

Cleary University

Michael Cieszlak of Novi graduated with honors from Cleary University in December with an AAS in Information Technology degree.

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MY FAITH & RELIGION



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Working hard for your faith

By Tracy Estes-Mishler
SPECIAL NEWS WRITER

It took one eye-opening event to touch Amanda Barbosa's heart and help her realize the true importance of faith and religion in her life.

Barbosa said she wasn't strong in her faith until she celebrated it with thousands of people three years ago in Köln, Germany.

The 18-year-old Novi resident shared her faith during a group pilgrimage with Novi's Holy Family Church to World Youth Day in 2005 and is excited about going again in July to Sidney, Australia. "I went to the last World Youth Day in Köln, Germany, and I have never been so breath-taken," Barbosa said. "I loved experiencing how people from different countries and one religion came together to celebrate their faith."

"The experience was incredible, and I definitely can't wait to go this year."

Barbosa said World Youth Day is life changing and it opened her eyes to her faith and how important her religion is to her.

She said every day during World Youth Day is a new experience and something she'll never

forget.

Novi's Holy Family Church, with members spanning from Northville, Walled Lake and Farmington, has been helping young adults like Barbosa find the importance in their faith since 2000 with pilgrimages to World Youth Day.

World Youth Day is celebrated annually on the diocesan level, and every two or three years internationally with young people from every continent and nation gathering together with the pope.

Started in 1985 by Pope John Paul II and his love for young people, World Youth Day has become a tradition for young adults looking to celebrate their faith across the world. This year, 22 youth members from Holy Family Church will be sent out on a new pilgrimage of their own to celebrate their faith with Pope Benedict XVI.

Hard work pays off

In order to get to this year's World Youth Day, each youth member and chaperone needs \$4,000 for traveling fees and expenses, said Hank Herbst, Holy Family's youth ministry coordina-

tor for World Youth Day.

"A trip to Sidney, Australia is quite expensive," said Herbst, of Novi. "We need to prepare ourselves in faith to meet and mingle and learn with over half a million people, and we also need to prepare ourselves physically to make the journey."

Herbst said fund raising is part of the journey, with this year's total nearing close to \$108,000.

"Our goal is to raise as much as we can," he said. "It would be nice to (raise) it all. Most of the kids have jobs to raise the money and our goal is to help them raise at least half."

Holy Family so far has held several car washes, dinners, flower sales and can and bottle drives to help raise money. With only a few months until their July journey to Sidney, the youth ministry is hosting a handful of fund-raising events including a March 1-2 used book sale.

"The criteria for this trip is for the kids to really want to go, (be 16 years of age or older when they leave for the trip), and understand the commitment of making the sacrifices to raise the money and attend the spiritual meetings and retreats in order to prepare for the

World Youth Day Fund-raiser

Who: Holy Family Youth Ministry

What: Used book sale to raise money from trip to Sidney, Australia for World Youth Day open to the public.

Books: More than 6,000 books for sale including mystery, romance, adventure, children's, self-help, religion and cookbooks.

When: Saturday-Sunday March 1-2

Where: 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi

journey," Herbst said. "It's a journey that involves a lot of struggle and a lot of hard work."

Herbst said each young adult involved with the World Youth Day understands the pilgrimage is not a vacation. He said it's a pilgrimage of their faith and it takes two years to prepare and raise the funds needed.

Novi's Holy Family Youth Ministry group traveling to Sidney will be part of 275 youths traveling from the Metro Detroit area.



Amanda Barbosa, 18, of Novi helps during Holy Family Church flower fund-raising event.

"This is all about kids trying to help others, learn about their faith and do well in the world," Herbst said. "Having people from the community come to our fund raisers and support us is wonderful."

"This is an opportunity to support kids going on a learning journey trying to meet people from across the globe, who through those connections someday may be an important link to communities like Novi."

FAITH

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 grades 6-12
Bible Study Group
TIME/DATE: 10:30-11:45 a.m. every Tuesday
DETAILS: Reverend Art Ritter will lead this group; please call the church office if you are interested in attending.
Lenten Bible Study
TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday during Lent.
Lenten Dinner and Lesson
TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. every Wednesday during Lent.

Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month.

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 and 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
Youth Worship
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second and fourth Sunday of every month
DETAILS: All youth welcome.
Alzheimer's Support Group
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month
DETAILS: Offering support and open discussion for all those dealing with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

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Interested in the Catholic Church?

CONTACT: Call Maria at (248) 349-8847 or spiritwalk001@aol.com

Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting

TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each month

DETAILS: This free informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required.

CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248) 334-3595

Used Book Fundraiser
TIME/DATE: 1-5 p.m. Saturday, March 1 and 2-4 p.m. Sunday, March 2

DETAILS: Come and shop a great selection of almost new and used books available for a donation. Proceeds support our youth pilgrims in attending World Youth Day 2008 in Australia.

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

ReNew Life Ministries
TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m.

Mondays
DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective.

The groups are: GriefShare (for those grieving a loved one's death); DivorceCare (for those experiencing separation or divorce); Anger Management; Dealing with Struggling Teens (for parents); YourSpace (for high school students); Every Man's Battle (for men seeking recovery from lust, pornography; and sexual addiction); Betrayed Hearts (for wives whose husbands struggle with pornography; sexual addiction; same-sex attraction or adultery); Changes that Heal (for those experiencing emotional or relational pain); and CrossCurrent (for men who experience unwanted same-sex attraction).

CONTACT: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit www.oakpointe.org.

St. James Catholic
LOCATION: 46325 N. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-7778

Mass Schedule
TIME/DATE: 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

Novi United Methodist
LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit www.umcnovi.com

Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month

Peace Vigil
TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month

LOCATION: front of the church
DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace; not anti-anything; pro peace.
Artists and Crafters Wanted
DETAILS: The church is hosting an arts and craft show Saturday, June 21. Vendor space will be available indoors and out.
CONTACT: Pam Davis, edlaecr@yahoo.com
Annual Ralph Sanderson Chili Cook-off
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Saturday, March 8
DETAILS: Bring your kids, your neighbors, your appetite and your chili. Old-time sing-along, awards and ice cream. Join us for Christian fellowship.
Palm Sunday Service and Children's Parade
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday, March 16

First Baptist Church of Novi
LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or www.firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org
Sunday Schedule
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.
Family Worship: 11 a.m.

Church of the Holy Family
LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule
TIME/DATE: 7:30, 8:45, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9 a.m.

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Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment appeals in the Novi City Council Chambers at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road on March 10, 11 & 12, 2008. All appearances before the Board will be by appointment only. If you or your representative want to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 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 at www.cityofnovi.org. NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.
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Persons on fixed or limited income may be eligible for a reduction in property taxes due to poverty. Applications are available at the Assessing Department, or at www.cityofnovi.org.
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Wednesday, March 12, 2008 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
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FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Services held at: Madonna University's St. George Hall 3660 Schoolcraft Road - Livonia Parking lot is NW Corner of Livon & Schoolcraft Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m. Dr. James N. McGuire Nursery Provided	ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, ELCA Farmington Hills • 22225 G4 Rd. • 248-474-0584 Between Grand River & Freedom Saturday Worship 5:30pm Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:00 am. Traditional/Choral, 11:15 am Contemporary Sunday School at ages 10 to 15 am Nursery Available

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Underage girl drinking alcohol while shopping

A 17-year-old girl was arrested for a minor in possession at Twelve Oaks Mall after 9 p.m. Feb. 18, reports said.

POLICE BRIEFS

According to reports, the Novi Police Department was dispatched to the mall, where mall security had the intoxicated underage female in custody. The girl, who had come to the mall with friends, said she had been drinking raspberry liquor while shopping.

Cellular telephone was missing at about 12:30 a.m. Feb. 16. According to reports, he realized it was stolen because his friends said someone was sending them derogatory text messages. Police advised the victim to cancel his phone so not to incur any additional charges. The phone was worth \$150, reports said.

Global Positioning System stolen

A Global Positioning System was stolen from a vehicle parked in the driveway of a residence on Manhattan Circle between 6 p.m. Feb. 16 and 2:30 p.m. Feb. 17, reports said.

Derogatory text messages from stolen cell phone

An employee of Outback Steakhouse on Grand River Avenue dropped his phone in the parking lot, while exiting the restaurant at about 11 p.m. Feb. 15, reports said.

The owner of the vehicle said he always locks his car, but was not sure if he locked it the evening of Feb. 16. When he returned to his car Feb. 17, the passenger-side door was unlocked, reports said.

Dealer plate stolen

A dealer license plate was reported missing from the Varsity Lincoln Mercury dealership on Grand River Avenue.

According to the police report, the plate has been missing for at least 30 days.

Suspect of stolen engagement ring arraigned

Peter Joshua LaBreck, 37, of Milford was arraigned Feb. 20 at the 52-1 District Court in front of Magistrate Andra Dudley on charges of armed robbery.

Wolverine Lake

The Lakes Area Citizen's Police Academy was created to provide information to the citizens so they are able to make informed judgments about the police department and police activity.

Who may Attend?

The class is made up of a cross-section of the five communities. Anyone 18 years and older may enroll.

After looking at several rings, the suspect selected a nearly one-carat diamond ring, valued at more than \$16,500, and threatened to shoot the sales clerk if she followed him out of the store.

Recycling

The United States Federal Marshals have also secured two additional arrest warrants for impersonating a federal officer and committing a felony while being on pre-trial release.

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-OBITUARIES-



KYLE EDWARD TURNER

Kyle E. Turner, of Novi, died January 26, 2008 at the age of 20. He was the first born son of Edward and Sandra Turner. Kyle was educated in the Novi School District and received his high school diploma in 2003.

2008 Board introduced

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

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Novi Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors 2008

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- Director - Valerie McDonald, National City Bank
- Director - Rene Saenz, Two Men and A Truck
- Director - Jeff Wilk, Carabba's Italian Grill
- Past Chair - Art Johnson, JPS Marketing Communications

Thorne is also serving as acting president while current president Nora Champion is on leave of absence. "Through the Web site, members will be able to access and update their information and have the opportunity to advertise online."

"The members will be able to go in and create their own coupons and post their events," Thorne said.

"The chamber was relocated, temporarily, so 2007 was a difficult year for the chamber administratively," Thorne said.

"In trying to increase efficiency, the Novi Chamber is implementing a new software program that will integrate its member operations with the organization's financial operations."

Novi auto supplier wins big

By Chris Jექelt
STAFF WRITER

Novi-based Kylores Inc. won a sales auction last week and is in the process of acquiring Delphi Corporation's wheel bearings business.

The acquisition, announced last Thursday, still needs to be heard by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New York on March 19. The court has been monitoring Delphi's affairs since it filed for bankruptcy in 2005.

The two businesses hope to have the transaction completed by April 30.

A Hephataus Holdings Inc. subsidiary, forged automotive parts supplier Kylores, won the auction of several bidders for the wheel bearings business.

Last month, the bearings business, which is the major supplier for General Motors in North America, was initially sold to Cleveland-based Resilience Capital Partners, but the federal bankruptcy court required it to be

auctioned between other bidding companies.

"I am thrilled with the success and rapid growth of HHI since its creation," said George Thunopoulos, chief executive officer of Hephataus Holdings Inc., in a release.

The deal includes machinery and inventory assets, intellectual property, supplier contracts and a Sandusky, Ohio-based manufacturing facility. Terms of the deal have not been released, but Resilience had offered \$44.2 million.



Members of the Novi Chamber of Commerce board meet in their new 11 Mile Road headquarters. From left: Greg Carr, Peter Dion, Karen Anderson, Rene Saenz, Art Johnson, Fred Moschetta and Anita Dellicoll.

what this is all about, making a difference in the community."

"With a combination of new and seasoned members, Thorne said

the 12-member board of directors is dedicated to improving the benefits of being involved with the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

"The people on this board are wonderful to work with," he said. "We can be a service organization and grow at the same time."

Lakes Area Citizen's Police Academy begins next week

Recruiting has begun for the 27th Lakes Area Citizen's Police Academy.

The 11-week program begins March 6, and ends with a graduation dinner on May 15. The academy meets once a week from 6:30 p.m. to about 9 p.m. Applications can be picked up at the Novi Police Department or by visiting the city Web site at www.cityofnovi.org. The registration deadline is Feb. 29. Anyone interested can also contact Matt Conquest at (248) 349-0530.

What is it?
The Novi, Walled Lake, Wolverine Lake.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE TOMORROW

The Lakes Area Citizen's Police Academy has one session in the spring and one in the fall.

The academy is designed to give the public a working knowledge of the police department's personnel and policies. It is a series of classes held once a week for three hours. The instruction covers a different area of the police department every week for 10 weeks and also includes a graduation.

The department, in turn, becomes more aware of the feelings and concerns of the community from the students' interaction and input. It is a two-way learning process.

The Lakes Area Citizen's Police Academy was created to provide information to the citizens so they are able to make informed judgments about the police department and police activity.

The Purpose?

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In our opinion: We support Early Childhood Learning initiatives

It has been a long haul for the SAVE the Children initiative sponsored by Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi). And it is welcoming to see the Senate Committee on Education unanimously approved the bill and the initiative isn't dead in the water.

SAVE, Senate Bill 1039, provides districts the opportunity to model an early intervention program for students in kindergarten through third grade.

A model, proven highly successful in the neighboring Northville school district.

The initiative provides resources for districts to identify problems early so students may become successful learners.

We have seen first-hand

LETTERS

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Keith Kuhn
Chairman Greater Novi Chamber

Questions about Obama

The media and Obama's chief strategist David Axelrod have packaged and promoted Barack Obama as a Lincoln-esque, black (yet flawless) JFK as the best person to lead the United States during these crucial times. The campaign has stressed character and inspiration instead of policy, issues, and experience in leadership skills. With Oprah as his chief "lobbyist" and using quasi-religious allusions in his speeches, Obama has embodied the hopes of dreams of all Americans. We have lived with lies, fear, loss of personal privacy, an illegal, unjust war, and have watched our country lose respect throughout the world since 2003. Yet his tenure in the Senate has not been notable. He has voted "present" rather than yes or no.

Clinton over Obama

In response to Tom Watkins' endorsement of Barack Obama, I submit the following:

If Barack Obama had any executive experience or, at least, more than a fraction (1/2) of one term in the U.S. Senate, I'd probably be on his band wagon. But one keynote speech and eight years as a state senator does not convince me of his presidential "availability." Other than a flair for campaigning, what has Obama actually done or accomplished to prove his executive ability? His Senate voting record is in almost perfect

What do you think?

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PHIL POWER: Airline merger will boost Detroit

There are lots of reasons the much-anticipated merger between Northwest and Delta Airlines would be good — very good — for Michigan. But as happens all too often when a good idea comes along, it's met by noisy objections from Washington.

Both Northwest and Delta are "legacy" airlines, survivors of the companies that dominated the industry before the government deregulation in 1978. Many of their sisters — Pan American, Eastern, and TWA, to name a few — no longer exist, victims of high costs, poor labor relations, bad management and newly aggressive competition.

Both Delta and Northwest recently emerged from a brush with bankruptcy. But both are still relatively high cost companies, pressed on one side with more and more expensive jet fuel, and on the other by new, vigorous and low cost competitors like Jet Blue, Spirit and Southwest. Both economics and competitive pressures are combining to push Northwest and Delta together, and both managements are serious about trying to make it work.



About Phil Power

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That can't but help the proposed "airport city," a consolidated passenger and freight logistics center that would include Detroit Metropolitan airport on the east, Willow Run on the west and some 27,000 now relatively undeveloped acres in between.

Airport City represents one of the very few possible economic development projects on the drawing board with the potential to produce thousands and thousands of jobs in Southeastern Michigan.

So what's the problem? Much of it is political. In the person of U. S. Rep. James Oberstar, D-Minn., the chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

The Minneapolis Democrat tore into the proposed merger a couple of weeks ago in a piece in Business Week that ended, "We should just say no. Hell no!" Oberstar is threatening a hearing on what he sees as the evils of the merger, mainly "further consolidation in the airline industry, further reductions in choice for consumers, and probably fewer flights, fewer jobs and higher fares."

Naturally, alert readers will remember that all politics are local — and realize that Oberstar is concerned about what it would mean to Minneapolis. If Northwest's corporate headquarters jobs vanish as a result of the merger, Moreover, organized labor is grumbling about possible job losses; Northwest is heavily unionized, while Delta is mostly non-union. (The

try offers low barriers to entry.

And because those barriers to entry are so low, big and established airlines find it tough to sustain high prices in a given market without attracting new, cheaper competition.

Back in the 1980s, the airline industry began to discover that the revenues of all airlines are hostage to whatever pricing strategy the lowest priced competitor decides to adopt. If Jet Blue offers cheap fares from Detroit to Chicago, for example, Northwest — or, say, Northwest-Delta — will find it hard to compete successfully on that route without matching that low fare.

Over the years, legacy airlines tried to establish pricing power by setting up "hub and spoke" route systems, all feeding into big hub airports which they could dominate. The strategy worked for a while, but the economic structure of the industry — ease of entry and pricing transparency — doomed the idea. Northwest says that today, low-cost carriers serve all the legacy airline hubs, and "successfully put downward pressure on airline fares."

Undoubtedly the cut-rate carriers will have a different view. All these arguments will take considerable time (and very high legal bills) to play themselves out before the scrutinizing eyes of the Justice Department. Such scrutiny is important, but at the end of the day the regulators would be wise to approve the Northwest-Delta merger. And folks in Michigan should jump for joy at the prospect.

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The Dangers of Bullying: What we all should know

Every day thousands of children wake up and are afraid to go to school.

Not because they haven't completed their homework, nor are they nervous to take a test, but because they are fearful of bullying.

Bullying is rapidly becoming one of the leading concerns within schools and for law enforcement agencies.

Bullying can lead to poor grades, school violence and teen suicide. The Novi Police Department, in partnership with all area schools, is dedicated to providing a safe, vibrant and enjoyable learning environment for all students.

Bullying occurs when a person is picked on repeatedly by an individual or group perceived with more power; either in terms of physical strength or social status.

It is the on-going harassment from one peer to another resulting in mental, physical and/or psychological pain.

Bullying can be physical or verbal. Boys tend to use more physical elements when bullying and girls tend to be more verbal. Bullying can occur anywhere, on the bus, in the neighborhood, before or



David Molloy

after school, in the cafeteria or hallway, or on a computer (Cyber bullying).

Cyber bullying can be defined as the use of technology to degrade, harass or humiliate another person or group of people. Cyber bullying can be done through the Internet, text messaging, chat rooms and personal Web sites via My Space, Facebook and similar online message boards.

It is important for parents and guardians to be aware of what their children are doing on the computer and to know who their children are communicating with and what they are saying. Parental awareness is the

first step in preventing Cyber bullying.

Bullying can range from hitting, shoving, name-calling, and threats to mocking others. It also can involve extorting money and prized possessions. Some kids bully by shaming others and spreading rumors about them.

Bullies choose their victims for two main reasons — appearance and social status. Bullies pick on the people they think don't fit in, maybe because of how they look, how they act, their race or religion, their size, or their sexual orientation.

Kids bully for a variety of reasons. Sometimes they pick on kids because they need a victim — someone who seems emotionally or physically weaker, or just acts or appears different in some way to feel more important, popular, or in control. Although some bullies are bigger or stronger than their victims, this is not always the case.

Sometimes kids torment others because that's the way they have been treated. They may think their behavior is normal because they come from backgrounds where everyone regularly

gets angry, shouts, or calls names. Some popular TV shows even seem to promote meanness — people are "voted off," shunned, or ridiculed for their appearance or lack of talent.

A bully likes attention and appears confident with high self-esteem, when actually they are most likely extremely insecure. They may be physically aggressive, pre-violence, easily angered and impulsive.

A bully likes to dominate and have power over people. Bullies are more likely to dislike others, perform poorly academically, instigate fights, and are more prone to be problematic in school.

A recent study showed that boys who are school bullies in grades six-nine had at least one criminal conviction by age 24.

Anyone can be a victim of bullying. As a parent or educator, there are warning signs to look for:

- Sudden downward change in a child's school performance
- A sudden change in friendship groups
- School absenteeism
- The loss of school or personal items (more so than normal)
- Unexplained bruises or torn clothing that occurs during school hours
- If you suspect a child is a victim of bullying, it's important to maintain open lines of communication and contact school officials.
- It may be tempting to tell the child to fight back; however, it's important to advise children to not respond to bullying by fighting or bullying back. This improper form of retaliation can quickly escalate into violence, trouble, and someone getting hurt. Instead, it's best to walk away from the situation, hang out with others, and tell an adult. Encourage children to:
 - Try to always avoid the bully and use the "buddy" system.
 - Control his/her anger — walk away from the presence of a bully.
 - Tell an adult, albeit a parent, teacher or school administrator.
 - Share openly with others. Tell someone you trust, such as a counselor, teacher, parent, or friend.

As responsible parents or guardians, you can lessen the impact of bullying. Encourage children to get together with friends who build their confidence. Help him/her meet playmates by joining clubs or sports programs and find activities which help a child feel confident and strong.

Perhaps it's a self-defense class like martial arts, a sports program such as soccer, or an arts activity like dance.

Prevention through education is one of the best ways to deter bullying before it begins.

The Novi Police Department has taken a proactive approach to preventing bullying. Our police detectives and school resource officer have attended anti-bullying training and partnered with area schools to educate students about bullying and how to deal with it as a victim.

Strong partnerships between schools, law enforcement agencies and parents are the key to stop bullying. Together we must stop the silence and raise awareness for this rapidly growing concern in our society.

For more information or to share a concern on bullying, please contact the Novi Police Department at (248) 348-7100 or at cityofnovi.org.

Lansing Connection: Cassis' SAVE the Children approved by education committee

The Senate Committee on Education unanimously approved a bill that I sponsored to help children who start to fall behind academically become competent learners by giving them the skills they need to succeed both in school and in life.

Senate Bill 1039 would amend the Revised School Code to enable intermediate school districts to develop and make available to their constituent districts and to public school academies a model early intervening program for children in kindergarten through third grade. This measure would empower school districts to identify problems early so that students can become successful learners.

In 2006, I created the SAVE the Children initiative which included a grant program administered by the



Nancy Cassis

Department of Education. Unfortunately, early last year the governor repealed the grant program — after signing it into law. Last fall, the Senate ensured a temporary fix by adopting an amendment I offered adding SAVE to the School Aid budget. While the SAVE program is modeled after a successful program already being used

in the Northville Public Schools and elsewhere, in order for it to be utilized state wide the program needs to be placed permanently in statute which would be accomplished by Senate Bill 1039.

I was joined in the Senate Education Committee by Dr. Robert Sornson, former Director of Special Services for Northville Public Schools and current president and founder of the Early Learning Foundation in Brighton; Dr. Leonard Rezmierski, Superintendent of Northville Public Schools; Susan Stanley, Principal at Bulman Elementary in Redford Schools; Kathleen Whitney, teacher at Bulman Elementary; and Kevin Magin, Deputy Superintendent of Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency. They testi-

fied in support of the SAVE program and the success it has brought their school buildings and districts.

"This has transformed teaching and learning in our building," Stanley said. "We have seen a tremendous change in our children. We could not have done this without the help of the ISD."

Each district's SAVE program would instruct classroom teachers and support staff on how to monitor individual student learning, and to provide specific support or learning strategies to students as early as possible. The results of the program have been consistent over all socio-economic backgrounds and the benefits to children include higher self-esteem and less likelihood of being involved later in risky adolescent behavior. It also provides a significant cost savings to schools allowing them to best utilize those dollars where needed the most.

SB 1039 now heads to the full Senate for consideration.

Cassis bill increases Homestead Property Tax Credit from \$1,200 to \$1,500.

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As Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, I plan on taking up Senate Bill 1065 for discussion in the near future.

As always, I look forward to your comments. You can contact me by e-mail at senncassis@senate.michigan.gov, or toll free at 1-888-38-NANCY.

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

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information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their families. Mothers of multiples living in and around the Kensington Valley school conference are all welcome.
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Crohn's & Colitis Support Group
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. first and third Wednesday of each month
LOCATION: Providence Park Hospital and Medical Center
DETAILS: Enter facility through southeast entrance. Meeting in Conference Room A; immediately to the left.
CONTACT: Al Biggs (313) 805-7605 or Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (888) 737-2322.

Novi Toastmasters
TIME/DATE: 7-8:45 p.m. first and third Tuesday of each month
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills; voice your opinion; polish your presentations and practice leadership.
CONTACT: Amy (248) 752-2800

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Chapter
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. weigh-in and 11:30 a.m. meeting every Wednesday
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Road
DETAILS: \$24 per annual membership, includes handbook, \$1 per meeting. New members welcome.
CONTACT: Rebecca Boyke (248) 305-8646

St. John Providence Hospital
LOCATION: Grand River and Beck Roads
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

HEALTH

Oakland Physical Therapy
LOCATION: Providence Park Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Suite B124
DETAILS: Classes are held at 7 p.m. and are free of charge, however, registration is required as space is limited. Participants should wear loose, comfortable clothing and appropriate footwear. For more information or to register, call the number below.
CONTACT: 248-380-3550
Pilates and Your Golf Game
DATE: Wednesday, March 12
DETAILS: A lecture and overview of how Pilates may actually help your golf game. Class is for both male and female golfers, given by Kristie Kava, PT, DSCPT, MS and Linda Erickson, MS, PT.

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Alcoholics Anonymous Support Group
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Sunday
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DETAILS: For family and friends of someone with an alcohol problem. No pre-registration required. For information, call

(248) 706-1020.
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TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Sunday
DETAILS: Intended for teens dealing with someone with an alcohol problem. No pre-registration required. For information, call (248) 706-1020.

Breast Cancer Support Group
TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a.m. second and fourth Thursday of every month
LOCATION: Sinal 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 Group
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Monday of every month
LOCATION: Lobby of the Charach Cancer Treatment Center
DETAILS: Support group for those with cancer or who are related to or know someone living with cancer.
CONTACT: (248) 937-5163
Support for Smokers
DATE: First and third Tuesday of each month
DETAILS: Provides education and support to quit smoking; no charge; no pre-registration.
CONTACT: Call (248) 937-3314 for more information.
H.U.G.S. Group for Parents
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. third Thursday of each month
DETAILS: Support and counseling to parents who have suffered a pregnancy or newborn loss; no pre-registration required.
CONTACT: (248) 937-4947 for more information.

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You "Heart" What You Eat
DETAILS: Tonight's presentation is by cardiologist Dr. Zargham followed by strolling dinner featuring heart healthy food; recipes and cookbooks distributed.
Total Knee Replacement
DETAILS: March 27; presentation by orthopedic surgeon Dr. David Marlet.

Cancer Prevention and Survival Cooking Course
TIME/DATE: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays through April 22 (no class March 25)
LOCATION: Providence Center for the Healing Arts, Assarian Cancer Center
DETAILS: The Cancer Project, a national nonprofit dedicated to advancing cancer prevention through education and research, is offering a free, eight-session cooking course designed to help Novi residents prevent and survive cancer through proper diet and nutrition. No cost.
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TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. second Monday of month through May
LOCATION: Rotates between Novi Civic Center and the Northville Library.
DETAILS: Visitors welcome.
CONTACT: (248) 231-2334 or visit www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org

BORDERS BOOKS AND MUSIC

43075 Crescent Blvd.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0780
Book Signing
TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. Saturday, March 9
DETAILS: Dr. James Dowd, author of "The Vitamin D Cure" will discuss and sign copies of his book.

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Nature Center Programs
DETAILS: Please pre-register for all programs. There is a cost for most programs. Call (248) 685-0903.
SCHEDULE: 2 p.m. Sunday - Fireside Stories and Hot Chocolate; 1 p.m. Saturday,

Winter Master Gardener Class
TIME/DATE: 6-10 p.m. Thursday evenings through Apr. 10
LOCATION: Executive Office Building Conference Center, Oakland County Service Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford
DETAILS: Each session focuses on a different horticultural topic that will prepare you to fulfill a 40-hour community service commitment to earn Master Gardener Certification. First-come, first-served; \$25 application fee; class fee \$300.
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Welcoming the Great Outdoors!
 Outdoor enthusiasts had nearly a hundred lodges and guide services booths to look over at last year's MUCC Outdoorama. The 2008 Outdoorama begins today and ends March 2 at Novi's Rock Financial Showplace.

LOCATION: Gilbert Willis Park
DETAILS: Hunt starts promptly at 1 p.m. for ages 2-10. Fee is \$3 per child, no pre-registration required. No personal baskets.
Red Cross Blood Drive
TIME/DATE: 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 26
DETAILS: For ages 17 and older weighing 110 pounds or more. For appointments, call Jodi at (248) 624-2850 or walk-in day of drive.

March 8 - On the Beaten Path; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 9 - Bluebirds, Their Homes and You; 1 p.m. Saturday, March 15 - Birds of Prey; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 16 - Ducks on the Move. Farm Learning Center Programs
DETAILS: Please pre-register. There is a cost for most programs. Call (248) 684-8632.
SCHEDULE: 1 p.m. Saturday, March 22 - The Great Egg Hunt; 10 a.m. Thursday, March 27 - Fun on the Farm.

Maple's Sweet Story
TIME/DATE: Noon-3 p.m. March weekends
DETAILS: School groups may make weekday appointments.

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CONTACT: Community Services Programs, 49045 Pontiac Trail, Wixom; (248) 624-2850
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 Second Tuesday: 10 a.m. Senior Commission
 Second Thursday: 11:30 a.m. Bingo
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DoubleTree Hotel relocates

■ Million-dollar renovations complete

By Kelly Murad
 STAFF WRITER

After more than a year, the City of Novi welcomes the DoubleTree Hotel back into the community, in its new location in the Novi Town Center. Located at 42100 Crescent Boulevard, the DoubleTree Hotel now resides in the former Wyndham Garden Hotel location.

"We switched over from being the Wyndham to the DoubleTree Nov. 15," said Amanda Simon, sales manager of the DoubleTree Hotel Novi, which is a member of the Hilton Company.

According to Simon, the 148-room hotel underwent \$1.7 million worth of renovations. "We are the primary hotel for the Intercontinental Motorcycle Show," Simon said. "The snow mobile show is also a very large weekend here. We're doing pretty good, as far as the market goes."

Each of the 148 rooms, including the 20 suites, now feature a 32-inch flat screen television, wireless Internet capabilities and a Wolfgang Puck coffee maker, with complimentary coffee and tea. "We also offer full-service for all of our room service, whereas before, we were just dinner. Now we provide breakfast, lunch and dinner," Simon said. "But the big thing, as far as construction, was the business center."

The business center offers guests computer access as well as printing, copying and faxing services. Complimentary Internet is also available in the lobby of the hotel.

"Primarily, we are a corporate hotel, so the majority of our clientele are corporate customers during the week," Simon said. "One of the largest clients of the DoubleTree Hotel in Novi is Nissan. In order to cater to their international clientele, Simon said the hotel offers a Japanese breakfast, television station and newspaper similar to the Wall Street Journal. The DoubleTree Hotel also attracts business from Rock Financial Showplace.

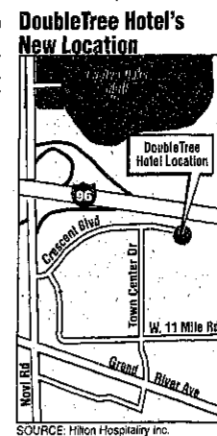
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The hotel provides a complimentary shuttle service within a five-mile radius of the hotel, which includes Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, Twelve Oaks Mall, numerous restaurants and Rock Financial Showplace.

Although there is no exercise facility in-house, there is a pool, hot tub and sauna, and the DoubleTree Hotel offers guests a complimentary pass to Bally Total Fitness in the Novi Town Center.

Smoking and non-smoking rooms are available upon request.

DoubleTree Hotel's New Location



SOURCE: Hilton Hospitality Inc.



Novi Double Tree employee Jason Mack attends to a suite at the newly renovated hotel. Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NOVI NEWS

Annual charity event benefits blind

By Kelly Murad
 STAFF WRITER

As the man who established the Lions Club within the City of Novi 35 years ago, William "Doc" Barr is still an active advocate of "Lionism."

"We're the best kept secret in the world, and particularly in Novi," said Barr, who first joined the Lions Club in 1957. "Lions International is the largest service organization (in the world)."

The Novi branch of the international organization is hosting its second annual charity dinner with silent and live auctions Saturday.

As with all Lions Club projects, proceeds will go to benefit the blind.

"Helen Keller, back in 1925, challenged the Lions to be knights of the blind," Barr said. "That's what caused Lions to have their primary purpose be helping the blind."

Among the organizations supported are the Leader Dogs for the Blind, which was started by the Lions Club, Penickton Center for Blind Children, Campaign

Second annual charity dinner, silent and live auction

Time: Cocktails, 6 p.m.
 Dinner and auction, 7 p.m.
 Date: Saturday, March 1
 Location: Maples of Novi Clubhouse
 31860 Wakefield Drive,
 Off 14 Mile Road,
 east of Novi Road.
 Cost: \$15 per person, which includes a carved beef dinner and access to the live and silent auctions.
 Contact: Doc Barr at (248) 960-3092 for tickets or additional information.



Source: Novi Lions Club

SightFirst, The Michigan Eye Bank and various local projects. "We provide all sorts of eye glasses and eye exams for anyone who needs them in Novi," Barr said. "We've already had eight or 10 cases this year."

Space is limited for the event, which will be at the Maples of Novi Clubhouse, so Barr said anyone interested in attending should purchase tickets ahead of time.

"Tickets are \$15 and include dinner and access to the live and silent auctions. Among the items auctioned off are vacations, hotel stays, dinners, sports memorabilia and artwork. "We have a weeks vacation in Kissimmee, Fla. at a very exclusive resort," Barr said.

The 35-member club is hoping to raise as much, if not more, than the \$5,000 raised at last year's event. "Our club is pledged to contribute \$25,000 to the Michigan Eye Bank," Barr said.

Food Distribution

The Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency will be distributing free food through The Emergency Food Assistance Program in Oakland County during March. All people who are income eligible may register by bringing proof of current address, proof of family size and photo I.D. Local distribution will take place from 12:30-3 p.m. Tuesday, March 11 at the Novi Senior Center at Meadowbrook Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Road. For income eligibility requirements or additional information, call OLHSA's Human Services Department in Pontiac at (248) 209-2686, (248) 209-2655 or (800) 482-9250.

My Novi, briefly

ing oil burning furnaces on the show "Corporate Review" and as he talks with General Filter's President and CEO, John Redner. Join Ara each month as he interviews different businesses and brings viewers inside the corporate sector of Novi, on the program "Corporate Review." This program cablecasts on Cable Channel 13 at the following times: Mondays at 6:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.; Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.; Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m.; Fridays at 4 p.m.; and Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.

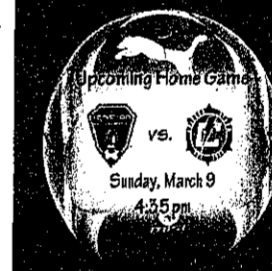
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Six CC wrestlers advance to state SPORTS, 3B

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SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: WRESTLING

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

Ridenour, Thomas advance to state



Ryan Ridenour takes his opponent down on his back during regional wrestling.

Photo submitted

Seniors make run to regional finals, move on

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Novi wrestlers Ryan Thomas and Ryan Ridenour are going to the grandest stage of the year — the individual state finals.

"I'm real proud of these guys," Novi head coach Brad Huss said. "This is the fun time of the year. This is the gravy."

Thomas made his way into the meet by winning the Southgate Anderson regional at 152 pounds.

Ryan Thomas (43-6) started his run through the bracket with a 19-4 technical fall win. He went on to win 14-6 in the semifinals and capped off the tournament with a 14-4 win against Matthew Washelewski from Woodhaven.

"He really just dominated that tournament," Huss said. "Needless to say, he's on a nice little roll."

It will be a return to the state meet for Thomas. He went last year at 145 pounds despite missing much of the year with an

injury. Ridenour, a 189-pounder, will be headed to his first state tournament by placing runner-up at regionals.

Ridenour advanced with a pin in the first round and 8-3 in the semis before falling 7-3 to Nick Whitenburg Temperence Bedford in the finals.

"He's pulled out some wins in districts and

See **WRESTLING, 2B**



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Novi's Caleb Dean puts up a shot during Friday night's game against Flint Southwestern Academy.

Novi survives Canton scare

Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

■ **STORY CHAT**
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The Novi boys basketball team survived a scare from Canton at home Monday.

The Wildcats held on for a 72-67 win after seeing most of a double-digit lead evaporate in the fourth quarter.

Novi (16-5) lead 48-39 going into the fourth, but the Chiefs piled up 28 points and trailed by just two twice in the last 20 seconds. The Wildcats stayed in the tournament by hitting free throws down the stretch.

Caleb Dean led all scorers

with 20 points. He was followed by Chris Bellamy with 15, Brandon Bradford with 14 and Shawn Ryzdzewski with 12.

The Wildcats played rival Northville on Wednesday for the right to advance to Friday's district finals.

Check www.novinews.com to see who won.

See **HOOPS, 2B**

WILDCAT ROUNDUP: 4 swimmers head to state

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi swim team placed sixth at the KVC meet Friday and Saturday. Hartland crushed the field with 497.5 points. South Lyon was next with 401. The Wildcats scored 199, just one point behind Pinckney.

Novi highlights included a fourth-place finish by the 200 medley relay team of Dan Meister, Joon Chung, Danny Kiefer and Tyler Vincent. Chung ended with a sixth-place finish in

the 200-yard individual medley. Kiefer with a fifth-place finish in the 100 butterfly, a seventh-place finish by the 200 freestyle relay team of John Lu, Evan Cusick, Kyle Malarkey and David Groechel, Meister with a fourth-place finish in the 100 backstroke, Chung with a fifth-place finish in the 100 breaststroke and the 400 freestyle relay team of Kiefer, Vincent, Meister and Chung placed fifth.

The Wildcats will send four to the state meet March 7-8 at Oakland University. Dan Meister,

Dan Kiefer, Joon Chung and Tyler Vincent will compete in the medley relay. Meister and Chung also qualified for individual events.

Hockey

Novi pushed one of Division II's best hockey teams to the brink, but came up just shy in a 3-2 loss to Brother Rice on Monday at the Novi Ice Arena.

The Wildcats took a 2-1 lead,

See **ROUNDUP, 2B**



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Dan Kiefer plows through the water while swimming the butterfly for the team's 200 meter medley.

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Checked by Flint Southwestern's Brandon Thompson, Novi's Brandon Bradford tries to keep driving for the basket during last Friday's home game. It was the team's last regular home game of the year, and the seniors on the team were recognized for their contributions to the basketball program.

BASKETBALL: Wildcats survive Canton scare

Novi 45, Flint SW 42
The Novi boys basketball team closed out the regular season in grand fashion, knocking off Flint Southwestern 45-42 Friday at home.
Dean lead the way with 16 points and 10 rebounds to go with five blocks and four steals. Bellamy added 15 points, six rebounds and four blocks. He scored 13 points after halftime.
Novi jumped out to a 19-12 lead by the end of the first, but struggled bad offensively in the second quarter and trailed 24-23 at the break.
Bellamy's offense coupled with a strong inside game helped the Wildcats pull out the win.
Jeff Theisen can be reached at jtheisen@gannett.com or at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

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Caleb Dean-Sr. C Novi
Chris Bellamy-Jr. G Novi
Vonn Jones-Jr. G Hartland
Jon Stevens-Jr. F Hartland
Chad McMullen-Sr. G Pinckney
Zach Short-Sr. F South Lyon
Blake Helman-Jr. G Lakeland
- Second Team:**
Brandon Bradford-Jr. G Novi
Bryan Bolin-Sr. G Brighton
Jordan Kidd-Sr. G Milford
- Justin Hartman-Jr. C South Lyon
Sean McEachern-Sr. G Pinckney
Kyle Bolin-Sr. C Brighton
Brett Burmeister-Jr. G Lakeland
Jim Lefebvre-Sr. F Pinckney
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Milford: Nate Kesto Jr. F and Stephen Fuelling Sr. G
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South Lyon: Jordan Short So. G and Mike Fenner So. G
- All-KVC Academic Selections from Novi:**
Chris Bellamy Jr. G
Nick Brockman Jr. G
Jeremy Mirns Sr. G
Collin Crandell Sr. F
Shaun Ryzdewski Sr. G
Nick Prokop Sr. F
Brad Kotylo Jr. F



Nick Prokop breaks out of the pack with a rebound.



Wildcat Collin Crandell tries to get a shot away through a forest of Flint Southwestern Academy arms - including Dionte Savage, right.

ROUNDUP: Hockey, girls hoops out of playoffs

but were unable to hold on as the Warriors scored the final two goals and advanced to the pre-regional finals.
The Wildcats closed out senior night in style, beating Hartland 3-2. Senior Andrew Haggerty led the charge with a pair of goals.

Girls Basketball

The Novi girls basketball season came to an end in their first game of district play. After receiving a bye, the Wildcats went up against eventual district runner-up Salem and lost 41-28.
Caroline Johnson led the Wildcats (17-4) with 13 points.
Jeff Theisen can be reached at jtheisen@gannett.com or at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.



Caroline Johnson defends during district play.

Sports Shorts

- Novi Baseball Camp**
Novi baseball head coach Rick Green and his assistants are hosting a camp for kids 8-14. The cost is \$60 and is available for the first 100 registered.
The camp runs 9 a.m.-1 p.m. March 15 at the Novi High School field house.
Checks payable to Novi HS Baseball can be mailed to Rick Green, c/o Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374.
- Novi Youth Baseball Registration**
The 2008 Novi Youth Baseball season is almost here. League registration 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.
- Shamrock lacrosse fundraiser**
There will be a CC lacrosse fundraiser at BD's Mongolian BBQ on Thursday, March 6. Seatings are at 7 and 8 p.m. for walk-ins.
- Questions or donations can go to coachdwilson@yahoo.com.
- Send sports submission to sports writer Jeff Theisen at jtheisen@gannett.com.

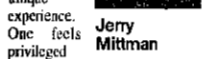
On the move

Running around the world

One of the "Upcoming Events" featured in my last column was the "Riverview Winterfest 4-Mile Run" on February 10. Congratulations to the 250 participants that endured the bone-chilling conditions that day (5° temperature, 25-35 mph winds with blowing snow and 20° wind chill). You are true diehards. While it was difficult running, the volunteers on the course deserve special praise for their support.

For a great trip, consider a marathon overseas

If you are a marathoner (or an aspiring marathoner) who likes to travel, why not combine the two interests? There are many memorable vacation experiences. One feels privileged to be able to participate and to run through traffic-free streets and by historic sites. This is not your usual tourist experience. An overseas marathon could be considered a 26.2 mile (42.2 km) running tour.



Jerry Mittman

Each of the 11 marathons I have run overseas was a memorable and enjoyable event - and a great opportunity to visit a new part of the world. You may want to include an overseas marathon in your plans. The ones I have done are listed below in the order of completion, along with comments regarding my experience.

- Dublin (Pots of tea at the finish)
- Prague (Miles of cobblestones; beautiful old city; great bands)
- Berlin (Through Brandenburg Gate; East and West Berlin - 2007)
- Paris (Running down Champs-Elysees; finishing near Arc de Triomphe)
- Stockholm (Afternoon start; hail storm; finish in Olympic Stadium)
- Beijing (First mile around Tiananmen Square and Mao's tomb)
- Rotterdam (Flat)
- Budapest (Views along river; fireworks in evening)
- London (Running on Tower Bridge; rain; finish at Buckingham Palace)
- Medoc (Near Bordeaux, France; costumed runners; 24 wide stops; party time)
- Amsterdam (Windmills; canal; Olympic Stadium loop and finish)

Planning your Trip

- If you have an interest in a marathon trip overseas, here are a few things to consider:
- Do the marathon early on the trip. Then relax and enjoy the rest of your travel.
- Language is not a problem. There is always a way to communicate and English is common.
- Use public transportation. It is convenient and inexpensive.
- Carry your running gear on the flight there.

Novi, CC Schedule

You may want to plan your trip on your own or work with a travel agency that specializes in marathon travel. One of the best is Marathon Tours and Travel (marathontour.com). An excellent source for information and runner ratings on US and foreign marathons is Marathon Guide (marathonguide.com). In addition, you are welcome to contact me.

Upcoming Events

- Sunday, March 16: Be part of the St. Patrick's festivities in downtown Detroit and run the Corktown 4 Mile Race at noon. It starts at the old Tiger Stadium. (downtownrunners.com/corktownrace.htm)
- April 5-6: Join the Martian Invasion in Dearborn. The Meteor 10K is Saturday and the Martian Marathon and Half Marathon are on Sunday. (martianmarathon.com)

Northville resident Jerry Mittman is an avid runner and has completed over 600 races, including 59 marathons. He can be contacted at jim997@hotmail.com.



Chris Barnas tries to create room from the Detroit Western trap.

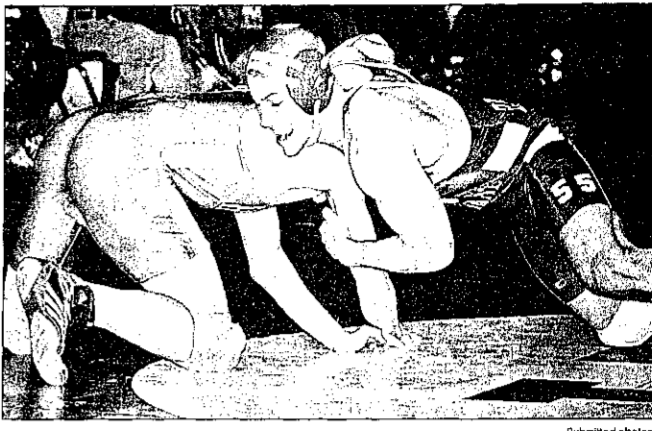
Shamrocks roll on

Catholic Central trailed 15-5 after the first quarter and 29-23 at the half before the Shamrocks roared back for a 47-38 feat going into the fourth.
Dezelski poured in 17 second-half points to score a game-high 22 in a 58-39 win against Detroit Western. Smith pitched in 13 points.
The Shamrocks took control early, racing out to a 18-6 lead in the first and never looked back.



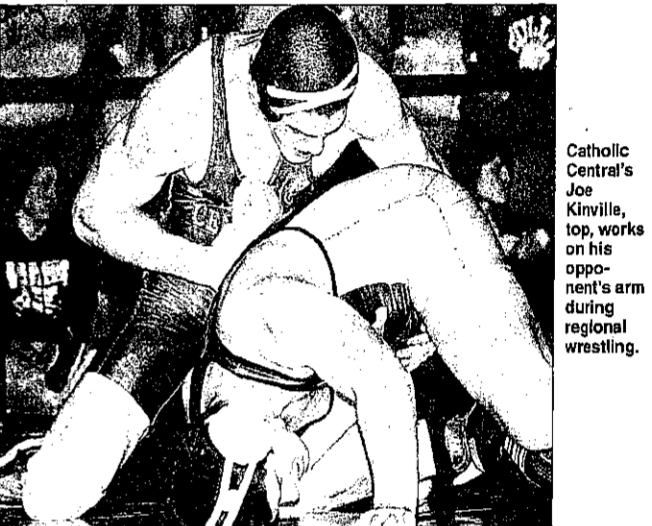
Bryan Forie takes a shot for the Shamrocks during a recent game.

Good news, bad news



Stefan Gatt works through one of his three wins during regional wrestling.

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER
The Catholic Central wrestling team had good news and bad news in the past week.
The good news: seven Shamrocks advanced to the individual state finals.
The bad news: CC was bounced by Hartland 39-33 in the regional finals.



Catholic Central's Joe Kinville, top, works on his opponent's arm during regional wrestling.



The Waza FC U13 boys team won a regional tournament in early December to earn a birth to the 2008 National Indoor Soccer Championship tournament held in Sterling, Virginia, on Feb. 16-17. Waza FC won all three preliminary games: 5-3 against a team from Fairfax, Virginia, 8-2 against a team from Virginia Beach, Virginia, and 5-4 against a team from Reston, Virginia. In the championship game, Waza FC trailed 5-1 to a team from Annadale, Virginia, but stormed back to take a 6-5 lead. Then with 45 seconds left in the game, Waza FC gave up the tying goal and ultimately lost 7-6 in overtime. Waza FC was led by Novi's Matt Wilson (8 goals and 4 assists) and Trevor Nessel (3 assists and tough defense).

Tourney tough

Pictured front row from left: Brent Winkler (Farmington Hills), Matt Wilson (Novi), Tommy O'Connor (Farmington Hills), Ronnie Basin (Farmington Hills), Aaron Krupa (Ann Arbor), George Pollak (Washington Township), Colin Warner (Northville), Allen Karpik (Lake Orion). Back row: Trevor Nessel (Novi), Matt McAuliffe (Livonia), Aleksandar Isaevski (Westland), Donald Payne (Ypsilanti), Alex Arlin (Farmington Hills), Dominique Hajdu (Brownstown Township), Rickie Carter (Commerce Township), Connaugh McLaughlin (Bloomfield), Jonathan Hanna (Shelby Township) and Coach Mario Scicluna.

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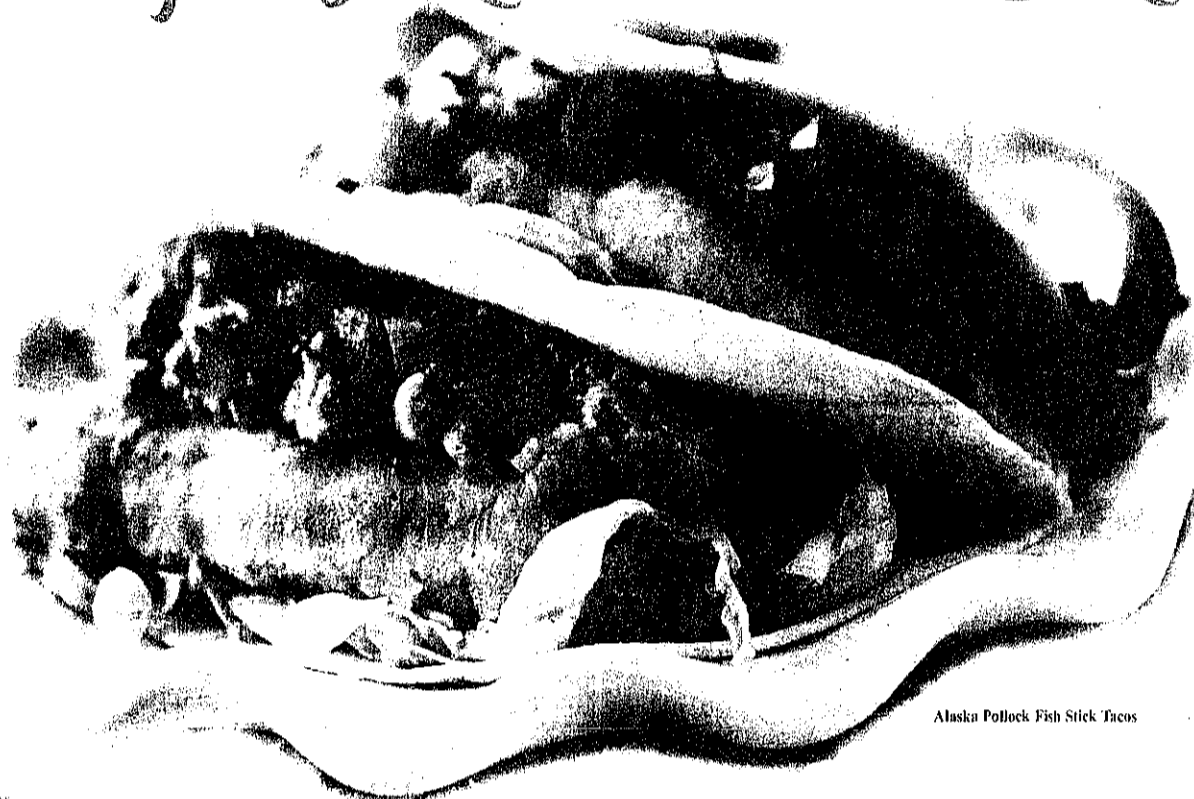
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Everyone's favorite fish revealed:

Alaska Pollock



Alaska Pollock Fish Stick Tacos

LANDRY FEATURES

Surprise! You already know this mild-tasting, delicately textured fish that swims wild in clean, icy Alaskan waters. You just didn't realize it.

Like the boy next door who's so friendly and easy going he's taken for granted, until his superman talents are revealed, genuine Alaska Pollock is finally making a name for itself. A kinsman cousin to cod, this whitefish is the one you love to eat in so many good things, from fish sticks and fish tacos, to fish sandwiches, fillets and surimi seafood. It's a rock star in fish and chips, too.

Versatility is where Alaska Pollock scores top points. Alaska Pollock is flash-frozen within hours of harvesting and processed for breaded fish sticks, frozen fillets or surimi seafood. Its mild flavor and snow-white, tender flesh are particularly kid-friendly and appealing.

On the nutrition side, Alaska Pollock is a terrific source of protein and minerals, making it especially popular during Lent. Low in fat and calories, it's a product worth seeking out year-round.

Add sustainability as another plus for Alaska Pollock, harvested from the largest sustainable fishery in the world. Alaska Pollock fishery managers strive and have for more than 30 years to maintain the quality and capacity of the biannual catch while protecting the species' habitat and ecosystem in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska. The result of their long-term dedication is an abundant, economical fish.

The versatility of Alaska Pollock is highlighted with the cross-cultural flavors in the trio of recipes here. Traditional Thai ingredients such as red curry paste, ginger, green chilies and coconut milk spark Thai Fishermen's Stew, a zesty dish with built-in warmth for an evening meal. Classic south-of-the-border seasonings give Alaska Pollock Fish Stick Tacos lively flavor with plenty of family appeal. What's not to like about pairing fish sticks with guacamole, taco seasoning, lime juice, green onions and cilantro? Or prepare Alaska Surimi Seafood Breakfast Bake. It's an easy-to-make fritata-type dish that matches Mexican seasonings with Alaska surimi seafood.

Add everything together and there's no question genuine Alaska Pollock is one tasty fish worth looking for in all its delicious forms. To find more recipes featuring this versatile fish, visit alaskaseafood.org.

Alaska Pollock Fish Stick Tacos

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 15 minutes
Servings: 4

- 8 frozen Alaska Pollock fish sticks (about 75 ounces each) or 4 frozen breaded/battered fish fillets (about 1.5 ounces each)
- 8 taco shells or flour tortillas (5- to 6-inch each)
- 2 cups shredded lettuce
- 1 cup prepared guacamole
- 1 cup chopped tomatoes
- 1 teaspoon Mexican or taco seasoning
- 1 lime, cut in 8 wedges
- 1/2 cup chopped cilantro
- 1/4 cup sliced green onions

Prepare fish sticks/fillets according to package directions. In each taco shell, layer 1/4 cup lettuce, 2 tablespoons guacamole, 2 tablespoons tomato, and 2 fish sticks or 1 fish fillet. Sprinkle on small amount of Mexican or taco seasoning. Squeeze juice of a lime wedge over fish. Top with 1 tablespoon cilantro and 1/2 tablespoon green onions.

Nutrients per serving: 322 calories, 15g total fat, 3g saturated fat, 49% calories from fat, 10mg cholesterol, 8g protein, 34g carbohydrate, 6g fiber, 260mg sodium, 27mg calcium, 220mg omega-3 fatty acids



Thai Fishermen's Stew

Thai Fishermen's Stew

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 20 minutes
Servings: 6

- 2 bottles (8 ounces each) clam juice
- 1 can (14.5 ounces) organic tomatoes with basil and garlic
- 1 can (4 ounces) chopped green chilies
- 2 teaspoons Thai red curry paste, or to taste
- 1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1-1/2 tablespoons fish sauce, or to taste
- 1 can (14 ounces) regular or light coconut milk
- 1-1/2 pounds Alaska Pollock fillets, fresh, thawed or frozen
- 2 tablespoons grapeseed oil
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh basil leaves

In Dutch oven, combine first 7 ingredients. Simmer covered 15 minutes. Stir in coconut milk and continue to simmer but do not boil.

Meanwhile, preheat broiler oven to 450°F. Rinse any ice glaze from frozen Alaska Pollock under cold water; pat dry with paper towel. Brush both sides of fillets with oil and place in baking pan. Broil 4 to 5 inches from heating element until opaque, about 5 to 6 minutes for frozen Alaska Pollock or 3 to 4 minutes for fresh/thawed fish. Cook just until fish is opaque throughout.

Remove fillets from pan and break into large chunks. Stir into stew; bring to a simmer. Sprinkle with basil leaves and serve piping hot.

Nutrients per serving: 241 calories, 10g total fat, 4g saturated fat, 40% calories from fat, 83mg cholesterol, 25g protein, 10g carbohydrate, 2g fiber, 830mg sodium, 136mg calcium, 500mg omega-3 fatty acids

Alaska Surimi Seafood Breakfast Bake

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 20 minutes
Servings: 4 to 6

- 1 large bell pepper, cut into strips
- 2 cups sliced mushrooms
- 1 can (4 ounces) sliced black olives, drained
- 1/3 cup sliced green onions
- 12 ounces Alaska Surimi Seafood (Imitation Crab)
- 1-1/2 to 2 teaspoons Cajun, Creole or Mexican seasoning
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded Colby Jack or Mexican cheese blend, divided
- 8 eggs
- 3/4 cup water

Preheat oven to 400°F. Spray coat 9- to 10-inch baking dish. Place peppers, mushrooms, olives and green onions in baking dish. Sprinkle seasoning over Alaska Surimi Seafood; stir to coat. Add surimi and 3/4 cup cheese to baking dish. Blend eggs and water; pour over surimi. Top with remaining 1/4 cup cheese.

Bake 18 to 20 minutes, until puffed and center is firm.

Nutrients per serving: 324 calories, 17g total fat, 8g saturated fat, 52% calories from fat, 374mg cholesterol, 24.5g protein, 14g carbohydrate, 2g fiber, 1171mg sodium, 240mg calcium, 300mg omega-3 fatty acids



Alaska Surimi Seafood Breakfast Bake

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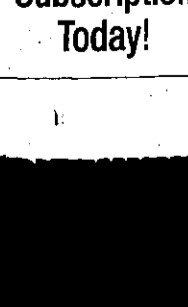
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Riverwalk wins

Windmill Homes takes Development of the Year award

Windmill Homes is the recipient of the Building Industry Association Development of the Year award for its Riverwalk development.

This is the second BIA award that Windmill Homes has won. The first was the BIA's 2002 Developer of the Year. Stuart Michaelson, a partner in Windmill Homes, credits their awards to the careful selection of good sites and careful planning and design of their communities.

Riverwalk, which won the 2007 award, is an infill community of 32 lots in Farmington Hills, priced from \$249,990 to the mid \$400,000's. Windmill Homes is also the developer of the exclusive, detached condominium home community in Novi known as Kirkway Place, located on the west side of Beck Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile Roads. Kirkway is well situated, with easy access to the I-96 freeway, and is close to shopping.

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Windmill Homes' floor plans utilize space efficiently.

under the condominium arrangement, the exterior of the homes as well as the grounds are maintained by the condominium association," said Sami Harb, Stuart's partner.

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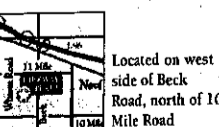
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Rolling into victory

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

When Jim Burton signed up for the Metro Detroit United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters, he didn't set his hopes too high. He was an underdog.

The 65-year-old Novi resident had some strong frames however, and won the \$2,000 prize at the Feb. 16 double-elimination tournament at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

"I can't believe it, it's a miracle," Burton said in a release. "It's like the perfect storm, nobody threw a big string of strikes against me except Walker in the next to last match."

In route to his title, Burton had to face several opponents, some of which are in the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame.

He began the tournament with a series of victories in two-game pin-total matches over Terrence Kandes of New Boston, James Lauricella of Sterling Heights and John Masiello of Southgate, winning by margins of nine to 52 and improving through each of his three opponents as the tournament progressed.

Then he blew out Hall of Famer and eventual third-place bowler Dave Bernhardt of Bruce Township 426-308 in a two-game series.

"I've been bowling well for the past nine-10 months, winning the National Senior Bowling Association three straight months," Burton said. "I got a tip from fellow competitor Ron LeChevalier about my arm swing and have become more consistent since then."

Burton's next contestant was also a Hall of Fame member, Larry Walker, but that didn't stop Burton from defeating the Garden City resident 459-387.

After defeating Walker, Burton had to wait for a winner to emerge from the loser's bracket.

Walker came pounding back, defeating Bernhardt 463-395 in the loser's bracket and setting up a rematch with Burton. Walker won the rematch with an impressive 510-470 score, equaling the two contestants out with one loss a piece in the double-elimination tournament.

Burton wasn't about to cash out on his underdog status, however, and started the winner-takes-all final series with a 278-204 victory, setting up a 502-393 defeat of Walker and cashing in on the \$2,000 championship.

Walker took home \$1,500 for his second-place finish and Bernhardt won \$1,000.

Mitchell Jabczynski, Sr. of Novi also competed in the tournament, taking home \$250 after a 14th-place finish. He averaged 225.79 per game.

Burton averaged 236.1 pins per game in 18 games of competition.

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Sen. Masters Leaders

Name
Jim Burton
City
Novi
Average
236.11
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Name
Larry Walker
City
Garden City
Average
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Placed
2nd

Name
Dave Bernhardt
City
Bruce Township
Average
218.65
Placed
3rd

Name
Harold Sullins
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Placed
4th

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Young dancers have a lot of fun while learning several disciplines at the Center Stage Dance Company in Northville.

Dance Fantasy

Tap, twirl and hop the summer away at Center Stage

By John R. Hall
SPECIAL WRITER

It may be cold and snowy outside but summer planning is heating up inside at the Center Stage Dance Company in Northville. Director Lisa Shapiro is looking forward to another fun-filled and instructional summer schedule for the many serious and casual students who enjoy dance as a career, hobby, or great way to exercise.

Lisa and her experienced staff have put the finishing touches on a schedule that has a little bit of everything for people of all ages.

FANTASY CAMP

One of the most popular summer activities is the Fantasy Camp where children ages 4-8 can use their imagination in a camp-like setting to live out tales of Pirates & Princesses, Mermaids & Pirates, Beauty and the Beast, and Aladdin's Lamp. Fantasy Camp will be held from 9-11:30 a.m. on July 8-10, 15-17, 22-24, and 29-31.

"The kids use their imagination and it truly is amazing what they come up with," Lisa said. "They help turn the studio into something special and there are all kinds of activities to keep them busy."

DANCE INTENSIVE

While the kids are busy living out their fantasies, there is another special session designed specifically for serious dance students ages 10 and higher. Dance Intensive is a program offered from 1-5 p.m. on July 22-24. Each of the three days has specific disciplines scheduled. The first day is ballet/lyrical followed by jazz/hip-hop, and concludes on the third day with tap.

"This instruction is for experienced dancers to hone a particular skill or to get a jumpstart on the fall season," Lisa noted.

OPEN CLASSES

People of all ages are encouraged to drop in on the Open Classes scheduled

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The Lion King
The Center Stage Dance Company is proud to announce its special Ballet Company performance of "The Lion King" at Northville High School at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 6.
Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at the Center Stage Dance Company. Group rates are available.



The dance students at the Center Stage Dance Company strike a familiar pose as they prepare for their next class.

during the summer, too. Everyone from ages 3 to adult can choose from several programs including ballet, hip-hop, preschool, and tap. Lisa said she is also including drop-in ballet and pointe classes twice a week for dancers ages 10 and up.

What makes these sessions unique is that participants can purchase Dance Bucks to use for any of the drop-in classes. That means they can choose any of the disciplines without having to sign up for a specific class and can also choose the length of session they want. Thus, drop-ins can be as simple as redeeming a Dance Buck.

"We know that people have busy schedules and there are lots of vacations in the summer so the open format works very well," Lisa added. "A lot of studios don't have summer programs and we offer students the opportunity to continue their dancing throughout the year."

DROP-IN CLASSES

Lisa also said that the same experienced staff that instructs from fall through spring staffs the summer drop-in sessions. But being committed to the students is just one way the Center Stage Dance Company shows its concern for the community.

"We have a high participation level in community oriented projects," said Lisa. "We recently ran models and dancers for the American Girl Fashion Show which raises funds for Children's Hospital of Michigan and we are choreographing the spring musical "Cats" for Northville High School."

The Center Stage Dance Company is also an active participant in the Northville Fourth of July Parade and the Northville Victorian Festival. Lisa is very proud of her studio's involvement with its spring tour of area nursing homes and its Christmas tour, too. Always thinking ahead, the staff will

release its fall 2008 schedule at the end of May. Thinking ahead and caring for its students and its community has put the Center Stage Dance Company at the forefront of serious and fun dance instruction for 20 years.

STUDIO STORE

Located on Seven Mile Road in the Northville Research Center, the studio also offers the following products and services:

- Dance shoes (custom fit for tap, jazz, ballet, lyrical, and hip-hop)
- Leotards, tights, ballet skirts, dance undergarments
- Logo-branded T-shirts, shorts, sweatshirts, pants, visors, and capris
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