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Wixom Road intercl

By Chris Jackett STAFF WRITER

Novi and Wixom residents have a more capable interchange at Interstate-96 and Beck Road as a result of renovations in 2005.

result of renovations in 2005. Starting this week, the Wixom Road interchange will receive an identical overhaut.

Wixon city officials and the Michigan Department of Transportation held a four-hour informational session March 13 at Wixom City Hall to enlighten residents and local businesses about the project the phases of change. the project, the phases of change and how it will benefit everyone in the end by accommodating projected growth for 2020.

"It should improve the flow. People will be able to get in and out quicker," said Bryan Turczynski, an MDOT assistant engineer. "The biggest thing is the project is going, but the impact to

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The \$20-million project will close all ramps connecting Wixom

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Road and I-96 from March 17 until late November, Turczynski said. He said the result will be a mirror image of the Beck Road interchange.

"As of now, looking at it on paper, it looks like it'll be a little bit of work, but not as bad as it could be," said Tony Mosconi of Total Sports Complex, located on Wixom Road about one mile north of the interchange, "Using Beck Road as a model, I think it'll be big. It'll be a learning curve, like roundabouts."

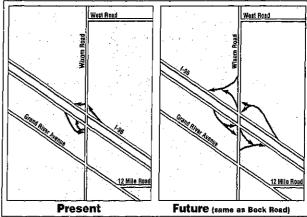
While browsing the site plans, Mosconi said the summer con-struction time will help keep the affects on the business at a miniaments of the costress at a mar-mum, as most soccer leagues play outdoors from mid-April through October. He worries the project could linger later into the winter when indoor soccer leagues at Total Soccer are at their busiest

Greg Grubbs of Total Sports Complex, also in attendance at the public session, said an update is

When Ford was there, certainly, It's overdue. The bridge is somewhat obsolete," he said, referencing the automotive assembly

Please see INTERCHANGE, 2A

Wixom Road/Interstate-96 Interchange Project



To Russia from Novi with love



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi New

Novi Meadows sixth-grade teachers Tom Michalski, left, and Jody Payne work together to raise funds for Russian orphanages. The pair left their students donate returnables to raise money for the Kostroma Kids orphanage program.

By Chris Jackett

Four years ago, Jody Payne didn't know much about Russia, the language or the people, but, now, the Novi teacher runs a summer program for Russian

orphans. "I was doing some work for school. I was writing on World War II and started clicking around on links on a Web site and came across a site a Peace Corps worker wrote," he said, "It's one of those sites you wish you hadn't gone to because then you feel like you have to do

something." So he did.

The sixth-grade teacher from Novi Meadows volunteered at an orphanage in Svirstroy, Russia, for six weeks in 2004.

"I don't speak a word of Russian. I'd never been to Russia, don't know anyone in Russia and I'm not Russian," Payne said.

After his first experience, Payne began thinking of what more he could do to help, which eventually led to his involve-ment with Kostroma Kids.

"I thought I would like to get donations to help kids," he said. "I ran across this woman (Jackie Higgins-Rosebrook) who started it in 2000. (Jackie who started it in 2000. Originally, both of us had gone to an orphanage in Svirstroy.

Please see ORPHANS, 10A

Holistic healing



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

James Tester, program coordinator for St. John Heath's Assarlan Cancer Center, stands near its most recent art exhibition: paintings by Mayumi Oura Teevens.

This is the third installment in a series featuring the St. John Health Providence Park campus in Novi.

By Kelly Murad

When the Assarian Cancer Center opened its doors almost nine years ago, it was with the intention of treating people, not

"It's not just about getting rid of the cancer, it's about (making sure) in the process you don't ge

rid of the person," said Elena Weissman, manager at the Providence Center for the Healing Arts. "Cancer treatment is brutal. This is a growing movement to look at how can we provide more

holistic care for our patients."

According to Weissman, it was the driving force of Dr. Patrick McLaughlin, chair of radiation and oncology, for patients to receive state-of-the-art medical care, while addressing the needs of their whole self at the same

Please see HEALING, 2A

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Lucky's of Novi just opened Double Six Lounge, 44325 12 Mile Road, on the west side of the building's first floor last weekend. The lounge offers an upscale martini lounge as patrons enjoy live music such as The

Square Pegz and Spirit of 76, a 1970s rock tribute band, from 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Although the completely remodeled lounge now has its own entrance on the west side of the

The lounge is for ages 21 and strictly enforced. Call (248) 374-3420 www.DoubleSixNovi.com for more information. Call (248) 374-3420 or visit

Missed out seeing some of the Oscar-nominated films while they were in theaters? Some are still available at the Novi Town Center B, 26085 Town Center Drive, located on the east side of Novi Town Center. Catch "No Country for Old Men," "Atonement" and "There Will be Blood" while you still can. Call (248) 465-7469 for show times, (248) 344-0014 for the office and visit www.novitowncenter8.com for more information. And before the show, don't forget to dine at Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro next door

It's Easter! Even if you're not Catholic, there's no reason not to spend time with your family and eat a ton of food, primarily chocolate. For some added fun, head to Rock Financial Showplace's Diamond Center, 26100 Grand River Ave., for a 10 a .m.-2 p.m. Easter Brunch

more. The breakfast requires reservations by 5 p.m. today. Tickets cost \$27 for adults; \$13 for ages 4-12 and free for 3 and younger. Call (248) 348-5600 x200 for more information.



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"We're here to promote the mind, body and spirit," said James Tester, program coordinator at the Providence Center for the Healing Arts, "We try to look at the whol-

The 33,000-square-foot outpatient facility sits on the Providence Park Campus and sees

about 40,000 patients a year.

"Part of what is happening on the campus is that this is a whole health park," Weissman said, "As a pillar of this community, we are invested in people's health."

Not to be fooled by its name, the
Assarian Cancer Center is much

more than a place where patients go for chemotherapy and radiation.

The thing about our center is I want it to feel more like a conmunity center than a cancer cen-Weissman said, "It's not

fountain or someone doing yogn."

According to Tester, the center strives to treat a person's five-selves: Physical, mental, loving, spiritual and creative.

"There's more to a person than what they're going through," he said. People probably come here because of cancer, but that leads Whether or not a person is in

the midst of illness, the center aims to help them find a way to feel fike a whole person.
"We don't discriminate against people who don't have cancer, we

"People who get cancer and their families are profoundly changed and are very empowered about how to make it better."

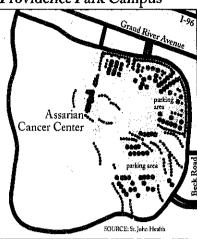
Programs offered at the

Providence Center for the Healing Arts include yoga, meditation, art classes, knitting, massage therapy and a cooking class sponsored by the Cancer Project, a national organization dedicated to promoting nutrition for cancer prevention and survival.

We have a number of pro-

any of these classes puts you immediately in the present

HEALING Providence Park Campus



lot of people are stressed and the healing arts are here to help that

Another aspect of the healing arts center is the art gallery.
"We feature an artist every
month, or every other," Tester
said, "It's (the artwork) got to be

inspiring in some way, but it does n't have to relate to cancer. Currently, the artwork of Novi resident Mayumi (May) Oura Teevens is on display in the Nancy A. Fox Gallery, inside the

Bright House offers March Madness coverage

Michigan recently announced they will provide additional coverage of the 2008 NCAA Men's Basketball Championship. The March Madness Tournament highlights will be featured on Channel Free On Deniand and Sports On Demand for digital box sub-scribers. The exclusive offering is in conjunction with CBS Sports and CBS College Sports Network

(formerly CSTV) and will be available through April 14. The offer includes customized highlights from all 63-tournament games, includes a recap of every game featuring extensive highlights, select post game inter-views, fully produced March ories and Free On Demand. The available games that make up this bonus package. Admission and lunch is free. Bring are in addition to those on ESPN, the entire family and have your kids. Entrepreneurial Credit (ME-2).

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Join your friends and neighbors from Novi and Northville to kick off the candidacy of Lou Csordas for Oakland County Commissioner Join Csordus for lunch on Saturday, April 19 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Outback Steakhouse on Grand River Avenue, across from St. John

witness the political process. Invite a friend. Scheduled to attend are Oakland County Executive L.
Brooks Patterson, Congressman
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Chairman Bill Bullard. Space is fimited to 60 guests, so RSVP at (248) 348-1106.

Cassis introduces bill

Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) intro duced bi-partisan legislation in the Michigan Senate to help stimulate the economy by providing signifi-cant tax relief for small businesses. increase the number of job providers eligible for the alternativ tax rate for small businesses and



of businesses along Wixon

Road, south of I-96.

Boilore, who also chairs

Development Authority, said he

doesn't anticipate heavy conges-tion along Wixom Road during

the project.
"Ninety percent of traffic gets

on the freeway. The other 10 per-cent goes through. It's a matter of

will find out the best detour for

them. I think a lot of people will come down Milford Road," he

said. "I just don't like the time

frame. It takes forever to build

things."

Also affected by the project will be Detroit Catholic Central

High School in Novi. Located

travel from Plymouth Northville, Livonia and Novi

take II Mile Road to Wixon

door" to avoid a mess of con

struction cones during the spring

mile south of the inter change, many staff and students use the Wixom Road exit as they

Wixom's

Novi's dispatch coordinator Joe Burchett, middle, and Novi Police Lt. Keith Wuotinen listen to MDOT representative Bryan Turczynski, left, talk about the upcomming construction at Wixom Road and Interstate-96

INTERCHANGE

plant on Wixom Road that closed The 51-year-old interchange will get a full overhaul in three phases this year. This first phase

will focus on completing the east side of the interchange by late July. Grubbs said a lot of the soccer players coming to Total Soccer travel westbound from Novi, Livonia and other Detroit suburbs, making the eastern portion of the project the most ideal for the first round of completion.

The second phase of the project will run from July to late November or early December as the western portion of the inter-change is constructed. The final phase will take place April through June of 2009 as lighting, and Beck roads are installed. All three lanes in each direc-

tion will remain open on I-96. One lane in each direction on Wixom Road will also remain open to all for the purpose of allowing fire and medical respondents to reach the senior center on Grand River Avenue. west of Wixom Road, as quickly During the first two phases of

construction, motorists will have to enter and exit I-96 east at Beck

Road or west at Milford Road by traveling down detours along West Road and Grand River

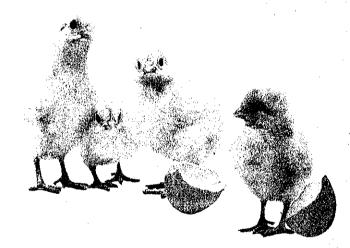
Skip Boilore, a Highland resi-Wixom Road and Pontiac Trail ing problems.
"I was losing customers like

crazy because they couldn't get to Old Wixom Road," he said. In a similar fashion, Wixom Road will be widened between I-96 and Grand River Avenue, easing congestion traffic for customers turning out of businesses. The project will also add a right-turn lane for northbound drivers on Grand River Avenue and a "rounding off" of all four corners at Wixom Road and Grand River Avenue to prevent trucks and buses from riding up on the curb the Beck Road interchange and

as they turn. "People are going to be able to get in and out of here more," said Boilore at the informational session while pointing to a diagram and fall

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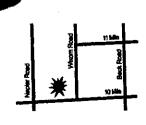
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City Hall and religion: A perfect match

■ GracePointe rents council chambers

Two years ago, Pastor Brian Sleeth picked up and moved his family from Maryland to Michigan not knowing a soul, but

there's got to be that internal sense," he said, "We just moved here ourelves and started meeting people

Temporary location

Now, with a congregation of about 25 people and no perma-nent facility, GracePointe Presbyterian church is holding Sunday service at the Novi Civic

least the next year," said Sleeth, noting council chambers is not available Easter Sunday, so he will Crowne Plaza Hotel, "We're going to he there (Civic Center) weekly

enter, in council chambers.
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change.
"We felt like, for the future, we decisions are made for the city." wanted to be going to the next level," he said. "This better matched our next phase."

Although Council chambers is available to rent and GracePointe Presbyterian is not the first church to take advan-tage of the Civic Center facilities. "We've had churches rent space

before for services," said Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director Randy Auler. "It's a way "We're going to be a completefor them to build their church congregation. It's what these facilities are for, community use."
Surrounding communities, such as Farmington Hills and Northville, said religious organi-

zations don't tend to rent their city hall facilities, but rather their Community centers.

GracePointe has reserved council chambers through 2008, which

will generate about \$11,000 in revenue for the city.

Other religious organizations that have utilized the Civic facilities include Christian Congregation, Spirit Group, Sai Baba, Cornerstone Church and Oak Pointe Church.

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"The Civic Center was perfect because it was very important for me to meet somewhere in the cul-tural hub of Novi and how appro-

Hotel for Sunday service, but recently felt it was time for a change.

The property of the key places, Sleeth said. "We're blessing the room where

"We're the second largest

Although GracePointe Presbyterian is a Bible-based denomination, its concept is very unique, in comparison to other

ly different church from the churches that currently exist," Sleeth said. "We're not a church that wants to be the nice church on the hill that says 'come to us.'
We're out in the community
because we want to be thoroughly
involved with their life."

GracePointe Presbyterian will offer nursery and children's church during Sunday services and, starting April 17, adult Bible dren's ministry will be offered at Parkview Elementary School. The church is also trying to lar-

get different groups through cof-fee house concerts and a Hispanic

group of 25-30 (people)," Sleeth said. "Our goal is not to be a huge church, our goal is actually to plant churches. We'll be looking . We'll be looking churches in the

GracePointe Presbyterian
Church is a branch of the Presbyterian Church in America

country," Sleeth said. Pastor's story

Sleeth had spent 10 years building a church from the ground up in southern Maryland before ding to the Midwest

> had its initial seedlings with the other church," he said. Although Sleeth knew he want ed to start another Presbyterian church, the location was an uncer-

tainty, until he visited Novi. "The thing that initially drew me was the 10 Mile corridor, from Novi Road to Lyon Township," Sleeth said. "We have a genuine love for this community. With his wife and four kids

people and making a name for himself in the community. Sleeth has been in ministry fo 15 years and ordained for 11 years For the past nine years, he has been working on his doctorate and dissertation "Small Churches, Starting Churches."

Sleeth plans to graduate in May.

Pastor Brian Sleeth and his GracePointe Presbyterian Church congregation will be meeting at the Novi Civic

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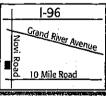
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Cigarette and oxygen cited as cause of fatal fire

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The fatal fire that broke out in Novi last Saturday afternoon is considered accidental and was caused by careless smoking in an oxygen-enriched atmosphere said Novi Fire Chief Frank Smith

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used by careless smoking in an average enriched atmosphere, id Novi Frice Chief Frank Smith of the determined Novi resident was on oxygen and the first state of the Novi Resident of the home, location was on oxygen and the first state of the home, location was on oxygen and the first state of the home, location was on oxygen and the first state of the home, location was on oxygen and the first state of the home, location was on oxygen and the first state of the home, location was on oxygen and the first state of the home, location was on oxygen and the first state of the home, location was on oxygen and the first state of the home, location was on oxygen and the first state of the home first at Hometown and home first at Hometown Novi Mobile Home Park.

ed at 29809 Montmorency, near

escape the home and ran to get

help for Bartsch, who is partially

the call at 11;58 a.m., but the fire was already blowing two minutes

lence when the fire broke out.

Bartsch's girlfriend was able to

engulfed in flames.

"The fire did have a head start,"

Smith said. "The older they
(mobile homes) are, the worse they are with fire standards.

Firefighters arrived at the scene within four minutes of receiving

the call, but were unable to gain

fire was under control at about entry to the home, which was

349-1700, ext 103,

minor injuries to the cheek in the blaze, but has since been treated

Car part thefts increase

By Keily Murad

alytic converters are becoming about \$6,400 per ounce. more in danger of theft.

Located on the underside of a an anti-pollution device in an converters earlier this month. automotive exhaust system.

converters is on the rise in metro-Detroit due to the precious metals They're cutting them off and

taking them to scrap yards where they are removing these precious metals and selling (them)," he said. Catalytic converters contain Molloy said the value of plat-inum is currently about \$1,200 "They're using a sawzall (hand-per ounce, palladium is about \$320 per ounce and rhodium is then \$4.00 per ounce."

According to Novi police reports, there were two incidents of attempted theft of catalytic According to Gannett News Service, about 66 catalytic con-verters have been stolen in Troy since mid-July, Macomb County's auto-theft squad responded to dozens of thefts in Warren about two months ago and, more recent-ly, more than a dozen converters One case occurred in the park-According to Novi Police Chiefing lot of Twelve Oaks Mall and David Molloy, theft of catalytic the other in the parking lot of the Novi Sheraton.

Molloy said to be on the lookwere removed from vehicles at out for anyone suspicious that two might be sliding underneath a Harri-vehicle.

"We've only had two cases and, Novi News staff writer Kelly both times, they failed," said Murad can be reached at (248) Molloy, noting thieves are targeting higher up vehicles, such as kmurad@gannett.com.

two individually

vehicles at Lifetime Fitness

Novi Police Department offi-cials announced a 26-year-old Dearborn Heights man was arrested in connection with 22 cases of theft from vehicles in the Novi Lifetime Fitness park-ing lot since last November.
"We believe he is responsible

for many, if not all, larceny from auto incidents at Lifetime Fitness," said Novi Police Chief David Molloy. The suspect was caught using

a stolen credit card from one of

Police officials are still investi-

Arrest made for theft from

sible for similar incidents in surrounding communities such as Canton and Troy. "You live in a safe community, but we're not immune from prop

but we're not influence from prop-erty crime," Molloy said.
The suspect is currently lodged at the Oakland County Jail for unrelated drug charges in West Bloomfield Township.

of illegal use of a financial trans

Molfoy hopes to charge the suspect later this week. The suspect is facing charges

entering of a motor vehicle gating whether the suspect is which is a five-year felony. He could also be responsible for limes the value of the property

stolen, whichever is greater Other items stolen from vehicles while parked in the lot at 40000 High Point Boulevard include Global Positioning Systems, computers and purses

park," Molloy said, "Prevention

Two girls arrested for retail fraud; cash missing from wallet

reports, two girls were arrested for retail fraud at Lord & Taylor

POLICE BRIEFS

One of the girls stole a Free People yellow shirt, \$78; a Chelsea & Theodore shirt, \$88; and a Buffalo shirt, \$58.

and a Buttalo snirt, 558.

The other girl stole a Lucky Brand polka dot top, \$58, and a Free People yellow shirt, \$78.

A 1685 prevention officer observed the two girls via surveilgirls began to cry.

They were arrested for retail lance cameras enter the same fitting room with selected merchan

The officer followed the girls into the fitting rooms and said she could hear them removing sensors and placing the merchandise into bags they took into the room,

searched the fitting room once the girls left, and found only hangers remaining. The girls discarded the sensors in the women's department, reports said.

The loss prevention officers pproached the girls as they exited the store via the upper level mall entrance, reports said

A call was placed to the Novi Police Department regarding sus-picious activity of several occupants near Buckminster Drive and Wright Way at about 6:25 p.m.

fraudy page of the fr

Marijuana arrest

Department arrived on scene, the

the three occupants of the red The loss prevention officer Dodge Caravan and the driver gave his consent to search the vehicle, reports said.

could detect an odor of marijuana from inside the vehicle and found money and a scale. The K-9 Yukon was brought in to further search the vehicle.

In total, the girls attempted to steal \$360 worth of merchandise, them and one subject handed over

The officers asked the occu-

pected stolen at Cigar Cafe

A woman's cash and debit card

are suspected stolen from her wallet between 10 p.m. March 8 and
1:30 a.m. March 9, reports said.
According to the woman, she did
not realize the iterus were missing amounts of marijuana that were in the back pocket of his pants. He was arrested for possession of marijuana.

The officers confiscated the scale \$136 and four grams of the woman was at the Cigar

Cafe, on 12 Mile Road, just west of Novi Road, the night before

purse on top of a couch with her coat over it, and later moving it onto the couch cushion when a group of people came to sit down,
After calling the bank, the
woman found her card had been used at a gas station, and the suspect attempted to use it at Target three separate times,

According to the report, the green Ford Focus was parked in the

vehicle and stole the adapter The contents of the glove box and center console had been

occurred, but nothing was stolen,

Dispatcher promoted

Ms, Kaplan to

leader-

key

On March 13, dispatcher Janet Kaplan was promoted to Dispatch Shift Leader with the Novi Police

A five-year veteran of the Novi Police Department Communications Center, shift leader Kaplan earned two was recognized as the Novi Police Department's Employee of the Month in July 2007.

Month in July 2007.
Kaplan began her dispatching career with the Billings, Mont.
Police Department, where she worked for nine years before relocating to the Novi area.

Police Chief

"We are very fortu to have her as a member of our team. Ms. Kaplan continually She also holds a Bachelor of demonstrates a strong commit-Science degree from Madonna
University in criminal justice.
"I am both honored and see of the Novi Police pleased to have the opportunity to Department."

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MY CITY COUNCIL

Novi City Council tables Best Buy preliminary site plan

The architects of the proposed Best Buy building on Novi Road approached council requesting approval of the preliminary site plan at Monday's meeting.

Best Buy representatives are proposing to build a 30,891-square-foot store on the northeast corner of Novi Road and the

Twelve Oaks Mall west entrance. The 3.3 scare property is combin-ing the sites of the former Comerica Bank and Newton Furniture store. Prior to submitting a prelimi-nary site plan, Best Buy has been the Taubman Company would be

changes made by the applicant to Grant application approval adhere with city administration's requests, some members still had concerns regarding the proposed signage and traffic volume.

Council held a publing regarding the parks de

to approve the preliminary site in land the planning commission also requested a letter from the owners.

The planning commission also requested a letter from the owners and the fall least 25 percent the of Thomas Only Modification.

working with the City of Novi to comply with its ordinances. Although control appreciated

Council held a public hearing regarding the parks department's signage and fraffic volume.

The issue was brought before the planning commission feb. 27 Matural Resources Trust Fund for a public learing and they made a positive recommendation.

The issue was brought before the planning commission feb. 27 Matural Resources Trust Fund for a public learing and they ment of a barrier free playground in membership and responsibilities, and to include the review and primary from the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.

the ITC Community Sports Park. Novi resident Charlie Staab MEETING NOTEBOOK commented that he supports the grant process, but thinks the funding should be earmarked for the existing Tim Pope play structure at

> total project cost, which would be funded in the 2008-09 budget.
> The projected total cost is \$200,000, meaning the local
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> The recommended membership funded in the 2008-09 budget.
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> The projected total cost is \$200,000, meaning the local match is \$50,000.

Walkable Novi Committee

In December, the sidewalk pri-

oritization of trails and greenways. Bar Louie Liquor license The group is proposing the creation of the Walkable Novi Committee, whose primary purpose would be to continue priori-

members of the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission, Karen Zyczynski and another member to be decided; Mark Spencer from the

license to Zaam, LLC, doing business as Bar Louie.

Owners Zubin Antia and tizing the needs of the city's sidewalks and bike paths, with the addition of trails and green ways.

The committee would also create a unified plan to assist and Anthony Marougi previously approached council requesting one of the city's liquor licenses in November, but were denied. Councilmembers expressed

appreciation to the owners for keeping their business in Novi.
The owners are hoping to open in
July, at the Twelve Mile Crossing at Council ananimously approved the request to submit a grant application for a handicap accessible playground.

The recommendate two council mentures and the request two council mentures. Andrew Mutch and David Staudt; three members of the Planding Commission, Briam Burke, Mark Pehrson and Mike Meyer; two Fountain Walk location.

Mayor David Landry wanted to

Council unanimously approved the transfer of a Class C liquor

address the issue of attending the Consultant Review Committee meeting at 6 p.m. April 9. Although Landry is attending as a member of the public, he meeting because four members of council will be there.

Councilman Bob Gatt and

councilwomen Terry Margolis and Kathy Crawford already sit

Council meeting notes were taken

from the March 17 regular meeting of the Novi City Council. All Council members were present. Next meeting: 7 p.m. April 7 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

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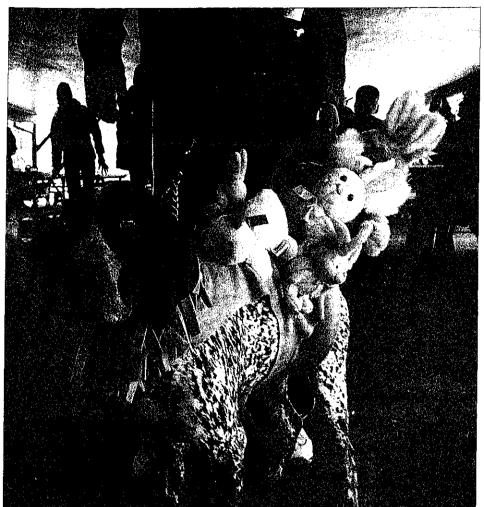
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Ed Slawinski decked his dog, Sadle, out in an appropriate costume for last Saturday's Easter Mutt Strut at Lakeshore Park. As Sadie is hunting dog, it's appropriate that she has bunnles and ducks riding on her back.

There's always something going on in Novi

PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/ NOVI NEWS



Novi police officer Kevin Rhea prepares to roll a strike during last Saturday's Novi Youth Assistance Bowl-A-Thon at Novi Bowl. Teams were formed from schools, churches, police, fire and city employees who all teamed together to raise thousands of dollars for the mentoring program.



Nancy Ely's dog, Sunny, zeroes in on a dog biscuit during last Saturday's Mutt Strut at Lakeshore Park. Dogs and owners participated in a biscult hunt (think Easter egg hunt, but for dogs), fashion parade and contests for



Coiln Whitney, 3, rolls a bowling ball towards the pins during last Saturday's Novi Youth Assistance bowl-a-thon. The Renaissance Chorus,,a chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society of Wayne, performs some trish tunes at last Friday's St. Patrick's Day celebration at the Novi Teams raised money for the Novi youth mentoring pro-



A senior, with appropriate Irish getup, applauds a barbershop chorus at last week's St. Patrick's

Massage businesses Tequila Rain closes, Double will see lower fees

■ Council approves ordinance amendments

were fall ing, it appears the citye. s listening.

et slouday's meeting, council a) proved the first reading of the re olumn to amend the city's n essage ordinance. Therefore

I think this is a good comprosaid Mayor David Landry, arding the amended ordinance.

With annual fees formerly for thme \$110, massage therapists - \$10 ar. I business owners have been - fee. atesting the increase since

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The amended ordinance will cutting costs.

lower the massage therapist fee by 55 percent, while massage busi-nesses will see a 50 percent reduc-tion in their annual renewal fee.

"I think the fees are better." said Linda Dumbrigue, owner of Knots Kneading Massage. "Do I state the state of think they are reasonable? Not necessarily because the fees for renewal and initial application are

Although the decrease is signif-

included a \$500 massage business renewal fee, a \$100 massage on a \$100 massage on a \$100 massage on \$100 massa

Discember when some received to the state of cost the city \$519.

review committee in an effort to reduce costs incurred upon the required annual inspections for massage businesses, therefore "We restructured how the

inspections take place," said Mayor Pro Tem Kim Capello. If the second reading of the res-

"In terms of the fees, I think the same and I don't think the same amount of work is involved." they made a good base effort to come to a change," Dumbrigue said, "But I feel like there is still some pretty pertinent issues that

howering the increased massage businesses are still need to be addressed."

Some of the issues Dumbrique thraphs fee that went into effect that 3 March.

The A March is a still need to be addressed. The source of the second particular to the second probabilities and the second particular to the second probabilities and the second particular to year's annual fees.

The initial increase that was approved by council and went into effect March 19, 2007, included a \$500 massage busic communicable disease examinations.

ness registration fee and added a strength and background check illegitimate businesses in the city." Landry said. "I think there is a reason for that, and the reason is According to city officials, the our ordinance."

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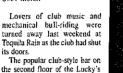
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Six Lounge opens at Lucky's



of Novi complex closed for some to-be-publicly-announced changes, according to General Manager Brian Conway. "All I can say is a new level of nightlife will soon be delivered,"

Tequila Rain's last stand was a packed Saturday March 8 night, where advertisements for the cach night last weekend were 349-1700, ext. 122 or cjack-March 14 grand opening of the notified of the closing at the door ent@gannett.com.

Double Six Lounge downstairs and many chose to attend the

an upscale lounge on the west side of Lucky's.

The Tequila Rain closing was low key in order to not steal the

thunder and excitement for the Double Six Lounge opening, Conway would not comm on what the changes would be, the opening date or the name of

Tequila Rain was part of the Lucky's of Novi complex, which also includes the Lucky Strike were scattered on walls and areade.





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Students honored; bomb threat not credible

Student board member Joe Pritchard, a senior and student council president at Novi High School, reported to the hoard about several recent and upcoming events. He told the board 63 members had been recently inducted into the National Honor Society and the Class of 2012 par-ents meeting on March 4 went smoothly. He said spring sports tryouts are coming soon and 750 students are expected to partici-pate. Pritchard also noted several etes from the boys swimming and diving, boys basketball and wrestling teams had carned indi-Championship for her pairs rou-

ence comments Secretary Katic Racon reported opportunity to say he was grateful

Reports to the board

approved for 29 students and two chaperons to travel to the World played for the board, showing a trip 21 Novi High School students and three chaperones took to Italy and Greece from Feb. 16-4 during mid-winter break.

4 during mid-winter break.

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5 during mid-winter break.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING NOTEBOOK

Consent agenda The board approved two items by a 6-0 vote, including the Feb.

· The board unanimously

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28 board meeting minutes and the Winter Drumline's April 16-20 trip to Dayton, Ohio for the Winter Guard International World Championships. tine at a competition in Bulgaria. The school musical "Bye Bye Birdie" will have place April 10-12 and tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5

Correspondence and audi-

for seniors and children.

correspondence to the board from one parent, who spoke during the comments from the audience that full-day kindergarten is avail-able to all students who wanted it at Parkview Elementary School.

An eight-minute video was had its April 16-20 trip to Atlanta trict's final counts lost 14 students

Schoolcraft College

projects 25,000 fewer students this Trustee George Kortlandt was concerned this program would give district personnel the option of moving out of the district to a cheaper tax area, although he did note the full-time kindergarten

program has been designed to help move families into the district, giv-Championships approved 6-0 for the 12 White Team members to travto Dayton, Ohio. Superintendent sion should be looked into by the Business and Operations Gail policy committee for students attending non-athletic competition trips that may result from prior com-petitions. The board currently does Credit requested the approval of the amended 2007-08 distric budget. The preliminary budget approved June 28, 2007 was mod-ified because enrollment, state aid, ending fund equity, health care premium costs and other expenses not have to individually approve

mously approved for \$2.48 million.

• The high school robotics team made easier for some district staff members, Schram noted the dis-

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accepted the donation of \$200 Assistant Superintendent of from Study Point in Southfield for Human Resources Bob Schram the Math Fun Night presented by the Ann Arbor Hands-On a trial modification to Boar Policy 5010, which allows chil-June 30 retirements of dren of Novi Schools employees to Orchard Hills Elementary Media Specialist Lois Gdowski and attend district schools if they do not live in Novi. For the 2007-08 Building Specialist David King year, six students applied to the were approved 6-0.

• A third and final group of bids program and five were accepted (there were no available seats for for construction projects at Village Oaks, Orchard Hills and Parkview elementary schools was unani- provided and daily schedules were

Board communication

remainder taken out over time.

the suggested one-time \$450,000

transfer of food service equity, by

law, can only be a certain percer

The Village Oaks and Orchard Hills elementary school

who made the threat

schools this month

· Peter Dion reported that the

. Dion said the March 6 bomb

threat at Novi High School was deemed non-credible and officials continue to look for the person

Destination Imagination program placed several teams and will compete at the state finals April 19 at Central Michigan

nized high school teacher Mike
Akouri for his work with the
finance classes after reading a story in the Novi News.

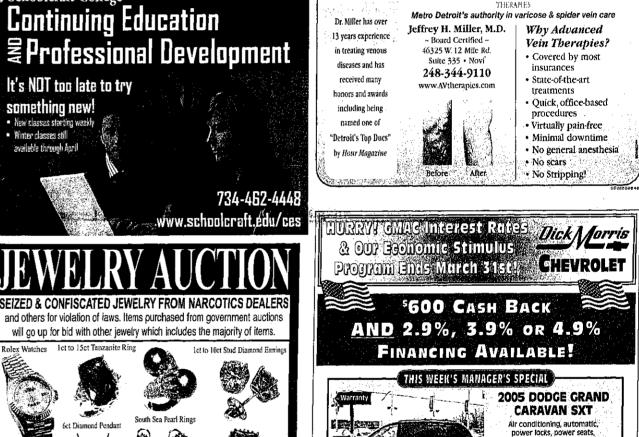
Secretary Ann Glubzinski reported the Novi Educational wetlands surrounding the school A public hearing for the Parkview project was held at City Hall as the school board success, which Dion and President meeting began and Credit report Jeff Nielson echoed in gratitude. ed that no members of the public

 Nielson also recognized March is Reading month, expressing his shared compassion for successfully held several Michigan standardized tests and reading and writing while saying he had met several great children while volunteering to read at the 100 percent of the students attended the three days for test-Assistant Principal Stephanie Schriner, Lawrence and instructor Maggie Superintendent's report

Layne.
• The board adjourned to executive session at 8:30 p.m.

were taken from the Thursday, March 13 regular meeting of the Novi Community School Board by Chris Jackett, All bound members meeting: 7 p.m. April 3 at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road.









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Students learn about careers and the 'real world'

Novi Middle School students got a quick taste of the real world last week as local professionals came in to tell them about their jobs and

balancing mock monthly budgets.

Many eighth-graders started off
the morning listening to John Keilly and Curt Ellis speak about their respective professions with a consulting firm and as Novi High School's athletic director.

Derek Engerbreison, 14, said the biggest lesson he learned from Ellis is the chance of becoming a professional athlete is one in 50,000.

Eighth graders also participat in the Reality Store, which had students going to different sta-tions with a mock career and budget, then making decisions about what they would purchase with their monthly salary.

With 14 tables, most which required the students to take action regardless of how low their hadget was getting, students had choices such as what type of home they would have, what vehi-cle they would drive and several other requirements that came with

having children. Victoria Rose, 13, went into the Reality Store as a single doctor with an 8-month-old child. She

came out \$114 over budget. "It was fun to go around the reality store," she said. "I learned not to waste your money on stuff you don't need because you'll go

Classmate Lindsey Smith, 14, ended \$541 over budget as a married psychologist with an 18month-old child.

Students ran into the "reality check" table midway through the process, which threw them for a loop with something costly like a iospital visit, car accident or a nuch-needed tax refund or salary increase. Some students survived the Reality Store by starting off Ryan Boyd, 14, was a single bio-

mechanical engineer with a 3-year-old child and \$3,578 salary. He was able to stay under budget by \$182. "I bought mediocre stuff and had benefits, that was the main thing," he said. "We had to buy a different house depending or

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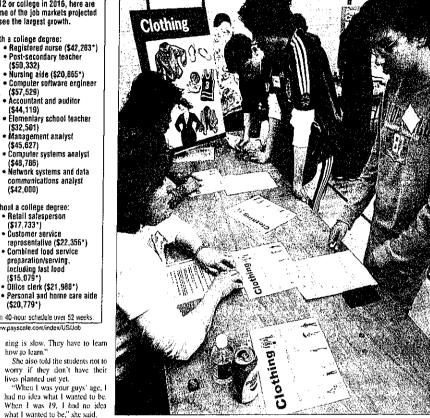
experience the Reality Store, but had 20 local professionals speak about their jobs in a rotating afternoon of insight.

Some students listened to FBI Agent Michael Fitzgerald as he demonstrated how to use handcuffs and explained procedures of his job, revealing a more human aspect than is displayed in many movies "Even though he's a bad guy, you still want to treat him with

respect. What goes around, comes around," Fitzgerald told the class "Anytime we do a pull warrant or search warrant we have to pull our firearms for our own safety Alysia Mefford, a dog trainer

and breeder from Dog Centers of America, brought Kado, a 4-year-old German shepherd to the classroom and explained the process of children and a car depending on training animals.

"When you're working with a dog, it's like working with a for-eign language because they don't Seventh-grade students didn't Mefford said. "The very begin-



Novi Middle School students stop by the clothing booth of last week's Reality Store, where they budgeted for everything in their make-believe adult world; including rent,

and others at 19 their choses career path, but not all. Novi High School Career Resource Specialist Bill Schoff said stu-

all the way along, 'he said. 'No age is too young to begin. If they did more planning ahead of time, they don't change (careers) as often (when they're older). I don't think there's a set age. It changes

"Most kids, and even adults, will think of 20 jobs. We're trying decide a career.

"They need to know who they lackett can be reached said, "Getting them to think is a think there's a set age. It changes should be a side of the said of the students are in the said, said, explaining the awareness the said of the said

Students at Novi High School

In addition to teaching the kids dents should start thinking about careers as soon as possible, even if they don't decide until later on in life.

"It's a process that you work on all the way along." he said. "No all the way along." he said. "No "Most kids, and even adults, and start process that interest them."

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Finding sources to get solid information helps exploration and planning is the final step.

"Make a plan of how to get from here to where you want to

is outgoing, competitive, etc.

Novi News staff writer Chris

Friends of the Novi Library offer student scholarship

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NOTES

The donation was made possible by Community Financial's positive financial performance during 2007. The Novi Educational Foundation is among seven recipients to receive a total of \$5,300 from the credit union's eighth annual Community Shares

rogram. Headquartered in Plymouth, membership in Community Financial is open to anyone who lives, works, worships, volunteers or attends school in the Michigan cities, townships or counties Novi, Alpena, Otsego and Montmorency. With more than 38,000 members, Community Financial provides financial services to members at eight branch locations and through a variety of automated and online services. For more information, visit the credit union web site at 1200 or (877) 937-2328, toll free. received after May 31 requires a

Rollercoasters highlight Camp Invention program

Throughout each day, children will participate in hands-on, interactive activities that encourage cre-ativity and inventive solutions. Seth Furlow, science teacher at Novi Middle School, will direct a staff of Plymouth, Canton, Northville, local instructors and counselors, The \$220 registration fee, due on or before May 31, includes daily snacks and a T-shirt. A discount of \$20 per child is offered with early online registrants. Employees of Novi Community Schools can also www.cfcu.org or call (734) 453- receive a discount. Registrations

\$20 late processing fee. Each program is limited to 110 children so

sign up today.

For more information, or to register, visit www.campinven-tion.org or call (800) 968-4332. Children will have the opportu-

nity to design miniature amuse ment park rides, create safe vehi cles and brainstorm on Planet ZAK when the Camp Invention program arrives in Novi for the first time this summer. Open to children entering first through sixth grades, the program is scheduled for June 23-27 at Novi

Middle School cation deadline is April I Applications can be secure through school counselors or by registration by March 31 and with the bring-a-friend program. There is also an additional \$5 discount for

Scholarships offered for Walled Lake students

Now through April the Lakes Area Rotary Club is accepting scholarship applications from Walled Lake High School student Three \$1,000 dollar scholarships will be awarded. Eligible studen will have maintained a B or 3.0 average, be in good standing with ipated in community service during their high school years. The appl

contacting Rotarian Lorrie McVer Explore EMU

Reading Month Continues

ntary students watch and listen as Michigan author Gary Bower talks about his craft as part of the Explore Eastern program is a great a.m.-1 p.m., at the EMU Student

way for high school students and transfer students to learn about EMU's main campus in Ypsilani can launch their future careers. Eastern Michigan University's

The event is free To register for Explore Eastern or for more information, go to

The next Explore Eastern program or for more information, go to http://www.emich.edu/explore/.

and Payne himself. The lone organization donating to Kostroma Kids has been the Novi Rotary Club, which donat-ed \$2,500 March 13 and other

to raise \$10,000-\$15,000 each year for the program to provide the kids with different opportuni-Payne said more Russian chilPayne said more Russian children are adopted by U.S. families

Russian. I tell him I don't undershelter) is provided by the

value, Payne said it has made things harder.
"It was 30 rubles to the dollar. Now it's less than 24," he said "We're really getting killed on the

thon from 2-5 p.m. June 1.

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Celebrating the past

The fourth-grade students of Franklin Road Christian School took the school's stu-dent body, parents and a host of visitors on a "blast to the past" last month. The students

students spent three weeks doing research on a famous American of their choosing.

They created a display board and table, and memorized a

speech given as that character, in full costume. gymnasium of the on 13 Mile Road, in they call the Living History

Visitors walked from display to display enjoying these won-derful speeches that were full of interesting facts from this

country's heritage.

One of the goals of the project is to help the students see how many people in our past came from humble, and somebeginnings and were able to do





Joshua Bause as Dwight D. Eisenhower.





Parker Veach as Abraham Lincoln.

Sterling Ramsey as Rosa Parks.

Worship Directory

Meadowbrock

Congregational LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road Ritter, Senior Minister (248) www.mbccc.org or gmccc@arounddetroit.biz

Sunday Worship Pilgrim Fellowship 6 p.m. every Sunday for grades 6-12

Bible Study Group DETAILS: Reverend Art Bitter

will lead this group; please call the church office if you are inter Maundy Thursday

DETAILS: Moderated by Fr LOCATION: Holy Family Tim Hogan, Pastor and Craig Catholic Church

TIME/DATE: 9 and 11 a.m. Annual Spring Rummage Sale DATE: Friday and Saturday, 334-3595

LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile Sunday Worship TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. ReNew Lite Ministries

TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. DETÁILS: Ongoing Life Groups

Sunday School and Nursery phy: sexual addiction; same-sex attraction or adultery); Changes that Heal (for those experiencing emotional or relational pain); and

rience unwanted same-sex attracand open discussion for all those dealing with Alzheimer's 0043 or visit www.oakpointe.org.

> St. James Catholic LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile

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

Novi United Methodist LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile

visit www.umcnovi.com Sunday Worship TIME: 9:45 a.m. Healing Service and Holy

DETAILS: Members of the constand united in prayer for peace: not anti-anything; pro peace.
Artists and Crafters Wanted

Saturday: June 21, Vendor space will be available indoors and out. CONTACT: Parn Davis. edleecr@yahoo.com

Children's Parade TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday Holy Thursday Service and TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tonight

Good Friday Meditation and Labyrinth DATE: Friday TIME: Meditation - Noon-3 p.m. TIME: Labyrinth - 6-9 p.m. Easter Sunday Service

9:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt; 9:45 a.m. Easter Service.

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

TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first Men's Bible Study TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 a.m. every Wednesday LOCATION: Room 10 Sharing Hearts Women's Bible Study TIME/DATE: 12:45-2:30 p.m. every Tuesday

LOCATION: Chapel upstairs DETAILS: Child care available: cost is \$11 for materials. Disciple One Bible Study TIME/DATE: 6-8 nm every Sunday; or 9:30-11:30 a.m. every DETAILS: Course lasts 34

weeks, covers 70 percent of the

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

and the Gospels TIME/DATE: 3-5 p.m. every Sunday The Faith Club

TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every other Thursday DETAILS: This interfaith group

will be reading "The Faith Club.

Register at (248) 344-4248.

third Thursday of each month LOCATION: Chapel Lounge DETAILS: For women looking to connect more closely with their faith; community and other women. Registration required. Suicide Loss Support Group TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second

Radical Joy

Thursday and fourth Monday of each month DETAILS: New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering this support group to those who have lost CONTACT: New Hope Center for Grief Support (248) 348-0115 or

www.newhopscenter.net -LOGOS Youth Club TIME/DATE: 5:15-8:15 p.m. each Wednesday DETAILS: Program includes recreation; dinner; bible study and

Crossoninte Meadows LOCATION: Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road (south of 13

CONTACT: (248) 427-2700; 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or visit www.cross-Sunday Worship

Ward Evangelical Church LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville

CONTACT: (248) 374-5978 Sunday Worship TIME: 9 a.m. and 10:20 a.m. Traditional: 9 a.m. Contemporary Single Point Ministries

CONTACT: (248) 374-5920

Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-3140 Sunday Worship TIME: 8:30; 11 and 11:30 a.m. Learner's Bible Study; Room Second and Fourth Monday:

The Baha'i Faith TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. last

Creek St., Novi DETAILS: This Devotional Men's Bible Study; 7 p.m. Single Parents; Single Adult Ministries Gathering is focused on prayers for peace. People of all faiths welcome. CONTACT: (248) 473-0355 or First Presbyterian Church of

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or Sunday; Tennis for beginners; Stevenson High School; Six Mile Sunday Worship TIME: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Road west of Farminoton Road Single Place Ministries

p.m. program, every Thursday DETAILS: Informative and entertaining programs of interest website for details www.single-

Northville

beginning April 24 at Whispering Willows - 5:52 start time

Saturday LOCATION: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park New Hope Center for Grief and 11 Mile Roads; Farmington Hills)
DETAILS: Group meets for

CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-DETAILS: The Step-Family Doctor, Pastor Paul Clough, will facilitate this group focusing on the issues pertaining to the Blended Family, Registration is

Wine and Tapas Bar, downtown walk-ins are welcome. CONTACT: (248) 374-5912 DETAILS: Meet at the restaurant for a light dinner and then Chicago! Chicago! DATE: May 2-4 DETAILS: Fun get away week-

> 459-7235 for more information St. John Lutheran LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road; Farmington Hills CONTACT: (248) 474-0584 or visit www.stlohn-lutheran.com

Sunday Worship TIME: 9; 11:15 a.m. Sunday School Universalist Unitarian

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

Faith Community Presbyterian

visit www.faithcommunity novi.org Sunday Worship TIME: 9; 10:30 a.m. "Discovering The Rible"

GracePointe Presbyterian

Church CONTACT: Rev. Brian C Sleeth, Pastor (248) 497-3178 or gracepointe@mac.com. and Sunday Worshin TIME: 10 a.m. LOCATION: The Novi Civic

Nanny Poppinz. Easter Worship Service TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Sunday LOCATION: The Crown Plaza

DETAILS: Following the serv-

CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665

Preschool/Kids Cholr TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday DETAILS: For ages 3-6; ongoing event: all are welcome.

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We both had the same idea, but she already had it started."

Payne returned to Russia in 2006 and 2007 to help run one of two orphanages in Kostroma while Higgins-Rosebrook han-dled matters at Svirstroy. Kostroma had about 21 children

ORPHANS program development for Kostroma Kids and for Children of Sosnovaya Street, Payne said there are 700,000 orphans in Accordin Russia, and the Web site he developed for the program lists several shocking statistics about those

children have a one in 10 chance of becoming a functional mem-ber of society. The rest are lost to drugs, alcohol, crime, prostitu-tion and suicide, with many of them living on the streets. Within the first year of leaving the orphanage, often as early as 15 years old, 30 percent become addicted to drugs or alcohol, 50 them living on the streets as the orphanage, often as early as 15 years old, 30 percent become addicted to drugs or alcohol, 50 them living on the streets and that someone cares. Payer and them feel good about themselved because the kids with different opportunity of the side of the street and that someone cares. Payer because the kids with different opportunities and items beyond the basic his summer, Payne will have to deal with three orphanages and

through an eighth-grade educa-tion and they're out on the streets," he said. "The orphanage problem began after World War I. There's 1.4 million kids on the

www.geocities.com/kostromakids states.

According to Payne, most of According to Payne, most of

the children in the orphanages are in Russia are harder to do.

males around ages 15-16. Although his involvement Although his involvement has "They don't have parental grown over the years, Payne involvement and don't have a knows he can't do it all. He just bright future. They only get tries to make it fun for the kids Tom Michalski will join him.

They have a chance to have what we'd call a normal month.

spring. Novi High School's Interact Club will have a city-

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

Saturday Interested in the Catholic

Catholic faith, there is an opporunity for you to get answers and CONTACT: Call Maria at

County. Child care is available

Communion and Service TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tonight Community Good Friday TIME/DATE: Noon Good Friday

First Baptist Church of **Novi-Family Integrated**

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

Enisconal Church of the

Haly Cross LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or www.churchoftheholycross.com Sunday Worshin

Care TIME: 10 a.m. Worship Alzheimer's Support Group Saturday of month DETAILS: Offering support

Church of the Holy Family LOCATION: 24505 CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or

visit www.holyfamilynovi.org Mass Schedule

a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 7

Wednesday-Friday; 5 p.m.

p.m. Tuesday: 9 a.m.

TIME/DAY: 7:30, 8:45,10:30

CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 pr

TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Peace Vigi TIME/DATE: Noon, first

DETAILS: The church is host-

music; grades 4-12.

TIME: 9 a.m. Friendship Time:

For single adults 40 years and Every Sunday: 11:30 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; Knox Hall Every Monday: 7 p.m.

7 p.m. Study of Ephesians; Every Tuesday: 7 p.m. Every Wednesday: 6:30 a.m Men's Bible Study; Single Adult Ministries office; 7 p.m. Single

ious locations; geared towards tourist level rider: all levels welcome; helmets required; lunch half-way through ride at your own expense. Every Sunday: 1-3 p.m.

Summer Golf Registration DETAILS: Register for the 2008 summer golf league. Leagues will be: Monday beginning April 28 at Fox Creek - 5:28 o.m. start time and Thursday

Support See "Support Groups" below. Blended Family Workshop TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p.m.

and Chartered bus transporta-

tion, two nights lodging at the

that is within walking distance to

Contemporary inn of Chicago

the "Magnificent Mile", guided

bus tour, Trolley tour, walking

tour and Saturday night theatre

opportunities. Cost \$375. final

registration and payment is due

Healing Hearts Ministry

DETAILS: We offer an 11-

who have experienced abortion

and want to know how to get

fering and would like to talk to

someone, please call us. There

is hope and healing in Jesus

Christ, Also offered are bible

studies for women who have

been abused. New groups are

forming in Berkley/Royal Oak

Livonia. Shelby Township and

February. CONTACT: Terena Lawson at

Trenton in January and

(248) 374-5926 or e-mail

LOCATION: 201 Elm St.,

week bible study for women

on March 31.

TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m. Saturday LOCATION: Grape Expectations appreciated but last minute

funch afterward

walk to the Pen Theater to see a ówn, thovie only \$3, Call (734)

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

Saturday Worship TIME: 5:30 p.m.

through the pain, if you are suf

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

Kerygma class TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. every

www.gracepointepca.org Center, Council Chambers -DETAILS: Nursery staffed by

ice, the artwork of local artist.

Orchard Hills Baptist Church LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road

More involved Now the director of orphanage

about 115 kids.

Payne's charity draws most of its funding from private, indiits funding from private, indi-vidual donors, friends, family

Sparse funding

than Russian families, largely due stand and be just goes on. Having Russian government. Our focus is With the U.S. dollar losing

Church? DETAILS: If you are in search of a deeper relationship with God. and wish to learn more about the

(248)349-8847 or spiritwalker001@aol.com **Adoptive Parent Networking** Meeting TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each month tional meeting is open to all

Registration is required. Coffee House: A Catholic TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 21 LOCATION: In the Family

Giera, Seminarian, Come for coffee or tea, to talk to discuss and to raise questions. All are welcome. CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248)

LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or

that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective. The groups are: GriefShare. death); DivorceCare (for those experiencing separation or divorce); Anger Management; Dealing with Struggling Teens (for parents); YourSpace (for high school students): Every recovery from lust; pernography; Hearts (for wives whose husbands struggle with pornogra-

tion). CONTACT: For more information or to register call (248) 912-

CONTACT: (248) 347-7778

TIME/DATE: 6-8 o.m. first and

Sunday of every month 1 OCATION: In front of the

ing an arts and craft show

Palm Šundav Service and Mile Road)

TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m.

First United Methodist of Healing Service

> Office: 8:30-10 p.m. Co-ed Every Saturday: 10 a.m. Bicycling Group starts from var-

> > SPM Bridge: 5:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday; beginners welcome; refreshments.

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9

Walking in the Park

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Susan Roslek EXECUTIVE EDITOR

In our opinion:

Kudos for democracy in Novi

A decision was made Monday by members of Novi City Council to approve the first reading of the resolution to amend the city's massage ordinance, lowering the increased massage business license fee and massage ther apist fee that went into effect

last March.
Some may be thinking, "So what? That doesn't apply to

But the beauty in the decision is it came after area therapists banded together and stated their case to members of Council, stating the fees

were too high.

With annual fees previously totaling \$110, massage therapists and business owners have been contesting the increase since December when some received bills as

And Council listened Members did their homework and came up with an equitable

compromise. The amended ordinance will lower the massage thera-pist fee by 55 percent, while massage businesses will see a 50 percent reduction in their al renewal fee. The group contesting overall

Do you think a Michigan pri-mary "do-over" is ridiculous? Write a letter to the editor. Always feel free to let your opinion known. Someone

might just be listening.

And while we are on the topic of faith and democracy, it is important to note this

lives have been lost in this battle.
Our thoughts are with those

by this ongoing conflict, and we welcome you to share your

We're looking for you! The Novi News is currently looking to interview local residents regarding the following topics:::... · Are you a working woman who has recently returned to

- Are you a single parent?

increases totaling almost 500

percent.
Some may have confidence that democracy always rules in local politics, others may feel they're always up against a self-serving machine, but, in a time of city councils pitting themselves against mayor and allegations of communit

attention to positive political So don't lose faith.

Are you concerned about the fate of the Fuerst Farm Property? Let city officials

According to federal offi-cials, about 4,000 American

Novi families deeply affected

Hey, Novi: What's Your Story?

· Are you a Novi resident interested in sharing a story about how your religious faith has carried you through tough times? . Do you spend more than \$100 per week on gasoline?

 Do you have an unusual or interesting hobby? Are you addicted to the Internet and blooging?

. Are you a family that has pulled together during difficult

E-mail Novi News editor Victoria Mitchell at vemitchell@oan

Let your voice be heard

While I do not intend to try to appear on the opinion page every week, I couldn't wait to respond to George and Kathy Bilowus letter on the Fuerst Farm. Their obvious desire to preserve some green space and history, and the urge to communicate this to others, is exactly what compelled me to take action in Novi 12 years

ago.
At that time, we had a city council that wanted a municipal golf course. They proposed to build it on property purchased with voter approved bonds, how-ever, no one ever mentioned a golf course before we approved

The crown jewel of the property being purchased with these voter approved dollars was the Novi tree farm. This was like a and the amendment received dream come true, a chance to more votes than any candidate.

save it before the developers got it. After following Novi News reports as Council moved toward a municipal golf course. I decided to show them not everyone thought this was such a good idea. I did this, with other citizens, through petitions, docu-menting lack of public notice of

meetings and speakers before Council. They ignored our efforts for public hearings, they even spent \$10,000 for a feasibility study for a golf course without knowing if the people wanted one. This effort began in 1996, in 1999 we (volunteers like myself) proposed

to let the voters decide by placing a charter amendment on the bal-lot. This was done with petition signatures totaling some 2,000. The end result of the election that year was a new mayor and two new members of council all backing our charter amendment

What do you think?

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■ DeadHine: Letters must be received by 5 p.m. Monday.

seeking citizen input on this issue, but that is no reason to sit back and wait. I would encourage others to do like George and Kathy and others have already done, make your wishes known through the press and before council. You can, if necessary, fight City Hall and win

Also on the Council that we beat in 1999 was County Commissioner Hugh Crawford,

So far, the current Council is didate for the 38th District seat.

He was pro-golf course and against the charter amendment, but he was not up for re-election or who knows if his political career might have ended then as it did for the three pro-golf course election.

> Chuck Tindall Candidate for State Rep. 38th

good for Novi students?

Education's discussion of an International Baccalaureate program. Every Novi taxpay-er should be following this issue closely.

uct differentiator" in helping attract additional enrollment to Novi from other school dis-(It should be noted that this same premise was used when Novi Schools agreed to pay big dollars for additional full-day kinder-garten classes. Yet, this product differentiator has had no significant effect on Novi's student enrollment).

Clearly, I support investi-gating the benefits of any new academic program that will benefit Novi students. Recall that we recently cut \$3 million from the 2007-08 fiscal budget. More cuts are expected in the upcoming school year. During these very tight economic times, we should consider the follow-

ing:
• If we add an academic

tional expense? Do we eliminate more from special edu-cation support services? Cut literary specialists at the ele-mentary level? Lay off more folks from custodial services? Do we finally look at eliminating block scheduling

erty?
• How much does the implementation of IB cost? Shouldn't we, as taxpayers know how much this pro-gram costs before we start training personnel? Why is

cussed (a simple \$700 per year budget item). And regarding IB in gener-

try compete (and in some cases eliminate) Advanced Placement programs at the high school, is that what Novi wants? I thought we had a premier AP program. Why hurt it?

 Stand-alone Standard
Level IB courses are not recognized by most universities for college credit. An IB cer-tificate is no more than a participation trophy. You get one for simply taking the IB exam, whether you pass or fail. Is that what we want for

to train teachers on the IB program. Is this a good use of our federal funds? Budget dollars are tight. School administrators constantly remind the public about the budget problem. So, could we use these grant funds for a different educational priority - perhaps enhancing reading and writing pro-grams at the elementary level?

• The IB curriculum is

United Nations. Is that what Novi wants? I thought Novi taxpayers pay high tax dolcurriculum approved by a group in Geneva, Switzerland

 Why does IB make it hard to obtain guides/syllabi for their courses by charging a fee, while AP course informa-tion can be downloaded for

. IB personnel won't disclose their financial records.
Does Novi want to beat with an organization that is so The IB curriculum contin-

believe that our school board needs to ask tough questions before we proceed with any further funding. As with any major initiative, I expect that our board will indeed put this matter to a vote before

Is International Baccalaureate

I am following with great else), what program(s) needs interest the Novi Board of to be cut to afford this addi-

The premise is that an IB program would be good for Novi students - and a "prod-

from the high school? Do we sell the unused Bosco prop-

this issue being fast-tracked through our school board with little debate? Why is only one trustee asking tough questions (and getting unclear answers)? There was more debate during three board meetings in late 2007 when the issue of Webcasting board meetings for the community was dis-

al, many questions need to be answered. For example

Data indicates that IB directed by an arm of the ted by Novi resident Willy Mena.

Six DeRoche recall attempts waste time and money

way for residents to keep elected officials in check, but, sometimes, it's just an empty threat and a

waste of taxpayer's money. Rep. Craig DeRoche (R-Novi) has had six recall petitions filed against him this year. All six cited reasoning as his vote against would allow people to sue of U.S. Food and Drug drugs. All six have been Novi resident Karen

Zyczynski filed the last five



If every legislator was recalled when a single per-son disagreed with their anarchy and the court on murders, rapes, drug busts and all the horrible things people do from time

were denied in bulk on not entitled to her opinion, the taxpayer's money being his attempted pre- Township, Wixom, Walled Monday.

The taxpayer's money being his attempted pre- Township, Wixom, Walled vention at tax increases Lake and the Oakland

thousands, of signatures to get the issue on an Aug. 5 or Nov. 4 ballot. She would

Zvczynski would have had to collect hundreds, if not

need to submit these comwouldn't be stepping down the recalls for a few weeks following Democrats' wordant to explain down the first so in the classical representation of the first for a few weeks following Democrats' efforts to nunning for DeRoche's 38th increases the vote. In the end, all of remove him from office District seat, which includes voted

would cut during the state's budget DeRoche's term short only setting flasco last fall. All for voting "no" about suing companies that produce federally approved

com- to shrug off the drug vote This is a diversion and days as the reason for the could result in a waste of son disagreed with their vote, we would be living in meaning her deadline of the House, he has a DeRoche has so little time Democratic nominee Tim would be the end of August powerful position in the left in his term before new- Jarrell's 1,967 votes. up in person-by-person politics to hold hearings of the recall attempt was state legislature. His voice of the House Republicans If the recall attempt was successful, DeRoche likely

He has openly blamed

But how much are those who really wanted a tax drugs? increase when it was sug-DeRoche has been quick gested?

> and Oakland County Commissioner on the Crawford (R-Novi) are in the

DeRoche has been in the extra few weeks going to been on Novi's City 1997. He started off his current term with a bang, earning 3,661 votes to fellow Republican defeat Novi resident Mario Nesi

Chuck Tindall [D-Novi) office, would any of the and Oakland County candidates for his seat have voted differently on HB 4044 or the to running for DeRoche's 38th increases? If they would've Not to say Zyczynski is one entitled to her opinion, the taxpayer's money being his attempted pre- Township, Wixom, Walled would've been for nothing.

Lansing Connection: Cassis promotes economic stimulus package

year, a great deal of focus was increase the number of busion providing tax relief to larger businesses. It is time to balance out the relief to small credit (ME-2). percent of the economy in relief to a significant number

Recently, I introduced bipartisan legislation to help den encouraging investment stimulate the economy by providing significant tax relief for Senate Bill 1198 would ure is designed to increase the businesses that could qualify Income would have to be less current grants offered by the essential to help job South Lyon and Wolled Loke.

This legislation will provide

of Michigan's small business-es by reducing their tax bur-

Highland, Holly, Lyon, Milford

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major handicaps has

been the profound igno-

rance most families have

about the vital impor-

to their children's future.

Fortunately, a solu-tion may finally be in

sight. But now, as for

decades, the prevailing

respects learning. The

single most depressing

statistic I've seen was in

poll last year. That sur-

vey found that only 27

percent of Michigan fam-

ilies believed post-high

school education and

training was vital to the

success of their children.

three-quarters of adults

in this state feel getting a high school diploma sets their kids up for life!

true 40 years ago, when

they could hope to catch on with, as the workers

put it, "Ford's" or, 'Generous Motors." But

nobody who knows anything about today's

financially interconnect-

any more.

ed flat world believes this

The sad fact that so

shows the continuing

power of our "assembly-line culture," that had

endured for generation

upon generation. In that

world, a brawn-based job

and swiftest route to

financial security.

But that world is as

gone as the tail fin. So

what's going to change

what's going to change this deeply rooted, deeply habit of

that affects directly thou-

sands and thousands of

many Michigan families ued massive job losses still think that way in the auto industry. The

That means nearly

culture scandalously dis-

tance of higher education

PHIL POWER:

COMMENTARY

State's future fueled by education

shown in an important study prepared by the

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future:

• Over the next eight

years, Detroit automakers plan to hire 77,000

new workers in the U.S., 46,000 of those in

Michigan. Within the

automakers should hire

around 36,000 workers in Michigan, 24,000 for

hourly production jobs; the rest salaried.

• This hiring will come on the heels of contin-

auto industry, which already has downsized

by hundreds of thou-sands, will cut more than 14,000 jobs over

the next four years and around 20,000 jobs

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cripple our state. So let's

that can do that. It's less-expensive new labor, model. It's no longer The Detroit car compa-nies are expected to hire around 19,000 hourly enough for a new hire to get to work more or less on time and not get into foreman.

by the Charles Stewart year That's enormous— Mott Foundation. The a number equivalent to bottom line: After a one-sixth of the expected Today, auto workers need high levels of literacommunications skills They'll need to be able to learn on the job, to change as the technology changes. And they'll have to have an open attitude toward learning to sur

> a terrific chance to attack our long-standing cultur-al bias against learning after high school. The auto companies themselves would find it in their interest to launch

already has been estab-lished: Chrysler's successful engine plant in Dundee, which is a joint venture with Mitsubishi and Hyundai. Workers there must have at least an associate's degree from a community colleaders to send the mes

оп**l**у 500, affect attitudes in thousands of Michigan families.

ing a direct attack on Michigan's long-estab-lished and backward cultural disrespect for learnsmall precedent

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

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This deeply rooted, ucepsy dangerous habit of makes it worthwhile. New thought? It won't be speeches, sermons, even newspaper columns like half what they used to pay, and won't include this one.

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What Michigan needs

to realize is that the auto Result: It's plainly in industry has trans-Michigan families the companies interest formed its manufactur-Fortunately, there's to get rid of expensive ing basis from a brawn-something on the horizon older workers and hire based to a brain-based grab it!

cy, math, computer and auto companies are going to start hiring again.

The big question: What kinds of skills will they remuire? tion level and work expe-Let's peer into the rience will the auto companies require? If they

All this offers Michigan

an initiative with the high schools and communit colleges to urge voun people to keep learning Mike Flanagan Michigan's smart and of Schools, should conwith human resource

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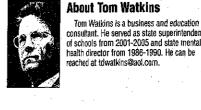
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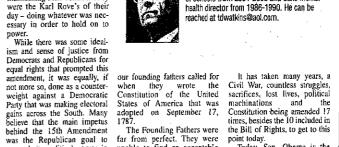
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election day, it is a proud day for us all. We have come a long

This Col. is part one of a two part series. It provides a snapshot of how Sen. Barack Obama is

poised to become the next President of the United States of America Come back to this so space next week and read about how the 19th Amendment has helped women and how Sen Clinton is standing on the shoul-ders of women who fought for the right to vote and may be poised to leap to the Presidency.



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Thursday, March 20, 2008 www.hometownlife.com fax: (248) 349-9832

EVENTS

Novi Bobcats Cheerleading Open Registration DATE: Through Saturday,

DETAILS: For girls that will be in second through eighth grades next school year. Season runs from mid-August to early football games and perform at an Registration form is on the Website at

novibobcats.com/index.cfm CONTACT: For information and at (248) 305-5321. For more call Karen Kotcher at (248) 449

Friendship Concert Series at Hammell Music Hall TIME/DATE: 3 p.m. Sunday

LOCATION: Hammell Music corner of M-5 and Maple Road DETAILS: Sponsored by the Lakes Area Rotary Club. Concert features Walled Lake Northern. Central and Western band and orchestra students. A silent auction of nift baskets will occur. before the concert and during intermission. Free afterglow folowing concert at Johnny Carino's Italian Restaurant. Discount offered for ticket hold ers who wish to dine also. Concert proceeds support local scholarships and Rotary service rojects. Tickets are \$10 for stu dents and their parents, and \$20 for adults: purchase tickets by calling Cheryl at (248) 960-0033 or Lorrie at (248) 390-8572. Program advertising is also avai

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Saturday April 12 LOCATION: Novi Christian Community Center, corner of Taft and Fleven Mile made DETAILS: Cost is \$100 per

team of four players and the prize Deadline for sign up is March 28 CONTACT: Gary at (248) 349-9441, ext. 3

Wine Tasting Benefit Saturday, April 12

Trail, Ste. B, Walled Lake Mediterranean Grill, 42050 Grand DETAILS: The Lakes Area ber.com or (248) 624-2826.

Ontimist Club is sponsoring this event benefiting Lakes Area chil dren. Cost is \$35 per person for ine tasting and appetizers. Age 21 and over only please. For tick ets call (248) 568-4316 or e-mail lisbri@comcast.net

23rd Annual Economic Outlook Luncheon

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace DETAILS: Top economists

from the University of Michigan will present their report on the economic future of Oakland County. Also presented will be the 2008-2010 Employment Forecast for Oakland County Cost is \$40 per person. Register www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar/outlooklunch.html. For more information, call (248) 858-8706.

Lunch with Lou TIME/DATE: Noon-2 p.m.

Saturday, April 19 LOCATION: Outback eakhouse, across from St. John Providence Hospital, Novi DETAILS: Join your friends and neighbors to kick off the candidacy of Lou Csordas for

Oakland County Commissioner for Novi-Northville. Free admission and free lunch. Learn what County Commissioner does, Ask Lou any questions that comes to mind. Bring the entire family and have your kids witness the politi-cal process. Invite a friend. Scheduled to attend are Oakland County Executive Brooks Patterson, Congressman

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LOCATION: 305 N. Pontiac.

CONTACT: For more informa-

LOCATION: Chamber Office

Ambassador Committee

Meeting TIME/DATE: 9:15 a.m. Friday,

March 28

LOCATION: Chamber Office

Spotlight Lunch TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

LOCATION: Kodiak Creek Inn.

New Member Reception and

TIME/DATE: 8:30-10 a.m.

Thursday, April 17 LOCATION: The Grand Court,

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.

Wednesday, March 26

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tive, non-sales roundtable. Registration is required ihubbard@walshcollege.edu

American Business Nomen's Association

Wednesday of every month LOCATION: DoubleTree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd, (formerly DETAILS: Local chapter proworking women and offers a

money for scholarships CONTACT: www.abwa-novi.org

LOCATION: Assarian Cancer

Workshop Instructors people who have an art or craft that they would like to share in our series of one-time work-

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

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

Knittin' Yarns TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday DETAILS: Join others and

create hats and shawls for those in need.

appointment DETAILS: Learn prope breathing techniques that can he used at home or on the job in help reduce stress; class held in reflection space:

Therapeutic Youa Programs Committee Meeting TIME/DATE: 12:30-1:30 p.m Monday - Yoga for Backs; 6-7 p.m. Tuesday - Mixed Level; 11 a.m.-noon Wednesday Meditative Yoga; 12:15-1:15 p.m. Wednesday, - Mixed Level; 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday - Prenatal

Yoga for Backs: 12:30-1:30 p.m. 9:30-12:30 a.m. Saturday · Mixed Level; 10:45-11:45 a.m. Saturday Yoga for Backs. DETAILS: \$10/walk-in, \$80/10-

class card, \$45/5-class card Lunch and Learn Yook 7-week required. Classes also held at Call for details.

45182 West Park Dr., Novi DETAILS: Learn how to use your membership to increase business leads and become more visible in the community. All Complimentary breakfast **BUSINESS**

utes. Gentle Tai Chi **Novi Retary Club**

TIME/DATÉ: Noon even Thursday LOCATION: Novi Methodist flexibility: balance and DETAILS: Lunch is \$10 at Web site for speaker information: Create with Kathy

ww.novirotary.org. Annual Novi Rotary Senior Easter Luncheon TIME/DATE: Noon Today

Females in the Family ance in a variety of techniques iness Affinity Group and projects. \$5 suggested per TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. Third Thursday of every

LOCATION: Walsh College

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

Meetings TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. second

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CLASSES

Providence Center for the Healing Arts

CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 Wanted: One-time Art

DETAILS: We are looking for

DETAILS: \$10 materials feg.

TIME/DATE: Meditation for individuals or groups by

Massage Therapy TIME/DATE: By appointment DETAILS: Theraneutic massage is effective for stress and tension: chronic fatique: pain and headaches. Everyone is welcome. Patients undergoing cian's referral; \$50/50-min-

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

Chinese exercise promotes ength; an easy introduction to Tai Chi and for everyone: \$5

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. - noon DETAILS: An opportunity to express yourself artistically in our peaceful and inspirational creative TIME/DATE: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.,

uesdays, through April 22 DETAILS: 8-week series about cancer related nutrition topics and cooking demonstrations. nsored by The Cancer Project. Open to those interested venting and surviving can cer. Call for reservation. \$3 sug-

gested per session DATE: Monday-Friday, through TIME: 8 a.m.-5;30 p.m.

LOCATION: Assarian Cancer

Center DETAILS: Just In time for spring, come view works of art by Novi artist Mayumi (May) Oura Teevens. This show is an encore presentation of May's exquisite work featuring a spectacle of colorful and engaging

Know Before You Go CONTACT: Call (248) 465-4488 for a recording of the latest in

Line Dancing DATE: Monday and Friday TIME: 6:30-7:30 n.m. henin-LOCATION: Novi Civic Center 45175 W. 10 Mile Road DETAILS: No partner needed

\$5, non-residents \$6.

FEE: \$ 199, book fee: \$33

SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT

Novi Community School District Board of Education Meeting TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday,

April 3 LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road CONTACT: (248) 449-1204

Novi City Council Meeting IME/DATE: 7 p.m. first and LOCATION: Novi Civic Center 45175 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

Novi Youth Assistance **General Citizens Meeting** TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Tuesday LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

Novi Community Education Corner CONTACT: (248) 449-1206 Computer Office Specialist

DATE: Monday, until June 2 (no class March 24, May 26) TIME: 6:30-9:30 p.m. LOCATION: Instructiona DETAILS: An class for office

Technology Center Computer Lab personnel or anyone peeding to upgrade their computer skills Become proficient in Microsoft and PowerPoint, Certificate and FEE: \$ 375, book fee: \$60

OutckBooks 2006 DATE: Tuesday, until May 6 (no class March 25) TIME: 6:30-9:30 p.n LOCATION: Instructional

nology Center Computer Lab DETAILS: A hands-on class using the QuickBooks 2006 software. Learn to computerize accounting functions such as accounts receivable, payables banking functions, jobs, employ ee payroll, taxes, expenses, sales, and more. Produce financial and profit and loss statements. Certificate and C.E.U.s awarded FEE: \$ 299, book fee: \$33

Computer Skills for Employment DATE: Thursday until May 15 (no class March 20 & 27) TIME: 6:30-9:30 p.m. LOCATION: Instructional

Technology Center Computer Lab DETAILS: Better prepare yourself to answer help wanted ads for a job as an administrative assistant, manager, supervisor, receptionist, coordinator, etc. Learn Microsoft Excel and Word Fundamentals, and get an various types of business documents, maintain computer

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Cali (248) 349-1700 for additional information. ■ E-mail: vemitchel@ gannett.com Certificate and C.E.U.s awarded FEE: \$ 299, book fee \$59

DATE: Tuesday, until April 22 (no March 25) TIME: 6:30-9:15 p.m. LOCATION: Instructional

Technology Center Room 103 DETAILS: Explore color, space style, fabrics, lighting, floor and how to apply the basic principles of interior design. Discover the techniques used by professional designers to evaluate and execute effective and innovative design solutions. Class includes hands on projects and classroom dis-

LIBRARY <u>LINES</u>

Novi Public Library LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile

HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 1-5 CONTACT: (248) 349-0720 Unless noted below; all pro-

grams take place at the library. DETAILS: Please visit library Web site or Story Time brochure DETAILS: The Friends of Nov Library sponsors an on-going used book sale in the library and have library hours. \$6 for a big bag of

Knitters and Knotters TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. second and fourth Monday of each DETAILS: Drop in for informal

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

by librarian: please call to join. English Conversation Group TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-noon every Tuesday; 1-2 p.m. every

DETAILS: For ages 18 and older; practice your English while you make friends; no registration Value Line Online Class

TIME/ DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. DETAILS: Learn how to use the online version of Value Line. a trusted resource for stock inforhow to look up your stocks and online version. This is a class on how to use the database only, there will be no recommenda tions of stock purchases. Registration required, limit 10 students.

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday DETAILS: Join Jean Teifer from Arbor Hospice to learn about advance health care directives. Receive the Five Wishes work book to take home. Free one day Spring Break: Little Creatures

TIME/DATE: 7-7:45 p.m. fuesday DETAILS: A general introduction to the animal world features a verity of live animals. All ages. Spring Break: Afternoon TIME/DATE: : 1-3 p.m.

DETAILS: For grades 5 and up. Library Closed DETAILS: The library will be closed on Friday, March 21 for Good Friday and on Sunday, March 23 for Easter Spring Break: Ming the

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> TIME/DATE: 1-1:45 p.m. Thursday, March 27 DETAILS: For ages 4 and up Meet the amazing Ming and see his magic tricks.

Lego Club TIME/DATE: 6-6:45 p.m. Monday, March 31 DETAILS: Kids K-4th grade join us once a month for Lego show and-tell and building activities. We supply the Legos, you supply

Novi Writers' Group Saturday, March 29 DETAILS: Collaborate, critique and create with other writers. Facilitated by local writer Kathy Mutch, Writers of all genres, ages 18 and older, are encouraged to participate. Register online or call the library.

Walled Lake City Library LOCATION: 1499 E. West

Maole Road, Walled Lake HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday; closed Friday CONTACT: (248) 624-3772 or

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the world on a musical advene-mail to admin@wallediakelitures. Register beginning March brary.org Classical Music Series TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. first Tuesday of each month

Meeling TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Tuesday of month. TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. third Tuesday of each month

DETAILS: Drop to for informat discussion. Bring a bag lunch, check library for current book Preschool Story Time

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. every Tuesday DETÁILS: For ages 2-4. Registration required. Story & Snacks Family Time TIME/DAY: 6:30 every

DETAILS: Drop-in program designed for the independent lis-Library Board of Trustees

Meeting TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Friday of every m Storylellers Connection

DETAILS: Volunteer readers are needed to read to children in a classroom setting. Contact the library for more information Clueless About E-mail DATE: Monday, March 24: or Tuesday, March 25

DETAILS: Participants create and begin using their own free emall accounts. No cost but please register. Space is limited.

Wixom Public Library LOCATION: 49015 Pontiac HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday CONTACT: (248) 624-2512 **ESL Cate** TIME/DATE: 3:30 p.m. every

DETAILS: Coffee and conversation, Improve your English speaking skills by speaking with people from other countries trying to improve their English. No tests; instructor help; free. CONTACT: Karin at the Information Desi

TIME/DATE: 2-3 p.m. Wednesday DETAILS: "Picture of Innocence" by Jill McGown Slaves of Suspense Afternoon Book Club TIME/DATE: 2-3 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30 DETAILS: "Case of Two Cities"

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Read Something Different TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m. hursday, April 10 DETAILS: "Gliead" by Marilynne Robinson

Baby Days TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Monday, April 14, 21, 28 and May 5 LOCATION: Craft Room DETAILS: Children up to 24 months and their caregivers can drop-in for playtime and story

Mommy and Ma

Thursday, April 10, 17, 24 and DETAILS: For two year olds with a caregiver. Hear stories. sing songs and make a project Must be two years old by April

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

Registration begins on Monday, March 31 Preschool Story Time TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday, April 8-29; or 1:30 p.m. every Wednesday, April 9-30 LOCATION: Craft Boom

DETAILS: Stories, songs and ert activities. Program designed or the independent listener. A caregiver must remain in the Noon: Lunch Room. Children must turn three and not be currently enrolled in kindergarten, before the session Registration begins on Tuesday

Monday, March 31. Fantastic Fridays DETAILS: For children ages 2-6 with a careoiver. Programs are Cleaning friends, stories, sonos and crafts. TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Friday

April 25 - "All Things Arthur, and D. W. Tool' Moenlight Story Time TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday, April 21 - "April Showers" DETAILS: For children ages 2-6 with an adult. Stories, songs

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11 a.m.: TOPS; Blood Pressure Noon: Lunch crafts and fun. Register begin 12:30 p.m.: Clogging-Club 6:30 p.m.: Clogging-Beg/Int Saturday Specials - Join the 7:30 p.m.: Clogging-Club Circle of Knowledge, Celebrate Writing Workshop TIME/DATE: 1:30-3:30 p.m. TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 17 DETAILS: Introduction to DETAILS: We will travel around Family Story Writing. Come, listen and reminisce with Rose Tutav as she take you on a journey to your remembered and almost forgotten memories of rday. This introductory class DETAILS: Teens in grades 6-12 will encourage and help you recollect, re-tell and record your life: are invited to a live performance Memories of childhood, teenage years, young adulthood, marriage songwriter, hip hop producer and emcee. Enloy food, a grand prize and family life, and persons who influenced you in your life deci-

10 a.m.: Body Recall

10:30 a.m.: Quilting

appartunity to reflect on your life as older adulf and the t you have made to arrive where ou are in life. This introductor class will also inspire (and prepare) you to participate in a six week family/life writing workship

In the spring/summer. Pre-registration is required. Limit of 25 people.

LOCATION: Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Complex; 25075 Meadowbrook Waltonwood at Twalve Nake Retirement Community Independent Living Residence Massage by appointment: 12:30-4 p.m. Monday-Friday and Licensed Assisted Living; Licensed Memory Care LOCATION: 27475 Huron Circle (adjacent to Twelve Oaks Mall) CONTACT: (248) 735-1500

11:15 a.m.: Line Dance-Ben. SUPPORT **GROUPS** 12:15 p.m.: Contract Bridge 1 p.m.: Computer Lab 2:30 o m : Line Dance Adoptive Parent Networking

Friday Closed for Good Friday DATE: Last Wednesday of 9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength each montl 10 a.m.: Body Recall TIME: 10-11 a.m. LOCATION: Holy Family 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle Catholic Church; 24505 4 p.m.: Bereavement Support Meadowbrook Road Group with Dr. Michael Meyer

DETAILS: This informational 6:30: Pilates Mat Work meeting is open to all adoptive 8:30 a.m.: Panera Bread There is no charge. Child care is avallable; registration 9 a.m.: Line Dance-Int. 9-11:30 a.m.; Hearing Aid required CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248) 10 a.m.: Asian Pacific 334-3595

Noon: Lunch 1 p.m.: Bingo in Activities Bereavement Support Group OATE: Third Tuesday of each 1-3 o.m.: Dance, \$6 at door month Wednesday 9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength

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

dealing with someone with an CONTACT: Michael M. Meyer, alcohol problem. No preregistra-tion required. For Information; Doctorate of Ministry call (248) 706-1020. Angela Hospice Groups Alzheimer's Caregiver DETAILS: Grief support Support Group groups include general grief loss of a spouse, women's grie fourth Monday of each month LOCATION: Krieger Center parents who have lost a child

Sunday

(South Garden Entrance)

DETAILS: Designed to allow

Babysitter Training Class

trained volunteers. 1 OCATION: Annela Hospice Care Center; 14100 Newburgh CONTACT: Joan Lee (734)

and a grief support quilters

group. All groups are led by

953-6012 General Grief Support TIME/DATE: 1 nm, and 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday

> DETAILS: Open to all losses. Loss of Spouse/Significant Other Support Group TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. first Tuesday of month

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. fourth Monday of month Sulcide Loss Support Sarvicas DETAILS: Individual and fami-

ly services offered free for those through suicide; call (734) 464-Heartstrings: Parents Who Have Inst a Child TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first Thursday of month

Grief Support Quiller's Group required. Register online at TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. first and www.hvsh.org. third Wednesday of month DETAILS: Register by calling (734) 953-6012

DMC Huron Valley-Sinal Hospital Support Groups LOCATION: 1 William Carls Dr. Commerce CONTACT: (248) 937-3314

Alcoholics Anonymous Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Sunday

Group TIME/DATE: Noon the third DETAILS: No pre-registration Wednesday of the month DETAILS: Free year-round pro-(248) 937-3314. gram for persons afflicted with Al-Anon Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every lung disease. Provides support DETAILS: For family and no regulred. For information call, friends of someone with an alco-

Breather's Club Support

H.U.G.S. Group for Parents hol problem. No preregistration TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. third required. For information, call Thursday of each month DETAILS: Support and coun-Alateen Support Group seling to parents who have suf-TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every fered a pregnancy or newborn loss; no pre-registration required CONTACT: (248) 937-4847 for DETAILS: Intended for teens

Journeys Cancer Support TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Monday of every month LOCATION: Lobby of the TIME/DATE: 2-3:30 p.m. the Charach Cancer Treatment Center DETAILS: Support group for

caregivers to share tips and offer CONTACT: (248) 937-5163 support to each other; for ques-**New Parents Support Group** tions or directions call (248) 937-TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second and fourth Wednesday of each

Easter Bunny in Novi

Dates: March 1-22 Times: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Location: Central Park Garcien at Twelve Oaks Mall The Easter Bunny may take short carrot breaks throughout the day, but should be available during all mail hours. For a complete listing of photo packages and pricing, visit www.shoptwelveoaks.com. Each child who visits will receive a free gift.

TIME/DATE: Noon-4 p.m. LOCATION: Hospital Saturday, April 5 Conference Center DETAILS: Designed for boys DETAILS: A supportive enviand girls ages 11-14 who wish to ronment for families to share roma hatter habitettere their struggles: learn how to Taught by a pediatric nurse and

includes instructions for general child: discuss concerns such as safety, emergencies, fe sleep deprivation and coping with pering, bathing and other tips. the emotions of parentin CONTACT (248) 858-7766 Students receive a Certificate of Completion at end of class. Fee is Postpartum Depression Support Group \$25 and pre-registration is TIME/DATE: 6:45 p.m. every Thursday Breast Cancer Support Group DETAILS: Postpartum depres slon can happen anytime within

TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a.m. second and fourth Thursday of lymptoms include sadness, lack L DCATION: Singl-Center for of energy, trouble concentrating Women; next to the hospital's anxiety and feelings of guilt and South Garden entrance. worthlessness. CONTACT: (248) 937-5220 DETAILS: This support group

is for any woman diagnosed with Support for Smokers breast cancer. CONTACT: (248) 937-5163 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 Psychotherapy & Counseling Services Northville Counselled Cente Anxlety/Agoraphobia/Panic Attack Support Group

> for more information. elghborhood Baby-sitting

Wednesday of each mon

DETAILS: Call (734) 420-8175

DETAILS: Using the co-op; you and your children can make friends and get what you need accomplished without the little ones in tow. Also enjoy a mom's night out and other social events. CONTACT: Sue Tracz (248) those with cancer or who are related to or know someone liv

Friendship Circle TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second

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Thursday of each month Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile Road, between Taft and Beck

and around the Kensington DETAILS: Social group for all widows and widowers. CONTACT: Norbert Monson (248) 851-6730, Florence Joight (248) 477-3032 Jos lovaldi (248) 348-9138 or jeyio-/aldi@earthlink.net

MOMS Club of Novi

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

jensungfleming@yahoo.com **Kensington Valley Mothers**

of Multiples TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second Thursday of each month LOCATION: Witch's Hat

DETAILS: This group provides information; support and social activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their families Mothers of multiples living in

CONTACT: (248) 437-5496 for more information

Breast Cancer Support

Group

DATES: Second and fourth Tuesday of each month LOCATION: Huron Valley Sinaí Hospital (Classroom C) Commerce TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.

DETAILS: No registration CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

Crohn's & Colitis Support

TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. first and third Wednesday of each month LOCATION: Providence Park DETAILS: Enter facility Meeting in Conference Room A: Depot; 300 Dorothy St.; South

immediately to the left.

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- Council Chambers, South Side of 10 Mile Between Taft and Novi Road

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CONTACT: Al Biggs (313) 805-7605 or Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (888)

ieartland Hospice Volunteers Needed TIME/DATE: Day and evening

classes LOCATION: 28588 Northwestern Hwy.; Suite 475; Southfield
DETAILS: Caring and com-

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

passionate individuals needed to

Novi Toastmasters

TIME/DATE: 7-8:45 p.m. first and third Tuesday of each LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

Activities Room; 45175 W. 10 DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills; voice your opinCONTACT: Amy (248) 752-

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Chapter TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. weigh-in

and 11:30 a.m. meeting every LOCATION: Meadowbrook

Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Road DETAILS: \$24 per annual membership; includes handbook; \$1 per meeting. New members welcome. CONTACT: Rehecca Boyke

Visiting Nurse Association Hospice Volunteers Needed LOCATION: Visiting Nurse

Michigan; 25900 Greenfield Road; Suite 600; Southfield DETAILS: Looking for kind; compassionate hospice volunteers two to four hours per week in the tri-county area; volunteers

Conversation, cards and music needed Monday through Friday follow. Cost is \$15, payable at the door. Must RSVP at April 6 by during day time hours; there is a great need for male volunteers to calling Chet at (734) 459-4316 or Gloria at (313) 381-4187. an interview and attendance at three training sessions is required. Call (800) 882-5720;

HEALTH

ext. 8361, (248) 967-8361 or

Widowed Friends Support

the Archdiocese of Detroit is a

peer support group.
CONTACT: For more informa-

tion, call Marilyn at (586) 739-

Italian Buffet Dinner and

LOCATION: Corsi's Italian

Restaurant, 297110 W. Sever

followed by dinner at 6 p.m.

Mile, three blocks west of Inkster

Cards
TIME/DATE: 5-9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9

visit www.vna.org.

Expectant Parent Class TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. every Monday, March 10-April 7

Group
DETAILS: Widowed Friends of LOCATION: 1010 East West Maple Road, Walled Lake DETAILS: The Oakland County Health Division presents five weekly sessions to help parents to-be prepare for the birth of their baby. Classes are taught by include childbirth preparation. labor and delivery, care of new born, breastfeeding, bottle-feed ing, child safety and caring for them when they are ill. Cost for class is \$25. Enroll early in preg-DETAILS: Social time at 5 p.m.

CONTACT: For information or



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Deerfield Elementary Richard Njus, Principal rnjus@novi.k12.mi.us 248-449-1700

Novi Woods Elementary Pamela Quitiquit, Principal pquitiquit@novi.k12.mi.us 248-449-1230

Orchard Hills Elementary Paul LePlae, Principal pleplae@novi.k12.mi.us 248-449-1400

Parkview Elementary Jennifer Michos, Principal imichos@novi.k12.mi.us 248-449-1220

Village Oaks Elementary Sue Burnham, Principal

For additional information, call the Educational Services Building at 248-449-1200. to enroll, call (248) 858-4003 or (888) 350-0900 ext 84003

Oakland Physical Therapy 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 enace is limited. Participants should wear loose, comfortable clothing and appropriate or to register, call the number CONTACT: 248-380-3550

St. John Providence

Hospital
LOCATION: Grand River and Beck Roads, use Beck Road entrance Dinner with a Dector TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m., last Thursday of month

LOCATION: Conference Rooms DETAILS: March 27, Total Knee Replacement presentation y orthopedic surgeon Dr. David

CONTACT: Free registration for lecture and dinner by calling (888) 440-7325 Cancer Prevention and Survival Cooking Course TIME/DATE: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesdays through - April 22 (no LOCATION: Providence Center for the Healing Arts, Assarian

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. CONTACT: James Tester at

(248) 465-5455 to register

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SWOCC Studio Tours LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile

DETAILS: Come in for an upclose look at the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Janet Eisele Junca by e-mail at CONTACT: Melissa Cohn (248) 473-2840

Gardeners of Northville and

Northville High School Class

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. second Monday of month through May LOCATION: Rotates between Novi Civic Center and the Northville Library.

CONTACT: (248) 231-2334 or visit www.gardenersnorthville

ROCK FINANCIAL. SHOWPLACE

46100 Grand River Ave. Call www.rocklinanclalshowplace.com for more information. Back Yard Pool and Spa Show

Friday, March 28; 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29; and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, March 30 DETAILS: Show focuses on

vimming pools, spas and outdoor entertaining. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$4 for ages 6-14 and 5 and under are free. Parking American Baby Faire

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 5-6 DETAILS: Nation's largest expo \$8 for adults, ages 12 and under

CLASS REUNIONS Plymouth High School Class nf 1968

Northville High School Class of 1968

DETAILS: Anyone interested in a 40th reunion for the Class of 1968, please contact Ror Barnum at (248) 347-8808.

Northville High School Class

DETAILS: The 30-year reunion DETAILS: The Class of 1963 is is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 2, hosting a 45 year reunion on August 10, 2008 at Baker's of 2008 at the Radisson Livonia. The cost is \$75 per person. Milford. For more information "Crasher" tickets are available for the classes of 1976, 1977, and call Barb Cook at (248) 349-1979 for \$25. A ore-party will be held Friday, Aug. 1 at The Chase Dearborn and Edsel Ford Bar & Grill, Northville, Contact

High School Class of 1958 DETAILS: The 1958 January and Edsel Ford High Schools and having a combined 50-Year Reunion to be held on Saturday

High School. The treats have steamed rice, sesame seeds and spices and are rolled in dried seaweed or nori. August 2, 2008 at the Dearborn are available. CONTACT: (248) 473-3100 to Country Club, Judy Richards Goerke 313-562-9031, Judygoerke@yahoo.com (Shirley Chiado Peters 248-348-

hima, far left, demonstrates how rice balls are made during a recent Japanese Club meeting at Novi

Scrap-a-Thon Fund-raiser

for Boy Scout Troop 228 TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

DETAILS: The will be demos.

information, products for pur-

chase, tools to use, food, and

prizes. The cost is \$35 per per

CONTACT: Renee Shinska,

(248) 446-0881 or e-mail

ren123@charter.net

Saturday, April 5 LOCATION: First United

Methodist Church, 640 S.

Lafavette, South Lyon

Cass Tech Class of 1958

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planning a 20th reunion for the weekend of July 26, 2008. For

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son2004@vahoo.com

DETAILS: The Class of 1968 is looking for classmates for their 40th Class Reunion to be held DETAILS: The 50 year class reunion will be held October 11. 2008. For more information, call Isabelle, (313) 882-4626 or go to July 19, 2008 in Livonia, For more information, contact Janet casstech58.com (Sheedy) Johnston at (734) 437 3534 or e-mail to phs40thre-

REGIONAL

Botsford Golf Expo

9443, Shirley.peters@village-

ford.net may be contacted for

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 29 LOCATION: Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River Avenue, Novi DETAILS: This free event is designed to make your first round of golf this season pain

free. Vendor booths, discounts on golf lessons and a raffle for prizes will be featured. Reservations for a free, private swing analysis with a PGA pro

Explore Eastern TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 5 LOCATION: EMU Student

Center, 900 Oakwood St., DETAILS: High school students and transfer students can

learn about Eastern Michigan University, meet with representa tives from various academic programs, housing, dining, career services, financial aid, scholarships and more. Also, campus tours will run every 15 minutes. The event is free and all those who attend can apply for admission free of charge, a \$20 savings. One high school senior who

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 08, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile

Roat to consider:

Case No. 08-009 filed by Market Village located at 41430 Grand
River Ayenuc, Suite D

Market Village is requesting one sign variance for an additional wall
sign on the Meadowbrook Road elevation of the Gateway Village Market.
Applicant is requesting one 42 equare foot wall sign to be located at sign on the Meadowbrook Road elevation of the Gateway Village Market. applicant is requesting one 42 square foot wall sign to be located at 11439 Grand River Avenue, Property is zoned NCC and is located west

Meadowbrook Road and north of Grand River Avenue.

Case No. 08-010 filed by Park Place Estates Inc. for 50740

Berwick Courd
Park Place Estates Inc. is requesting one ten foot front yard setback
variance for lot 27, 50740 Berwick Court in the Park Place Subdivision in
an effort to preserve a wetland buffer in the rear yard and allow the lot to
be buildable. The property is zoned RA and is located wast of Garfield Case No. 08-011 filed by Greek Isle Entery located at 39777

Case No. 08-011 filled by Greek Isle Eglery located at 39777
Grand River Avenue
Greek Isle Eglery is requesting a variance to the requirement that
outdoor seating areas shall be enclosed in instances where there is wait
staff service. Greek Isle Eatery is located in the Pheasant Run Plaza at
39777 Grand River Avenue. Property is zoned B-3 and is located south
of Grand River and west of Haggerty Road.

Case No. 08-012 filled by Bradley Signworks for Crowne Plaza
located at 2700 Sharaton Orive
Crowne Plaza is requesting two variances to a previously approved
CRAB-0-023 hole ison to allow for the addition of two panels to the exist-

located at 27000 Shoraton Oriva

Crowne Plaza is requesting two variances to a previously approved (ZBA06-073) pole sign to allow for the addition of two panels to the existing sign. The first panel measures 44 square feet and is to be placed below the existing Crowne Plaza sign for Benediction's Steakhouse located at 27000 Sheraton Drive. The second panel measures 33 square feet and is to be placed below the Benediction's sign. This panel is proposed to be a LED reader board sign. The applicant is also requesting one wall sign variance for a 63 square foot illuminated wall sign to be located on the west elevation of the Crowne Plaza hotel located at 27000 Sheraton.

the wast elevation of the Crowne Pleza holel located at 27000 Sheraton Drive. The property is zoned C. Conference Center and is located north of 1-98 and west of Novi Road.

Case, No. 03-013, filled by Superior. Divestified Services for Shirvanian Orfice Building located at 43485 Fonda Drive.

Ron Nuechterlein of Superior Diversified Services is requesting four variances for the construction of a proposed office building to be located at 43485 Fonda Street. Applicant is requesting two parking selback variances, one loading space setback variance and one maneuvering lane width variance. Property is zoned TC and is located north of Grand River Avenue and west of Novi Road.

Case No. 08-014 filled by Radiant Sign Company for Hortz Located at 42355 Grand River Avenue for Netz. Drop Off and Pick Up. The property is zoned B-3 and is located south of Grand River Avenue for Netz. Drop Off and Pick Up. The property is zoned B-3 and is located south of Grand River and west of Meadowbrook Road.

Case No. 08-015 filed by Curb Appeal Homes for 1915 West Lake

Drive

Case No. 08-016 filed by Cornell Sign Company Inc. for K&S aza located at 30900 Beck Road

Finza located at 30909 Beck Road
Cornell Sign Company is requesting one sign variance to allow a 30 square foot multi tenant business sign for the K&S Plaza located at 30900 Beck Road. The proposed multi tenant sign will replace an existing business center pole sign. The property is zoned B-3 and located east of Beck Road and south of Pontiac Trail.

Road and south of Pontiac Itali.

Case No. 09-017 filled by Meadow Pointe LLC for Avalon Pointe
Office Center located at 41805 Floven Mile Road
Meadow Pointe LLC representing Avalon Pointe Office Center is
requesting an extension for the continued use of a sixty (60) square foot
temporary construction identification sign to remain on the property
located at 41805 Eleven Mile Road until the first certificate of occupancy
for the third building is issued. Property is zoned I-1 and is located south
of Eleven Mile Road and west of Meadowbrock Road.

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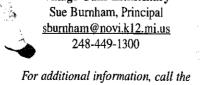
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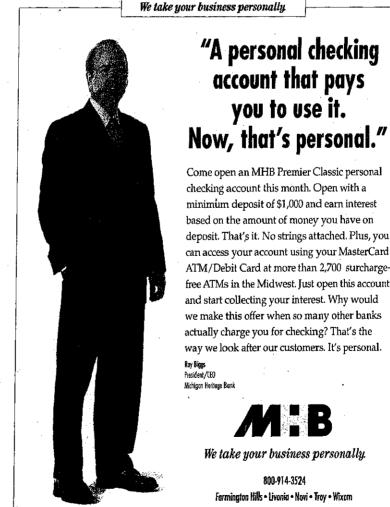
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CONTACT: To register or for more information, go to www.emich.edu/explore/.

Gemini Fundraiser Concert TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. Saturday,

LOCATION: New Hope Congregation Church, Meeting Hall, 57885 Grand River, New

DETAILS: This nationally acclaimed and award winning musical duo perform music for families. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$7 for children or \$28 for a four pack. Seating is limited so advanced purchase is recom-

Walk MS 2008

DATE: Sunday, May 4 LOCATION: Troy High School DETAILS: Join the 2008 Walk MS presented by Christopher and Banks and help celebrate the 20th anniversary. Keep us moving towards a cure by joining a team, raising funds and/or volunteering in one of the Walk MS for more information about the Michigan Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, visit www.nationalMSsociety.org/mig.

(248) 568-1095 or at the door on

City of Wixom

CONTACT: Community Services Programs, 49045

Senior Ongoing Programs Some of these activities have a Monday: 10-11 a.m. Exercise

Tuesday: 10 a.m.-noon Knit/Crochet and Sew Group noon-2:30 p.m. Line Dancing Wednesday: 10-11 a.m. Second Monday: 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch

Second Tuesday: 10 a.m. Senior Commission Second Thursday: 11:30 a.m.

Fourth Thursday: 10-11:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Red Cross Blood Drive TIME/DATE: 2-8 p.m. Wednesday

DETAILS: For ages 17 and older weighing 110 pounds or more. For appointments, call Jodi at (248) 624-2850 or walk-in day

Kensington Metro Park Road, Milford, (248) 685-1561 or

Sleigh Rides or Havrides every weekend at the Learning Center, weather permitting.

Nature Center Programs DETAILS: Please pre-register orams, Call (248) 685-0603. Sugar Full Moon Walk: 1 p.m. Nature's Way: 2 p.m. Sunday. Signs of Spring Walk; 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 29 Wehelos, Forester; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 30 - Deer

Webelos, Geologist: 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 6 - Jr. Girl Scouts, Rocks Rock. Programs

DETAILS: Please pre-register. There is a cost for most pro-grams. Call (248) 684-8632. SCHEDULE: 1 p.m. Saturday-The Great Egg Hunt and Farmer

John Show; 10 a.m. Thursday, March 27 - Fun on the Farm: 10 a.m. Thursday, April 10 - Fun on

Magle's Sweet Story March weekends DETAILS: School groups may make weekday appointments.

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

Thursday evenings through Apr. LOCATION: Executive Office

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LOCATION: Schoolcraft

College, 18600 Haggerty Road

CONTACT: For more informa-

tion and to register call (734)

Women's Resource Center TIME/DATE: 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday, April 4

LOCATION: Schoolcraft DETAILS: Visiting Historians don historical costumes and take on the roles of sharpshooter Annie Oakley and her marksmar husband, Frank Butler; \$15 per luncheon; prepaid registration required: no tickets issued: limit ed seating; doors open 11:15

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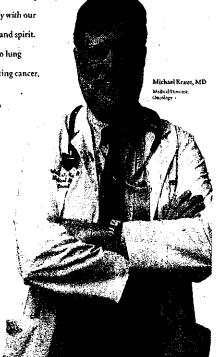
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Students spring for break in Mexico

As spring break begins today, many Novi High School seniors will head south to Mexico for a seven-day stay in a wanner cli-

mate.
An estimated 60-70 seniors, along with many of their families and other students from Northville, Livonia, Detroit Catholic Central and Detroit Mercy high schools, will head to Riviera Maya, also referred to as Maya Riviera, for what has developed into an unsponsored annual trip for Novi seniors.

"It's completely done on the kids part. It's cool because they're so close after four years to want to do this," said Randy Gawel, assistant principal at Novi High

Some students already have a Maya, as they have gone with their families when past siblings

"I had such a good time and my sister had the time of her life," said 17-year-old Hayley Miller,

Adam Pyett, 18, has traveled to been waiting for the Mexico trip since he found out about the sen-

ior tradition years ago.
"We're going down there to have a good time," he said. Melissa Gasiorek, 17, has also parasailing." been counting down the days to

"I remember thinking, after last spring break, it was 350 days until my spring break," she said.

young adults to serve the commu-nity either as a student representa-

Parks, Recreation and Forestry

Although dozens of ready-to-graduate high school students in a lifferent country may raise red flags, the trip has stayed safe for

Supervision

nearby.
"I think the trip's been well organized and will be well supervised," said Sue Gasiorek, Melissa's mother, who will be going to Mexico with her husband, Don. and Melissa. "Two years ago, most of the parents were right on the beach, just down a little from the kids." Sue already knows what to

expect, since she went to Mexico with her daughter, Jessica, and the 2006 senior trip. Her other daughter, Becky, who went to Florida on her own in 2004, also went to Mexico in

the past.

The Gasioreks often take a winter trip, but Sue is looking for-ward to Mexico and being with friends and family.

"I'm looking forward to the

warm weather. We usually take a warm-weathered trip, although usually in February," she said. "We're traveling with another family and we leave Saturday. Most people are going down Friday. The hotel's supposed to be really nice. We might do some beach activities, but nothing like paraesailing. Miller isn't concerned about

the abundance of parents going on the senior trip.
"They act more like kids than

Area youth invited to serve city

group charged with the responsi-bility of making recommenda-tions to the City of Novi concern-

ing the needs of youth.

During the past year, the Youth
Council has participated in
Project Sticker Shock, hosted
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be Novi residents at the high ing the needs of youth.

Historical

Spring Break events at Novi Library March 21 Library closed

for Good Friday March 23 Library closed

duction to the animal world. March 26 1-3 p.m Afternoon Movie for fifth graders and nider Ming the Magnificent magi-

cian. Ages 4 and older.

Mexico-less

Not all students are bound for Mexico. Some are staying in Novi, while others head to Florida or Europe.
Lauren Farley, 17, is headed for the Dominican Republic.

of friends and our families," she

"I'm looking forward to the many students traveling in groups warm weather. We usually take a and also with parents, as both are

saler options.
"I know they're excited about this, but it does have to be tempered with a little," he said. "I think it's been pretty consistent that they're a very close knit group of kids. In a few months, the likelihood of them all being together again isn't the cond." together again isn't that good.'

Jackett can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 122 or

appointed by the City Council based upon application completion,

a written essay and an interview Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office located at 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, and

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nerational prom. formed a the Community Relations Office



In front of a sign at their school store that says "hot" Novi High School students celebrate their upcoming spring vacation to places that are decidedly hot, like Mexico and the Domican Republic. From left, seniors: Lauren Farley, Adam Pyett, Hayley Miller,







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Susie Freeman, left, and Sharon Alexander head out on cross country skils at Novi's North Lakeshore Park.

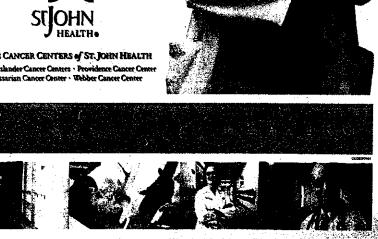
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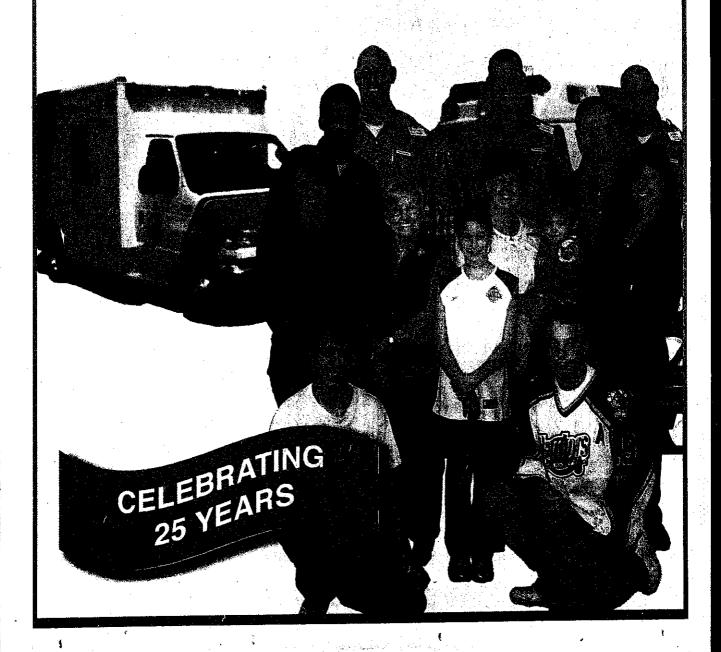
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Novi's medley relay team lands on the All-Area First Team, Page 2B

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SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

VERSATILE WILDCAT

Novi's sophomore can play all five positions

By Jeff Theisen SPORTS WRITER

Novi's Caroline Johnson is the

girls basketball player of the year after wearing many hats for the KVC co-champion Wildcats. "I think the thing that makes her special is she's versatile," Novi head coach Bill Kelp said.

he can play all five positions.

Sometimes she even played the two extreme positions

the two extreme positions — point guard and center — on the same possession."

Versatility was huge for the Wildcats as they had to deal with injuries and illnesses that kept Novi from practicing with a full team all year. "What's amazing is she showed

up and was consistent every night, especially when all the teams we played know her and gameplan to slow her down." Kelp said, "When she doesn't have all her teammates around her because of the injuries and illnesses, they can focus on her even

'I guess that's what made it

even more special for her."

Johnson led 17-4 Wildcats in several categories: 10.6 points, 5.5 rebounds, 21 blocks and 26 three-pointers. She also snared 37

"She was our go-to player," Kelp said. "I think the one asset about her that all great players have is that she makes everyone around her better, too."

around her better, too."

The coaches of the KVC awarded Johnson with the league's Player of the Year honor.

"I think they saw what we see

every day," Kelp said. "They rec-ognized how versatile she is." With Johnson just a sophomore, Kelp is excited to see how much

her game could grow in her junior and senior seasons.

"What's going to be fun is the future and watching her hopefully become more of a team, leader," Kelp said.

The All-Area First Team is made up of Novi's Katie Chaklos, Northville's Sarah Stern. Northville's Sarah Stern, Lakeland's Maghan Kunze and



South Lyon's Danielle Gotham Chaklos was the glue that kept the Wildcats going. She wasn't afraid to take a big shot, but her biggest asset was guarding the opposing team's best player night in and out. She was voted to the First-Team All-KVC.

"She was the heart and soul of the team," Kelp said. "The other coaches saw that they would love to have Katie Chaklos on their team.



See JOHNSON, 2A Novi's Caroline Johnson is the Atl-Area Player of the Year after leading Novi to first place in the KVC.

Novi's Dean, Bellamy on 1st Team

Lakeland's Fugate leads All-Area Team

By Patrick Pinter and Jeff

Bob Brugger has seen plenty of ood players come through good players come through Lakeland High School during his time as head boys basketball coach, but none that work as hard as junior Mike Fugate.

'No one works harder than Mike. He has the drive and work

ethic. He has been a joy to coach," said Brugger, "There are not many like him that have come through Lakeland High

Fugate is being recognized as the All-Area Player of the Year. He led his team to an 18-4 record this year and averaged a team-high 18.5 points per game this season. Fugate was also named the Kensington Valley Conference Player of the Year. The Lakeland Eagle also ted

The Laxeland Lagre also has his team in rebounds, assists and steals this year. He averaged 6.1 rebounds, 4.4 assists and 2.3 steals per game this sea-

Fugate scored 409 points. which was good for third all-time in a single season at Lakeland. He moved up to sixth all-time on t career scoring list with 719

onns.
"In the past there have been a few weaknesses to his game, but this year you really couldn't say anything bad about his game," said Brugger. "He improved in a lot of areas and did a lot of the lit-

balls and taking charges. "He is a complete player and he brings a lot of the intangibles

Novi's Caleb Dean and Chris Bellamy make the All-Area First Team after helping to lead the Wildcats to the final KVC title.

Dean, a 6-9 inside imposing force, took his game almost exclusively inside this year and averaged a double-double with 15.2 points and 12.1 rebounds. The senior also swatted a team-

high four blocks a game.
"Caleb had truly an outstanding season," Novi head coach Cory Heitsch said. "He has really

See BOYS HOOPS, 2A



Lakeland's Mike Fugate is the Allof the Year.

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Northville's Blickle blazes past field

team has had its share of stars in

Brody Blickle left his mark o the program, taking up six spoton the Mustangs' record board, three individual and three on

years," Northville head coach Rich Bennetts said, "He's the record holder in the 100 butterfly 100 freestyle and the 100 back stroke. He's also got his name up

"He definitely left his mark here. We were lucky to have him for four years. No doubt him and Chris Keady are probably the tw best swimmers that have ever

gone through that school."

Blickle capped off his career as part of the state-champion 200 reestyle relay team to go with his All-American swim with the 400 freestyle relay team and a second-and third-place finish in individ-

"He leaves as an All-American, which is pretty cool for him," Bennetts said.

While naturally gifted, that wasn't all that Blickle relied on. Hardwork in practice helped, but Bennetts saw one more thing in him. "He's got that ability to just race," Bennetts said, "When he

steps up on the block, he just didn't always see things eye to eye, but this past year was the best

have had our battles throughout the years." Bennetts said, "He was

orse captains we've had at Novi in my 12 years." Novi head coach ing to get to the same point, it works out all right in the end. All in all it's worked out well. This year was much more enjoyable." Blickle will continue his swim-

First Team

Novi's Dan Meister, Joon Chang, Dan Keifer and Tyler. Vincent combined to place 14th in the 200 medley at the state meet and make the All-Area First

at state by placing 13th in the 100. Brown races to the front

By Patrick Pinter and Jeff Theisen

Milford girls ski team this year as they captured their fourth straight regional title. One of the main components of the four-year run has been senior Emily Brown.

Brown is one of the major fac-

tors to help the Mavericks put together the run. She is the 2008 All-Area Skier of the Year. This season, Brown took home

the regional title in the slalom and finished third in the giant slalom

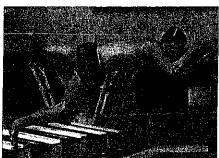
race.

"Emily is just an outstanding young tady. She is top notch all

coach Marty Neighbors, "She is a hard-nose competitor and her con-

tributions have been immeasura-

ble. Beyond that, she always wants do what is best for the tean



Brody Blickle dives into Northville High's pool a week after finishing his career as a Mustang swimmer

"All-Area Swim. Dive

Player of the Year --Brody Blickle, Northville sr.

First Team Dan Meister, Novi senior Joon Chung, Novi freshman Tyler Vincent, Novi molor Kyle Adams, Northylle senior

Justin Amara-Parent, Lakelani Adam Oxner, South Lyon so. Chet Jankowski, S. Lyon Jr. Jon Denys, South Lyon senio Nathan Bohn, South Lyon sr.

Ryan Kenney, South Lyon jr.

Gree Sheppard, Northville sr.

Also making the First Team are Northville's Jon Bardsley, Kyle Adams and Joe Kargula, Lakeland's Jake Campbell and Justin Amara-

Parent and South Lyon's Chef

Denys, Nathan Bohn, Ryan Kenney

The All-Area Second Team includes Catholic Central's Josh Radke, Northville's John Labisco,

Second Team Andy Stone, South Lyon so. Ben Newcomb, S. Lyon senior Kyle Mehthaff, S. Lyon senior Aaron Parzuchowski, South

Josh Matusky, Lakeland lunlor John Labisco, Northylle so. Nate Lunn, Northville so Josh Radke, Catholic Central sr

Honorable Mention Clay Malloure, Northville jr. John Blickle, Northville so. Keyin Courtny, Northville fr.: Brian Houck, Lakleand Junior Tony Cloponerl, Lakeland fr. Joey Sherman, Lakeland in Mike Kosal, South Lvon st.

Lakeland's Josh Matusky, and South Lyon's Andy Stone, Ben Newcomb, Kyle Melhaff and

Filling out the All-Area Honorable Mention team are Northville's Kevin Courtny, Clay Malloure and John Blickle: Lakeland's Brian Houck, Tony Cipponeri, Brandon Hartley and

nated by coaches and submitted from Novi, Northville, Lakeland, South Lyon and Milford, Jeff Theisen and Patrick Pinter com-

Danielle Fahoome and Sara

Sheeran of Novi were named to

Other All-Area First Tean

selections include Rachel Hogarth, Kelly Dearing and Cheryl Craig from Lakeland, South Lyon's Christina Bailo and include Rachel

the All-Area First Team. Fahoone placed 15th in the giant slalom and 17th in the

Milford's Lauren Moser.

Honorable Mention

slalom at the regional meet.

■ BOYS HOOPS: Dean, Bellamy on First Team

complete basketball player, who controlled the glass and anchored

sharp-shooting threat in his second year as a starting guard. He avreaged 14.5 points a game with six rebounds, four assists and four steals.
"Chris is a complete basketball player who has no holes in his

game," Heitsch said. "After the turn of the year, Chris was extremely dominate from the guard spot. He came into this year as a spot up shooter but really expanded his game offensively." Catholic Central's Tim Dezelski came up hig for the Shamrocks all year, but no bigger than during their run to the dis-

gle offensive and defensive cate gory, and he carried our team on both ends of the floor for long stretches this year," Shamrock head coach Bill Dyer said. Rounding out the rest of the

First Team selections are

Northville's Dan Kirknatrick.

Second Team

Novi's other starting guard, Brandon Bradford, makes the All-Area Second Team. Bradford averaged 10.3 points a game with 4.5 assists and three

"Brandon is an extremely gift

ed defender, probably the best on ball defender I have conched who drew the top assignment every game and preformed at a high level." Heitsch said. Catholic Central's Brett Smith pulled out one of his best games of the year against Novi to win

the Shamrocks ahead for good "Every time he steps on the floor he is going to give you all-out effort," Dyer said, "If you're playing against him, you better be ready for a battle. He never quits." Rounding out the Second Team selections are Northville's

Greg Hasse, Milford's Jordan

Kidd and Lakeland's Brett

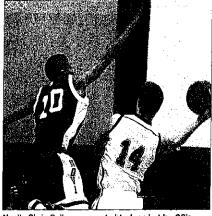
the district title. His late layup put

Honorable Mention

All-Area Honorable Mention honors go to Novi's Collin Crandell, Nick Prokop and Shaun Rydzewski; Catholic Central's Steve Harding, Ryan Houska and Jamie Morris: Asher; South Lyon's Justin Hartman, Mike Fenner and Jordon Short; Lakeland's Kris Dukic and Milford's Stephen



Wildcat head coach Corv Heitsch sits down with Caleb Dean during a timeout to talk about strategy during a



Novi's Chris Bellamy soars to block a shot by CC's Brett Smith during the district final.

Fuelling and Nate Kesto. The All-Area teams are nomi-

from Novi, Northville, Lakeland, South Lyon, Catholic Central and Milford, Jeff Theisen and Patrick



Skiers named as Honorable

Mention were Vernoica Weir, South Lyon senior, Stefanie Thorpe, Milford, Kari Boyd, Milford and Megan Burns, Novi

nated by coaches and submitted from Novi, Northville, Lakeland, South Lyon and Milford. Jeff Theisen and Patrick Pinter ea

The Novi Cats Green sixth grade basketball team is the champion for the Maximum

Potential Basketball League in Pinckney. The All-Area tea Austin Beyer

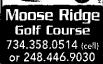
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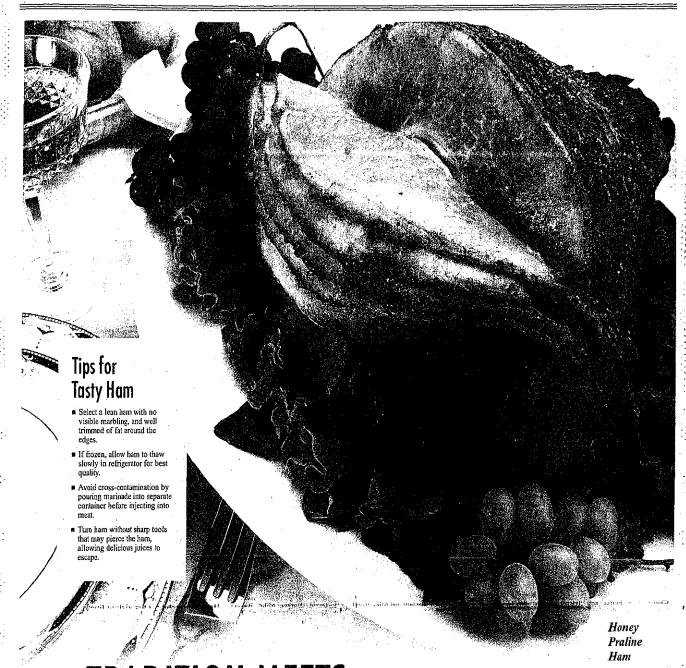
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1 (3.25-ounce) canister Cajun

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Preheat oven as instructed on ham packagapproximately 40 seconds in microwave. Inject marinade evenly throughout ham

using approximately 1 1/2 ounces per pound of meat. After injecting with mar nade, cover ham; bake according to package directions. Remove ham from oven; pan drippings. Remove ham from oven; allow to rest covered before carving.

Sweet Potato Casserole Pren time: 15 minutes Cook time: 35 to 45 minutes Servings: 7 (5-ounce) servings

1/4 cup evaporated milk 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 eggs
3 tablespoons butter, melted
1 (29-ounce) can Bruce's

Sweet Potato Casserole

4 tablespoons butter, softened Preheat oven to 350°F. Combine milk

vanilla, eggs, melted butter and casserole mix, blending well. Place topping in separate bowl; cut in softened butter and nix until crumbly. Pour mixture in 9- by 9- by 2-inch baking dish; sprinkle with topping. Bake 35 to 45 minutes.

Southern-Style Bread Pudding With Rum Sauce

Prep time: 10 minutes Servings: 8 servings

1 egg, heaten
1 3/4 cups milk
1/4 cup butter or

1 box Bruce's Southern Style Bread Pudding Mix 6 cups loosely packed French bread, tori

into 1-inch pieces Preheat oven to 350°F. Combine egg, milk, and butter in large mixing bowl. Add bread udding mix; blend well. Stir ir Bake 50 minutes or until knife inserted near center comes out

tions and cover with rum sauce.

1/3 cup granulated sugar

ons cornstarch 3/4 cup milk 2 tablespoons white

or dark rum

Melt butter in small saucepan over medium heat. Mix together butter. Pour milk in pan; cook stirring frequently until mixture begins to boil. Continue cooking until thick, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; stir in rum. Serve warm over bread pudding.

Hill had to fight through injuries for much of the year, but ild drive into the paint and kick

accountable first. The girls, they followed her.

sented by guard Chantel Hill on the All-Area Second Team. She is joined by Northville's Chelsea Atzinger, Milford's Brittni Hutton and Lakeland's Laura Ward and Lyon.

The Wildcats were also repre-Megan Groce from Milford and Kristin Short, Courtney Harrison and Kelsey Kaminsky from South

Hill had to fight through injuries for much of the year, but nated by coaches and submitted was still one of the fastest girls on from Novi. Northville, Lakeland, Theisen and Patrick Pinter co. it out to open teammates to get the prised the teams.

All-Area Girls Ski

Player of the Year -

Emiliy Brown, Milford senior First Team

Lauren Moser, Milford Rachel Hogarth, Lakeland Kelly Dearing, Lakeland Cheryl Craig, Lakeland Sara Sheeran, Novl

Verrioica Weir, S. Lyon senior Stefanie Thorpe, Milford Kart Boyd, Milford

"Coaches go through many years looking for kids like that." in the GS and 17th in the Slalom. The senior skier also helped Milford take home a sixth-place finish at the state finals. She placed in the top 20 in both the Statom es dream," said Neighbors. "She

■ JOHNSON: Player of the Year

The All-Area Honorable Mention team includes Paige Janer, Melissa Gasiorek and Holmes from Northville, Lisa Maxwell and Katie O'Leary from Lakeland, Camille Dittmar and

South Lyon and Milford. Jeff



Honorable Mention

and GS races. Brown finished 20th has been a captain and in terms of

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By Sally Rummel

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Dr. Hershey now brings his specialized orthodontic practice to the Highland/Milford area, adding a second location to the Waterford office he has maintained for three

decades.

Serving as associate orthodontist is Dr. Mark A. Bieszki, who is trained in the most recent advances in orthodontics. "His skills add to our practice's ability to deliver leading-edge treatment," says Dr. Hershey.

Highland Station Orthodontics opened in October, 2007 and recently held a Grand Opening to introduce the practice to the community.

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Their new office is located at 161 N.
Milford Road, just ½ mile south of M-59.

"We have chosen to practice in the
lightland ara because we know that there is
very much a need locality for these services," says Dr. Hershey. "Many residents have gone out of town for orthodontic work because it wasn't available in Highland — until now." He and his wife Patti, who serves as clini-

cal director for the practice, are very excited about the future of Highland - especially the revitalization of the downtown district, where their new office is located.

"We want to give a special thanks to our architect and builder. Larry Shew and his wife, Debbie, for helping us become a part of this great community development project." Dr. Hershey said.

The Hersheys are also very appreciative to the Highland Business Association, which has welcomed them so warmly. "They have done everything for us," he added.

The support of the Highland community has been overwhelmingly positive, according to Dr. Hershey. His ability to impact the matter what their day was like at school.

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lives of local children provides him with the

energy and monitoring to serve them with this local office.

MORE THAN TEETH

"Having successful orthodontic treatment is a life-changing experience for a child." Dr. Hershoy said.

"It's not just about fixing their teeth," he added. "It's all about creating confidence and self-esteem. Your child is more than just a smile to us — that's why we take such pride in making orthodontic treatment both fun and beneficial."

With an average patient age between 10 and 14, Highland Station Orthodontics offers cutting edge technology and a sleek, con-temporary office design to appeal to its youthful patients.

Hand-held video games, flat-screen TVs

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NO FEAR HERE

Adding another youthful perspective to Dr. Hershey's busy practice is the face of a former patient-turned-employee, Aaron Caroline 25

As a former patient of Dr. Hershey's a decade before he graduated from Michigan State University with B.A. in Marketing, Crook was excited to see an advertisement Dr. Hershey had placed for an administrative

position.
"I LOVED Dr. Hershey's office when I was a kid," Crook recalled, "Now I've been here for almost four years and I still love it!"
That's because this office is devoted to

meeting the needs of children, offering them

Meet the Orthodontists . . .

STEPHEN E. HERSHEY, DDS, MS, LLC Orthodontics and Dento-facial Orthopedics

EDUCATION: Michigan State University undergrad and a graduate and the University of Detroit School of Dentistry in 1974. Resident in the Department of Pediatrics at Wyler's Childrens' Hospital in Chicago, earning a master's degree in Facial Growth and Development from the University of Chicago in 1976, Orthopedic training at University of Michigan with a Master of Science degree.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS: Specialty practice since 1978 with offices in Waterford and Highland. Teaching appointments at the University of Chicago, University of Detroit, University of Michigan. Numerous professional articles published in both orthodonics and anthropology. Lectured throughout the U.S. and

unichiaupi AFFILIATIONS: Editorial consultant to the American Journal of Orthodontics and Dento-facial Orthopedics; board of directors of the American Association of Orthodontics Foundation, member of American Dental Association, Michigan Dental Association, American Association of Orthodontists, Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists, American Association of Physical Anthropologists, American

Association of Forensic Odontology. Diplomat of the American Board of Orthodontics. Director of Tiago: Orthodontic Educational Resources, which has presented and sponsored accredited continuing education programs in orthodontics for dentists and their staff since 1984.

PERSONAL: Dr. Hershey and his wife, Patti, have six children, all of whom are lifelong residents.

HOBBIES: Playing jazz trumpet, motorcycle riding and restoration since the age of

MARK A. BIESZKI, DDS, MS

EDUCATION: B.S. in Biology (with distinction) in 1998 and Doctor of Dental Surgery in 2002 from University of Michigan. M.S. degree in Orthodontics from University of Detroit Mercy.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS: Board certified orthodontist in state of Michigan, Active member of the American Association of Orthodontists, American Dental Association, Michigan Dental Association.

PERSONAL: Married to wife, Nolka,

HOBBIES: Formerly recruited by college and professional teams in baseball and hockey. Also enjoys fishing, working out and traveling.

"We have kids who come back and visit our office all the time, because they have such positive memories of their time with

us," Dr. Hershey said.
"Sometimes kids are disappointed when
they come in with their parents for an initial
consultation, and find out that they DON'T need braces!" he added with a laugh.

That's a real testament to the fun and friendly atmosphere Dr. Hershey's offices loving

"Most of our staff have been with us for tion."

many years," Dr. Hershey said. "They work hard to create a very upbeat, positive environment for children."

Their longevity average is 12 years, with Patti serving as clinical director for 28 years and Julie Barker as financial coordinator for

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To make an appointment at Highland Station Orthodontics, call the office at (248) 684-9300. "No referral is necessary," Dr Hershey said. "Just call us to schedule you child's complimentary orthodontic examina-

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