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## Budget talks begin

■ 7 p.m. tonight at civic center

By Kelly Murad STAFF WRITER

Council meets for the first time tonight to discuss the proposed budget for the upcoming 2008-09 fiscal year. The public meeting begins at 7

p.m. in council chambers inside the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W.

10 Mile Road.

As the first of three scheduled

meetings, tonight's agen-2008-09 budg-TALK ABOUT

II: Join in discussing our sto-ries online via overview, the City of Novi's Story Chat at

rainy day funds and the capital improvement pro

gram.

The city is proposing a \$32.6 million general fund budget document.

"Typically, council won't really get into a lot of detail until the

second meeting and, depending on how that meeting goes, will dictate whether or not you need that third meeting," said council-man Andrew Mutch.

The second meeting is 8:30 a.m. Saturday and the temative third budget meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. April 24. Currently in his first term on council, Mutch is anlicipating this

budget session, which is the third he has been involved with, to be

he has been involved with, to be the most challenging.

"I think the biggest challenge for us is the fact that our property taxes are basically flat, we're not seeing an increase in our tax rev-enues," he said. "That means we're going to have to make diffi-cult choices."

Mutch said it will also be impor-tant to look ahead, since it doesn't seem like the economy is going to turn around in the near future.

"It's a lot harder to cut from the budget for some people," Mutch said, "Each council member comes to the table with their own priori ties. I think what people want to do and what they have the money for and what they have the are two different things."

## **Earth Explorers**



Pouring water on a sloped table with sand, Scott Wolan teaches Orchard Hills students about two of the fundamental agents of erosion, water and gravity. The lesson was part of the school's Earth Explorers' Day activities.

By Chris Jackett

third graders at Orchard
Hills Elementary
School spent last
Friday Joanning about the East)
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Explorers' Day, which featured several hands-on activities and a special visit from some normally nocturnal creatures.

mally nocturnal creatures;

Date Smart, from the
Bloomfield Hills-based
Organization for Bat
Conservation, taught students
about nocturnal animals such as bats, owls and crickets before showing several of the creatures to the excited 8- and 9-year-old

"We get to see how animals really look like. I liked the part where he twisted his head," said 9-year old Mirad Hadzialijagic of Smart's demonstration.

Nine-year-old students Nine-year-old students.
Lincoln Cleary and Nathan Lys.
said they learned a lot about
owls during the presentation.
"They have big eyes that their
brain is smaller," Cleary said.
"They have huge eyes that
are the size of grapefruits," Lys
added.

The 45-minute "Nocturnal presentation was the

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Ne A student listens intenti to a talk about a great homed owl.

highlight of the day for many students, but they also enjoyed the other nine stations set up in four classrooms.

Students explored stations such as "Polar Paws," "Violent Volcances" and "Quick

Volcances" and "Quick Quakes," each providing activities and lessons to the children. "(I learned) how hot lava is and you don't know where the lava flows," Cleary said of the "Violent Volcances" station, which had students place plastic animal figures around a paper maché volcano before setting it off with vinegar. The lesson off with vinegar. The lesson taught them about the unpredictability of a volcano's lava flow as it passed over some of the animals.

The day was one many students said they tooked forward
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in and sejoyed, and everyone
was in the fun"It shows the schece are that it
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y a hands on activity. A lot of the
science is all about learning the
basics," said lannes Bollean, the
event's organizer. There are still
icids fun into in the high schoolwho emember what we did."

Bollean has organized the
event four times since 2001,
when his oldest daughter.
Stephanie, was a third grader at Stephanie, was a third grader at Orchard Hills.

"We had good fortune this year that the Novi Educational Foundation funded it. With the NEF giving a grant, we can do things up very nicely." Boileau called the event a

"It really requires a lot of parent volunteers and everyone's time is so valuable," he said. "We get a tremendous amount "We get a tremendous amount of parent support. Also, from (Principal Paul) LePlae and the third-grade teachers. I think one of the biggest things is the large number of kids who get to see their parents helping out during this."

#### **MEAP Scores**

						Other
3	Deerfield	100	98.1	88.9	97.2	
3 10	Novi Woods	100	100	92.8	100.	
3	Orchard Hills	99	96	75	94	
3	Parkview	97,4	91.5	77.5	91.5	
3	Village Oaks	96.2	97.4	76.9	92.3	
4	Deerfield	96,4	98.1	86.2	97.2	15.0
4	Novi Woods	98.1	97.1	75	94.2	
4 .	Orchard Hills	96.9	97.9	64.2	88.4.	
4	Parkview	96	94.7	71.6	89.5	
4	Village Oaks	94.9	94.8	67.5	90.9	(M. 5.4)
5	Meadows	92.9	92.7	78.9	90.9	90.5 Science
6 ;	Meadows	94.4	93.8	88.2	92.9	88.6 Social Studies
7	Middle School	92.3	88.4	89	89.5	
8 ;	Middle School	93.1	88.8	∵84.6	88.6	92.8 Science
9	High School	Ĺ		·		92.5 Social Studies

### Novi students pass MEAP, rank with best in the county

Novi Schools performed well on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests given in fall 2007, according to state-wide scores released April 8 by the Michigan Department of Education. The MEAP testing measures

math, reading, writing and English language arts skills for third through eighth graders. The program also tests fifth and eighth graders in science and sixth and ninth graders in social studies. measuring students from each school and district throughout Michigan against standard state

requirements.

Novi's third- and fourth-grade students performed well in math, reading and ELA testing, with between 88.4 and 100 percent of students meeting or exceeding state standards in all three categories at each of the five elemen-

tary schools.

Novi Woods and Deerfield elementary schools led the pack with between 97.2 and 100 percent of students meeting or exceeding standards in those three cate-gories. Novi Woods boasted 100

gories. Novi Woods boasted 100 percent scores for third-grade math, reading and ELA, while Deerfield also scored 100 percent for third-grade math. At Deerfield, 94.5 percent of third graders exceeded state standards. "It's a team effort. We're number one in third grade and number two in fourth," said Monique Reels. Novi's assistant suncein-Beels, Novi's assistant superinWriting improves

Despite high scores in most of the categories, many of the schools scored lower in writing, but still passed with some of the highest scores in the county.

As a district, Novi third-graders As a district, Novi third-graders scored 82.9 percent in writing, which was the best in Oakland County. The Novi fourth-graders 73.5 percent was the second best in the county, 0.3 percent behind birmingham Schools. Fifth and sixth graders both fittished in the top five writing scores within the county.

"Writing is more subjective and it depends on the scorer," Beels said, noting the district's writing scores have improved since adding writing specialist Mary Cooper to the staff, "I see our scores improving like crazy in the next few years."

rext few years."

The writing category also showed the most disparity between schools, with 22 percentage points between the highest and lowest scoring fourth-grade classes and 17.8 percentage points between the highest acroing third-grade classes. The math, reading and ELA categories showed dispartites no larger than 8.8 percent between any two schools within one grade.

"They're all excellent schools. We're all doing the same thing."
Beels said. "We're going to keep doing what we're doing right."

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match up. Tickets cost \$5 at the gate.

Wildcats girl's soccer team the last three state titles, but there's rarely a bigger game then the base line rivalry match with the Northville

Mustangs. Head over to Meadows Stadium, next to Parkview Elementary School on 11 Mile Road, west of Taft Road, by 7 p.m. as coach Brian O'Leary and the Wildcats host the Mustangs in an early-season

- SATURDAY

Take a spring-time stroll aroun d the Fuerst Farm pi erty at 1 p.m. as preservation and restoration experts are on hand to talk about the property and its future. The Novi Historical Commission Fuerst Farm Walk-Around meets at Old Township Hall, 45285 W. 10 Mile Road, between Taft Road and the Novi Public Library. Contact Kathy Mutch at (248) 224-4211 for more information.

SUNDAY

Lovers of crafts should head to Rock Financial Shownlace 46100 Grand River Ave., from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. for the 14th Annual Sugarioaf Art Fair. The event will feature an assortment of fine art, contemporary crafts, demonstrations, food, entertainment and more than 200

artists and craft designers displaying their works. Admission is \$7 when purchased advance on!:

www.sugarloafartfair.com, or \$8 at the door. Children 12 and younger are free Tickets are good for all three days of the weekend event. The show also runs from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Parking is free. Don't miss out, this is one of the state's finest art fairs.



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## MY BUSINESS

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## Walsh to host conference, offer business makeovers



Mark Young, owner of the Western Creative advertising agency, will be at Novi's Walsh College campus May 8 for the Second Annual Small Business Conference.

By Chris Jackett STAFF WRITER

Sometimes, the optimism and promise of owning a new business doesn't correlate with the knowl-

edge to operate it properly.

Walsh College and the City of Novi are working together to present the Second Annual Small Business Conference, hosted by Valsh College and featuring sev-

"The goal of the program is to help existing businesses exceed in this economic climate," said Jan Hubbard, director of corporate relations at Walsh College, "It will help your business succeed People are absolutely amazed at what they can learn. Everyone who speaks is going to have something for everyone to take home to use and make a differ-

The conference, which runs from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. May 8, will award small business makeovers o two businesses in attendance, ast year, the conference awarded aree makeovers, and the morning of May 8 will focus on how the er has helped those com-

Time: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Date: May 8 Place: Walsh College,

Novi Campus Register: (248) 823-1392 Fee: \$75: \$100 after May Visit: http://smallbusiness conference, walshcollege, edu

Novi chambers, the City of Novi, Red Level Networks, Two Men and a Truck, Lotus Bank, Kray Chic, Nerds on Site and more.

Die Company of Troy and Atlas Wholesale Food Company in Detroit were last year's recipients, and had their companies revamped by attorneys, accountants and expert marketers and "All three companies will tell you they didn't ask for help registrations are \$50.

before and now they know they have to," Hubbard said. "Only Novi News staff writer Chris those people at the conference can apply. It's a pretty selective

ing a dying business, but saving an existing business."

The keynote speaker of the 200-person event will be Vic Conant, chair of Nightingale Conant Corp., which produces audio books, who gave his own company a makeover, making i worth millions of dollars.

The afternoon will feature sem mats at the Novi Business Boulevard in the lounge, which will feature 15 will feature 15 vendor tables, one that will include wine from Nov Fine Wine. Of the vendors, both Novi chambers, the City of Novi, Red Level Networks, Two Mer and a Truck, Lotus Bank, Kray Chic, Nerds on Site and a variety

For more information, or to register, visit http://smallbusi or call (248) 823-1392.
Registration costs \$75 before
May 1 and \$100 after, and is available at the door. Walsh alum

### Eberspaecher acquires German auto supplier; Lotus bank increases team

The Eberspaecher Group, a leading supplier of automotive heating and exhaust systems

BUSINESS BRIEFS

rend the global market leader for auxiliary electric and positive temperature coefficient (PTC) of Eberspaecher North America leaters. Eberspaecher previously held a 50 percent interest in the catem Group, which also includes catem Oroup, which also includes catem DEVELEC, a subsidiary. Based in Herxheim, Germany, the catem Group has more than 300 atem Group has more than 300—auto-manufacturers in Europe, imployees and reported sales of North America, Brazil and India. \$96 million last year. Headquartered in Esslingen, The acquisition will not affect Germany, the Eberspaecher Group

said the acquisition will enable Eberspaecher to significantly strengthen its product offerings to an international customer base that already includes most major

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reported annual revenues of \$2.5 hillion in 2006. The company's two peratting divisions – Exhaust Technology and Vehicle Heating – bank's loan officers. Lucander was based in Esslingen. Germany, acquired catem GmbH & Co. KG.
Founded in 1998 as a joint venture between DBK (David + Baader GmbH/Kandel) and Eberspaecher, catem is considered to the debt and a base for the debt and a base fo world. Eberspaecher North America Inc. Private Subsidiary headquarters is located in Novi.

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Lotus Bank of Novi announces the addition of the following individuals to its banking team?"

oank's loan officers, Lucancer was previously first vice president and senior banker at JPMorgan Chase for more than 20 years. A Michigan native, Lucander received an MBA from the University of Michigan, and a BS from Tufts University.

 Mary Dunn, assistant vice president of commercial lending. She is responsible for developing loan relationships, underwriting and closing loans, along with managing and monitoring portfolios. Dunn was most recently assistant vice president of commercial lending with First of America, A. Michigan

Jim and three children. Lotus Bank is a comm hank based in Novi offering a full and small businesses in the northwestern Detroit suburbs.

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## MY NOVI COMMUNITY

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### Garlic mustard invading Novi Garlic Mustard

Assist in removing the Arbor Day cele-

By Kelly Murad

Three years ago, Margaret Schmidt made the mistake of not investigating the origin of a newly sprouted plant appearing in the woods of her Novi home. Now, Schmidt said islands of

bration, April 26

A member of the mustard fam-

ily, garlic mustard is an invasive around us (in Novi). It's an invasive species of plant and here in the U.S. it doesn't have any natural enemies," Schmidt said. "It has a chemical in the roots that

Aside from her own property, chmidt has noticed earlie mustard Schmidt has noticed garlic mustard growing along the trails in Island Lakes, which surround her property, in Lakeshore Park and at the corner of 10 Mile and Beck roads.
"We are aware of it and we con tinue to explore other opportuni-

kills off native species.'

ties to remove this invasive plant from Novi," said city forester

invasive plant at apidly, producing anywhere from 350-7,900 seeds per plant that five years.

The Web site also states gartic

mustard is easily transported by humans on their boots, clothing or by mowing. It tolerates low levels of light and takes advantage of disturbed babitats such as trails, roadsides and areas where trees have been removed.

"It can spread 20-100 feet a year," Schmidt said, "When it starts flowering, it's throwing out hundreds of seeds, and the seeds "We do have our upcoming green have formed throughout the are viable in the ground for five

> flowers of garlic mustard are white with four petals and the plant typically flowers from late April through June in southern Michigan. Michigan.
>
> Contrary to its name, the plant doesn't have an overwhelming odor of garlic, but Schmidt said if you rub your fingers on the contrary to the said if you rub your fingers on the contrary to the said if you rub your fingers on the contrary to the said in removal of garlic mustad from the contrary to the said in the contrary to its name, the plant doesn't have an overwhelming opportunities throughout the contrary to its name, the plant doesn't have an overwhelming opportunities throughout the contrary to its name, the plant doesn't have an overwhelming opportunities throughout the contrary to its name, the plant doesn't have an overwhelming opportunities throughout the contrary to its name, the plant doesn't have an overwhelming opportunities throughout the contrary to its name, the plant doesn't have an overwhelming opportunities throughout the contrary to potentially coordinate with volunteers to assist in removal of garlic mustad from the contrary to the contrary the contrary to t doesn't have an overwhelming odor of garlie, but Schmidt said if

you rub your fingers on the plants' leaves when in its young stages, you could smell the garlic. The odor becomes less noticeable as the plant ages.

Although there is no easy way permanently remove the

plant, Schmidt suggests pulling the plants in small areas or using herbicides for larger areas. "I know there's a lot of invasive species that need to be taken care of but I think this one's impor-tant," Schmidt said, "Right now is According to the Michigan State University Integrated Pest really the best time to make an Management Web site, not only is attack on it because the wildflow-



Since herbicides can also dam age native plants, Schmidt recom-

Arbor Day and River Day events and we plan on making that an opportunity for volunteers to assist us in removing some of this invasive plant that we have out there at Lakeshore Park and Rotary Park," Printz said "We're also exploring other

those parks as well as potential Arbor Day at Lakeshore Park is from 10 a.m.-noon April 26 and River Day at Rotary Park is June 7. For more information regarding the events contact the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department at (248)

Novi News staff writer Kelly Murad can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext 103 or



Smatt infestation

Pull plants by hand roots as well as stem: Discard all pulled plants from the site since seed ripening con-

tinues after plant is pulled; Pull all plants in an area every year until the seed bank is exhausted and seedlings no longer appear.

Medium to large infestations

. Cut flowering plants by hand or . The lower the cut the more . Cut multiple times a season, for

prevent seeds from developing:

. Application of one to two pervides effective control of the . Plants must be actively growing.

 Selectively remove plants damage other plants it comes in



a handful of garlic mustard plant from her Wixom Road property. Schmidt has found the non-native invasive plant covering her woods and is attempting to halt its

### Don't guess . . . soil test; Teavana tea store comes to Twelve Oaks

County Water Authority (SOCWA), the Michigan Stewardshir

Program and local retailers, began April 5. The program runs through April 27. Through this special program, gardeners can purchase, at a number of local retailers, a soil nutrient analysis and organic matter analysis through the MSU Soil and Plant Nutrient Lab for the special price of \$15 per sample. The price includes delivery of soil samples to the MSU laboratory as

well as customized fertilizer rec-Gardeners should consider havto identify nutrients already in the soil and identify appropriate and P options for fertilizer. Without a 0902 the lawn or garden is simply guesswork. Over-application of fertilizers can pollute local takes and rivers, reduce plant quality

participating retailers in this area

 ACO Hardware - all locations, www.acohardware.com

• English Gardens - 6370 Orchard Lake Road. West of fresh, loose-leaf teas, tea makers omfield - (248) 851-7506

Farmington Road, Farmington Hills - (248) 474-2925

The annual "Don't Guess ... Soil Test!" program, cosponsored by Michigan State University Extension, Southeast Oakland County Water Authority If you miss the April 27 dead-cent off one pound.

line for Don't Guess ... Soil Test, Baskin-Robbins hosts 31 don't despair, Soil testing kits are available at the MSU. Extension office for \$12 throughout the year. (Note that, during non-DGST times, organic matter testing is Wednesday, April 30. The event available for an additional fee and and celebration is to thank gardeners will need to mail sam-ples directly to the MSU Soil Test Lab or drop them off to the MSU Extension office.)

For a complete list of participatsample, additional soil testing information, and to find out about plant and pest diagnostic services available, contact the MSU Extension Oakland County Plant and Pest Hotline at (248) 858www.msue.msu.edu/oakland.

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will honor 31 firefighters from across the country who have ment to community

Cent Scoop Night Mark your calendars, 31 Scoop Night is back 5-10 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30. The event Baskin-Robbins' loval customers and will be held at all 2,700 stores nationwide, including those in Novi and Wixom. Additionally,

Baskin-Robbins will partner with the National Firefighters Foundation in an effort to extend support to the firefighting com-munity by donating \$100,000 to demonstrated exemplary commit

Heroes" program.

will be offering more than 15 new camps for this summer. The sumphysical, emotional, social and and infusers, tea gift sets and much more. The store is located on the variety of interests. An example is more. The store is located on the upper level near Lord & Taylor. To "Sporties for Shorties Camp" for celebrate, Teavann will offer customers specials savings on tea of Amongus Circus Camp" where \* Steinkopf Nursery - 20815

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20 percent off five pounds, 15 per

\*\*Company of the properties of circus arts. New camps cent off two pounds, and 10 per-mentals of circus arts. New camps for 2008 include: Farm Camp, Moutain Biking Camp, Crazy Science Camp, Lego Camp, Sports Camps (including cricket, bowling, cheer, football, tennis), Dance Camps (including ballet and hip-hop) and Painting Camp, Camp I skephop, will return The full listing of Novi Parks summer camps can be found at city-ofnovi.org. Registration is going on now and registrations received online receive a \$5 discount. For more information, call the Novi Parks office at (248) 347-0400. Camp, Lakeshoro will return this summer with field trips scheduled to Pump It Up, the Detroit Science Center, Red Oaks

Auntle Ann's now open at

fresh soft pretzels on-premise and offers flavors such as Cinnamon Sugar and Sour Cream and Onion. Other treats include Origina or Cinnamon Sugar Stir Press, 2008, and Sugar, Strx, Pretzel Dogs and lemonade. The new store is located on the lower level, near



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## Novi teen fights back in cancer battle

#### Youngest chairwoman for Relay For Life of Novi

For some Novi High School seniors, maintaining honor roll status. working as a captain of their sports team and applying for colleges more items to her 2008 agenda.

She is not only captain of The Pavement Pounders, but is also Luminaria chairperson for the upcoming American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Novi.

The annual 24-board of the cent would be "C Remember, Fight Back."

"The Fish: Post C."

place June 7-8 at Novi Middle School, and is designed to raise awareness and funding to fight "Lainy is someone who has pur-

community representative for the American Cancer Society, "She is inspired for the fight (against can-cer). She just takes it on and often

Sekuloski's desire to fight the disease started when her 42-yearold mother, Mary, was diagnosed with breast cancer five years ago. After completing treatment, she discovered the cancer had metas-

tasized in her liver, and has been

school, she captained a team of her own; and this year, she's the youngest chairwoman on staff, running the Luminaria Committee.

I originally told Lainy this is my fight," Mary Sekuloski said, "But this is her labor of love. I'm

so proud she is doing this."

The Luminaria Committee sells white paper bags to be deco-rated in honor of someone who battled or is currently battling cancer. They are filled with sand and a candle for an evening Luminaria Ceremony during the

attended the Relay For Life Great Lakes Summit in Indiana and learned the theme for this year's "The Fight Back Ceremony is

new this year," she said. "The Remembrance Ceremony with the Luminaria Bags is more emotion-al, then the Fight Back Ceremony will be empowering."

Sekuloski and her team, The

Pavement Pounders, successfully raised \$7,800 in 2007. Sekuloski received the Team Captain of the Year award for her

Pounders have set the ambitious goal of raising \$10,000. When asked how she plans to accomplish this. Sekuloski bursts Aside from traditional methods

like bake sales and donation hke bake states and domain requests one of the more unique ways is her "You Have Been years donations. In 2007, the money raised "we run because we are running freaks." Sekuloski laughed, refer-

• To join The Pavement Pounders team, or to make a http://relay.acsevents.org (http://relay.acsevents.org)

• To participate in the Relay For Life"

fundraiser, contact Lainy Sekuloski at (248) 974-3782 or by e-mail at

· To volunteer with the Relay For Life of Novi event. Community Representative for the American Cancer Society, at (248) 663-3436, Barb.lovan@cancer.org.

Schuloski has 50 pink plastic flamingos. For a \$10 donation, someone can arrange for her to "flock" a friend's or neighbor's

yard during the night.

It then costs the person \$5 to make the flamingos fly away, and an extra \$5 if they want to send

"Last year was a huge hit and the flamingos flew to almost every house in my subdivision." Sekuloski said. Sekuloski said.
She's inspired when hearing all the positive results from previous run for part of it.



Lainy Sekuloski, 17, and her mother, Mary, fight the battle against cancer together.

approved chemotherapy drugs.

One of those drugs, Tykerb, is

currently being used by Sekuloski's around the track during the 24-

helped introduce seven new FDA-approved chemotherapy drugs. Pavement Pounders who are also ior year at Novi High School, on Novi's cross-country team. while continuing to volunteer with Sekuloski plans to continue run- the American Cancer Society

ning in college, as she has received an academic and athletic full-ride scholarship to the University of St. Francis in Illinois.

through," she said. "Sometimes I feel helpless. A lot of people

### Neighboring school board member set for state House bid

Hoping to switch his seat on the South Lyon Community Schools Board of Education for a position antong Lansing lawmakers. New Hudson resident Doug Curry announced his bid to represent the 38th District of the Michigan

petition seeking the Republican nomination for the legislative seat, has served on the South

years as a resident.

The 38th District, including South Lyon. Lyon Township, Novi, Northville, Wixorn and Walled Lake, is currently represented by Craig DeRoche, a Novi Republican term-limited from tion for the August primary elec-tion nomination from Novi residents Hugh Crawford and Chuck

develop a vision for Michigan." To achieve

ing with comity lead-

Curry said he -- a passion for the lifelong advantage in the district for candi-its. "Trying to teacher with 20 years of service in dates with Novi or Northville on background, Curry serves as a a Detroit and 10 years in Livonia their résumé: DeRoche and his predecessor, Nancy Cassis, were active in those communities before seeking election. South Curry is refining his platform on economic, budgetary, environmental and health issues.

"It's a working document,"
Curry said. "There are things to consider that I haven't developed by thises that the when't developed by thises the things that men't developed by the platform of the things that men't developed by the platform of the things that men't developed by the platform of the things that men't developed by the platform of the things that the platform of the things that men't developed by the platform of the things that men't developed by the platform of the things that the work of the things that the platform of the things the things that the things t

community," Doyle said. "We need more local representatives always been a driving force for

"I believe deeply in the con-

### Novi resident captures the top spot at state geography bee



Hillside Middle School student Jimmy Tian has the whole world in his hands after he recently won the state Geography Bee held in Kalamazoo.

■ His next stop: nation's capital

yet, things that need discussion.

By Pam Fleming

Jimmy Tian knows his geography.
In fact, last Friday, the Hillside Middle School eighth-grader took first place at the state-level in the

100 students who competed in the event at Western Michigan

Iniversity in Kalamazoo. Since 1989, millions of students have competed each year for a \$25,000 U.S. college scholarship and the honor of being the national champion. U.S. schools participate in the bee, using materials prepared by the National Tian said.

The contest is designed to state her was about the norther public awareness about geography. Schools with students in grades

Tian of Novi, this was the third time he had entered the bee, but actually remember learning that

'Jeopardy" game show hat and a the Cosmodrome?'

bag and a trip to Washington, D.C., to compete in the National Geographic Bee May 20-21. Alex Trebek, host of the national show, will serve as the modera-'He always does it," Tian said.

Gettieu to the state contest

Middle school socials studies

"The questions include historical geography, as well as cultural, physical and political geography.'

> Jimmy Tian National Geographic Bee winner

40-question geography test at their respective schools in which questions were given orally and they wrote down their answers.

The question that won him the nor contest is designed to unrage teachers to include geog-lights. The question was: "In the Northern Hemisphere, the north-est in the subject and increase

"In the
Northern Hemisphere, the north-est in the subject and increase

ern tights occur when charged particles collide in the upper atmosphere. What is the other name of the northern lights?" And the winning answer? "Aurora borealis," Tian said, "I

time he had entered the bee, out only the first time he made it to the state bee.

Than said the moderator at the state contest was a clue crew member from the nationally televised game show "Jeopardy."

The local student won \$100, as globe, world allas, gift certificates, globe, world allas, gift certificates, as globe, world allas, gift certificates, where the cosmodrome. In what country is the Cosmodrome?"

Students had only 15 seconds to answer each question. Than doesn't watch "Jeopardy," but he did read parts of the World October 2007, Dr. Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor became the isse with geography quizzes to prepare for the state bee. "I was very surprised that I won," he said. Than will actually travel to the state bee. The did read parts of the World October 2007, Dr. Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor became the isse with geography quizzes to prepare for the state bee. "I was very surprised that I won," he said. Than will actually travel to the state bee. The did read parts of the World October 2007, Dr. Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor became the instead only 15 seconds to answer each question. The day of answer each question. The did read parts of the World October 2007, Dr. Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor became the instead of the world October 2007, Dr. Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor became the instead of the World October 2007, Dr. Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor became the instead of the World October 2007, Dr. Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor became the instead of the World October 2007, Dr. Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor became the instead of the World October 2007, Dr. Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor became the instead of the World October 2007, Dr. Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor became the idea of the World October 2007, Dr. Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor became the idea of the World October 2007, Dr. Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor became the idea of the World October 2007, Dr. Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor became the idea of the World October 2007, Dr. Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor became the idea of the world October 2007, Dr. Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor became the idea of the world October 2007,

"It's Kazakhstan," Tian said. The state competition featured a double elimination format, meaning students could answer one question

as his eighth-grade class trip is to double elimination format, meaning washington, D.C., over Memorial students could answer one question students could answer one questions more and still stay in the game.

There were eight questions in the preliminary round and four computer and with friends, michael and Andrew at this point

then down to two.

Second place went to Michael torian," he said.

Cranbrook Kingswood Boys Middle School in Bloomfield Hills. Cameron Shabahang, a seventhgrader from Forest Hills Eastern Middle School in Ada, captured

round, the final two both answered all the questions right, which pushed them into a tie-breaker round. They answered those questions right, too, so, the moderator had to ask another

#### Surprise!

Tian said he was surprised that he had made it to the state bee.

"I expected to get kicked out in the preliminary round," he said. He admitted there was one question about a city in northeast Oklahoma (Tulsa) that he outand-out guessed the answer and

The only question he answered incorrectly asked him for the name of a major land form in North and South Dakota. "The answer was Badlands,

and I said Scrublands," Tian said. "[ bad no idea." Students had only 15 seconds

Tian will actually travel to the

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## MY LIBRARY

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## Promoting awareness of the Novi Public Library

National Library Week

ends Saturday By Kelly Murad

Local residents have been demonstrating 50 ways in which they love the Novi Library during week's 50th anniversary o

For the course of one week. every year, libraries across the country draw special attention to the programs and resources pro-vided to the communities. the library.

Kids who participated in the

"It gives you a nice time to bring awareness to the library," said Novi Public Library Director Julie Farkas.

"I'umanji" by Chris Van Allsburg before coming to the library and watching the PG-rated movie. A

cific theme is "50 Ways to Love
Constitutions".

Aside from the library's regular
scheduled programming, three
events were created for the public
during this goal.

financial planner and partner in

Julie Farkas.

The national theme for the week of April 13-19 is "Join the Circle of Knowledge," and in Novi, in honor of the association's half a century of success, the spe- compared.

The Farmington Hills-based

Library.

Each kit contains everything company, in its 23rd year in busi-ness, provides professional money management and financial mess, provides professional money management and financial planning services for individual investors and businesses.

Bloom is the best of the course of the same book and a folder with discussion items. One present a custom items. Bloom is the host of "The Rick Bloom Show" Sundays, from noon-3 p.m. on WDTK-AM (1400), and will discuss invest-

ment strategies needed to save enough money for retirement. Registration is required for (than eight people) we can always

tonight's event. On Tuesday, kids in grades ing the Book Club Kits, call (248) 349-0720 or visit the Novi three and up attended a movie and book talk from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at

Aside from promoting awareness to the public, National Library Week also provided the administration an opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of its Friends of the Novi Library organized a recognition breakfast in honor of the Novi Public

Visit the Novi Library Web site at www.novilibrary.org for infor-mation regarding programming and events

Novi News staff writer Kelly Murad can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext 103 or



TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m.-12:30

DETAILS: Learn to navigate

Find family trees, indexes, census

records. This is a hands-on class, so a solid understanding of

Internet searching is necessary

American Cut Glass TIME/DATE: 7-8:45 p.m.

Thursday, April 24
DETAILS: Learn-more about

this beautiful American art form

collector. Samples of American

library lobby during April, Please

DETAILS: American Idol for the

pre-school set. Spend 30 min-

the Novi Public Library.

Kiddie Karaoke

Friday, April 25

whether you're a new or long time

Please register.

Logan Bryant enjoys some jumping around and dancing during a Two of Us reading session at the Novi Public Library. Logan was there with his mom Debble Bryant, lef



Battling Books Members of The Book Brigade, the winning team of the 2008 Novi Public Library Battle of the books, held April 5, stop for a photo.

#### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION **ORDINANCE NO. 08-120.05**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS Ordinances, Chapter 20, "Massage", in order to change the definition massage, to clarify inspection requirements, to revise the revocation poedures for establishment licenses, to revise the requirements for pist permits and to make other changes of a procedural

minor substantive nature.

The Ordinance was arighted by the City Council on Monday, April 7, 2008 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clark, 45175 W. Ten Miles Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local

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## No left turns into Village Oaks, future sidewalks pending

Parents and nearby residents cing concern about the dangers Village Oaks Elementary School students walking in the street amongst vehicle congestion will notice changes this month. A third cross walk was created

crossing guard, the third near the school, was added in late March. Tree Drive and Franklin Mill off loop.

"This has been a change for everyone here," said Village Oaks crossing guard Leslie Weirmeir. "(Parents) are concerned about the safety of their kids, and they

crossing guard on and off for four years, believes the walking situa-tion has improved since the third crossing was added, but doesn't believe walking conditions were that had to begin with.

"There hasn't been any conges-tion with the buses and cars, They come at different times," she said. Many drivers will also have to change their routes starting Monday, as left turns will no longer be allowed off north bound drop-off loops or out of the loops onto morth bound. Willowbrook Drive between 840 a.m. and 3-5 p.m. - school arrival and dis-ting a solution to the neighbor-

walkers and parents," said Sue Burnham, Village Oaks' principal, They're nervous. I've had some med with where the traffic

We're always going to do what's

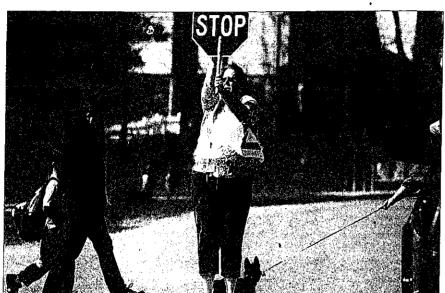
The Novi Civic Center will host a public information meeting at 6:30 p.m. tonight to explain the new rules in front of Village Oaks and discuss future plans that could include complete sidewalks north of the existing two and a parent southern drop-off loop into a horseshoe loop that shares the entrance and exit with the parking

> The district and city are working together to apply for a grant through the Safe Routes to School program through the Michigan Department of Transportation. The grant would provide the \$50,000 needed to put sidewalks in on the east side of Willowbrook Drive and possibly the \$40,000-\$50,000 needed for the district to reconstruct the southern drop-off

"It's not part of the Sidewalk Prioritization Plan," said City of Novi Assistant City Manager Pani Antil, who noted many grants take six to 12 months before funding is received, "We'll have lots of folks out there next week assisting and making sure it flows OK."
Tom Colaften, whose 9-year-Willowbrook Drive into the two old son Dominic is a fourth grad-

issal periods.

Think it's making it safer for believed was endangering studies and parents, said Sue dens and adults by the lack of Although the issue was technically and adults and adults by the lack of Although the issue was technically and adults and adults and adults and adults and adults are adults and adult safe walkways to school,



Stopping traffic with a "stop" sign, Village Oaks Elementary School crossing guard Leslie Weirmeir helps kids, parents and some four-legged friends cross the street. Adding a third crossing guard is part of the school's effort to

direction of play," Colabora said. "One of the things that really was real instrumental in pushing," may be eliminated or reassigned

arrival and dismissal times safer for all.

safe walkways to school,
"What they're doing is to
implement things in steps. I think
it's a huge step forward. Even just
the crossing guard, it took the
crossing guard, it took the eatly outside the school's bound-

Willowbrook Drive, the three of the street and said there were crossing guard positions may be rearranged or removed.

"It's a fun job. Once that side-walk is put in, I'll be in heaven."

MEAP Scores

Grade District

District and state comparison

to a different school. "I'm think-ing it'll be better, it could create

Weirmeir said, noting her position

### **MEAP**

#### Baseline buddies Novi and Northville schools

have both been recognized for great educational programs for years. Although Novi was one of the highest scoring districts in Oakland County, Northville was

Third through eighth graders in Northville scored in the 90th per centile in roath, reading and ELA throughout each grade. The district posted impressive writing scores that only dropped below the 80 percent mark for fourth graders, and hit a high of 93.7 percent with seventh graders.

"I'm first and foremost proud of the scores we achieved," said Dr. (Writing) is a profound skill set. Third graders at age 8 to 9 are just ig to learn if. It's a new, but

very important, skill,"

Rezmierski said Northville third-grade writing scores were the highest in the tri-county area "I think we compare favorably although that's in the eye of the beholder, but I'm not aware of funding and (other issues some) districts may have," he said. "This is really about what we're all doing to be successful. We're very pleased with what we're able to sustain. Our district did very well."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

said, "We're on the right flight

Northville 90.9 97.1 98 Science 88.9 88.6 Science 97.4 Walled Lake 71.5 87.9 92.5 Science 74 82 . 94.4 93.8 95.1 93.6 Social Studies 88.7 83.9 Social Studies 90.6 State Average 73 Social Studies 90.5 93.7 91.2 State Average Northville 89.7 92 94.2 Science Walled Lake 90.5 91.4 Science Northville 87.2 Social Studie

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding Michigan standards

94.2 92.4

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Orchard Hills Elementary School students work on fractions and other math prob tems. The Novi school did very well in recent the MEAP math test.

Despite posting some of the highest scores in the area, both Beels and Rezmierski said there's we'd like to achieve," Rezmierski

pattern in the design that we

Students of Village Oaks Elementary, dressed as the kids' book character "Clifford" march in a recent afternoon parade

### Community Education Preschool Program enrollment is ongoing

2008-09 school year is now open. Class programs focus on social, emotional, physical and cognitiv development. The program fol-lows the State of Michigan Standards and Bench Marks for preschool/pre-kindergarten, Curriculum includes: Language

math, music and movements. Children are provided with experiences and opportunities allowing them to meet the State Early Learning Expectations for 3s, 4s, and young 5s. Children must be 3, 4 or 5 by Dec. 1. Children also

Novi Community School District calendar, and run from August to Fall's 2008-09 se Fall's 2008-09 session, parents must register their child at the Child Care Services office in the Instructional Technology Center, 25345 Taft Road, between 10 Mile and H Mile roads, Child care is also available for students limited. Call (248) 449-1713 for

When registering a child (or children), a parent needs to bring

the following:

• A completed registration packet, available on the district's Web site, www.novi k12 mi us · Child's birth certificate or

passpori
• Non-refundable registration fee payment (\$45 for school district residents, \$50 for non-resi-

The all-day preschool classes meet 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Parents are ments of \$710.38 August through

Many options are available for the district's half-day program, ranging from five to two day

Child Care (C.A.R.E.) is available for parents needing assistance before or after preschool classes. Registration information and prices are posted on the dis-trict's Web site at also available at all elementary schools for kindergarten through eighth-grade students. For more information, call Child For Service (248) 40, 1213

Transatlantic communicator Novi High School junior Dexter Zhuang, a co-captain on the school's debate team, was one of 10 U.S. students chosen to full scholarship. The initiative will combine Zhuang, nine other American students ages 16-19 and 35 teenagers from Europe and try meeting in the United States to work on civic education, leader

Middle school students earn awards

Novi Middle School students Angel Thomas and Abigail Wang earned third place awards at the March 18 Detroit Science and

Camp Invention program Children will have the opportunity to design miniature amuse-ment park rides, create safe vehicles and brainstorm on Planet at ZAK when the Camp Invention is program arrives in Novi for the first time this summer. Open to

Rollercoasters highlight

Middle School.

Throughout each day, children

will participate in hands-on, inter-active activities that encourage cre-ativity and inventive solutions. Seli-Middle School, will direct a staff of local instructors and counselors. The \$220 registration fee, due on or snacks and a T-shirt. A discount of \$20 per child is offered with the bring-a-friend program. There is also an additional \$5 discount for online registrants. Employees of Novi Community Schools can also receive a discount. Registrations

\$20 late processing fee, Each program is limited to 110 children. For more information, or to register, visit www.campin

Important dates for Novi Novi High School students

April 21 - 7 p.m. Academic

\* May 3 - 7-11 p.m. Senior rom at Rock Financial Prom at No....
Showplace
May 20-21 - Commencement

of Novi students participating in • May 25 - No school for • May 26 - No school for

third-place nominee at the Chemistry Olympiad competition last month. Although Novi stu-

dents earned five of the top seven

scores, the competition only allowed two nominations each school, Seven of the eight

Friends of the Novi Library

The Friends of the Novi

Library are offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a public school senior living in Novi who plans to

pursue a college education in the fields of information/library sci-

ence or related fields. For details and application information,

please contact the appropriate

high school counseling depart-ment. The applications are now available. The award will be pre-

sented at the group's Annual Friends meeting 7 p.m. May 14 at

the Novi library.

offer student scholarship

Patrick Lec.

Memorial Day
• May 27-28 - Final exams for High school students are Chemistry Olympiads • May 29 - 9:30 a.m. Senior Josh Lumley was a first-place nominee and Ruixiao Zuo was a breakfast, 11:30 a.m. cap and

pienic

May 31 - 7 p.m. Commencements at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti • June 11-12 - Underclassmen

gown distribution, I p.m. senior

#### runner-up awards went to Nov. High School seniors register students Sudharshan Mohanram, Ryan Lumley, Christine Zugaro, Riki Akimoto, Srilakshmi Kadiyala, Danny Kiefer and

The Walled Lake Central High School PTSA announces its 10th Annual Senior Voter Registration and Senior Poll, at the school, 1600 Oakley Park Road, Walled Lake. The event takes place from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. today and Friday. Students will participate in a poll that consists of four to five ques ences at Walled Lake Central.

County clerks will be on hand to get students registered to vote. Those under the age of 18 may fill out an application which will automatically go into effect upon their 18th birthday. Students who ately. Chuck Froning, social stud-ies teacher at Walled Lake Central, and his government stu-dents advertise the event with banners encouraging seniors to

register to vote. The Walled Lake Central PTSA for their voices to be heard and to give them the overall voting expe rience Parent volunteers complete the voter registration application and senior poll.

#### Walled Lake student named ambassador for diabetes

Tyler Kramer, 12, and a Clifford Smart Middle School Diabetes Association. He was diagnosed with type 1 diabeter two years ago and, since then, he has been active in ADA fundraisers to find a cure.

His goal is to raise \$20,000 for the ADA. Two upcoming events Kramer is working on to reach that goal include: Bowling at Wonderland Lanes in Commerce, 1-4 p.m. April 27, and the Tour de Cure bike ride June 8 at Island ecreation Area. Tyler has an insulin pump that

helps him manage his blood sugar regularly. He tests his blood sugar five to six times per day and is able to make the adjustments he

needs via the pump.

As a result of his diabetes, Kramer has had the opportunity to meet two of his heroes who also have diabetes, Nick Jonas of the

Jonas Brothers, an American teaching others about Michigan punk/pop-rock band from history, and their creative teaching methods. Morrison of the Charlotte Bobcats of the National Basketball

Ben Stotler, left, and Gwenyth Baker react to the sight of their "volcano" erupt-

ing after they mix vinegar and dish washing liquid during their Friday afternoon

Earth Explorers' Day actitivies at Orchard Hills Elementary School. Students at

this station learned how volcanos erupted, what caused their eruptions and how

For more information, go to 22 and will be asked to share their Kramer's web site at ideas and expertise with other edu-http://main.diabetes.org/goto/fea cators across the state. Special mtyler or call (248) 366-1125.

Explosive sights

Nominate an Outstanding Michigan History Teacher

Foundation is now accepting nominations for the 2008 Odyssey Award, given annually to up to three exceptional teachers of Michigan history. Award recipiand an engraved plaque at specia recognition ceremonies.

Nomination forms are available

Nomination forms are available on the Odyssey Web site at www.michigan.gov/jingleball. All Michigan history educators are eligible for the award. Nominees will be judged on their depth of knowledge about Michigan history leadership in

they affect plants and animals.

The Michigan Historical Center

production is the story of inhabitants ing methods.

Award recipients will be invited to attend the 2008 Jingle Ball at the of a small New Hampshire town that Michigan Historical Center on Nov. adults, \$8 for senior citizens and stu-

in each winning teachers' school The Michigan Historical Center Foundation is a private, not-for-profit organization that supports

the work of the Michigan Historical Center. The center includes the Michigan Historical Museum, 11 regional museums and historic sites, the Archives of Michigan, Records Management Services, archaeological and his-toric preservation programs and publications, including Michigan History magazine.

Walled Lake Central pres-

ents 'Our Town' The Performing Arts department of Walled Lake Central will present

Campus Southwest 36th Annual Garden Center Sale The Garden Center is ready to offer a range of annual flats, hanging baskets, and combination pots. Orders can be taken during regular class hours, 7:45-9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, by calling (248) 668-5673. The special week-end hours for

direct shopping will be 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays and Sundays, May 3-18. The OTC-SW Campus and

dents. Seats are reserved and can be

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and S. Commerce Road.

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Man puts headlock on Folk Singer

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Caldand County, a public authority and body corporate, shall hold a public hearing on its proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2008 on Thursday, April 24th, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. at the offices of the City of Farmington Hills, Lower Level Contrence Room, 31555 Eleven Mille Rood, Farmington Hills, Michigan, 48338-1165. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Authority, 20000 W. Eight Mille Road, Southfield, Michigan, 48075-5708.

This notice is given on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Authority pursuant to the provisions of Act 43, Public Acts of Michigan, 1963 (Second Estra Session).

By Chris Jackett

STAFF WRITER

Ann Glubzinski, Novi board of education treasurer, was awarded one of 24 state-wide fellowship through

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Novi Education

University's Michigan Political take part in a rigorous 10-month curriculum on practical politics, public policy analysis and pelocation treasurer, was awarded one of 24 state-wide fellowship through

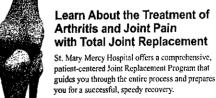
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and Technology Department. Novi News staff writer Chris

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### On Campus

#### Northwood University

Nicholas S, Prokop will be a freshman at Northwood this fall and is a recipient of the Free Enterprise Scholarship for the 2008-09 academic year. The Free Enterprise Scholarship is \$5,000 per year with renewal options yearly if criteria is met.

yearly if criteria is met.

The Free Enterprise Scholarship is awarded to a student who has exhibited academic excellence during their high school years. Prokop will graduate from Novi High School this spring and will work toward a business degree from Northwood University. He is the son of Timothy and Marianne

### Albion College

Several local students were pledged Albion College fraternities elected to leadership positions for

tion at Albion College. · Kelly Behr was named mem-

hership director of Phi Mu women's fraternity. Behr is a senior majoring in computer science and minoring in mathematics. She is the daughter of Michael and is the daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Behr of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

• Kelly Royston was named vice president for finance of Kappta Alpha Theta sorority, Royston is a junior majoring in economics and management and speech communication. She is the daughter of Trevor

Sigma Chi fraternity, SX was founded at Miami University in 1855. The 'Machis' support the Wallace Village for Children. Landry is a first-year student at Albion College and is a member of the Ford Institute for Public Policy

\*\*Kelly Royston was named vice president for finance of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, Royston is a junior majoring in economics and management and speech communication. She is the daughter of Trevor and Sandra Roysten of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

\*\*Lauren Willson was named marshal of Alpha Xi Delta sorority. Willson is a senior majoring in athermatics education and minoring in English education, and is completing the secondary education program. She is the daughter of Glen H. Willson and Cheryl L. Matision of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

Several local students also pledged Albion College fractemities and sororities this spring semester.

Novi High School.

\*\*Lindsey Peterson pledged Alpha Xi Della sorority. AXD was founded at Lombard College in Galesburg. Ill. The "Alpha Zi" raise monjoring in psychology. She is the daughter of Robert and kristine Peterson of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

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## MY YOUTH

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## Local teens arrested for underage drinking at party | for Internet sex crimes

Victoria Milchell, editor

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regarding a vehicle that was Typically, the punishment asso- kmurad@garnett.com.

underage drinking at the Novi residence.

It is unknown how many teems in total were attending the party.

Police were called to the scene

parked in a nearby driveway. As clated with a minor in possession

parked in a nearby driveway. As they approached the residence, they abserved minors with alcomparty April 5 on Wintergreen Circle, off 10 Mite Road, cast of Beck Road.

A dozen local high school students were arrested and issued minor in possession tickets for the work of the work

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impaired drivers in our communi-ties," said Richard Rondeau, exec-

utive director for MADD of southeast Michigan, in a press

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examination date was not sched-Detectives of the City of Wixom collaborated with investi-gators of the computer and Internet crimes unit of Oakland

month investigation. According to a press release, the investigation developed from reports received from New

to call the police. The rock used to break the

According to police, nothing was missing since the hole was not large enough for anyone to gain entry into the home.

Bashing maliboxes

reports said. She was arrest According to the victim, the on a \$100 bond. two mailboxes were on the same stand. His wife heard a loud

crashing noise around 10 p.m. but assumed someone had run Reck thrown through condo

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window A woman called police at about 3:30 p.m. April 8, after noticing the bedroom window of over a trash can.

The officer observed significant damage to both mailboxes, which appeared to have been

done by a baseball bat, reports said.

According to the victim, the neighbor's house is currently up for sale and no one is living

### Oriving with suspended

A woman was arrested for driving while her license was suspended just before 1 a.m.

April 3, reports said.

A Buick Rendezvous was travon Beck Road, just south of

The officer was unable to see the emergency lights to conduct a

Two neighborhood mailboxes were damaged on South Lake Drive at about 10 p.m. March 31, parking tickets on her record. She was arrested and released

### Novi officer removes drunk drivers from roadways

Novi Police Officer Adam Elsen was selected by MADD of southeast Michigan to be honored at the 19th Annual LifeSaver Awards Luncheon tomorrow in

Southeastern Michigan's MADD chapter honors officers from Oakland and Macomb coun-ties who have a demonstrated record of removing drunk drivers

record of removing drunk drivers from Michigart's roadways.
"Officer Elsen made 33 OWI (operating while intoxicated) arrests in 2007," said Novi Police Chief David Molloy, "I am extremely proud of his hard work and sustained difigence in arrest-ing suspected drunk drivers. Motorists who traverse through our community are much safer as result of his professional at the Troy Marriott Hotel.

Novi Deputy Chief Thomas Lindberg will accompany Elsen at

"The LifeSaver Luncheon will celebrate and honor the heroes of law enforcement committed to of the violent crime and prevent

### the luncheon, which is being held keeping our highways and our underage drinking.

#### Walk on Saturday, April 19. Novi Firefighters will be available to answer questions from 5-9 p.m. necessary and training for certifi-cation is provided. For breaking news on the Web: www.hometownilfe.com

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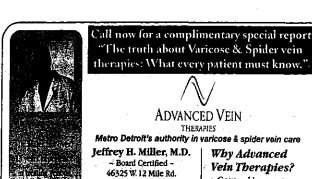
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## Wixom man arrested

Daryl Jude Pribik, 46, was arrested April 11, ending a three-month investigation of alleged Internet sex crimes.

According to a press release Pribik was arraigned Friday at the 52-1 District Court in front of Judge Brian MacKenzie and released on a \$500,000 personal

Pribik was charged with disributing of promoting child sexuilly abusive material; using a
computer to commit a crime;
communicating with another via

define home on Woolsey Drive
left her home on Woolsey Drive

communicating with another via crime; and possession of child sexually abusive material.

The four felony charges carry maximum penalties of up to 28 years in prison and fines and costs upon conviction.

As of Tuesday, the preliminary examination date was not scheduler to the neighbor's house the woman noticed the broken window and returned to the neighbor's house to the light of the problem.

County Sheriff's Department and police officials in New Hampshire during the three-

release.

Judge Michael A. Martone of
the 52-4 District Court in Troy,
will serve as this year's honorary chairman and keynote Hampshire police officials con-cerning Pribik's alleged transmit-According to MADD, nearly 14,000 people are killed every year by drunk drivers with an illetal of sexually explicit material to an undercover police officer in a chat room. gal blood alcohol concentration of .08 percent. That means more than 1.000 families every month

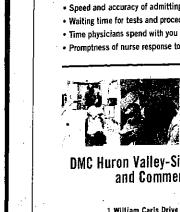
Firefighter recruitment drive

The Novi Fire Department will hold a paid-on-call firefighter recruiting drive at Emagine Novi at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain anyone interested. No experience For more information please contact the Novi Fire Department at (248) 349-2162 or the City of Novi Human Resources Department at (248) 349-0452.

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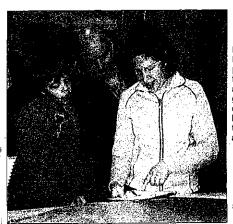
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Ten boys from pack 240 ln Novi received the highest award in Cub Scouts - the Arrow of Light award, it was presented to them in a ceremony at the Blue & Gold banquet held at Novi Middle School. Photographed are: First row, from left, Michael Bednarski, Kyle Benkarski, Aaron Pringle, Stefan Santrach, Robble Darrow and Arya Gaddam. Second row, Andy Wilchynski, Cody Renton, Mitchell Ripper and Alex



Fourth-grade studer Patrick Hoen wows his parents with his poetry at the Poetry Coffee House at Novi Woods. The fourth graders hosted the poetry vent for their families last month, and more than 150 participants



Members of Girl Scout troop 1897, Novi High School freshman Conni Robbins (left).

Novi Woods fourth-grade

student Shin Soto shows

his mother some poetry

while student Steven Wang

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TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 27 DETAILS: Activities will include

Catholic bookstore, 911 phone

call simulator, bike helmet sale,

fitness, poison prevention and

Novi United Methodist

Peace Vigil

TIME/DATE: Noon\_first

LOCATION: In front of the

DETAILS: Members of the con-

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LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile

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#### Meadowbrook Congregational LOCATION: 21355

Meadowbrook Road CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit www.mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org. Sunday Worship

TIME: 10 a.m. Pilarim Fellowship 6 p.m. every Sunday for orades 6-12 Bible Study Grou

TIME/DATE: 10:30-11:45 a.m. every Tuesday DETAILS: Rev. Art Ritter will lead this group; please call the church office if you are interested

in attending. TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. tonight DETAILS: The group will visit the Farmington Hills Library to

hear Laurie King, author of "The Bee Keepers Apprentice. Junior High Retreal DATE Salurday, April 19-Sunday, April 20

Widow's Support Group TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. DETAILS: This first meeting will be for lunch at The Honey Tree restaurant

Mother/Daughter Event TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 26 DETAILS: Multins with mom.

#### First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mife

CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or www.firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org Sunday Schedule Family Worship: 11 a.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every

#### Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

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

TIME: 7:45, 10 a.m Sunday School and Nursery TIME: 10 a.m. Worship

Service Aizhelmer's Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

DETAILS: Offering support and open discussion for all those dealing with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia. Church of the Holy Family

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DETAILS: Moderated by Fr. Tim Hogan, Pastor and Craig Giera, Seminarian. Come for cof-

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CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or Sunday Worship ReNew Life Ministries TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m.

tate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective. The groups are: GriefShare (for those grieving a loved one's experiencing separation or divorce): Anger Management: (for parents); YourSpace (for high school students); Every Man's Battle (for men seeking recovery from lust, pornograph and sexual addiction); Betrayed Hearts (for wives whose husbands struggle with pornogra-

that Heal (for those experiencing emotional or relational pain); and CrossCurrent (for men who experience unwanted same-sex

tion or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit www.oakpointe.org Crown Finacial Ministries TIME: During regular service

CONTACT: For more informa-

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Wednesday of each month DETAILS: This free informa-

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

Monday LOCATION: In the Family

fee or tea, to talk to discuss and visit www.umcnovi.com Sunday Worship to raise questions. All are welcome. CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248) Healing Service and Holy TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first

Oak Pointe Church LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile

TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Mondays
DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilideath): DivorceCare (for those

indoors and our CONTACT: Pam Davis, edleecr@vahoo.com First United Methodist of phy, sexual addiction, same-sex attraction or adultery); Changes

Dog Centers

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of the book, "Faith is the Answer, But What are the Questions?" by James W Moore. To register, contact Carol at (248) 380-4909.

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

cost is \$11 for materials Disciple One Bible Study TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. every

The Faith Club TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every

will be reading "The Faith Club"; register at (248) 344-4248. Radical Joy TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. first and

third Thursday of each month LOCATION: Chapel Lounge to connect more closely with their faith: community and other women. Registration Suicide Loss Suggert Group

Thursday and fourth Monday of Grief Support is offering this sup-

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 2-3 LOCATION: Memorial Hall, east DETAILS: Annual sale of rummage goods and clothing, also a each Wednesday

Craft Show TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 21 LOCATION: Memorial Hall, east side of church

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LÓCATION: Chapel upstairs DETAILS: Child care available;

Sunday; or 9:30-11:30 a.m. évery DETAILS: Course lasts 34 weeks, covers 70 percent of the

Disciple Bible Study: Jesus and the Gospels TIME/DATE: 3-5 p.m. every

other Thursday DETAILS: This interfaith group

DETAILS: For women looking

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second DETAILS: New Hope Center for

gort group to those who have lost ed one to suicide. CONTACT: New Hope Center for Grief Support (248) 348-0115 or www.newhopecenter.net LOGOS Youth Club

DETAILS: Program includes recreation; dinner; bible study and Horseback Riding Small

Group Spring Session TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. Friday, through June 6 LOCATION: Willowbrooke farm, 7461 Brookville Road, Plymouth DETAILS: Riding lesson followed by lunch and discussion

St. John Lutheran LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road;

Sunday Worship Sunday School

Friday, April 25; 9 a.m.-Noon Saturday, April 26 DETAILS: Accepting donations of baby, kid and maternity clothing (Including coals, shoes and costumes), baby equipment, Faith Community Presbyterian kid's furniture, decor, car sears

games. All profits go back to the community. A drop box and tax donation slips are available outside the fellowship hall. For more information or to volun teer, call Alecia at (2480 412-1144 or www.imvsionun.com/resale

TIME/DATE: 2:30-3:30 p.m.

**DETAILS:** Designed to focus

Tuesday, through May 6

Marriage Encounter TIME/DATE: May 30-June 1 LOCATION: Youth Haven Ranch, near Jackson DETAILS: \$50 non-refundable registration fee.

Crosspointe Meadows LOCATION: Meadowbrook Flementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road (south of 13

Sunday Worship TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m.

St. Paul Lutheran LOCATION: 201 Elm St.,

TIME/DATE; 11 a.m. last LOCATION: 23803 Ripple

DETAILS: This Devotional

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TIME: 9; 11:15 a.m.

Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington

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

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CONTACT: (248) 349-3140 Sunday Worship

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Road; Farmington Hills CONTACT: (248) 318-8044 or

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GracePointe Presbyterian

Church CONTACT: Rev. Brian C. Sleeth, Pastor (248) 497-3178 or gracepointe@mac.com, and www.gracepointepca.org TIME: 10 a.m.

LOCATION: The Novi Civic Center, Council Chambers DETAILS: Nursery staffed by Nanny Poppinz. Charlie Peacock Visits TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Sunday,

April 27 DETAILS: Famous Nashville producer and recording artist Charlie Peacock will play during the service. After, during lunch he will conduct a roundtable dis cussion on the arts and the role of the imagination in culturemaking. 34.24

Orchard Hills Baptist Church LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665

Fri. 10-6

Sat. 10-6

Sun. 10-5

Preschool/Rids Choir TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p.m. every DETAILS: For ages 3-6; ongoing event; no need to pre-register



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Market at 42875 Grand River in Novi on Wednesday, April 23

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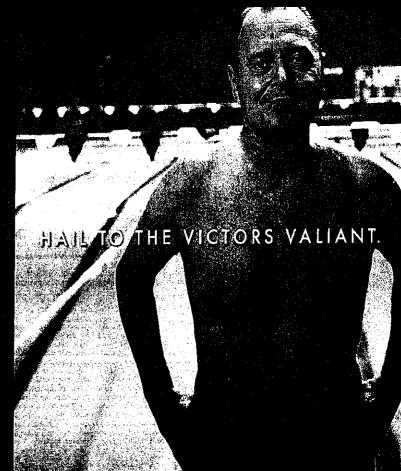
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## MY OPINION

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#### Novi News

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### In our opinion:

### Homeschooling notification is not an undue burden

right to homeschool children, Lansing needs to be very careful whenever it considers legislation that might inhibit that right. That said, we don't feel

that it's an undue burden on homeschooling parents to be required to notify their home school district that they're educating their children at

Democratic state lawmakers from the mid-Michigan area are sponsoring a bill that would require all homeschooled students to submit their names, schools as well as homeand ages to their respective school districts each fall. It would also mandate that the address and name of the parent or legal guardian of the submitted to the school district.

homeschooling community are opposing the bill. They see it as unnecessary and worry that it could lead to further controls on home:

State Rep. Chris Ward, R-Genoa Township, said this bill might lead to more such legislation. " don't think that bill is necessary, and it could be a slippery slope to denying homeschoolers their rights," Ward said.

We share those concerns, and that's why we feel this bill needs to be carefully crafted so that protects the rights of omeschoolers. Many homeschoolers. homeschooling parents route because they want total preserves their rights. control of their chil-

dren's education, and that's their prerogative. Parents have the right to choose the way in which their children are educated - public school, private school or homeschool. We agree that the government shouldn't be interfering

But we don't feel it's out of line for the home school district to have a handle on how many potential school-age children live in the area. In fact, if and when this legislation is approved. we hope that it includes students schooled students, it's a simple notification process, and we don't view it as any sort of a

with that choice.

The legislation does not require that you obtain the district's Not surprisingly, the approval to homeschool your children. It only requires notification. "I think it's reasonable

burden.

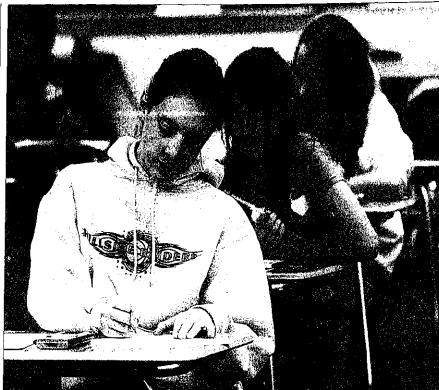
that we know where and if our children are being a public school, private school or at home," said sponsoring Rep. Joan Bauer, D-Lansing, The information could be valuable to districts in

planning. Homeschoolers are strongly opposed to the legislation though and many of them have already attended a rally in Lansing to voice their

opposition. Their concerns shouldn't be dismissed out of hand, and we hope that any legislation



Flying High vildcat Nicole Land competes in the longjump.



Making the Most of MEAP

Students work on math problems last week following the release of the state MEAP results. Novi school district did very well, leading the county in many catagories.

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### Battle of the Books Thank-

On behalf of the entire Youth Department of The Novi Public Library, we would like to commend, the sixty 5th and 6th, grade Novi children who participated in our 2008 Battle of the Books at the Novi Civic Center on Saturday, April 5, 2008. Eleven teams read the same six books and came together in a competition to answer questions about those books. We the same six books and came together in a competition to answer questions about those books. We applaud the commitment of their garn. Without their help, this proparents and coaches who spent countless hours reading and preparing these youngsters for the competition. To us, every single one of these young persons is a winner for participating in our event. The names of the learns and heir members are as follows: 1st Place: Book Brigade (Aarthi Janakiruman, Suhas Kodali, Minu Pitchiah, Sueha Rajen, Dhvya Sridar, Sangita Sriram); Coaches Chitra Sridar and Sachin Padmanabhan. 2nd Place: Six Musketeers (Prateek Chintalapati, Shashank Chitta, Asawari Kanitkar, Sanchita Meda, Raj Raina, Yash Sathe); Coach Reeta Raina, 3rd Place: Marvelous

Balasubramaniam,

Meadows ( Siva Swaroop Bongu, Sahithi Chinnam, Rishitha Dalayayi, Reshma Gadde, Dalavayi, Reshma Gadde, Jeswanth Kodali, Palguna Thalia; Coach Sobha Kodali) Battle Blasters: Ashi Arora, Palvi Bhardwaj, Anjali Joshi, Siya Nupur Vora; Coach Sapna Takawale) Battling Senseis: (Vinesh Arun, Adithya Apurva

Sierra Holmes, Sandya Janardhan, Priya Kathuria, Anna Pearson, Serena Sherry; Coach Chandana Kathuria) The following teen vol-unteers gave up a Saturday after-noon to offer us a hand: Emily Bank, Siyi Chen, Shylan and Tymon Ghoujeghi. Klisowski, Sachin Padmanabhan, Jay Raina, and Nirguna Thalla. Adult volunteers who helped us out are Carol Bauer, Durga Chavali, Debra McCulleugh, and Lisa

gram would not be possible. Novi Bowl was kind enough to donate coupons to each of our participants. Since we know that reading habits begin in childhood, it behooves us to focus a substantial amount of our energy on making reading and the use of the public library relevant to this segment of our population. Activities like Battle of the Books, we believe,

Margi Karp-Opperer, Kelly Kolchuk, Phyllis Weeks, and Suzanne Carpenter Youth and Teen Services Librarians

do this in an entertaining manner.

#### Fuerst Farm Decision

It was very disappointing to read, to put it mildly, the City's decision to go ahead with Chavali, Malika Dhar, Ashwin McKenna Assoc, concept B for the in one of our newspapers about Michigan being second only to John, Neha Upadyaya, Coach Uma
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Novi News, it is so obvious that Koomen, Abby Ranks; Coach the decision had already been out that Michigan residents would currently place second on that we Brian O'Leary) Hee-Hawing made before McKenna Assoc, not be included in the suit. Brian O'Leary) Hee-Hawing made before McKenna Assoc. were contracted to come up with William Horan, Anurag Koduri, some plans. First of all, the necessain Mogasala, Bryce Paputa, Arthur sary cost for the removal of buildings. (Coach Jane Horan) Page Township Hall has already been included in the proposed budget (Andrew Wilchynski, Alexander of 2008-2009. Secondly, why why Wolff Maxwell Yanke; Coach Wolff, Maxwell Yanke; Coach
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Novi, Please stop insulting our intelligence! It is a well known fact that everyday, all over the country, we are losing in large numbers the familiar red barns It's a pity that the City of Novi has no qualms at contributing to the demise of not only Michigan's but the country's national heritage.

#### Recall Effort

When we elect people to serve in the State Legislature we expect them to go to Lansing and represent the interests of the citizens within their district and the State of Michigan. Regardless of your political affiliation and where you stand on the issues, you still expect to be represented.

House Bill 4044 would have

repealed a law passed in 1996 which took away the right of Michigan residents to sue drug companies if the drug in question had alteady been approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

In February 2007
Representative DeRoche voted

against repealing or adjusting this 1996 law. As a result, Michigan residents continue to be the only Novi Public Library

for the Michigan economy as Pfizer is still moving its headquar-ters to another state.

Karen B. Zyczynski

## Thoughts

the March 27th edition of the Novi News, of Petitions for part time Legislature and an end to term limits. While I applaud fel-low resident Patrick Downey, I'm afraid I must respectfully dis-agree. I do not feel it would be good for our state, I think we would be limiting ourselves or candidates to choose from and a group to become more entrenched and harder to remove from office, what I call the Ruling class.

candidate for State Rep. I would

like to comment on the story from

prise to anyone that a current office holder would be in favor of ending them. Here too I think it would just make it easier for the current office holder to remain in office indebted to big campaign contributors and labbuists and disconnected from the ordinary voter. Anyone will tell you the incumbent is the hardest candi date to beat

I do agree that we need changes maybe we should consider longer citizens in the U.S. who are terms and a single house legisladenied the right to sue.

Support for the repeal of this statute would have cost the State statute would have cost the State nothing.

Retaining this law did nothing maybe we could remove the term limits. That is why I have a self-Recently there appeared an arti-need to cut pay and benefits would even want to be on. With so

What do you think? We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may adit for clarity space and content.

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## COMMENTARY

About Phil Power

### **PHIL POWER:**

### Group's recall tactics are shameful

following last year's partisan bruising budget wars?
If so, you might want to take a look at what's going on in the 17th State

Representative District, It consists of a corridor of land that is mostly shaped like the northern part of and includes Redford Township, part of southeastern Livonia and northern Dearborn

Heights. That's the turf that the current Speaker of the House, Andy Dillon, calls home. But it's also the site of an increasingly ugly campaign to recall the 46-year-old Democrat from his seat. Words like "thug," "liar,"

and "criminal" are flying around freely and wads of money are being spent. The recall, one of several mount-ed by the Michigan Taxpayers Alliance, is supposedly in response to Dillon's vote last fall to increase the state income tax to overcome a billiondollar-plus deficit in the state's budget. Initially. six represen-

tatives and four senators, including Democrats, were targeted

But it now looks as though Dillon's is the main focus of the recall movement. That, in turn, raises the prospect that the right of recall is being manipulated for purely partisan purposes. The Michigan Constitution says that valid signatures of 25 percent of registered voters who voted in the last election for governo are enough to force recall

of a sitting lawmaker. In the case of the 17th district, that comes to around 8,720 signatures, due by May 1. Recall advocates are led by former State Rep. Leon Drolet. now a Macomb County commissioner, and Rose Bogaert, of Dearborn Heights. She is chairwoman of the Wayne Taxpayers Association and Taxpayers

Bogaert says her group

### to collect at least cushion; some names are always certain to be the invalid or duplicates. it."

\$10 per name.

According to three sources (who asked for anonymity for fear of harassmentl the pro-recall people starta leg up on us. ed out paying \$2 for every signature. That went to \$4 each, then \$6. Now the

going rate appears to be from Michigan. With the fog machines turned on full blast, I That's a lot of dough! If they're aiming for 10,000 expect we'll never know for sure where the real money signatures, that's going to cost a cool \$100,000, not is coming from.

counting other expenses like postage (fliers have been mailed to all houses I'm also told that petition circulators are being devi-ous, asking voters if they "want to reduce their in the district) newspaper ads, office and legal big taxes" by signing, or even "cut gas prices." One expenses. That's source claimed circulators All things considered, I said the petitions supported stem cell research and wouldn't be surprised if total campaign costs come universal health care. For to more than \$250,000.

coming Democrats and Dillon "through fraud, deceit, or supporters talk darkly misrepresentation. One man named Hugh about far right-wing, out of-state moneybags. H. Jordan III wrote a letter Lending credence to this to the editor of the local suspicion is the fact that The the national anti-tax guru, Observer, that said "One o Washington-based Grover the petition signature col-Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, lectors came to my door a few days ago and said to is a member of Drolet's board. me, Sign this petition to

Tom Watkins: 'Right is right and wrong

father's daughter

Fast forward a few years, I

Worthy would do regarding

her - not because of politi-

Two long-term Lansing lobbyists, who wouldn't go on the record, told me big GOP money is behind the effort, "because it will be a and I declined to sign." big feather in their hat if they knock off the Democratic Speaker of the to his behind, Dillon is House," They also mention House Minority Leader, Republican Rep. Craig DeRoche, R-Novi, although he denies being involved. When I asked Bogaert

So where's all this

directly about the money, she wouldn't tell me.

repeat often, "Right is right and wrong is wrong." When the Wayne County All bright, thoughtfui,

Prosecutor decided to capable people sitting charge Mayor Kilpatrick around her dinner table

and Christine Bearty, Eddie discussing the issues of the

tem of justice to work to troubles have spilled out for

until proven guilty. Cliff Worthy, a career mili-Jones, Eddle Mae to me tary man and the father of

more upper middle class would serve the citizens of

than anything I had been Wayne County well, with

1960s. Her home was often father's daughter.

system of justice, the Mayor consciousness.

Mae's words came to mind. day.

It is now time for our sys-

is wrong' - A Worthy goal

Ás Mayor Kilpatrick's

tions came back into my

and Beatty have a right to a presumption of innocence Eddle Mae's home was Col.

and those who loved her, Wayne County Prosecutor, the text-message scandal

and the word and decency were a straight as his military pos-lived and died in Detroit.

There was never a time that I did not feel I always: "I knew her dad, she

watering beef brisket on future Prosecutor Kym right and wrong is wrong. If Sundays after church. I Worthy at Eddie Mae's was in awe of her stunning home. I did tell her a few years back that I knew she was been to file charges against the Mayor and/or Ms. Beatty it will be because

decide who is right. All ail to see, these conversa- She is worthy and her

"Companies, individuals," 10,000 signatures, to she said, "You can't But they're not. make sure they have a increase business taxes by "And there's an election increase business taxes by 22 percent and expect

them to be happy about But why won't she tell e who's paying? "It me who's paying? special elections either would give our opponents

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and edu-

ation issues in Michigan, and was a regent of the University of Michigan from 1987 to 1999. He is also president and founder of

The Center for Michigan, a moderate think-and-do tank. These opin-

ions and others expressed in his columns are his own and do not in any way represent official policy positions of The Center for

Michigan. Phil would be pleased to hear from readers at

Drolet says his cam-paign has more than 300 donors, almost all of them curse of term limits. Term limits are bad

the record, Michigan election law (168.957) requires

made their preferences known last November, could be stampeded by a bunch of noisy activists into reversing course just 17 months later. Redford

underway against Dillon — only fuel the kind of hyper-partisan warfare we all have come to hate. lower your taxes.'
Thankfully, I knew that
the petition was actually Elections fueled by shad-owy, dogmatic interest intended to recall Speaker groups with fat pocketof the House Andy Dillon, Michigan needs.

But even though there may be a bull's eye pinned fighting back. He's dispatched people to shadow petition circulators and to urge people not to sign. "I feel bad for the folks in my district," Dillon told me. "If petitions were being gath-ered based on what I truly ous recall games.

**About Tom Watkins** 

reached at tdwatkins@aol.com.

and co-workers speculate gation, "Only the facts and

Tom Watkins is a business and education

consultant. He served as state superintendent of schools from 2001-2005 and state mental

belief if Prosecutor Worthy

decided to file no charges. I believed her when she said

when beginning her investi-

evidence would guide us." The prosecutor has made

did, that would be fine

this November; if people don't like what I've done in office, they can chuck me Without spending a pile on

that, even if he wins, he'll be gone forever two years after that, thanks to the

thought that threatening to recall elected lawmak ers because they cast a certain vote is awfully close to blackmail. Recalls if they succeed, solve nothing; special elections cost thousands of dollars and newly elected legislators who come in as part of a recall have no idea what they're up to before they face a regular election in

And it seems perverse

especially the one now

Whether you agree with the way he votes or not, Speaker Dilion has been an able legislator. He fully deserves to remain in office at least until his term expires in January, And neither he, nor we should have to put up with

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Eddie Mae Jones, would remind us all. Her words of wisdom are as relevant as they were then.

washington, DC., in the because she was her any other sources." May truth, "right" and I would hold that same justice prevail.

her decision. It is now up to and those who loved her, wayne county Prosecutor, the text-message scandar on the recessor. It is now up to was a thoughtful, jovial and former judge, Kym woman who was raised in Worthy, Col. I Worthy was an Ermingham, Ala., and had a front row seat to all the words and sense of integrity "It will be politics as usual;" the text-message scandar of the recessor. It is now up to others to judge if she made the right one. Now, it is up whole city is corrupt;" and the Worthy's team, as the people's lawyers, to convince 12 jurors beyond a reasonable doubt that they are guilty as charged. I strongly believe in the Eddle Mae would have my learned and grew as a will follow the law and do honesty and professional-family and me to her state-human being when I was in what she believes is right — is mof Prosecutor Worthy. I MARKE NAME OF BURNEY OF THE SAME AND THE YAY TAKE HAS TERRET CAN THE RE MOBILE USERS: For Showlines - Text SARAH with year ZIP CODE to 438UX (43549 betroit for her mouthmot recall if I every met watering heef hrisket on future Prosecutor Kyro sumption of innocence.
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#### **EVENTS**

#### 23rd Annual Economic

p.m. today 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 Forecast for Dakland County, Cost is \$40 per person. Registe

online at www.oakoov.com/neds/calen dar/outlooklunch.html. For more information, call (248) 858-8706

#### Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America Open

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-3:30

Ave., east of Meadowbrook Road DETAILS: Presentations and information on products and services that contribute to the highest possible quality of life for persons with spinal cord injury or dystunction. Adaptive vehicle display. Refreshments provided

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

Saturday LOCATION: Outback Steakhouse, across from St John Providence Hospital, Nov DETAILS: Join your friends and neighbors to kick off the candidacy of Lou Csordas for Oakland County Commissione for Novi-Northville. Free admission and free lunch. Learn what a County Commissioner does. Ask Lou any questions that comes to mind. Bring the entire family and

Scheduled to attend are Oakland Patterson, Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, Senator Nancy Cassis and Oakland County Chairperson Bill Bullard please RSVP at (248) 348-1106.

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

safety to give Novi residents the chance to learn the best strate

CONTACT: Cindy Unlow, (248) 347-0437 or cuglow@cityofnovi.org

LOCATION: Catholic Central DETAILS: Six paratroopers opportunity to meet other 4th graders in the district plus the principals from Novi Meadov Lots of fun games and prizes public and there are no admis-

#### **Novi Parks Department**

DETAILS: The Novi Parks Department is offering over 15 new camps this summer with camps include: Farm Camp, Mountain Biking Camp, Sporties for shorties - preschool sports camp, Sports Camps - cricket, bowling, cheer, football and ten nis, Crazy Science Camp, Lego Hip-Hop. Painting Camp, and Circus Camp. Camp Lakeshor returns this summer with field trips to Pump It Up, Detroit Science Center, Red Oaks Wave Pool and the Detroit 700 Registration is now open. For more information or to register discount when registering online.

"Sex and The Second City" Wednesdays and Thursdays: 8 p.m. Saturdays: 8 p.m. Sundays

DETAILS: The Second City Theartricals, a division of the world famous Second City come dy theatre presents this fast paced musical comedy men women, love and marriage and are \$15 and can be purchased directly through The Second City box office by calling (248) 348-

### **Detoxifying Events at Better**

Store 42875 Grand River Detoxify the Body

> by Kristen Riley on how to win the war against toxins in the body and restore health and energy. Reservations recom-

Clean focuses on detoxifying your home by using chemical free enzymatic cleaning products CONTACT: (248) 735-8100

#### PDA and Smartphone Workshop

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, April 23 LOCATION: Verizon Wireless Communications Store, 43025 W. 12 Mile Road, Novi DETAILS: Verizon is offering a free workshop for the "20 things your PDA can do for you'

servations are required. CONTACT: (248) 305-6600 or go to workshop.wds.vzw.com

Saturday, April 26 1 OCATION Paw Print Inn Court just off Meadowbrook

DETAILS: The public is invit-CONTACT: (248) 615-8500 or

luxury hotel and spa atmospere go to www.pawprintin.com

#### Novi 4th Grade Roller Skating Party

Monday, April 28 Skating Rink (Class of 2016). The kids have an

CONTACT: For more information, call Karen at (248) 449-

### Fundraiser

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, April 28 LOCATION: Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks Retirement Twelve Caks Mall)

for the craft show. Rent a six fool table for \$20. All proceeds will benefit the Michinan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, Craft Show is free and open to the

#### CONTACT: For more information, call Barh at (248) 735-1500 Art Van Furniture Store

Events LOCATION: 27775 Novi Road;

No cost. CONTACT: (248) 348-8922 DATE: 5:30-7 n.m. topioht Celebrate Earth and Arbor Days LOCATION: Holiday Inn Hotel DATE: Wednesday, April 16-& Suites, Red Lyon Pub, 10 Mile Wednesday, April 23

DETAILS: Art Van will celebrate Arbor Day by donating 3,000 spruce trees to area schools and organizations for planting in regional beautification projects and educational programs. To help beautify our surroundings seed packets, while supplies last

Race For the Cure Entries DATE: Thursday, May 1-Friday

DETAILS: Art Van is pleased to be a sponsor of the 17th Annual the Cure, May 31 at Comerica Park. Those interested in participating in the race can pick up entry forms in the store

#### Sheets

DETAILS: To celebrate Cinco De Mayo, children will receive a festive activity sheet, while supplies last.

Giveaway DATE: Saturday, May 3-Saturday, May 10

#### Second City Tickets DATE: Saturday, May 10

DETAILS: Visit the store and pick up a voucher good towards. complimentary admission for two to an upcoming performance at Vouchers are available to the first 50 interested guests. While supolies last.

### Providence Park Job Fair

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. LOCATION: Providence Park Medical Building, Conference Rooms A. B and C. 47601 Grand

DETAILS: The Job Fair is to recruit new employees for its upcoming hospital that is our rently under construction. Recruiting for RNs, CRNAs, Pharmacists, Cardiac ographers, Respiratory Therapists, Radiology tion: visit Technicians, CT Technicians www.novichamber.com or con-Ultrasound Technicians, Physical Therapists Physical Therapist Assistants, Speech Language

Pathologists, Occupational

Commerce Lake, Waterford, Wixon open positions, visit www.stjohn.org/jobopenings. Fo more information on the Providence Park Job Fair, please act as a unified voice on behalf of call Work Life Services at (248) the business community, provide a forum to discuss and review

> LOCATION: 305 N. Pontiac CONTACT: For more information visit www.lakesareacham-

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

members welcome. Complimentary breakfast. TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 22

Haggerty Road, West Bloomfield DETAILS: Join other business mbers for early morning net working over coffee.

TIME/DATE: 9:15 a.m. Friday, LOCATION: Chamber office **Programs Meeting** IME/DATE: 9 a.m Wednesday, April 30 LOCATION: Chamber office Women in Business Dinner

TIME/DATE: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

#### List your event in our calendar!

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Street, Suite 101, Northville ■ Fax: (248) 349-9832 ■ E-mail: vemitchell@ gannett.com

Thursday, May 1 LOCATION The Maples Club, 31260 Wakefield, Novi (south of 14 Mile Road, between Decker ing, financial planning, insurance

and Welch roads) DETAILS: True Colors personal success seminar with Jennifer Davidson, Learn tools for develskills, greater understanding of self and others and how to create more meaningful relationships Cost is \$25 per person, includes

### Home-Based Business

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. LOCATION: Chamber

DETAILS: Topic for discussion is "The Best \$100 I Ever Spent Cost is \$10 for lunch, no cost if you bring your own lunch. Registration by May 5 is required for lunch.

31st Annual Spring Golf Scramble TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Monday

May 19 LOCATION: Edgewood Country Club, 8399 Commerce Road, Commerce

DETAILS: Lunch and registra tion at 11 a.m. Shotoun start at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$110 per golfer before May 14, \$120 per golfer after May 14. Four-som and T-sign paid by May 14 is \$500 after May 14 is \$540 Includes 18 holes of golf with car, lunch, buffet dinner, contests, awards and prizes.

#### **BUSINESS**

**Key Tax Issue Conference** TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, April 23 LOCATION: Crowne Plaza Detroit-Novi, 27000 Sheraton

DEATAILS: This conference is for those in business and industry, featuring Steve Dilley, and presented by the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants. It will focus on key feceral tax issues from the inter nal accountant's point of view. A reference manual containing charts as well as in-depth coverfor MACPA members, \$299 for non-members. Registration is

Walsh College, Business Leadership Institute

CONTACT: (248) 823-1392 HR Professionals Atlinity

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m. Thursday,

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday May 8 LOCATION: Walsh College

Novi Campus DETAILS: Sponsored by the Watsh Business Leadership Institute. Every presenter exhibitor and sponsor will provide a tanoible take-home resource, benefit or product to

assist small businesses. Only those companies in atter are eligible to apply for the next Makeover. Results of this year's makenver will be revealed during the morning session and lunch offers a well-known keynote speaker. More than 20 breakou sessions. Those attending Walsh Business Leadership Institute members; small busi

■ Deadline: Must be received by noon on Monday Thursday edition Call (248) 349-1700 for

ness owners in southeas Michigan: The City of Novi is cohosting the event and has invited every small business in the city; and the Greater Novi Chamber is a partner and all partners receive discount admission. All tickets are \$50 if pur-

chased before April 15; from April 16-May 1, tickets are \$50 for Walsh alumni, chamber members and partners, and \$75 for non-members, After May 2, II tickets are \$100. If you wish to exhibit, the cost of \$500 ncludes two tickets, a six foot table, free wireless Internet, electrical outlet, continental breakfast, lunch and afternoor wine reception. Only 12 tables you'd like to attend, visit

Conference on Ethics TIME/DATE: 8 a.m. Thursday

May 22 DETAILS: Waish College and The Michigan Women's Tax especially for CPAs who need for students: \$50 for Walsh alumni, MWTA and BLI memat 8 a.m. followed by the ore McKenney from Varnum, Jennifer Sanderson from The Hagan, PhD, from Walsh College. Call the college for more informa-

Thursday

will be provided. The cost is \$249

CONTACT: (888) 877-4273 (Course code: KEY) or go to www.michepa.org

Gardenbrook Road, near 11 Mile

DETAILS: Please call for more information at (248) 823-1392 2nd Annual Small Business

### **Novi Rotary Club**

TIME/DATE: Noon every LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road DETAILS: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check

Web site for speaker information:

www.novirolary.org. TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. third

DETAILS: Walsh Business Leadership Institute invites women who own, are partners in or work for family businesses. Items discussed will be commor issues; and women can share solutions in a nonthreatening noncompetitive, non-sales

CONTACT: Jan Hubbard, jhub-

### **American Business**

Wednesday of every month LOCATION: DoubleTree Hotel 42100 Crescent Blvd. (formerly the Wyndham Garden Hotel) DETAILS: Local chapter proworking women and offers a

vides many advantages to today's strong community service oromoney for scholarships. CONTACT: www.abwa-novi.org

#### **CLASSES**

Michigan State University LOCATION: 28115 Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Native Grasses and TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 28 DETÁILS: This course is for all gardeners interested in how to use native grasses and wildflow

ers in their landscape. You will

SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT

CONTACT: (248) 858-0887 or e-mail smithlin@oakgov.com or Navi Community School visit www.msue.msu.edu/oaklanc

learn how to determine which

plants will perform best in you

Center; 47601 Grand Rive

Wanted: One-time Art

Warkshop Instructors

Ceramics Class

DETAILS: Explore the Art of

playing with clay. Express

Call to verify class times.

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m.

create hats and shawls for

individuals or groups by

DETAILS: Learn proper

to help reduce stress; class

held in reflection space;

Therapeutic Yoga

TIME/DATE 10-11 am

Monday - Yoga for Kids with

· Yoga for Backs; 6-7 p.m

Yoga: 12:15-1:15 p.m.

Tuesday - Mixed Level: 11 a.m.

Wednesday, - Mixed Level; 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday - Prenatal

Yoga for Backs; 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Yoga; 6:45-7:45 p.m. Thursday

Friday - Beginner/Intermediate:

class card, \$45/5-class card.

session is \$60. Registration:

required. Classes also held at

and headaches. Everyone is:

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. - noon

DETAILS: An opportunity to

peaceful and inspirational creative

arls studio. Kathy provides guid-

ance in a variety of techniques

and projects. \$5 suggested per

Project. Onen to those interested

in preventing and surviving can

cer. Call for reservation. \$3 sud

**Butterflies Art Exhibit** 

gested per session

acrylic paintings.

CONTACT: Call (248) 465-4488

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center.

DETAILS: No partner needed;

pay-as-you-go. Novi residents

45175 W. 10 Mile Road

\$5. non-residents \$6.

for a recording of the latest in

April 30

Creale with Kathy

Massage Therapy

Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Lunch and Learn Yoga 7-week

noon Wednesday - Meditative

Cancer Center

breathing techniques that can

be used at home or on the job

those in need.

Meditation

Wednesday DETAILS: Join others and

TIME/DATE: Meditation for

ourself in this three-dimen

ional art form. \$10 lab fee.

Monday-Thursday.

garden. The cost is \$20 per per-

#### District Board of Education Meeting TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. tonight Providence Center for the

LUCATION: Educational Services Healing Arts LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Building, 25345 Taft Road CONTACT: (248) 449-1204

CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 **Novi City Council Meeting** TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. first and third Monday of month (April

people who have an art or craft LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, that they would like to share in 45175 W. 10 Mile Road our series of one-time work-CONTACT: (248) 347-0470 Calared Pencil Workshop

Novi Youth Assistance TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m.: sec-General Citizens Meeting TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Tuesday DETAILS: Beginners wel-I OCATION: Novi Civic Center 45175 W. 10 Mile Road TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

#### CONTACT: (248) 347-0410 **Novi Community Education**

Carner CONTACT: (248) 449-1206 Novi Community Education's Spring and Summer Brochure is now available. Sign up today for and summer programs. Online registration is available 24/7 at www.novi.k12.mi.us/District/com munityEducation. For more infor Community Education office at

## LIBRARY

Walled Lake City Library LOCATION: 1499 E. Wes vlapie Road, Walled Lake HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday;

e-mail to admin@walledlakeli-Classical Music Series TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. first Tuesday of each month

Level: 10:45-11:45 a.m. Saturday Friends of the Library DETAILS: \$10/walk-in, \$80/10-TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Book Discussion Group uesday of each month

DETAILS: Therapeutic massage is effective for stress and Preschool Story Time tension; chronic fatigue; pain TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. every welcome. Patients undergoing DETAILS: For ages 2-4

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

DETAILS: Volunteer readers are needed to read to children in a classroom setting. Contact the library for more information.

#### Wixom Public Library LOCATION: 49015 Pontiac

Trail: Wixom HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday: 10 a.m.-5

CONTACT: (248) 624-2512 ESL Cafe TIME/DATE: 3:30 p.m. every Thursday DETAILS: Coffee and conver-

sation. Improve your English speaking skills by speaking with ing to improve their English. No CONTACT: Karin at the Information Desi

Used Book Sale TIME/DATE: Members only preview sale 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23 TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-8 p.r

p.m. Saturday, April 26; 1-4 p.m. every day, but Saturday and whole bag of books.

Baby Days TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Monday, April 21, 28 and May 5 DETAILS: Children up to 24

#### drop-in for playtime and story Mommy and Me

Thursday, April 17, 24 and May DETAILS: For two year olds with a caregiver. Hear stories. sing songs and make a projec Must be two years old by April Registration begins or londay, March 31.

Preschool Stary Time TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday, through April 29; or LOCATION: Craft Boom

DETAILS: Stories, songs and art activities. Program designed caregiver must remain in the ding, but not in the Craf Room, Children must turn three, and not be currently enrolled in kindergarten, before the session begins. Registration begins on

Saturday Specials - Around the World in a Harpbeat TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m.

DETAILS: Kids age 2-10 can celebrate with this fun, interactive and educational introduction to world geography. Visit seven languages and learn about cultures from Mexico to Egypt Japan and Australia. Registration Fantastic Fridays

DETAILS: For children ages 2-6, with a caregiver. Programs are a combination of food and nds, stories, songs and crafts, Register now. TIMF/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Friday,

April 25 - "All Things Arthur, and TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 16 - "May is Maisy Month" nlight Story Time TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday April 21 - "April Showers" TIME/DATE: 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14 - "May DETAILS: For children ages 2-6 with an adult. Stories, songs, crafts and fun. Register now

Slaves of Suspense Afternoon Book Club TIME/DATE: 2-3 p.m Wednesday, April 30 - "Case of Two Cities" by Qiu Xiaolong. TIME/DATE: 2-3 p.m. Wednesday, May 28 - "Bubbles Unbound" by Sarah Strohmever

Spring on the Farm TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Saturday: May 10 DETAILS: Special quest TIME: 10-11 a m Margaret Schmidt will bring cute LOCATION: Holy Family and fuzzy animal friends from her farm to visit with children ages 2 Catholic Church: 24505 10. Register now. DETAILS: This informational

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Monday. May 12 DETAILS: For teens in grades 6-12. Reading "Zen and the Art of Faking It" by Jonathan Sonnenblick, Refreshments pro-

vided. Register by May 5. Walking with the Wagons TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

DATE: Third Tuesday of each DETAILS: The Oregon Trail was TIME: 7:30-9 p.m. the largest migration in our country's history. Shirley Weinreich will speak about this exciting and demanding time using slides and artifacts. She will also describe beside the wagons and sleeping

## NOVI

### **Novi Senior Activities**

Meadowbrook Commons Senio Complex; 25075 Meadowbrook CONTACT: (248) 347-0414

12:30-4 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.: Line Dance 9:30 a.m.: Travel meeting 11:15 a.m.: Line Dance-Beg. Noon: Lunch

DETAILS: Open to all losses. 1-2 p.m.: Chair Yoga Loss of Spouse/Significant 1-3:30 p.m.: Life Story Writing Other Support Group Workshop 1:30 n.m.: Computer Lab Goer 2:30 p.m.: Line Dance Men in Grief 9 a.m.: Stretch & Strength

2-3:30 p.m.: Afternoon Tea. \$1

8:30 a.m.: Panera Bread 9 a m.: I ine Dance-Int.; Hearing Ald Cleaning

DMC Huron Valley-Sinal Hospital Support Groups LOCATION: 1 William Carls CONTACT: (248) 937-3314 Alcoholics Anonymous

Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every DETAILS: No pre-registration (248) 937-3314. Al-Anon Support Group

third Wednesday of month

(734) 953-6012

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Sunday DETAILS: For family and friends of someone with an alcorequired. For information, call

(248) 706-1020 Alateen Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every DETAILS: Intended for teens

alcohol problem. No preregistration required. For information call (248) 706-1020 Alzheimer's Caregiver

Support Group TIME/DATE: 2-3:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month LOCATION: Krieger Center DETAILS: Designed to allow

caregivers to share tips and offer

support to each other; for questions or directions call (248) 937-Breast Cancer Support Group TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a.m. second and fourth Thursday of

every month LOCATION: Sinai Center for Women: next to the hospital's South Garden entrance. DETAILS: This support group for any woman diagnosed with breast cancer.

CONTACT: (248) 937-5163

Breather's Club Support roup |TIME/DATE: Noon the third Wednesday of the month DETAILS: Free year-round program for persons afflicted with lung disease. Provides support and information. Pre-registration no required. For information cal

H.U.G.S. Grown for Parents TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m., third Thursday of each month seling to parents who have suffered a pregnancy or newborn loss; no pre-registration required CONTACT: (248) 937-4847 for more information

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

those with cancer or who are related to or know someone liv ing with cancer. CONTACT: (248) 937-5163 New Parents Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. secon

and fourth Wednesday of each LOCATION: Hospital Conference Center DETAILS: A supportive envi ronment for families to share their struggles; learn how to resolve issues after the birth of a child; discuss concerns such as sleep deprivation and coping with the emotions of par

CONTACT: (248) 858-7766 Postpartum Degression Support Group TIME/DATE: 6:45 p.m. every

Thursday

Symptoms include sadness, lack of energy trouble concentrating CONTACT: (248) 937-5220 Support for Smokers DATE: First and third Tuesday

**DETAILS: Provides education** charge; no pre-registration CONTACT: Call (248) 937-3314 for more information.

Counseling Services Northville Counseling Center Anxiety/Angranhohla/Panic TIME/DATE: Second

**Neighborhood Baby-sitting** Co-op

DETAILS: Using the co-op;

you and your children can make Grief Support Quilter's Group TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. first and friends and get what you need accomplished without the little DETAILS: Register by calling night out and other social

> CONTACT: Sue Tracz (248) 380-0998.

Friendship Circle TIME/DATE: 1 n m second Thursday of each month LOCATION: St. James

Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile

Road, between Taft and Beck

DETAILS: Social group for all widows and widowers. CONTACT: Norbert Monson (248) 851-6730. Florence lovaldi (248) 348-9138 or iovio-

MOMS Club of Novi Thursday of each month

DETAILS: Morns 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.

jensungfleming@yahoo.com

Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second

Mothers of multiples living in and around the Kensington Valley school conference are all CONTACT: (248) 437-5496

**Breast Cancer Support** Group
DATES: Second and fourth

for more information.

LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital (Classroom C) TIME: 10-11:30 a.m. DETAILS: No registration

CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

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

Heartland Hospice Volunteers Needed

TIME/DATE: Day and evening LOCATION: 28588 Northwestern Hwy.; Suite 475; Southfield DETAILS: Caring and compassionate individuals needed to register for Heartland Hospice Volunteer Training. We serve individuals and their families during their end of life journey in the Tri-County area. Office

CONTACT: Mary at (800) 770

DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills; voice your opinion; polish your presentations

CONTACT: Amy (248) 752-2800

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Chanter and 11:30 a.m. meeting every LOCATION: Meadowbrook

membership; includes handbook; \$1 per meeting, New CONTACT: Rebecca Boyke Visiting Nurse Association

Please see 18A

## Outlook Luncheon

Health p.m. today LOCATION: 40550 Grand River

Detoxify the Home

have your kids witness the politi-

**Boater and Water Safety** DETAILS: The City of Novi and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources are presenting

gies to protect our waterways and their families while on the

## Paratrooper Drop TIME/DATE: 3:45 p.m.

High School, 27225 Wixom Road from the Navy Leap Frog Team Detroit Catholic Central in Novi before the school's 4 p.m. baseball game against Warren De La Salle. The Navy will also have a flight simulator set up at 2 p.m. and available throughout the

### CONTACT: (248) 347-0400

LOCATION: Second City Comedy Club, 42705 Grand

#### 4448, or going to www.secondcity.com

LOCATION: Better Health

### TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. Saturday, DETAILS: Seminar presented

TIME/DATE: 4:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 23 DETAILS: This event presented by Danny of Voss of Naturally

Paw Print Inn Open House TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Resort & Spa, 41249 Vincenti Road between Grand River and

#### 1 Mile Roads, Novied to tour the facility for pets. and amenities for pets and boutique shopping for their owners

TIME/DATE: 6-8:30 p.m. LOCATION: Bonaventure Roller DETAILS: This meet and greet party is for all Novi 4th graders

Community, 27475 Huron Circle DETAILS: Vendors are needed

## Waltenwoods Craft Show

## Cinco De Mayo Activity

DATE: Saturday, May 10

## Kids Castle Mother's Day

DETAILS: Children visiting the store will receive a special gift to nive to mam for Mother's Day. May 11. Kids Castles are super vised play areas for children While supplies last.

Services, Food and Nutrition Services and more. Full-time part-time and contingent positions are available on all shifts There will be on-site interviews. Please bring your resume. Presentations about the hospital and small tour groups also available. For a complete listing of

#### 465-4570 **CHAMBERS** OF

**COMMERCE** 

Greater Novi Chamber of We're about husiness We're about networking. We're about creating excitement in business and networking! Everyone is welevents. For more information call Whitney; executive direc tor at (248) 347-4622 or whit nev@oreaternovichamber.com

Also visit www.greater-

TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

novichamber.com.

econd and fourth Thursday of each month LOCATION: Hooter's of Novi DETAILS: Serious networking will happen on a bi-weekly basis Arts Round Table

TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m. first Tuesday of every month LOCATION: Grapevine, Main DETAILS: Come and discuss

art and network with local artists

#### DETAILS: Networking, great fond and a photo hooth \$10 for Please RSVP

TIME/DATE: Noon Tuesday I OCATION: The Post DETAILS: Learn how you can help us grow, earn chamber dol-

lars and have fun. No cost, just buy your own lunch. Please Financial Round Table

TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m. Wednesday LOCATIÓN: Leo's Coney Island, Novi Road and Grand DETAILS: Discuss financial business with members in bank-

and more. No cost Luncheon TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. registration, noon lunch, Tuesday, April 29 LOCATION: Sheraton Novi

21111 Happerty Road DETAILS: This luncheon will feature speakers from Automation Alley, southeast Michigan's global technology consortium. The cost is \$25 to members, \$30 for non-members R.S.V.P. by April 25 to

call (248) 347-4622

Tuesday, May 6

LOCATION: The Dirty Martini and Second City, 42705 Grand DETAILS: Helo celebrate our second anniversary. Food, friends, networking and a game

\$40 per person. Please RSVP.

Novi Chamber of Commerce

TIME/DATE: 6:30-10 p.m

The chamber is celebrating 40 years of business; representing over 500 members. Our mission is to be a responsible; proactive advocate of business interests in the greater Novi area. We are business and protogether to enhance the life of nesses in it. For more informa

tact the chamber office at (248) Lakes Area Chamber of

Since 1963, the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce has proudly served as West Oakland's Regional Chamber; servicing the munities of Commerce Township, Union Lake, Walled Nolverine Lake and White Lake Our purpose is to improve the residents in the Lakes area. We

topics of interest, serve as a source of information and develop programs that are responsive to the needs of the communities

New Member Reception and TIME/DATE: 8:30-10 a.m. LOCATION: The Grand Court,

LOCATION: Studio Artiza, 6323

To be included in My Bulletin Board, please send tion, details and contact. m Mail: Novi News, My

additional information.

ence.walshcollege.edu or call (248) 823-1392.

Association offer this conference earn CPE credits. Tickets are \$20 bers; and \$75 for all others. Full breakfast and networking begin gram at 8:30 a.m. featuring Pau

Females in the Family Business Affinity Group Thursday of every month LOCATION: Walsh College Troy

roundtable. Registration is

Women's Association Meetings TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. second

## LINES

Parents: 12:30-1:30 p.m. Monday Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 10 closed Friday. CONTACT: (248) 624-3772 or

> TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. third DETAILS: Oroo in for informal discussion. Bring a bag lunch, check library for current book

treatment should bring physician's referral; \$50/50-mingistration required. Story & Snacks Family Time TIME/DAY: 6:30 every Thursday DETAILS: Drop-in program designed for the independent lisexpress yourself artistically in our

Food for Life Cooking Classes TIME/DATE: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, through April 22 DETAILS: 8-week series about cancer related nutrition topics and cooking demonstrations sponsored by The Cancer

TIME: 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. LOCATION: Assarian Cancer DETAILS: Just in time for ing, come view works of art y Novi artist Mayumi (May) Dura Teevens. This show is an encore presentation of May's exquisite work featuring a specta-

class changes. Line Dancing Thursday, April 24; 10 a.m.-5 DATE: Monday and Friday TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginners: 7:30-9:30 p.m. intermediate

Massage by appointment 9 a.m.-noon Saturday

10 a.m.: Body Recall Monday

## **SENIORS**

12:15 p.m.: Contract Bridge

12:30 p.m.: Duplicate Bridge 1 p.m.: Bingo 9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength Noon: Lunch

6 p.m.: Pilates Mat Work

10 a.m.: Asian Pacific 1 p.m.: Bingo in Activities 1-3 p.m.: Dance, \$6 at door 1:30-3 p.m.: Computer Lab

Wednesday 9 a.m.: Stretch and Strengt 10 a.m.: Body Recall 10:30 a.m.: Quilting 11 a.m.: TOPS, Blood Pressure 12:30 p.m.: Clogging (Club)

1 n.m.: "Diabetes and You" by Diane Crone, Oakland Co. Healt 6:30 p.m.; Clogging-Begginer/Intermediate 7:30 p.m.: Clogging (Club) Writing Workshap TIME/DATE; 1:30-3;30 p.m.

DETAILS: Introduction to Family Story Writing. Come, listen and reminisce with Rose Tutay as she take you on a jour ney to your remembered and almost forgotten memories of yesterday. This introductory class will encourage and help you rec-Memories of childhood, teenage years, young adulthood, marriage and family life, and persons who influenced vau in vour life deci apportunity to reflect on your life you have made to arrive where class will also inspire (and prepare) you to participate in a six week family/life writing workshop in the spring/summer. Pre-regis tration is regulred. Cost is \$5

#### Daks Retirement Community Independent Living Residence icensed Assisted Living; Licensed Memory Care (adjacent to Twelve Oaks Mall)

CONTACT: (248) 735-1500

SUPPORT

Waltonwood at Twelve

I imit of 10 people

**GROUPS** (248) 937-3314 Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting DATE: tast Wednesday of each month

There is no charge. Child care is available; registration required CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248) 334-3595

Bereavement Support Group

families in Oakland County

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center: 45175 W. 10 Mile Road DETAILS: The meeting proin grief to share their story and o learn about the phases and tasks of grief. All are welcome; CONTACT: Michael M. Meyer, Doctorate of Ministry

aroup. All aroups are led by sion can happen anytime within bereavement professionals and the first vear after childbirth trained volunteers. Care Center: 14100 Newburgh CONTACT: Joan Lee (734) 953-6012

loss of a spouse, women's grief

parents who have lost a child

and a grief support quilters

General Grief Support

TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. and 6:30

p.m. second and fourth Tuesday

Groups

Services

7810 for more information.

Have Lost a Child

Thursday of month

Heartstrings: Parents Who

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

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. first Psychotherapy & TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. fourth Monday of month Spicide Loss Support DETAILS: Individual and fami-Wednesday of each month DETAILS: Call (734) 420-8175 ly services offered free for those who have lost a loved one through suicide; call (734) 464-

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. first

Inursday of each month Depot: 300 Dorothy St.: South DETAILS: This group provides information; support and social activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their families

Foundation of America (888) 737-2322

TIME/DATE: 7-8:45 p.m. first and third Tuesday of each LOCATION: Novi Civir Activities Room; 45175 W. 10

Meadowbrook Road DETAILS: \$24 per annua

LOCATION: Visiting Nurse Michigan: 25900 Greenfield

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

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.

Send your calendar items to

Novi News; 104 W. Main Street; Suite 101; Northville; MI 48167;

fax to (248) 349-9832; or e-mail

to vernitchell@gannett.com.

Exercise Class

Charter One

Not your typical bank?

#### continued from 15A

Road; Suite 600; Southfield DETAILS: Looking for kind: compassionate hospice volur teers two to four hours per week in the tri-county area: volunteers needed Monday through Friday during day time hours; there is a support male hospice patients; an interview and attendance at three training sessions is required, Call (800) 882-5720; ext. 8361, (248) 967-8361 or visit www.vna.org.

### **Widowed Friends Support**

Group
DETAILS: Widowed Friends of the Archdiocese of Detroit is a peer support group. CONTACT: For more informa tion, call Marilyn at (586) 739-

#### HEALTH

St. John Providence

LOCATION: Grand River and Beck Roads, use Beck Road entrance

Dinner with a Doctor TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Novi TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. second

CONTACT: Free registration for lecture and dinner by calling (888) 440-7325

DETAILS: The Cancer Project.

a national nonprofit dedicated to

through education and research,

is offering a free, eight-session

Novi residents prevent and sur-

vive cancer through proper diet

CONTACT: James Tester at

LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile

DETAILS: Come in for an up-

CONTACT: Melissa Cohn (248)

Gardeners of Northville and

SERVICE directory

close look at the Southwest

Oakland Cable Commission

(248) 465-5455 to register.

and nutrition. No cost.

**ONGOING** 

SWOCC Studio Tours

Road, Farminoton,

Studios local studio.

473-2840

Novi/Northville

**MEDICAL** 

cooking course designed to help

advancing cancer prevention

Cancer Center

Cancer Prevention and DETAILS: Visitors welcome CONTACT: (248) 231-2334 or Survival Cooking Course TIME/DATE: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. visit www.gardenersnorthville Tuesdays through April 22 LOCATION: Providence Center for the Healing Arts, Assarian

#### **ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE**

Monday of month through May

Novi Civic Center and the

Northville Library.

LOCATION: Rotates between

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

Sugarloal Art Fair TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday DETAILS: Over 300 exhibitors.

craft demonstrators, specialty foods and entertainment in this event. Admission is \$8 for adults for all three days, children 12 and under are free, Free parking, \$1 off coupons available at www.sugarloafcrafts.com.

Michigan Antique Arms/Wolverine Knife Collectors TIME/DATE: 9 a.m -5 p.m.

Saturday; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday LOCATION: Hall A DETAILS: Two shows for the price of one. Buy, sell, and trade

rare and collectible pieces. Admission is \$6, parking \$5.

Car Show and Auction TIME/DATE: Preview 3-8 p.m. Friday, April 25; 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, April 26; and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, April 27 DETAILS: Nice cars priced for

ages 6-12 and free for 5 and

able at Meijer Stores. \$1-off

Strollers permitted, \$5 parking.

Northville High School Class

DETAILS: Anyone interested in a 40th reunion for the Class of

1968, please contact Ron Barnum at (248) 347-8808.

CLASS

of 1968

**REUNIONS** 

The cost is \$75 per person. "Crasher" tickets are available for the classes of 1976, 1977, and 1979 for \$25. A pre-party will be auction. No charge for Friday held Friday, Aug. 1 at The Chase night preview. Cost for Saturday Bar & Grill, Northville, Contact and Sunday is \$10 for one day and \$15 for weekend. Ages 12 Janet Eisele Junca by e-mail at luncai@sbcolobal.net and under are free. \$5 parking

of 1978

Northville High School Class

DETAILS: The 30-year reunion

is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 2.

2008 at the Radisson Livenia.

International Women's Show TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Northyllle High School Class of 1988 Thursday, May 1; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. DETAILS: The Class of 1988 is Friday, May 2: 10 a.m. -8 p.m. planning a 20th reunion for the Saturday, May 3; and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, May 4 weekend of July 26, 2008, For DETAILS: Food, fashion and tact Jennifer Clarkson at jolark fun. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$6 for son2004@yahoo.com.

Plymouth High School Class

DETAILS: The Class of 1968 is looking for classmates for their 40th Class Reunion to be held July 19, 2008 in Livonia. For more information, contact Jane (Sheedy) Johnston at (734) 437-3534 or e-mail to phs40thre-

South Lyon High School Class of 1963 DETAILS: The Class of 1963 is hosting a 45 year reunion on

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DETAILS: The 1958 January and June Classes of Dearborn and Edsel Ford High Schools are having a combined 50-Year Reunion to be held on Saturday August 2, 2008 at the Dearborn Country Club. Judy Richards Goerke 313-562-9031, Judygoerke@yahoo.com or Shirley Chiado Peters 248-348-

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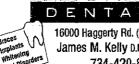
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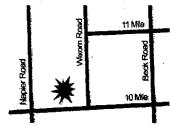
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## Wine, Chocolate, Jazz and all that Art

ArtsNovi inaugural event Saturday

By Kelly Murad

Novi is known for many things, but, generally, art isn't one of them, until now.

The Novi-based, non-profit organization ArtsNovi is hosting a black-tie optional event, Saturday at Rock Financial Showplace.

"This is the first major inaugural event for the group," said ArtsNovi board member Kathleen McLallen. "We're attempting to raise money so we can have more of these events. Tiekers for "Wine Chocolate.

Tickets for "Wine, Chocolate, Jazz and all that Art." are \$60 per person or \$110 per couple, and the festivities kick off at 8 p.m. Radio stations WVMV-FM (98.7 Smooth Jazz) and WEMU-FM (89.1) will also be giving away tickets for the event.

The event will exhibit work of

The event will exhibit work of more than 20 artists, including decent variety - some whites, some exclusive to Novi. some reds," said Brian Burke. some exclusive to Novi.
"We're not restricting anything to Novi, but it's delightful to have arrists from Novi," McLallen said.

"There's a very diverse mix (of art), from abstract to still life. One of the goals of ArtsNovi is to pro-

The exhibition will feature pieces of glass, pottery, sculp-tures, drawings and photographs, among other works of art that will be for sale, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting ArtsNovi.

The after-dinner event will include a decadent array of desserts, including chocolate, fresh fruit and choese a contract fresh fruit and choese a contract fresh fruit and cheese, a gourmet coffee har and wine tasting.
"You'll have an opportunity to sample some wines. We'll have a

owner of The Grapevine.

The Grapevine is one of the many local sponsors of the event and will he providing the wine for sampling.

"Particularly, in this economy,



an unknown group," McLallen said. "This is an incredibly ambi-tious undertaking, but this group in their forms to a community."

The exhibition will feature has been the most pleasing group

I've worked with."

The organizers of the event are hoping to attract at least 300 people, from artist Jesse Palter and Friends "We've been very fortunate (in Novi) to feed the minds with the schools, feed the body with the

restaurants and homes, now it's time to feed the soul and the spir-it," McLallen said. ArtsNovi was established to

encourage arts and culture throughout the Novi community. "its goal is to raise awareness of the arts," McLallen said, "We need to create a climate that says



Brian and Lori Burke in their Novi MainStreet wine bar, The Grapevine. The Grapevine will be providing the wine for the April 19 "Wine, Chocolate, Jazz and all that Art" at Novi's Rock Fincial Showplace. The event is sponsored by ArtsNovi.

\$10, available at the door or on-line Emagine Theatre Novi is at 44425 West 12 Mile Road, in the

## Filmmakers debut horror movie at Emagine Theatre

you can get your fill at the Emagine Theatre in Novi tonight. Emagine will present the debut of "Born of Earth," the latest

supernatural thriller from Milford-

Danny Kessler, played by Baldwin, whose wife is murdered and two kids are taken underand two kids are tuned superior a special flair that tocal security police consider Kessler insane enjoy.

"To me, when I was a kid and

Lyon and other metro-Detroit locations, the flick stars Danied Baldwin — of Hollywood's famed Baldwin brothers — James Russo and Academy Award nominee Brad Dourif.

"Born of Earth" 1881

addwin brothers — James Russo and Academy Award nominee rard Dourif.

"Born of Earth" tells the tale of tampy Kessler, played by

"Born of Earth" tells the tale of the South Lyon Cemetery.

Producer Todd Brunswick of

Milford said featuring scenes in and around one's hometown lends a special flair that local viewers

izarre animal attack. But the dis-saw something in a movie I recog-By Alleen Wingblad

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Fally happened and spends
the next five years trying to find
movies — especially those created in Huron Valley's back yard —
Eventually, he hooks up with a

Form of Earth' is directed by

Brunswick's wife, Tommy, who

Form of Earth' is directed by

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wno believes him, and it's a race against time before the ghouls return for Kessler's sisterin-law and niece.

Movie-goers familiar with the local area will recognize several tackdrops in https://doi.org/10.1003/10

of this caliber take on these major roles," Brunswick said, "Daniel's a damn fine actor, and James Russo is a major, major talent. The best thing about him is it's all about his craft, all about wha makes for a better character. And

Brad is the same way."

Brunswick said "Born of Earth" is generating a lot of inter est throughout the industry and that the production company has

Still, the Skeleton Factory is handling any prospective distribution deals with patience.

"We want to sign with the right person, make the right deal," he produced in 2007 by the Skeleton away gament.com.

"Contact Alleen Wingblad of also feature "Little Red Devil." (248) 685-1507 ext. 261 or at awingblad@gament.com. renowned actors through its entirety, Brunswick said. "It's really cool to have actors"

and I pretty well now, and we are really hitting our stride," he said. Still, the Skeleton Factory is

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## My Novi Sports

## Photos: CC lacrosse's win vs. Northville

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SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: BOYS TRACK

## THROWING INTO THE RECORD BOOKS

Tyler Mouch launches Wildcats' fourth-best discus throw

By Jeff Theisen

Novi first-year track head coach Chris Payton got some news that shocked him at the

April 8 meet against Millord.
Tyler Mouch launched the discus 145-11, good enough for the fourth-best throw in Wildcat his-

fourth-best throw in Wildcat his-tory.

"It was awesome." Payton said. Some of the guys came over and they were like. 'Mouch just threw 145. My jaw hit the floor.
"He was known as a shotput uy. I knew it was in there, I just wasn't sure if it was going to come out this early in the sea-son."
Payton is looking forward to

Payton is looking forward to Friday's meet against Pinckney to see if Mouch can continue to

to see it mouth can continue to improve on his throw.
"He set the bar high early, but that's "good," he said. "That's going to motivate him for the rest of the year. "We expected big things from m this year. He threw really

him this year. He threw really well last year, and we knew he would be stronger this year." Mouch headed

Northwood to play football after this year, but Payton is hoping Mouch ends his Novi career as good as he started the beginning of this season.

#### Mechanics

obvious factor in throwing the discus. Payton said there are many more factors in becoming good at it. The mechanics of the throw are even more important.

"You think these big guys just go out there and throw it as hard as they can. It's a lot more than

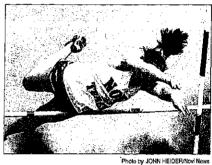
as they can. It's a lot more than that," he said. "Everything has got to be perfect - the way the discus is released at the right angles, it's timing, the spin, it's just so much.

See MOUCH, 2B



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Wildcat Tyler Mouch prepares to throw the discus during a home meet in April.



Novi's Katlyn Shelar clears the bar while polevaulting

## Novi roundup: **Baseball 4-0** behind Scott

Track teams fall to Milford

By Jeff Theisen

Novi baseball (4-0) ham-mered KVC (or Milford I I-0 in mered KVC for Milford 11-0 in five innings in the Wildcat home opener. Novi went on to sweep a doubleheader with Pinckney 8-5 and 6-3 Monday. Against Milford, Tyler Scott allowed just one hit for the shutout. The lone Milford hit came in the fourth Inning; a bloop single. Justin Eid led the offense, soing 3-ford, with three runs

going 3-for-3 with three runs batted in. Pat Schlenke also knocked out three hits in three trips to the plate with two RBI. Mark Heard started the scor-

ing with a two-out, two-run triple in the first inning. Scott also picked up the win in the opening Pinckney game. He's off to a 3-0 start after going the distance, allowing five the distance, allowing five carned runs but picking up 11

strikeouts.

Mark Heard earned the win in the second game, also going the

distance.

Eid, Danny Kilger, Celeski and Bobby Mitchell provided run-scoring bits in the opener.

In game two, the Wildeats were tied at three in what would be the final inning because of darkness before lashing out with five bits for three runs. five hits for three runs

Scott highlighted the inning

### **Boys Track**

The Novi track season started with a 89-48 loss to Milford on



Tyler Mouch had the Novi highlight of the day with a throw of 145-11 to win the discus. The

throw was the fourth longest in school history.
Other highlights included
Arshaun Hall with a win in the
100 meters (11.51) and Luke

See ROUNDUP, 2B



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

#### Northwood bound

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A quartet of Wildcats signed their letters of intent to attend Northwood University to continue playing their sports at the collegiate level. From left: Mark Heard, Shau Rydzewski, Nick Prokop and Pat Schlenke.

### CC lacrosse wins 2, loses 1

Jeff Theisen SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central lacrosse

Academy in the past week.

The Shamrocks dominated Northville 13-5 to start the week's games. Matt Aubrey led the charge with four goals, and Jack Durnsa added three more.

CC next beat Culver Military Academy 10-3. Culver was the Indiana state champ last year. Mitch Burgin, Dumsa, Aubrey and Brad Janer had two goals

Western Reserve Academy proved why it owns a No. 25 ranking in the nation. Janer led the offense with a goal and assist.



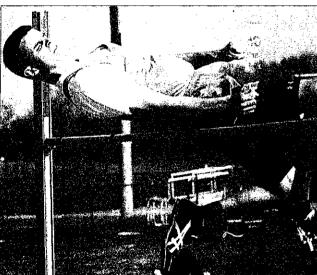
See CC ROUNDUP, 3B Chad Formica carries the ball upfield against Northville

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# SPEEDY 'CATS



Kandra competes in the long jump during Novi's April 8 home meet against



Novi high jumper Joe McNamara leaps up during an April home meet against Milford.

#### ■ MOUCH: Thowing into the discus record books

Part of the improvements can be traced to some changes that happened with Payton taking over the program.

The Novi boys and girls teams changed things up this year and have combined to train together. Erin Wicker went from coaching just the girls to adding coach of the boys to her plate. The former Alma thrower has helped tremen-

"It's definitely helped them out

#### Tradition

Payton heard about Ryan

for Novi. He said plenty was made has to say. He's a definite leader, about how good Pritchard was and Payton said. "He's a fun guy, the numbers he was putting up. He's serious when he needs to be, about flow good rifelinate was and the numbers he was putting up.
"I remember seeing him throw at the regionals. He threw 165-170 feet," Payton aid.
"Traditionally, Novi throwers good to have on the team.

have been awesome." continue to rise up the charts.

"I was happy that during his senior year he was able to put up a number like that," Payton said.

"It's a good thing to be proud of."

said mouten its une ton peniecuy during meets and at practices.

"I see him at the shot and discus ring showing kids what to do," Payton said. "That's super

a ton. They're learning new drills

#### Leadership

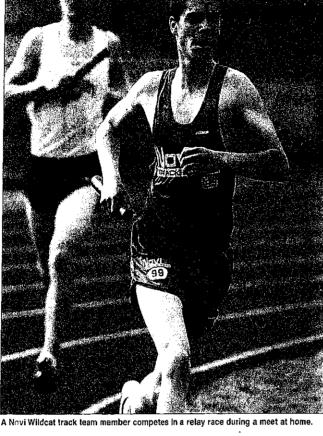
the Wildcats, a mold that Payton said he fits perfectly

Payton tries to be at as many events as possible, but with 17 Mouch puts his name up there with some of the best to ever tariously, captains have to help throw at Novi, and will look to continue to rise up the charts.

important for the young kids.

"It's comforting knowing you got someone like Mouch there helping the kids out."

4/17 vs. AA Huron, 4 p.m. 4/19 Spring Classic (Novi middle school and high school courts) Jeff Theisen can be reached at



### ■ ROUNDUP: Tennis starts KVC with 9-0 victory

vault for first place.
Second-place finishes came from Mike Blaszczyk in the two mile, Oan Egner in the 800, Henry He in the vault and Brett Kuhn in

the long jump.

Novi soccer (5-1, 2-0) dis-patched Lakeland 4-0 April 8 before suffering the first loss of the year. The Wildcats rebounded Monday to beat I about 2.0

minutes in, and the Wildcats (4-0) never looked back. Ellen Brinza ored two minutes later for a 2-0

lead.

Mary Reid and Jenna Carosio scored the final two goals.
Goalkeepers Erin Zerio (lirst half) and Gabby Gauruder (seeond half) combined for the

The Wildcats lost a weathershortened game 1-0 to Grosse Pointe North on Friday. The game was called at halftime because of

played what head coach Brian O'Leary said was the best 20 minutes of the year so far for his

Ten minutes into the half, Reid took a through ball into the left cor-ner and then beat the Lahser center defender who came over to help. Mary then crossed a ball into the box to a charging Nikki Greenhalgh

who calmly settled the ball and knocked into the net, far post. Six minutes later, the Wildeats scored a similar goal when Carosio took a pass, beat two

timer.
"Our defense did a great job of Cur defense and a great job of staying organized against Lahser's direct style of play," O'Leary said. "The defense was lead by Taylor Pyden, Rachel Barndt, Megan Burns and Katie Barntu"

shortened game 1-0 to Grosse
Pointe North on Friday. The game
was called at halftime because of
lightning.
Novi actually led in shots, 5-3,
but a converted corner kick by
North halfway through the first
half stood as the only goal.
Against Lahser, the teams went
scoreless into halftime, but Novi

Tom Machisak each scored

Lauren Shelar and Ma
Sinkowich led the offense of three hits each. Meag
Robiuson provided two hits to

The Wildcats (1-3) picked up

their first win Monday, winning the first game of a doubleheader against Pinckney. Novi won 9-7 before falling 10-0 in the second game. Lauren Shelar and Maddy Sinkowich led the offense with three hits each. Meaghan

Robinson provided two hits to the

The Wildcats swept Milford 9-0

to open the KVC season Amanda Border won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 1 singles; Jackie Wang won 6-1, 6-2 at No. 2

singles; Sara Carlson won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3 singles and Teodora Gavric won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 4 singles.

In doubles play, Lauren McCloskey and Megan Wenzl

won 6-0-6-0 at No. 1; Amy Chiang and Lauren Felcher won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 2; Jenna Snyder

Walen won 6-0, 6-1 at No. 4 and

Claudia Miculici and Meggie Riegel won 5-7, 6-2, 6-2 at No. 5. "It was a good way to start the

Novi fell 10-0 in five innings to

### Novi. CC schedules



Novi

4/18 vs. Lakeland (DH), 4 p.m. 4/19 vs. Fenton, 10 a.m.

4/19 vs. Northville, 3 p.m.

4/23 at Brighton, 4 p.m.

4/17 vs. Canton, 6:30 n.m. 4/21 at Salem, 6:30 p.m. 4/23 at Saline, 7 p.m.

Baseball

4/21 vs. Pincknev. 4 n.m.

Softball 4/18 at Lakeland (DH), 4 p.m. 4/23 at Brighton, 4 p.m.

4/19 at Berkley (girls only), 9 4/22 at Howell, 4 p.m.

Soccer 4/18 vs. Northville, 7 p.m. 4/21 vs. South Lyon, 7 p.m. 4/23 at Brighton, 7 p.m.

4/17 at Harrison Inv., 8:30 a.m. 4/17 at Pinckney, 3 p.m. 4/21 at Brighton Inv., 9:30 a.m. 4/22 Pre KVC (Tyrone Hills), 9 a.m.

4/19 vs. Bro. Rice (DH), 11 a.m.

4/22 at Swartz Crk. (DH), 4 p.m. 4/23 at DeLaSalle (DH), 4 p.m.

### Lacrosse 4/17 at U-D, 7 p.m.

4/19 at Dearborn relays, 11 a.m. 4/21 vs. U-D, 4 p.m.

4/17 at Divine Child, 4 p.m.

4/21 Brighton Tourn (Oak 4/23 Oak. County (Pontiac CC),



### On the move

### Boston Marathon brings out Novi runners

is Patriots' Day in Massachusetts and that take place on April 21st. It will be the 112th running of the his-toric race (the world's oldest annual marathon). 25,000 runond largest

one must qualify for (by running a certified marathon under an age-based time), it has special significance. The 26.2 mile event goes from rural Hopkinton, through several small villages and towns, and finishes in Boston. Along the way, runners are encouraged by 500,000 cheering spectators. Whether a runner, volunteer, spectator or worker, this is a fes-

Nine Novi residents are registered for this year's Boston Marathon: Kristin Echols (26) Maration: Kristin Echols (26), Kathy Johnston (47), Lynn Meisel (45), Nancy Schubring (47), Yongmin Sheng (45), Brian Sparks (47), Michael Vincent (47), Stanley Vincent (47), Stanley Wojciechowski (40), and Tracy Wollschlager (39).

Nancy Schubring will be running her fourth Boston this year. She qualified the first time at her initial marathon. She feels Boston is the #1 marathon in people's minds due to its prestige and qualifya-ing requirement. A common question is: "Have you run Boston?" She will be running with her training partner, Tracy Wollschlager, who will be doing her first Boston.

oing her first Boston. Brian Sparks will be running his fourth Boston Marathon and hopes to contindue to its history, mystic being the oldest marathon, the spectators, and the need to qualify. He started running marathons five years ago and qualified for Boston at his sec

#### Boston Marathon Trivia

With its rich and long history there are many interesting facts about the Boston Marathon

Here are a few: It is the second largest single day sporting event in terms of media coverage. Only the Super Bowl has more.

The first "Boston" was run or April 19, 1897. It was called American Marathon and had 15 Women were not allowed to

officially run Boston until 1972 when eight women started.

The last time a runner from the United States won the men's

women). Kenyans have won 15 of the last 17 events. The 100th running of Boston in 1996 had a record number of entrants - 38,708.

If you would like more information, check out www.boston marathon.org. The race will be broadcast live on the VERSUS а.m., to 12:30 p.m. on April 21.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Novi is an evening event spon-sored by Running Fit. Start times are: 6:30 p.m. Kid's Run, 6:40 p.m. Mile, and 7:05 p.m. 5K. (www.runfit5k.com)

Saturday, May 10: The River Bank 25K Run in Grand Rapids offers a scenic course and chal-lenging distance. Other events include 5K run/walk and 10K run. (www.53riyerbankrun.com)

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

# Shamrock slingers







Brad Janer works the ball upfield against Northville.

#### CC ROUNDUP: Golf opens season with victory

beat Orchard Lake St. Mary's 12-Track 2 in five innings Monday.

Brett Gossett earned the win, allowing six hits and one earned run with five striketouts. Jake Hanson led the offense with three hits and two RBL

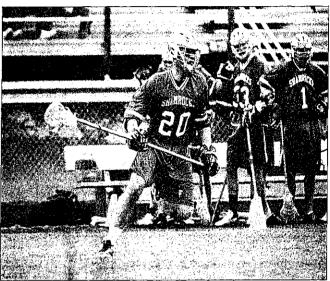
The second game was suspend- 2.5) and discus (141-0), Mel Farr

The Catholic Central track team came up short in a 73-55 loss to Brother Rice on Monday. Brother Rice pulled away from a tight race by winning the final five events.
Shamrock wins came from
Mike Martin in the shot put (58-Shamrocks with a 38 at the Orchards, Next were Mike Panek (39) and Austin Sophiea (41).

ed because of darkness with CC leading 6-3.

Hall in the 400 meters (51.9), the 4x800 relay and the 4x200 relay.

The CC golf team started the season with a 157-162 victory against DeLa Salle. Steve LaRouere led the



Dan MacDonnel looks to pass in front of the Shamrock bench.



### Senior A Champs

The Little Caesar's Women Senior A Hockey Team of Detroit won the 2008 USA Hockey Womens National Championship on March 30 in West Chester, Pa., against the Needham, Mass., Huskies 5-3. Little Caesars had to win four games against teams from around the country leading up to the final round.

Members of the team include: Kristy Reinhardt (Royal Oak), Manon Rheaume (Northville), Sarah Clark (Novi), Tina Ciraulo (St Clair Shores), Rosie Cardillo (Ferndale), Meghann Schlaff (Windsor), Amy Shepler (Royal Oak), Joanie Denby (Sterling Heights), Lindsey Akers (Lincoln Park), Alanna Pfeffer (Royal Oak), Brooke Sharrard (St Clair Shores), Anna VanderMarliere (St Clair Shores), Kristl Thome, Amber Majorana and Tara Boliard.



#### Champs

During the weekend of March 14-15th, the WAZA FC PASL Team won the PASL International Championship in Fredericksburg, Virginia.
The Premier Arena Soccer League (PASL) is the largest semi-pro indoor/arena soc-

cer league in the country. It has approximately 55 teams spread across 10 divi-sions. WAZA FC participates in the Great Lakes Division, which consists of FC Indiana (Lafayette, IN), Cleveland Pride (Cleveland, OH), Quantum FC (Hurricane, WV) and WAZA FC (based out of Total Soccer Novi). WAZA FC won the Great Lakes Division for the second straight year, which earned them a birth into the PASL

International fournament. Front Row: Valentino Scicluna (Livonia), Mario Scicluna (Redford), Ryan Mathe (Ypsilanti), Tournament MVP Anthony Santilli (Windsor, CA), Ryan Mallard

(Tpsannt), John Teters (Ithaca, NY).

Back Row: Kevin Milliken (PASL Commissioner), Zoren Ljubevic (Novi), Adam Nesbitt (Brighton), Dan Trosper (Redford), Tom Stark (Brighton), Aaron Byrd (Ferndale), Mustapha Olorunnimbe ( Oak Park), Tom Eller (Livonia), Coach John P

Roumayah (Farmington Hills). Not Pictured: Matt Lividini (Woodhaven)

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## Weather or Not

Brien's Services, Inc. is ready for spring

By Sally Rummel SPECIAL WRITER

Nobody watches the weather like Brien Worrell.

As the owner of Brien's Services, Inc. in Milford, Worrell has to know the weather forecast so he can best be prepared to dispatch his staff and fleet wh

and where needed.

He takes his weather tracking seriously, documenting past trends, forecasting the future and keeping meticulous records along the way — all in an effort to efficiently control the work flow of his 70-plus member staff.

#### ONE COMPANY FOR ALL SEASONS

That's because during these "fickle" early spring months, Brien's Services, Inc. makes another transformation from its wintertime snow removal business to.

its outdoor-loving landscape business.

This 27-year old business has literally made a name for itself with its creative and meticulous seasonal care of lawns. and flowers

"This is what we do from April through November," says Worrell, as he sends his crews out for early-season landscaping design jobs and estimates.

"In the winter, we change our empha-sis from 'green' to 'white,' maintaining roads, parking lots and driveways after

roads, parking lots and driveways after ice accumulation and anowfalls," explains Worrell. "I'm pretty sure we're dane with that for the season."

Brien Worrell has been "counting down the days" till his own official start of spring — that is, when he feels he can comfortably put away his snowplow equipment for the season.

As of the date of this publication, he's pretty sure that "spring has sprung." keeping in mind that late storms do happen and it's best to be prepared.

"I have to know when to have our people 'on call' and when to prepare out trucks for a big storm," says Worrell, from his offices at 815 Union, one mile east of Pontiae Trail.

east of Pontiac Trail.

He's proud that his business' reputa tion as a community supporter extends during times of bad weather, assisting municipalities and homeowners when his manusiparities and homeowners when his expertise and equipment could be helpful.

We've been more than happy to help out the township and fire department dur-ing weather emergencies," says Worrell.





From April through November, Brien Worrell and his staff focus on spring clean-ups, creative landscaping and irrigation design, professional bed maintenance and everything else that goes into making your landscape look good.

"I want your property to look its very best."

– Brien Worrell.

Township Board and the Village Parks & Recreation Committee.

"I'm passionate about national observances like Earth Day and Arbor Day, too, that help educate people and promote environmental issues," says Worrell, the father of six-year-Rd twins farrett and Tenley, along with wife

#### LANDSCAPING

immer now on the

way, the lawn professionals at Brien's Services, Inc. have turned their thoughts to creative landscaping design, irrigation design, professional bed maintenance, spring clean-up, etc.

It's the time of year that's the most

exciting, as homeowners, businesses and municipalities plan their outdoor land-

"I want your property to look its very best!" exclaims Worrell, whose profes-sional staff strives for perfection in all its The thoroughly trained landscape tech-

nicians identify what it takes to give a client a healthy, beautiful landscape, then ensures its beauty with a maintenance plan that takes all of the work out of the great outdoors

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Brien's trained landscape technicians identify what it takes to give a client a healthy, beautiful landscape, then ensures its beauty with a maintenance plan.

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