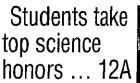




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Bringing back the barreis



By Chris Jackett

With warm weather comes orange construction barrels.

And as Novi expands to handle the growing population and increased traffic, there will be nacreased traffic, there will be plenty of projects to keep an eye on this year, with most taking place during the summer and early fall, according to City Engineer Rob Hayes. He said about \$5 million will go into 2008 road projects in Novi.

On-road action

As promised last year, an upgrade and addition of right-turn lanes at Bock and 10 Mile roads will begin in May and run through June, but several other roads and intersections will be revamped as

intersections will be revamped as well.

Last year's final neighborhood street project will take place as unfinished business that hadn't started, yet when fall turned to winter. Elizabeth Lane, from 10 Mile Road to Addington Lane, and Sunnybrook Lane, from Beck Road to Whitehall Lane, will both be redone from May through July;

be redone from May through July:

• Crowe Drive from Novi Road
to Ingersol Drive and Ingersol
Drive from Crowe Drive north to
Crescent Boulevard will both be
worked on, giving the backward
"L" a needed upgrade along the
western outskirts of Novi Town
Center from July through August;

• Orchard Hills Place, which
runs from Haggerty Road through
to Eight Mile Road at the northwestern corner will be fixed up
from August through October; and

western corner will be take ap from August through October, and • 11 Mile and Meadowbrook roads will see orange August through September on the cast side of the intersection as a new signal and right-turn lane for west-to-north-bound vehicles is added to make the intersection identical for traffic in both direc-

Please see ROADS, 2A

Preparing for prom



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News
Novi High School senior Katle Martinez shows off her promidress she plans to

Finalizing plans with friends

By Chris Jackett STAFF WRITER

Tovi High School seniors and juniors will linek to Rock Financial Showplace Saturday night to have a Vegas-themed evening of celebration before graduating later this month. "I'm excited. I'll be really fun," said 18-year-old senior Alina Bruder. "We're going to take pictures at my friend's house, go to the dance and then go to another friend's house for pizza and movies."

pizza and movies."

Bruder will don a long, dark royal blue, silk dress for the

evening as she brings Brother Rice senior Will Savoie as her

Two of my friends are going with boys from Brother Rice," Bruder said, noting that it is basically a group of friends, as she took one of her friend's dates to Novi's homefriend's dates to 'Novi's home-coming dance in 2005. "It was fun. What really makes a dance is if your date dances. It'll be better this year. Last year was really spur of the moment." A lot of seniors, and juniors, since they are also invited to the dance, are going to the prom with groups of friends, rather than with a set date.

"Me and a couple of friends are just going to meet up with people there," said 18-year-old senior Jason Jankowski, "Last year was a lot of fun. I can't remember anyone that had a bad time. I hope this year is just as fun-filled. It's the final event

together, besides commence-ment." Senior Katie Martinez, 18, said she's hoping prom will be as fun as last fall's homecoming and last year's prom. Her group of friends are approach-ing the event similar to

Please see PROM, 2A



Chamber celebrates anniversary, merger discussions continue

By Kelly Murad

Members of the executive committees of both Novi chambers met Friday for the second time to discuss the possibility of a merger between the two organizations

The executive committees of both chambers have met, with the mayor, David Landry mediating, said Bob Thorne, chair of the Novi Chamber of Commerce. "It was a very cooperative meeting on both parts."

Landry is volunteering his time to serve as the middle-man between the two parties. "You need somebody in the

middle to point the direction," said Keilh Kuhn, chair of the Greater Novi Chamber. "Discussions are moving along very notificals."

Although an official merger has not been announced, both Thorne and Kuhn believe it would be ben-eficial for both chambers and their

"I think after all the i's are dot-ted and the t's are crossed, it will be a positive change for both chambers," Kuhn said. "We've discussed this with our board of directors, but we have to take it to our membership. The members still have the final say."

Both chairmen were expected to address each other's chambers this week, with Thorne scheduled to appear at the Greater Novi Chamber's luncheon Tuesday, and Kuhn scheduled to attend the Novi Chamber's luncheon Wednesday, namber's luncheon Wednesday, Without releasing a set schedule. Thorne said no one sees a reason to drag their feet and plans are moving right along. "Generally, a city is too small to

have multiple chambers," said Ara Topouzian, economic develop-ment manager for the City of Novi, "I think a business misses out on the networking capabilities by having two chambers. This puts the businesses in the forefront."

It's a Big Deal

As merger discussions continue, the Greater Novi Chamber is preparing for its two-year anniversary event Tuesday at the Dirty Martini and Second City.

Martin and Second City.

After a successful anniversary event last year, based off the game show "Deal or No Deal," this year's event, titled 'It's a Big Deal' is based loosely off "Let's Make a Deal,"

loosely off "Let's Make a Deal."
"The game show itself is just a
riot," said Whitney McClellan
Stone, executive director of the
Greater Novi Chamber. "Bob
McCann (president of Bright
House Networks of Michigan) is
the emcee. T'm sure he's going to
be a lot of fun. He's going to do
some fun stuff with the audience."
Prizes at the event consist of

Prizes at the event consist of Tigers baseball tickets, along with various packages, such as an up-north weekend getaway including use of a Ford Mustang, among others.

Attendees will also have an

opportunity to participate in a \$4,000 raffle for \$75 a ticket.

Admission tickets are \$40 per person and those who wish to ultered are \$40.00 reperson and those who wish to ultered are \$40.00 reperson and those who wish to ultered are \$40.00 reperson. tend are encouraged to R.S.V.P.

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sion personalities from "Jon and Kate Plus 8" and "Hannah Montana" (not Miley Cyrus, but her on-screen brother played by Jason Earles), chefs, decorrators and fun activities. The Novi Fire Department charity fashion show will heat up the runway on Friday and Saturday while more than 400 exhibitors will have products on display. Admission is 59, 55 ages 6-12 and free for children 5 and younger. Advance and discount tickets are available at

Kroger for \$7. The show runs 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Call (800) 849-0248 or visit www.internationalwomenshow.com for

SATURDAY

Join the Camp Masters Club noon-3 p.m. at Lakeshore Park's Main Building, 601 S. Lake Drive, in an afternoon

atmosphere to help get pre-pared for a summer full of pared for a summer full of camping opportunities. Learn the tricks of the trade and share camping secrets and supply lists with other out-



ors enthusias s. Registration is required before the day of the event. Online registration is \$20 at www.cityofnovi.org/Services/Parks/AndRec/OnlineRegistration.asp. In-person registration is \$25 at the Parks, Recreation & In-person registration is \$25 at the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department, 45175 10 Mile Road.

SUNDAY

Give your ears a treat at 2 p.m. as the Novi Concert Band performs at the Novi Middle School, 49000 !!

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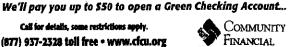
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ROADS

a left-through lane and a new right

turn lane," Hayes said. The new assignments for the neighborhood street project are pending, but several streets throughout Novi will also be fixed up. Those streets will be decided by the end of May and construc In the City of Wixom, under

Department Transportation ortation jurisdiction, ements of the Wixom Road and Interstate 96 interchange, as well as the Grand River Avenue and Wixom Road intersection.

 term plan to connect the city.
 10 Mile Road from Wildeat Drive to Taft Road will get a sidewalk on the north side of the road:

10 Mile Road from Meadowbrook Road to just west

of Ouince Drive on the south side

walkway 300 feet west of Meadowbrook Road along the

side, connecting with an already-present sidewalk in the Briarwood subdivision.

Water world

Although not expected to inter fere with traffic, a few water-relat ed projects may be noticed around

south side of Pontiac Trail from West Park Drive to Beck Road will take place in late summer. Large pipes and construction workers will be present, but shouldn't spill over into traffic, although gawkers

may be expected.

• The Taft Regional Basin, located on the north side of Grand Several sidewalks will be laid own as part of the city's long-one of three stormwater drain projects that are expected to be looked at this summer. Hayes said the city hopes to improve drainage to prevent erosion and unwanted materials from being drained during storms

Bishop Regional Basin, just nett.com

will get sidewalk put in where there aren't sidewalks present; • 11 Mile Road will have a new will also be investigated for an upgrade.
• The West Oaks Basin, located

north side; and

Bramblewood Drive will get

Bramblewood Drive will get

Tolder Mill Road on the west

off Cider Mill Road on the west

won take place until 2009. "We're going to retrofit it to improve its detention capability,"

Future fun

• Safety improvements and rehabilitation to the "spaghetti bowl" region that includes Interstates 96, 696 and 275, along with improve-Wixom Road interchange, the large project was pushed back to 2009.

 Novi Road between Grand River uled for widening to five lanes while a bridge is constructed over the CSX Railroad tracks. The MDOT project is planned for early spring through late fall 2009, with some portions completed in early 2010.

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

PROM

Bruder's and Jaskowski's groups bruter's and Jaskowski's groups, as just friends.

"(We're going) just to go," she said. "All the guys and girls in our group just go with one another as friends, not like a date. I went to prom last year, I'm going with the same person as last above.

Martinez said last year's menu of chicken and mashed potatoes or a "veggie option" was pretty good, and expects a similar menu

with the same person as last year, (now ex-hoyfriend George

hanging out with friends. "People usually go to parties, but they usually don't come up 'til a couple days before or the day

Post-prom parties may be a trend transcending decades, but dress styles constantly change. Although Bruder will have a

solid-colored dress, Martinez will be nearly the oppo-site, sporting a short, multi-colNovi High School senior prom

When: 7 p.m. May 3 Where: Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. Theme: Las Vegas

Jankowski said most of the guys will keep a simpler look for the big night.

planned to keep it simple with a black tuxedo.

"Most people are just wearing lackett can be reached at (248) white or black tux, not too 349-1700, ext. 122 or

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MY NOVI COMMUNITY

Thursday, May 1, 2008

Fundraiser for blinded Novi soldier helps furnish home

When Pfc. Casimir "Cas" Worda lost his vision last year as a result of pieces of shrappel from an ncendiary explosive device in Iraq,

The U.S. Army machine gunner has done quite a bit since the March 14, 2007 incident, but has "I'm just trying to keep myself

busy. I'm still finding out new things I can do and new things I can't do," the 24-year-old Novi resident said. Last weekend at Home Interior Warehouse, 1017 E. West Maple in Walled Lake, Werda, the furniture store and the national Homes for Our Troops program came together for a fundraiser to benefit

Werda and Homes for Our Troops. "A lady named Marge from the Troops and, being in an industry focused around the home, I was interested," said Novi resident Jackie Schwartz, owner of Home times, veterans aren't honored

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be bustling with activity. Special presentations were scheduled by Novi High School football coach Tab Kellepourey and former Novi Mayor Lou Csordas.

Werda graduated from Novi High School in 2001, where he played varsity football, wrestling "My family and I are just grate-

ful for all the support," Werda said.
Since becoming medically retired, Werda has made a point to keep doing what he loves. He's learned to read Braille in order to continue playing poker, recently took a week-long snowboarding trip to Idaho and got together with two friends last August to open a clothing store called Citizen in Ferndale, on Woodward Avenue between Nine Mile and 10 Mile roads.

Werda also bought a new Novi home of his own, about half a mile home of his own, account our way from his parent's house.

"The house has been kind of the "house house," he said of the "He just touched my heart. He house house house," he said of the house house house he house hou the house has been kind of the remodeling he's having done before he fully moves in. "It's kind of the same layout as my parent's house, there's just no fur-

until they're gone."

Although she just met Werda
four weeks ago, Schwartz anticipated before the event that her

wath help from Home Interior
Warchouse and last Saturday's
fundraiser, he hopes to fill up his
mew 1,800-square-foot, three-bed-

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back and was just getting catered by my parents. I need to show I can still take care of myself."

Homes for Our Troops will honor Werda as the first wounded

Michigan soldier to receive aid at a May 10 banquet in Troy. Since Werda was named a recipient, two other wounded Michigan soldiers have also been nominated and

will be honored at the event home more handicap accessible and possibly put in a patie

Schwartz said she immediately felt the need to help Worda after she met him and believes many others have felt the same, which is

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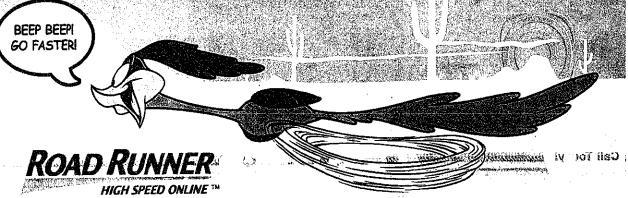
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Providing a 'thesis' for engineers

!TC partners with students

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By Kelly Murad

In working with students of today, ITC is creating engineers

electricity transmission company in the country, ITC has served as one of Michigan Technological University's corporate sponsors of the Senior Design Program since

The program requires students in their last year of school to work with professional engineers on a specific

project as part of their curriculum.
"It's kind of like our thesis for

"It's kind of like our thesis for engineers," said Kevin Thompson, Michigan Tech alumnus and member of last year's ITC team for the Senior Design Program. Thompson said each sponsor presents its team, which is typi-cally composed of four or five stu-dents, with a real life problem, challence or task.

challenge or task.

"The intent is to provide these sponsorships so these kids can have an academic experience," nave an academic experience, said Jon E. Jipping, executive vice president and chief operating officer at ITC. "It's best if we can use (their project), but it's more for the benefit of the students to have

sIJ

iTC's grand opening

On May 12, ITC will cale brate the grand opening of its Novi headquarters a 27175 Energy Way, off 12 Mile Road, between Haggerty Road and

Michigan 5. Construction of the 188,000-square-foot facil-ity upon the 85-acre property began last April.

a real-world experience."
ITC hired Thompson, 24, as an associate engineer in the relay design group and he is currently implementing his project from the Senior Design Program.

Senior Design Program.

"I've pretty much picked up where I left off with the project," he said, "It's really helped a let to have had that experience."

Michigan Tech is one of the few universities in the country to offer an energy conversion and power systems program.

an energy conversion and power systems program.

"We need to be targeting those folks more," Jipping said. "We have to be diligent in identifying and mentoring through the Senior Design Program."

Jipping said every Michigan Tech senior graduating this month with a degree in electrical engineering, with a power concentration, already has a job lined up.



PHOTO by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

ITC executive vice president and chief operating officer Jon Jipping, left, is joined by Michigan Tech graduates and current ITC employees Sara Haggard, Goride Halt and Kevin Thompson. The Novl-based electricity transmission company partners with college students, providing real-life experience

Even though senior Wade Ausloos, 23, is going into the Air Force after next week's graduation, he appreciates the experi-

pany," he said. "It's an actual engineering problem and we designed it from scratch. You can't simulate ence of working with ITC through the Senior Design Program. "It lets us see the actual expectations of a real engineering comowner receives award

of Signs By Tomorrow of Novi, was given the Highest Percentage Growth and Highest Sales Volume within Grouping award during the company's annual meeting in Fort Worth, Texas.

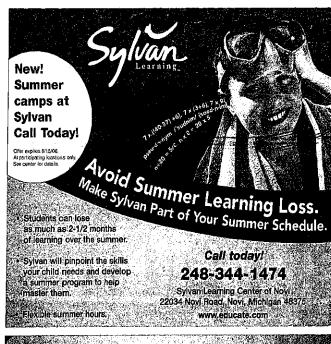
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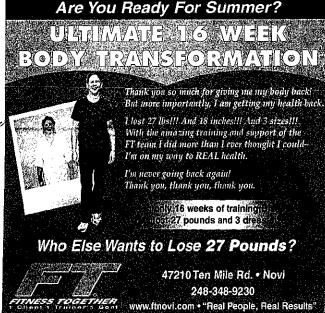
According to Aaronson, Signs By Tomorrow works one-on-one with customers to get to know their business, target audlence and goals.

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Slans By Tomorrow of Novi offers its customers a variety of architectural, retail and real estate sig-nage, as well as vehicle graphics for businesses that are always on the

For more information on Signs By Tomorrow of Novi, please contact Bruce Aaronson at (248) 478-







MY SENIOR LIFE



Local veterans preparing for honor flight

By Tracy Estes-Mishler SPECIAL WRITER

Hoppy Hanson has been waiting to visit the World War II memorial in Washington, D.C. and now he's getting his chance. As a war veteran, Hanson, 83, wait the apparent house. said it's an honor to have a memo-

World War II. World War II veterans from "I've seen the Vietnam and Korean mentorials, but haven't made it out to see the World War Hanson, who joined the Navy

Hanson, along with 41 other World War II veterans from Fox

If memorial yet, Hanson said. It took a while to get a World War II nemorial. It's almost as if it we and the Korean War. He spent 22

Run, in Novi, are taking a trip to Washington in the next few months courtesy of Honor Flight. going to be together, and I'm excited to go." Inc., a non-profit organization rial solely for those who served in formed to raise funds to send all

were forgotten.

"World War II affected every"World War II affec

giving us vets a chance to see the memorial," he said. "We're all

Funds needed

Melissa Downey, fundraising coordinator for Honor Flight Michigan, said the majority of the veterans who have visited the

Downey said the hardest obsta-ele with Honor Flight has been raising money to send vets to see

in 2004

see the memorial for the first time, nity. She said the nation loses "Every dime we make is from 1,200 to 1,500 World War II vet-

Last year, Honor Flight, started by David and Carole Cameron of West Bloomfield, sent 414Michigan veterans to see the memorial, which was completed in 2001. more support in the future." Downey said there are currently 15 flights schedule to take Michigan veterans to Washington

memorial so far lave not spoken about the war prior to their visit.

"A lot of families said they have never spoken about it all these years. They came home, got jobs, and the memorial of the said line people with dispersion of the people wit dispersion of the people with dispersion of the people with dis

except for when they go to the monument." Downey said. "It's wonderful to see the joy and pride on their faces when they get there."

\$350 per veterant." medical assistance if needed. Downey said she just wants to make sure everyone who wants to happy the veterants are when they get there."

crans a day.
"Our World War II vets are well into their 80s and 90s now. and I'm afraid we're going to run out of time and funds before we

all the help we can get will be

UNCF Receives grant from Erickson

Fox Run in Novi as well as Henry
Foxed Village in Dearborn

SENIOR NOTES

Ford Village in Dearborn Baltimore-based senior housing developer/manager Erickson Retirement Communities recently announced that it awarded a \$100,000 grant to UNCF - the scholarships for the 2009-10 aca-United Negro College Fund, the nation's oldest and most successful receive scholarships will also In the three months since the

developer and manager of two fullservice retirement communities in metropolitan Detroit, including Fox Run - www.ericksoncommu-nities.com/fry/ - in Novi and Henry Ford Village - www.erick-son.communities.com/hfv/ - in Dearborn. Retirement Laving TV announced the launch of Our Freedom Years. (Freedom Years.com), a portal for principle suddents announced the launch of Our Freedom Years.com), a portal for Henry Ford Village - www.erick-soncommunities.com/hfv/ - in

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for Humanity, Students Against Walled Lake High School. Destructive Decisions, Novi High Her efforts on the dance School's National Honor Society and dance club – which is her other passion.

the Hall of Fame Dance Challenge that would have Paula analyzing sophomore year I might.

"My mom just thought I was really active and it'd give me something to do."

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Walled Lake High School.

Her efforts on the dance floor and in the community have gained her recognition at several levels. She was recently one of 15 students and the several levels.

For the past 11 years, Paula has dents from the Great Lakes states School sentor has enough on her plate to keep anyone occupied – school, multiple dance groups and performing more than 300 hours of community service with several different groups.

"I'm definitely really involved in my community and dance," she said.

Langley credits her involvement to her mother, Dr. Campela metally active and it'd give ment to her mother, Dr. Campela metally active and it'd give ment to her mother, Dr. Campela metally active and it'd give ment to her mother, Dr. Campela metally active and it'd give ment to her mother, Dr. Campela metally active and it'd give ment to her mother, Dr. Campela metally active and it'd give ment to her mother, Dr. Campela metally active and it'd give ment to her mother, Dr. Campela metally active and it'd give ment to her mother, Dr. Campela metally active and it'd give ment to her mother, Dr. Campela metally active and it'd give ment to her mother, Dr. Campela metally active and it'd give ment to her mother, Dr. Campela metally active and it'd give ment to her mother, Dr. Campela metally active and it'd give ment to her mother, Dr. Campela metally active and it'd give ment to her mother, Dr. Campela metally active and it'd give ment to her mother, Dr. Campela metally active and it'd give ment to her mother, Dr. Campela metally active and it'd give ment to her mother, Dr. Campela metally active and it'd give ment to her mother, Dr. Campela metally active and it'd give ment to her mother, Dr. Campela metally active and it'd give ment to her mother, Dr. Campela metally active and actents from the Great Lakes states to be featured on the cover of house of the transition from the transition from

the Detroit Opera House.

Langley credits her involvement to her mother, Dr. Camela Langley, a guidance counselor at Summit Academy High School in Romalus.

"My morn volunteered to play the violin at our church, so I'd always go with her. We used to go to the soup kitchen too." Paula said of the birth of her communiation for her sound a later of recommendation from their counselor.

A high school sentor herself, Paula has earned a full-ride schol-competitions, which have an 18- year-old age requirement.

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"I'm not old enough to be a "Teen if you're a plans to double-major in dance and pre-law in an effort to work in I'd on text year because it's my sent to work in I'd on the year in college, but sophomore year I might."

continue dancing beyond college.
"She's very smart and she wanted something where she can still be in entertainment if she's

not dancing," Carmela said.
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From left to right: Maddie Donberger, Alicia Samson, Emily Awdish, Jacob Kawaas and Carter Coeji are doing their part on Earth Day to make our planet a better place. In celebration of Earth Day, the Novi Woods fourth graders got together with their



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News Novi High School student Shawet Hamaddar learns how to insert a chest tube Into a dummy with help from Administration Director of Providence Park Hospital Emergency Jeffery Brown. Novi High students were at the hospital to learn ER procedures as part of its medic



In celebration of Earth Day, the fourth graders at Novi Woods got together with their indergarten buddies to help clean up the planet. From left to right: Ben Wilson, Teja Bayya, Blanca Palicha, Akshay Raman, Allison Balley, Hannah Ledesma, Emily Dai, Pooja onds and Grace Yang cleaned up around Novi Woods in celebration of Earth Day.



Deerfield Elementary students proudly participated in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Kids Walk to Cure Diabetes. The group turned in more than \$11,650, which was given to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

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All Cub Scouts are invited to All Cub Scouts are invited to the free event, which will reveal secrets of building a Pinewood Standards and Bench Marks for preschool/pre-kindergarten.
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An exploration of new techregister their child at the Child
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nologies for the "CAR OF THE Care Services office in the
scheduled for June 23-27 at Novi FUTURE: based on an episode Instructional Technology Center, Middle School. of the NOVA science series which aired April 22 on WTVS Channel Mile and 11 Mile roads. Child will participate in hands-on, inter-56, along with a sneak peck at care is also available for students active activities that encourage attending preschool. Space is animated series featuring the popular and amusing public radio rates and availability.

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Students dominate Chemistry Olympiad

When 20 of Novi High School's best chemistry students gathered at the University of Michigan's Dearboni campus in March, they didn't realize they'd

be setting the mark for future groups of students. The Chemistry Olympiad competitive, two-hour, 70-multiplechoice-question exam was handed out and Novi students carned eight of the top 11 scores. Senior Josh Lumley, 17, led all scorers March 19 with 65 correct answers, one point ahead of class-mate and senior Ruixiao Zuo, 18. who had won the contest the past

"He tied for second with a conple of other people. He was the winner the past two years. I was expecting him to win." Lumley cxpecting him to win." Lumley
said. "I was hoping to do really
well. The honorable mention kids
get a \$140 scholarship and that
what I was going for. I had no
expectations of winning."
Zuo. Junitor Sudharshan
Mohanram and senior Ryan
Lumley (Josh's twin brother) all
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tied a non-Novi student for the second-highest competition score

essay to determine the lie-breaker," said Rand Helmkamp, one of o advanced chemistry teachers to have coached Novi chemistry Olympiads for more than a

Zuo carned the third-place omination while Mohamam and Ryan Lumley were the top two-runners-up. Each school was allowed to place a maximum of two students into the field of 12 nominees that took a second, four-hour test April 17, and was awarded \$250 for their first-round

response and multiple choice, I had seen a lot before. Then it game to the laboratory part and that's not my strength. It was def-initely a learning experience for college." Josh Lumley said of the second trial. "(Zuo) didn't have the time to study for the first test, but I know he studied hard for the

second one. I hope he wins."

Zuo said he had hoped to do Zuo said he had hoped to do well despite the rust that had accumulated since he took the advanced chemistry course sophomore year.
"I wasn't really quite sure

because there's a fot of strong talent and I took AP chemistry two years ago. I was looking to make the top 20," he said of the first exam, noting his expectations for the second round. "I'm expecting to make the top 150."

Of the eight runners-up at the competition, seven were Novi students. Joining Mohanram and Ryan Lumley were Christine Zugaro (63), Riki Akimoto (62), Srilakshmi Kadiyala (61), Danny Kiefer (61) and Patrick Lee (61). The runners-up each received the April 17 competition, which will release results in mid-May,

hundred students take the test. "We just have a lot of really talwith 64. Three were our kids. They had to write an

year."
The final goal of the Chemistry Olympiad competitions is to determine representatives for the International

Olympiad. Novi's Josh Lumley and Zuo are waiting for the announcement detailing the 20 students from across the country chosen to attend a two-week workshop a chosen by the American Chemical Society to spend July 12-21 in Olympiad.

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Novi High School students Ruixlad Zuo and Josh Lumley await results from a Chemistry Olympiad competition last month; which determines if if they are in the running for the international Chemisty Olympiad.

The following Novi students received degrees from Walsh College at their winter com-mencement ceremonies in Troy: Sergio R. Brilanti, Master of Science, Management; Todd Stephen Hammerick, Master of Gregory J. Miller, Master of Accountancy; Chester Wayne Olszewski, Master of Business Administration: David Herbert Technology: Christopher Robert Bachelor Accountancy; Douglas Scott Bateson, Master of Business Administration; Jason Douglas Brewer, Master of Science, Taxation; Kenneth P. Clerebout, Bachelor of Science, Business Information Technology; Kimberly G. Dameron, Bachelo Administration of Business Administration; David Brandon Gabler, Master of Business Administration; Henry James Gretzinger, Master o Maureen A. Michaels, Master of Business Administration: Kathleen L. O'Connell, Bachelor Reneg Elizabeth Pall Master of

Grand Valley State University

The following students from Novi have been named to the Dean's List: Kathleen M. Ales, Alexandra M. Barcelona, Steven A. Bartz, Jennifer M. DeClerck Chase J. Dehne, Melissa D. Dyson, Kristin L. Fiscus, Rebecca A. Haller, Katherine A. Rebecca A. Haller, Katherine A. Henry, Sean P. Hogan, Linda D. Janik, Christopher B. Jeffery, Kara 1. Kelly, Natalie A. Kuczajda, Betsy L. Lewis, Carly Lyall, Richard L. Manza, Danielle L. Madley, Margaret L. Messink, Nicole M., Moisan, Britany L. Neville, Matthew, G. Nickels, Laura A. Stinar, Jonathan R. Sulzer, Michaela A. Wasek R. Sulzer, Michaela A. Wasek.

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go on refrigerators - giving rescue personnel important health

Novi firefighter Todd Seco shows where the department-issued File of Life folders will

Suspect tampers with ele-mentary construction site An unknown suspect cut a con-Elementary School between 4 a.m. April 17 and 7 a.m. April 18,

According to police, the fence of the construction site, located at the back of the building on the west side of the school, was cut in two places.

Police suspect about 25 feet of fence was cut away so the walking track could still be used. Due to the school addition con-

struction, the track is split in half by a fence that was erected for the Three posts for the fefice were also pulled out of the ground,

total, the site suffered \$200 There are no witnesses or susbut nothing else was missing. Police said there were no signs of

REPORT CRIME: Call (248) 348-7100 for non-emergencies in Novi

MY PUBLIC SAFETY

Mountaineer damaged in driveway

The driver's side of a Mercury Mountaineer was scratched between 10 p.m. April 18 and report, a wallet is suspected stolen from a vehicle that was parked on Cranbrooke Drive, near Village 6:30 a.m. April 19, reports said.
According to recent poli reports, the vehicle was parked in The Jeep was parked from the driveway of a Novi residence

and was valued in the relation of the relation console was open and her wallet containing a LaSalle Bank card object.

The victim said he does not was missing.
According to the report, other know of any suspects and believes

honors and awards including being named one of

about 10:30 p.m. April 18 until 1:15 a.m. April 19, while the vicinium was visiting an friend-orporate oscinario del proposition of the fraction and the state of the fractions and application of the fractions and application of the fractions and application of the fractions and applications are applications and applications and applications are applications and applications are applications and applications and applications are applications and applications are applications and applications are applications and applications and applications are applications and applications are applications.

Fire department improves life-saving program By Kelly Murad

> Emergency responders may be seen making a b-line for the kitchen when called to a scene, while trying to save a person's

program, a more efficient version of the Vile of Life program, which the department implemented five years ago.

The File of Life is a red plastic

sleeve, attached to a person's open."
refrigerator, containing necessary medical information in case of an emergency.
"It's basically their medica-

tions, their family doctor, emer-Aside from Novi, Seog said Seog, fire protection officer for

According to Seog, the Vile of Life program was the same concept, except residents kept a vile containing their medical information in the refrigerator.
"I took over the (Vile of Life)

"I enjoy getting the word out to people," he said. "I even gave some to my parents and they live in a different state."

when we get there, we can get the other communities who partici-information we need." other communities who partici-

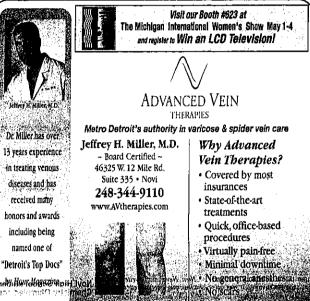
pate in similar programs.

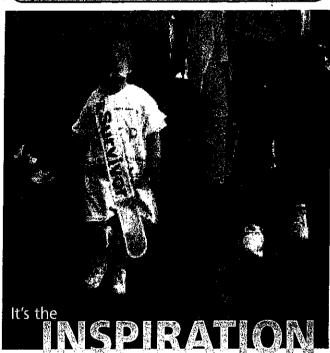
Residents interested in participating in the program can pick up the file from any of Novi's four fire stations or the Novi Senio Center, located at 25075

program three years ago, but we decided runmaging around in people's refrigerators wasn't the best thing to do," he said. "The vile was just becoming so cumbersome. This way, it's out in the program." strictly voluntary." Seeg said.

Along with receiving the file, residents have the option of participating in a follow-up, which would be used to update their reference on the said of th

effectiveness of the program itself.
Seog said he would like to
update participants' information every six months and is hoping to make the File of Life information available to dispatchers.
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Novi News

Victoria Mitchell Susan Rosiek EXECUTIVE EDITOR VICE PRESIDENT/GENERAL MANAGER

In our opinion: Chamber merger is beneficial to community

ne Novi News is "Why are chambers. I think a bust-And although readers working capabilities by

to the bewilderment.

Now, however, it appears that question may fall to the wayside as merger than Topouzian. Mayor David Landry.

As the city's economic made toward this come velopment manager Ara goal.

ness misses out on the netpose the question, the having two chambers. This answer falls in importance puts the businesses in the

forefront, I don't think we can restate the issue better

One chamber would serve the best interest of the city and members of We are pleased to see the business community, progress in this regard is and we look forward to monitoring the progress

Preserve Fuerst

wish for them to act as stewards

while detracting from the Historic atmosphere. In 2004 a

audent carried out a volunteer

this property may not be their history, it is the City of Novi's

ish it. If the decision was right or

April 7 to demolish this property,

it will still be right after more

Please

Reconsider

Fuerst Farm

The recent vote of the Novi

and build the modern and prosperous city in which we now

Decision

The land which presently houses Novi's city government, the newly expanded high school, As a resident who has lived Park was, until 1970, entirely a part of the historic Fuerst Farm. At this time Iva and Ruby Fuerst, across the street from the Fuerst Farm for 25 years. I have never considered it to be an eyesore. The Fuerst Farm, which was two daughters of the Fuers Family, transferred ownership of entrusted to the City of Novi, should be preserved because of the entire farm, except for the house and barns, to people of Novi. The daughters lived in the it's Historic designation. The 2000 report indicated preservafarmhouse until 1991 when it tion. There has never been a was vacated. request by the city for volunteers to assist them in this regard. Before voting to demolish the Novi's past, This small corner of site, proper notice should be Novi's past, this sman same the Civic Center pays tribute to all those pioneers who struggled given to the residents so that efforts to save the structures could be explored. A hasty vote all those pioneers who struggled to make Novi a fine place in the on the evening of publicly receivpast - and now serves as a phys ng a report for the first time cerical presence, especially for our children, picturing what Novi was before the housing subdividid not indicate to me that the City Council gave any serious consideration as to how the resisions and great shopping centers dents of this community might were built

It cannot be said too strongly that the Fuerst Farm is a very small but a very valuable diathe site believe it can and should mond among the great developbe preserved for less than 5 perments in Novi. During future cent of the \$3+million estimate recommended by the cities conyears when people look back to find the roots of their hometown sultant. The plan to move the old and truly restore and use the Township Hall onto the site indi-Fuerst Fann homestead - the cost of just basically maintaining it now will be worth the price many cates that it makes sense to restore this site as a historic park. Amphitheaters, water fountains

times over.

As a 33 year resident of Novi and elaborate entryways are not Novi Library Board for 22 year (1979-2001), I would ask th City Council to reconsider its effort which could be the model decision on the Fuerst Farm so for a cost effective way to handle any current preservation. I urge my fellow residents to go to that future generations of Novi citizens will remember you as heritage preservers and not a www.fuerstfarmnovi.org and see heritage destroyers for shorter what can and should be done. I urge you to get involved in let-ting our officials know that while Your thoughtful consideration

James Evenhuis

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exploration of the topic. If it was wrong and the property is demol-ished in the next 90 days, it can-We are all being alerted THE CHECKS ARE ON THE WAY, THE CHECKS ARE ON THE not be restored. Please get WAY, GET READY TO SHOP While I don't see this as the answer to the current recession those who can or feel they should Go SHOPPING should at least try to buy MADE IN THE USA.

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store or mega mart we could hurt our economy more by sending more of our dollars overseas. To get the most bang for our buck we all should seek out made in America and when possible Michigan made goods and serv-

ices.

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City Council to demotish the Fuerst Farm house and barns is a most serious blow to Novi's proud history and heritage.
Since the early 1970s when goods we have made in the past, the kind that others around the

Chuck Tindali



Partners in Learning Learning Tree Center student Andrew Delacourt, left, helped to plant trees Friday at ITC's Novi headquarters.

Secondhand smoke may hurt your kids more than you

smoking is com-

who do smoke.

linesman at a youth soccer game last week when l noticed one of the visiting team's parents smoking on the sideline about 10 feet from me and five feet

from the edge of the field, the poor exam-Seeing as the field was ple this parent from the edge of the field. on elementary school property and the game was garding through a league conjoined authority with the state soccer asso-

with his younger son who until they been diag-was about 3. His 8-year-old son was playing in the or seen some graphic or seen some gr

game was out-doors. It'll blow right away.
It's a bit more than just a little smoke. from Aside

set by as an Chris Jackett my ciation, I told him he conveying the well-estab-couldn't smoke at the field. Ished league and school plenty of statistics about

He seemed confused, but district rules, I can't imag-he put it out right away. Rules aside. I didn't health implications he tract infections (such as When school grounds want to smell smoke the was putting everyone in, pneumonia and bronchi-whole game and I'm sure especially his two sons tis), aggravates asthma are compromised, it's gone the other parents on the sideline didn't either.

and the rest of the 8-year-symptoms and causes the buildup of fluid in the ear, was a decent person, but is About 30 minutes later, Most people don't problems that combine to the parent was playing think about those risks send millions of children being a chimney for 90

old son was playing in the game. I noticed he was smoking again, even though I had made it clear before that he wasn't allowed to.

What's the big deal, Chris? It's just a little smoke, right? Easy ventification too, considering the smoking.

Secondhand smoke contains more than 250 chemicals known to be toxic or cancer causing agents, and the Surgeon General says they are old enough to think for themselves or realize the problem. They'll suffer the same health problems, it just won't be their fault.

people who don't plied in their danger level smoke, but find when applied to children,

around people or I'm not a fan of telling places where people what to do or not to do just for the heck of it. mon, is they still but, when it affects myself have to deal with and everyone around the same health risks as those deserves a little tampering. For the time being, bars The American bowling alleys and restau-Association has rants are often still smoke-

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Tom Watkins: Michigan - Leading the way for people to live free

put the world on wheels, was called the "arsenal of War II. It is the epicenter development and is also a leader in service to people with disabilities.

A global spotlight will shine on Detroit May 27at the Detroit Marriott-Renaissance Center as the city hosts first-ever

International Conference on Self-Determination. The conference is sponsored by the Center for Self-Determination, the Detroit-Wayne County Community Agency, Community Services, Inc., and the Oakland County Community Health Authority.

Michigan remains world leader in many fields. There is nothing more important than the basic rights of choice, freedom and the authority that people with disibilities call "self-determination.

Tom Nerney, founder

and executive director for the Center for Self-Determination (www.selfdetermination.com), con-"Self Determination, at Living Services was a its core, is about the leader in the developrestoration of full citizenship to all individuals disabilities. Michigan is in the midst of a struggle to rebuild warehouses they contin-itself and has been a ued to believe that perleader in the self-determination movement, so it is fitting that people from around the world who are Community dedicated to fundamentally changing systems of North Carolina. Mayer is

The three-day conference will highlight different national and cultural on its laurels and basked approaches to people in the glory of being ling where and with internationally as whom to live, their genuine membership in the developmental disabilities community, their pursuit with their six-bed group of positive long-term rela-tionships and the end to dared to do better and impoverish-

My professional mental health career began after Determination is to make

ual abuse that reported in the 1970s at the Plymouth Center for Human Human Development. Plymouth Center warepeople with developmen-tal disabilities with the philosophy "out of sight and mind." I would later

rors of physical and sex-

become the director of the Michigan State Department of Mental Health under Governor Blanchard. Many who witnessed or read about this abuse have dedicated their lives to forging change. One such individual is Jim Dehem, President/CEO

Community Living Services (www.comlivserv.com), located in Wayne. The organization serves more than 3,000 people in Detroit, Wayne and Oakland counties. Jim and his team at CLS are both driven and

dedicated to the basic belief that everyone deserves to have the freedom guaranteed by the Constitution and Bill of Rights and, beyond that ~ perhaps more important-- basic human digni-"While Community

ment of six-bed group homes in the 1980s as alternatives to mega institutional human sons with disabilities deserve better," said Mike Mayer, senior partner of Resource Alliance (www.cra.cc) in human services hold a an internationally recogconference of this magni- nized expert in quality services for people with

disabilities. "CLS could have rested viewed nationally and leader in the field of have continued to do so," Mayer said.

The purpose of Self-



About Tom Watkins

Torn Watkins is a business and education consultant. He served as state superintendent of schools from 2001-2005 and state mental health director from 1986-1990. He can be

it possible for individuals than 500 participants to craft personally-meaningful lives in communi-ties they choose," Dehem and Vancouver. These emphasizes. "We need to participants represent stop developing programs and services that group, separate and isolate peo-disabilities, elde with disabilities. Throughout the world.

people with disabilities are still institutionalized or living in facilities and participating in separate, segregated programs tucked away in the community that no other minority group would accept.

Dehem went on to say, "I see the significance of this conference being that we are at a serious time of national crisis with respect to how we spend public dollars and how much will be available in the future with so many more people aging needing long-term and care. We need to invest

directly in people rather

than programs. We now

know that we can achieve better results and use precious funds more effectively.' "placed" into group or nursing homes. Selfdetermination is making that possible by providsupports to keep ing them in their own homes. The investment is made directly to support the are

congregated living facilidignity are limited. real change requires real change. CLS has shown people now have the lives

possible for them. The

expected to draw more

agents in developmental disabilities, elder issues. mental illness recovery and the independent liv ing movement across the globe.

for the City of Wayne and board chair Community

Services, expressed his gratitude to Gov. Jennifer Granholm, local govern providers for their per commitment to people

One of the many con ference highlights will be National Public Radio's popular "StoryCorps. project of its kind. It will capture the stories of people with disabilities and archive them for future generations at the Library National

Freedom. Throughout People today who are aging or have disabilities have fought and died for want to live in their own the desire to live free. We homes rather than being all need to remember more than allowing peo-

Conference information and online registration available person rather than into www.self-

determination.com, Hardties where freedom and copy registration forms This conference is can be faxed to (517) 374singing the mantra that 1053 or mailed to 426 South Walnut Street. Lansing, MI, how, using the principles Please make checks of Self-Determination, payable to MACMHB. Preregistration is strongly they always dreamed of encouraged but on-site

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north of Eight Mile Road Single Professionals invite you to meet new friends, dance and socialize. Top 40 D. J., cash bar, Admission is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Attire is dressy casual (no blue jeans. blue jean skirts or tennis shoes.) on an area of need for women

CONTACT: For directions only

Passport Fair

TIME/DATE: 11 a m -3 n m Saturday, May 3 and May 17 LOCATION: Novi Post Office

DETAILS: Passport photos taken during the fair, or you can bring your own. For more inforcontact the Novi Post Office at (248) 349-3152 or visit

Household Hazardous Waste

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

oruenwald@cityofnovi.org LOCATION: Costick Activities Please R.S.V.P. by 5 p.m. Center, 28600 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills Tuesday, May 6. DETAILS: Novi community

members are invited to participate. A variety of common household items will be accepted including cleaners, oil-based paints, herbicides, insecticides and solvents. These materials can labeled containers that do not hold more than five gallons o weigh more than 50 pounds.

Novi Concert Band TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. Sunday School Auditorium, 49000 11 Mile Road, between Wixom and

DETAILS: Free community event. All interested adult musi cians are invited to join Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings from 7:30-9:30 p.m Performances are throughout Novi and surrounding areas. CONTACT: For more informa tion, visit www.noviconcert-

Second City Theatricals

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"Sex and The Second City TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; 8 and 10 o.m. Fridays: 7 and 9 LOCATION: Second City Comedy Club, 42705 Grand

River, Nov DETAILS: The Second City Theartricals, a division of the world famous Second City come dy theatre presents this fast paced musical comedy about and everything in between. Fickets are \$15 and can be pur chased directly through The Second City box office by calling www.secondcity.com

Building a Natural Fountain

TIME/DATE: 7-8 p.m. Tuesday LOCATION: Better Health Market, 42875 Grand River, Novi DETAILS: Nancy Angelini, Ph.D., National Director of Education and Training for New Chapter Health, will present an informative seminar called Building a Natural Fountain of Youth. The seminar will focus on the many benefits of probiotic whole-food supplements versus synthetic isolates. Angelini is a certified Upledger Neuromuscular and Cranjosacral Theranist, and has given hundreds of lectures onally on a variety of health related topics. By combin ence with the art of natural healing, Angelini empowers her listeners with a practical and inspired knowledge. The seminar is free. Seating is limited and

reservations are strongly sug-CONTACT: (248) 734-8100

2008 Women's Commission for Oakland County TIME/DATE: 4-7 p.n

Wednesday LOCATION: Board of Commissioners' Auditorium in Pontiac

DETAILS: The Commissions' forum will focus on women's erment with emphasis or health, leadership, economic autonomy, safety and violence against women. The community is welcome to speak on issues. related to these topics or on any other issues affecting women in ed to speak for up to 5 minutes

Office Safety Seminar TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m.

Thursday, May 8 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Council Chambers, 45175 W. 10

DETAILS: This free seminar will provide citizens and business partners the opportunity to learn how to better protect themselves their families, co-workers and visitors. The interactive session will discuss topics such as crime prevention and violence in the work place, emergency prepared ness ad how to handle nature or to R.S.V.P., contact Novi Police Detective Kristie Gruenwald at (248) 347-0548 or e-mail at

"Kekonut Kapers" Thursday, May 8: Friday, May 9 and May 16; Saturday, May 17 2 p.m. Saturday, May 10; Sunday, May 11; Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18.

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center DETAILS: The Novi Theatres presents this buoyant musica comedy that features fast-paced high school antics, pirates and a lot that moves as swiftly as a hurricane. Fifty-two young actors several from Novi and Northville star in the show which is directed by Harry Wetzel from the Detroit for adults and \$12 for students

at the Novi Parks office in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 CONTACT: For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

reserved. Tickets are on safe

online at www.cityofnovi.org and

Concert by the Novi

Chorafaires TIME/DATE: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 10

LOCATION: Novi High School DETAILS: Join us for an evening of songs quaranteed to tapping. Concert also includes a children's dance group and sev eral musical numbers accompa nied by visual presentations ickets are \$12 each, \$10 each for groups of 10 or more. Tickets Novi Parks office, the Novi or The Novi Choralaires is a community chorus serving Novi and

the surrounding area. CONTACT: For more informa 349-3267 or Becky Staab at www.novichoralaires.org.

Art Van Furniture Store Events

LOCATION: 27775 Novi Road; CONTACT: (248) 348-8922 Race For the Cure Entries

Wolverine Lake Offices Parking DATE: Thursday, May 1-Friday Lot, 625 Glengary Road, between Benstien and South Commerce. DETAILS: Art Van is pleased to e a sponsor of the 17th Annual DETAILS: Fellow Gardening Friends and Neighbors, You know Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure, May 31 at Comerica it's time for you to get out there and split those overgrown plants Park. Those interested in participating in the race can pick up or find something new to fill in that bare spot left by those mysentry forms in the store.

Cinco Da Mayo Activity DATE: Saturday, May 10 DETAILS: To celebrate Cinco De Mayo, children will receive a

olies last.

Kids Castle Mother's Day Giveaway DATE: Saturday, May 3-Saturday May 10

DETAILS: Children visiting the store will receive a special oift to May 11. Kids Castles are super d play areas for children while supplies last.

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 The Second City in Novi. Vouchers are available to the first 50 interested quests. While sup-

Jeanne Clarke Summer Teen

Center TIME/DATE: Registration is 9 a.m.-Noon Saturday, May 17, Teen Center is noon-5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, June 23-July

LOCATION: Novi High School, DETAILS: Looking for some fun this summer? For kids going into grades 6-9. Activities include movies, wave pool, bowling, music, video games, laser tag

Providence Park Job Falr

field trips, tournaments, sports

lock-in, Detroit Tigers, and Cedar

Point. Register at the Novi Civic

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 17 LOCATION: Providence Park Medical Building, Conference Rooms A. B and C. 47601 Grand

DETAILS: The Job Fair is to upcoming hospital that is curently under construction Recruiting for RNs, CRNAs. Pharmacists, Cardiac Sonographers, Respiratory Therapists, Radiology Fechnicians, CT Technicians

Ultrasound Technicians, Physical Therapists, Physical Therapist Assistants, Speech Language Therapists, Environmental Services, Food and Nutrition Services and more. Full-time part-time and contingent posi-There will be on-site interviews. ease bring your resum Presentations about the hospital and small tour groups also avail able. For a complete listing of

onen positions, visit www.stjohn.org/jobopenings. For more information on the call Work Life Services at (248)

Novi Parks Department

Summer Camps DETAILS: The Novi Parks Department is offering over 15 new camps this summer with something for everyone. New camps include: Farm Camp Mountain Biking Camp, Sporties for shorties - preschool sports camp, Sports Camps - crickets bowling, cheer, football and tennis, Crazy Science Camp, Leo Camp. Dance Camp - ballet and Circus Camp. Camp Lakeshore trips to Pump it Up, Detroit Science Center, Red Oaks Wave

Registration is now open. For

more information or to register

CONTACT: (248) 347-0400

TIME/DATE: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

LOCATION: The Village of

terious critters that come out in

Bring your plants to the annual Spring Plant Exchange and trade

them for some new varieties. The

plants you bring should be potted

and labeled with plant name.

the early morning to snack in

your garden.

Lakes Area Garden Club

Plant Exchange

Saturday, May 17

Novi Chamber of Commerce Road, Suite 201, Novi The chamber is celebrating 40 Pool and the Detroit Zoo.

years of business; representing over 500 members. Our mission is to be a responsible; proactive visit cityofnovi.org, There is a \$5 discount when registering online the greater Novi area. We are business and professional people working together to enhance the life of our community and the businesses in it. For more information; visit www.novichamber.com.or

contact the chamber office at (248) 349-3743. Viva Las Vegas Casino Night TIME/DATE: 6-10 p.m.

Saturday, May 17 LOCATION: Lucky Strike Lanes, 44325 12 Mile Road After Hours Wine Tasting and Strolling Appetizers
TIME/DATE: 5 p.m.

Wednesday, May 28 LOCATION; Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar, 17400 laggerty, Livonia

Lakes Area Chamber of

Since 1963, the Lakes Area

bloom time, soil type, etc. There will be some plants available for purchase if you do not have any

tion, details and contact ■ Mail: Novi News, My

gannett.com

CONTACT: Sandi Barnes at Street, Suite 101, Northville, sbarnes@talkamerica.net for fur-■ Fax: (248) 349-9832

Farmers Market - Walled TIME/DATE: 7 a.m. - 1 p.m

every Wednesday beginning May LOCATION: Walled Lake City Event Field on E. West Maole Road between Decker Road and

Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake DETAILS: The City of Walled Lake is sponsoring the Farmers running through the end of have a good mix of products to satisfy the needs of all customers. Some of the items avail able at the market this year honey, jams, jelly, fruits, annual and perennial flowers and garden accessories. Vender space is still

CONTACT: Janell at the City of Walled Lake, 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake or call (248) 624-4847.

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Greater Novi Chamber of

Commerce We're about business. We're about networking. We're about creating excitement in business and networking! Everyone is welcome to attend any of our events. For more information call Whitney; executive director at (248) 347-4622 or whitney@greaternovichamber.com. Also visit

www.greaternovichamber.com Sales Leads Group TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:30 a.m. second and fourth Thursday of 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, Mair DETAILS: Come and discuss

art and network with local artists

No cost. TIME/DATE: 6:30-10 p.m.

second anniversary. Food,

LOCATION: The Dirty Martini 12:30 n m. Cost is \$110 per and Second City, 42705 Grand DETAILS: Help celebrate our and T-sign paid by May 14 is friends, networking and a game \$500, after May 14 is \$540. \$40 per person. Please RSVP. car, lunch, buffet dinner, con-

Commerce Township Community Breakfast

May 20 LOCATION: Edgewood Country Club, 8399 Commerce Road,

Commerce DETAILS: Tickets are \$15 before May 16, \$25 after May 16. For tickets or more information call, (248) 960-7040, or send payment to Commerce Twp. Community Breakfast 2840 Fisher Ave., Commerce Twp. 48390.

Programs Meeting TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 28 LOCATION: Chamber office

BUSINESS Walsh College, Business

LOCATION: 41500 Gardenbrook Road, near 11 Mile and Meadowbrook roads. Novi

List your event in our calendar!

To be included in My Bulletin Board, please send event name, date, time, loca-

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

> > **HR Professionals Affinity**

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m. Today

DETAILS: Please call for more

information at (248) 823-1392.

2nd Annual Small Business

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

LOCATION: Walsh College

DETAILS: Sponsored by the

Walsh Business Leadership

exhibitor and sponsor will pro

resource, benefit or product to

assist small businesses. Only

those companies in attendance

are eligible to apply for the next

Makeover, Results of this year's

makeover will be revealed during

the morning session and lunch

speaker. More than 20 breakout

include: Walsh College alumni:

Institute members; small bus

Michigan, The City of Novi is co

hosting the event and has invited

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discount admission. Tickets are

members and partners, and \$75

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tion. Only 12 tables left, For more

attend, visit http://smallbusiness

terence on Ethics

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m. Thursday

DETAILS: Walsh College and

especially for CPAs who need to

for students: \$50 for Walsh alum-

i. MWTA and BLI members; and

\$75 for all others. Full breakfast

and networking begin at 8 a.m.

a.m. featuring Paul McKenney

followed by the program at 8:30

from Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt

and Howlett: Jennifer Sanderson.

Linda Hagan, PhD, from Walsh

TIME/DATE: Noon every

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

LOCATION: Walsh College

DETAILS: Walsh Business

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Leadership Institute invites

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College. Call the college for more

The Michigan Women's Tax

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Thursday, May 8

Novi Campus

Chamber of Commerce has roudly served as West Oakland's Regional Chamber; servicing the munities of Commerce

Township, Union Lake, Walled Lake, Waterford, Wixom, Iverine Lake and White Lake. Our purpose is to improve the quality of life for businesses and residents in the Lakes area. We act as a unified voice on behalf of the business community, provide a forum to discuss and review topics of interest, serve as a source of information and devel to the needs of the communities

ve serve. LOCATION: 305 N. Pontiac Trail, Ste. B. Walled Lake CONTACT: For more informa tion visit www.lakesareacham ber.com or (248) 624-2826. Wornen in Business Dinner

TIME/DATE: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Today LOCATION: The Maples Club, 31260 Wakefield, Novi (south of

14 Mile Road DETAILS: True Colors personal success seminar with Jennifer Davidson, Learn tools for developing improved communication skills, oreater understanding of self and others and how to create more meaningful relationships. Cost is \$25 per person, includes

Home-Based Business
Home-Based Business

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. LOCATION: Chamber DETAILS: Topic for discussion '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. Spotlight Lunch TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. **LOCATION: Bayside Sports**

Grill, 142 East Walled Lake Dr. 31st Annual Spring Golf

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Monday LOCATION: Edgewood Country

Club, 8399 Commerce Road, DETAILS: Lunch and registra tion at 11 a.m. Shotgun start at golfer after May 14. Four-some

s, awards and prizes

Thursday LOCATION: Novi Methodist TIME/DATE: 7 a.m. Tuesday, DETAILS: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information;

Females in the Family **Business Affinity Group** third Thursday of every month Troy Campus

Ambassador Meeting TIME/DATE: 9:15 a.m. Friday. LOCATION: Chamber office

nesses. Items discussed will be common issues; and women can share solutions in a nonthreatening, noncompetitive, non-sales roundtable. Registration is required

Leadership Institute

Meetings TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. second Wednesday of every month LOCATION: DoubleTree Hotel,

jhubbard@walshcollege.edu

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each Monday

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TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. begin-

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center,

DETAILS: No partner needed;

pay-as-you-go. Novi residents

GOVERNMENT

District Board of Education

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tonight

Building, 25345 Taft Boad

LOCATION: Educational Services

CONTACT: (248) 44971294100F

Novi City Council Meeting

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. first and

ird Monday of month (May 12)

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

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DETAILS: Local chapter provides many advantages to today cian's referral; \$50/50 working women and offers a strong community service aragram which includes raising Create with Kath TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. - noon money for scholarships. CONTACT: www.abwa-novi.org

CLASSES

Providence Center for the Heating Arts

LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center; 47601 Grand River CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

or email nes.Tester@stjohn.org Wanted: One-time Art

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

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

Ceramics Class TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

DETAILS: Explore the Art of playing with clay. Express yourself in this three-dimensional art form. \$10 iah fee Call to verify class times.

Knittln' Yarns TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday DETAILS: Join others and create hats and shawls for

those in need. TIME/DATE: Meditation for individuals or groups by appointment

DETAILS: Learn proper breathing techniques that can to help reduce stress. Class reld in reflection space; cance

Therapeutic Yoga TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. Monday - Yoga for Kids with Parents; 12:30-1:30 p.m. Monday - Yoga for Backs; 6p.m. Tuesday - Mixed Level; 11 a.m.-noon Wednesday tive Yoga; 12:15-1:15 p.m. Wednesday - Mixed Level: Prenatal Yoga; 6:45-7:45 p.m. Thursday - Yoga for Backs 12:30-1:30 p.m. Friday oner/Intermediate: 9:30 10:30 a.m. Saturday - Mixed

Level; 10:45-11:45 a.m. Saturday - Yoga for Backs DETAILS: \$10/walk-in, \$80/10class card. \$45/5-class card. Lunch and Learn Yoga 7-week session is \$60. Registration

Providence Hospital, Southfield. Massage Therapy TIME/DATE: By appointment DETAILS: Therapeutic mas-

sage is effective for stress and

Nevi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting

Meetina

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Tuesda LOGATION: Novi Civic Center.

DETAILS: Join us for a special CONTACT: (248) 347-0410 Tina Fey Amy Poehler

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NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PROPOSAL MUST BE OBTAINED A The City reserves the right to accept any or all all

und award the contract to other than the lowest blidder, to waive a ularities or informaties or both; to reject any or all proposals; award to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by n its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2008-2009 BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will hold BLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED CITY 2008-2009 BUDGET at It Regular Meeting of Council to be held on MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008, id hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the same y be reached, at the Novi Covic Center Council Chember 46475

The property tax miliage rate proposed to be evied to support the proposed budget will be a

subject of this hearing. A copy of the proposed 2008-2009 budget is currently available at the wi Civic Center, Office of the City Clerk for public inspection, 45175 set Ten Mile Road, Novil, Michigan.

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CONTACT: (248) 449-1206 Novi Community Education's Spring and Summer Brochure is adult and youth classes, camps and summer programs. Online registration is available 24/7. at www.novl.k12 mi.us/District/con munityEducation. For more infor mation, please call the (248) 449-1206

Perspectives on Health Photography Exhibit LIBRARY TIME/DATE; 6-8 p.m. LINES

LOCATION: Nancy A. Fox Art Novi Public Library DETAILS: The public is invited LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile to attend this opening reception

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-5 c.m Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 Monday through Friday, May 1p.m. Friday and Saturday, 1-5 LOCATION: Nancy A. Fox Art CONTACT: (248) 349-0720 Unless noted below; all proallery DETAILS: This show features grams take place at the librar

(May 8)

Library Closed on Mother's Walled Lake City Library Day, Sunday, May 11 On-Going Used Book Sale Maple Road, Walled Lake DETAILS: The Friends of Novi Library sponsors an on-going Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 10 used book sale in the library a.m.-5 n.m. Wednesday and meeting room every day during library hours. \$6 for a big bag of Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday; closed Friday

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

Knitters and Knotters TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. secand fourth Monday of each

DETAILS: Drop in for informal needlework group in Youth Area: all levels welcome Senior Book Discussion TIME/DATE: Noon-1:30 n m second Thursday of each mont

DETAILS: Book discussion Tuesday of each month group for older adults facilitated librarian: please call to join discussion. Bring a bag lunch, English Conversation Group check library for current book TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-noor every Tuesday; 1-2 p.m. every

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

Novi Writers Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-Noon Saturday DETAILS: Inspirational env ronment for writers to collabo-

other writers. Facilitated by local writer Kathy Mutch, Writers o are encouraged to participate. Please register online or call th library. Starlight Story Time

TIME/DATE: 7-7:30 p.m. DETAILS: Stories, music and fun for a special bedtime pre-

Novi High School Drama TIME/DATE: 7-7:45 p.m. Tuesday May 13

presentation by the Novl High School freshman/sonhomore drama group

Please register.

HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m

CONTACT: (248) 624-3772 or

e-mail to admin@walledlakeli-

Classical Music Series

TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. first

Tuesday of each month

Tuesday of month.

Friends of the Library

Book Discussion Group

Preschool Story Time

DETAILS: For ages 2-4.

TIME/DAY: 6:30 every

DETAILS: Drop-in program

Library Board of Trustees

Friday of every month

designed for the independent lis-

TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second

DETAILS: Volunteer readers

are needed to read to children in

a classroom setting. Contact the

library for more information.

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LOCATION: 49015 Pontiac

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Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5

Registration required.

Thursday

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. every

Story & Snacks Family Time

TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second

TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. third

DETAILS: Drop in for informal

Memory in the Mirror TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 8 DETAILS: Daughters reflecting motherloss workshop will focus on ways to include our mothers in the legacy we create who has experienced the death of mother Reminisce, share pic tures and memories, and create a lasting remembrance using sup-

TIME/BATE: 10 a.m., Monday LOCATION: Craft Room Kiddle Crafts DETAILS: Children up to 24 TIME/DATE: 10:30-11 a.m. Saturday, May 10 drop-in for playtime and story DETAILS: Children 18 months 4 can create a work of art. Child nmy and Me

TIME/DATE: 10:30-11 a.m. must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required. DETAILS: For two year olds Snacktales TIME/DATE: 7-7:45 p.m. with a caregiver. Hear stories Monday, May 12 sing songs and make a project DETAILS: Listen to some great stories and cook up a tasty Registration began March snack. For children in grades K-4

DETAILS: For children ages 2a combination of food and friends, stories, songs and crafts. TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Friday

p.m. Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m.

CONTACT: (248) 624-2512

TIME/DATE: 3:30 p.m. every

DETAILS: Coffee and conver-

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speaking skills by speaking with

people from other countries try

CONTACT: Karin at the

Baby Days

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Mountight Story Time 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 Afternoor TIME/DATE: 2-3 p.m. Unbound" by Sarah Strohmever.

Spring on the Farm TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Saturday May 10 DETAILS: Special guest Margaret Schmidt will bring cute and fuzzy animal friends from he farm to visit with children ages 2-

Teen Book Discussio TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Monday, DETAILS: For teens in grades 6-12. Reading "Zen and the Art or

Faking It" by Jonathan

Sonnenblick, Refreshments provided. Register by May 5. Life on the Oregon Trail TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

the largest migration in our coun try's history. Shirley Weinreich will speak about this exciting and demanding time using slides and

Thursday, May 1, 2008-NOVI NEWS 17A

her own reenactment, walking beside the wagons and sleeping under the stars. Please register

NOVI **SENIORS**

Novi Senior Activities

Center LOCATION: Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Complex; 25075 Meadowbrook

CONTACT: (248) 347-0414 Massage by appointment: ' ay-Friday and 9

a.m.-noon Saturday Thursday 9 a.m.: Line Dance 11:15 a.m.: Line Dance-Beg. 12:15 p.m.: Centract Bridge

1:30 p.m.: Computer Lab Open 2:30 p.m.; Line Dance Friday 9 a.m.: Stretch & Strenoth 10 a.m.: Body Recall Noon: Lunch 12:30 p.m.: Duplicate Bridge

1 p.m.: Bingo 8:45 a.m.: Men's Golf League 9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength 10 a.m.: Body Recall

Noon: Lunch

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle 6 p.m.: Pilates Mat Work 8:30 a.m.: Panera Bread 9 a.m.: Line Dance-Int. 10 a.m.: Asian Pacific 10 a.m.-noon: Arthritis Foundation Self-Help program (reg. required) Noon: Lunch

1:30-3 p.m.: Computer Lab Wednesday

9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength 9:15 a.m. Women's Golf _eaque begins 11 a.m.: TOPS, Blood Pressure

1-2 p.m.: "Talk It Over 6:30 p.m.; Clogging-

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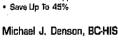
Wearing White Pumps BEXAR COUNTY - According to local officials, after using Thera-Gesic* on his so back, Tow W. took only two breaks, while pedaling a small bike nine hours in white umps, all for charity. When asked what chanty, he painlessly replied: "None of you





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HEALTH

St. John Providence

I OCATION: Grand River and Beck Roads, use Beck Road

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

LOCATION: Conference Rooms A, B and C. CONTACT: Free registration for lecture and dinner by calling (888) 440-7325

ONGOING

SWOCC Studio Tours

LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile Road, Farmington, DETAILS: Come in for an upclose look at the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Studios local community televi CONTACT: Melissa Cohn (248)

Gardeners of Northville and

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. second Monday of month through May LOCATION: Rotates between

Northville Library. CONTACT: (248) 231-2334 or

ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE

46100 Grand River Ave. Call

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

of 1968

CLASS

ext. 200

Northville High School Class of 1978 DETAILS: The 30-year reunion is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 2 2008 at the Radisson Livonia.

The cost is \$75 per person. Call "Crasher" tickets are available for the classes of 1976, 1977, and are com 1979 for 25 word party will be

Bar & Grill, Northville. Contact Janet Eisele Junca by e-mall at

Today; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday; and 11 Northville High School Class

of 1988 DETAILS: The Class of 1988 is planning a 20th reunion for the weekend of July 26, 2008. For further information, please con tact Jennifer Clarkson at jolarkson2004@yahoo.com.

Plymouth High School Class Thursday, May 8 and Friday, May of 1968

DETAILS: The Class of 1968 is 9; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May looking for classmates for their 40th Class Reunion to be held DETAILS: The ultimate cropping, shopping, learning experience. \$10 at door. Umbrella July 19, 2008 in Livonia. For more information, contact Jan strollers only permitted. \$5 park (Sheedy) Johnston at (734) 437ing. Visit www.megameet.com. union@charter.net. Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday May 11 DETAILS: An assortment of food will delight everyone as well as a complimentary flower for moms. Cost is \$27 per adult, \$25 per senior (65 and up), \$12 for ages 4-12, free for 3 and under Parking is free. Reservations

CONTACT: (248) 348-5600,

DETAILS: The 1958 January August 2, 2008 at the Dearborn Country Club. Judy Richards Goerke 313-562-9031.

event showcases over 1 million comics and collectibles for sale and trade, \$5 parking.

Northville High School Class

Motor City Comic Con

TIME/DATE: 1:30-8 p.m.

Friday, May 16; 10:30 a.m.-6

10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, May

DETAILS: This multi-media

p.m. Saturday, May 17; and

for more information.

a.m.-6 p.m. Sundav

International Women's Show TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

DETAILS: Food, fashion and

fun. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$6 for

ages 6-12 and free for 5 and younger. Advance tickets avail-

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Botsford 1st Annual Golf

Outing TIME/DATE: 4 p .m. shotgun start Tuesday, May 20 LOCATION: Lyon Oaks Country

DETAILS: The cost is \$70 per golfer, which includes nine holes chicken dinner, one drink ticket, a Botsford Center for Health Improvement polo shirt and raffle prizes. Reservations are required.

Call (248) 473-3100 by May 6 to register.

Silent Hands 2nd Annual

Golf Outing TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. shotgun start Saturday, June 21 LOCATION: Whispering Pines

Golf Course, Pinckney
DETAILS: Four person scramhie format, each foursome is \$100 and individuals can register online at www.sllenthandsoolfreg.com. Sponsoring opportuni ties also available. For more mation, call (248) 684-3338.

REGIONAL

DETAILS: Meet and visit with

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temporary arguments proving the

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TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Friday; Saturday; Thursday, May 1-10

Matinees at 2 p.m. Sunday, May

and Thursday, May 15-17.

for sale for \$8.99.

As the Page Turns LOCATION: 149 N. Center St., CONTACT: (248) 912-0085 or visit www.asthepageturns.t Author Meet and Greet TIME/DATE: 2-4 p.m. Saturday

South Lyon High School

Class of 1963 DETAILS: The Class of 1963 is hosting a 45 year reunion on August 10, 2008 at Baker's of Milford. For more information. call Barb Cook at (248) 349-

Dearborn and Edsel Ford High School Class of 1958

and Edsel Ford High Schools are Reunion to be held on Saturday Judygoerke@yahoo.com o Shirley Chiado Peters 248-348-

LOCATION: Farmington
Players Theatre, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington DETAILS: Tickets are \$18, \$16 on Thursdays and \$16 for stu-dents. Purchase tickets at the box ford net may be contacted for office (248) 553-2955 or online at www.farmingtonplayers.org.

Walk MS 2008

DATE: Sunday

LOCATION: Troy High School

DETAILS: Join the 2008 Walk

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4 and May 11.

MS presented by Christopher and Banks and help celebrate the 20th anniversary. Keep us moving towards a cure by joining a team, raising funds and/or volunteering in one of the Walk MS sites in Michigan. To register or Michigan Chapter of the National

Performance and Lecture TIME/DATE: 1 p.m.

LOCATION: Farmington Hills

iazz traditions into their curricu-

lums. For more information, go

to www.boogiewoogiekid.com

Community Library, 30450 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills DETAILS: Matthew Ball, per Monday: 10-11 a.m. Exercise former and educator, presents his new book "The Art of Boogle Woogle" and a free 60 minute performance and lecture in his mission to bring new respect to boogie-woogle and the blues. Ball hones his book will bring Exercise Class Second Monday: 11:30 a.m. appreciation for blues and boogle in the academic community and

Lunch Bunch Second Tuesday: 10 a.m. Senior Commission

Bingo Fourth Thursday: 10-11:30

Women's Commission fo **Oakland County** First Public Community Forum

on Women's Issues TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. LOCATION: Oakland County Courthouse Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac DETAILS: The Women's

and individuals to appear in an open forum and present a five minute summary about important issues that affect women in the county. The mission of the Commission is to investigate and report on issues as well as recommend solutions to the Oakland County Board of CONTACT: Christina Kuo, (248)

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LOCATION: The Ark, 316 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor DETAILS: Jazz singer Jimmy

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Gen-X Musician and Author

City of Wixom CONTACT: Community Services Programs, 49045 Pontiac Trail, Wixom; (248) 624-

Senior Ongoing Programs

Some of these activities have a

Tuesday: 10 a.m.-nonn Knit/Crochet and Sew Group; noon-2:30 p.m. Line Dancing Wednesday: 10-11 a.m.

Second Thursday: 11:30 a.m.

a.m. Blood Pressure

Kensington Metro Park LOCATION: 2240 West Bund Road, Milford, (248) 685-1561 or

Nature Center Programs DETAILS: Please pre-register There is a cost for most programs, Cali (248) 685-0603. SCHEDULE: 8 p.m. Friday Who Gives a Hoot; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday - Jr. Girl Scouts Water Wonders and Water Fun: 2 p.m. Sunday - Birding by Ear for Beginners; 7 a.m. Saturday, May 10 - May Bird Count; 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 11 - Heron Watch; 11 a.m.-4.o.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 17-18 - Heron Fest; 2 -4 p.m. Saturday, May 24 -Heron Watch; 1 p.m. Sunday May 25 - Searching Safari: 2-4 p.m. Monday, May 26 - Heron Watch; 1 p.m. Saturday, May 31 ers of Forest and Field.

DETAILS: Please pre-register.

SCHEDULE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

There is a cost for most pro-grams. Call (248) 684-8632.

Farm Learning Center

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Friday, May 9 Scott returns to Ann Arbor for

turday- Farmer for a Day; 1 p.m. Saturday, May 10 - That's Huron Fest DATE: Saturday and Sunday, DETAILS: Celebrate spring with nature activities and crafts.

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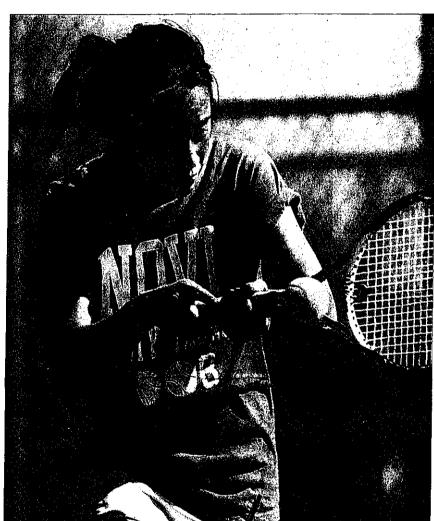
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SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: TENNIS

DOUBLE SWITCH



Wildcat Jackie Wang smashes a lefthanded forehand in her match against Northville.

Wang, Border change styles to single play

By Jeff Theisen

For years, Novi tennis head coach Jim Hanson found the team's strength in doubles

play.

The Wildcais would be competitive in sin-

gles play, but their ultimate depth in doubles would be too much for most teams. But things are looking different for this year's team, thanks in part to a couple of the

top doubles players from last year. Sophomore Amanda Border and senior Jackie Wang moved from doubles to become

The No. 1 and No. 2, respectively.

"The strength of our team this year is singles," Hanson said. "Taking Amanda and Jackie out of doubles ... we kind of robbed the talent from our doubles. We had to. We

had to shore up our singles.
"They've stepped in and performed as well as I thought they would play."

Jackie Wang
Wang played No. 1 doubles last year, which included a run to the state semifinals. She played at No. 3 doubles as a freshman and played No. 2 doubles as a junior. Her junior season ended as a state finalist.

Wang did start her first tournament as a

junior season ended as a state strains.

Wang did start her first tournament as a freshman as a singles player, but was quickly

See TENNIS, 2B



Novi Roundup: Baseball sweeps S. Lyon

By Jeff Theisen

strikeouts.

The Wildcats swept a double-header from South Lyon on

Friday.

Novi won the opener 8-3 behind seven-strong innings from Mark Heard. He allowed three runs on six hits with three.

Phil Celeski had a huge game at the plate, going 3-for-4 with a home run, double and three runs batted in. Tyler Scott also

batted in. Typer Scott also smacked a home run. The Wildcats made quick work of the Lions in the second game, winning 15-0 in three

innings.

Jake Walker got the win, allowing one hit with four strike-

Heard knocked in five runs with a homer and a double to lead the offense. Garrett Green plated two runs with a triple, and Celeski smacked his second

Danny Enright, Pat Schlenke and Scott each provided two hits and knocked in a pair of runs. Justin Eid also had a two-hit per-

The Novi tennis team (3-0) blanked a pair of league foes before finishing third at a very competitive tournament in Ann

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Arbor on Saturday.

The Wildcats dispatched Pinckney 9-0 April 21 and Howell by the same score two days later. The Wildcats won every match in straight sets.

At the Ann Arbor Invite, Novi placed third of eight teams, which featured several teams ranked in the top 10.

Grosse Pointe South won the meet by winning five of the eight

Grosse Pointe South won the meet by winning five of the eight flights. Pioneer was next, winning the remaining the remaining the remaining the remaining the remaining the remaining the flights. Novi placed third, scoring in every flight.

The Wildcat singles led the way, with No. 1 Amanda Border, No. 2 Jackie Wang, No. 3 Sara Carlson and No. 4 Jennifer feicher winning two matches each.

each.
In doubles play, the No. 3 tandem of Keilie Wallen and Teodora

dem of Kellie Wallen and Teodora Gavric and the No. 4 duo of Jenna Spyder and Julia Thomas also picked up a pair of wins.
"It was an excellent tournament. To finish third, I was very pleased with how we played. Seven of the eight teams were ranked in the top 10. I was pleased with our singles."

See ROUNDUP. 2B

CC baseball earns split

Shamrock track beats OLSM 74-54

By Jeff Theisen SPORTS WRITER

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The Catholic Central golf team beat Divine Child 147-163 April 17. JJ Szmadzindki shot a 1-under

par 35 to lead the way.
On April 21, the Shamrocks placed third at the Brighton tour-

Steve LaRouere was the low Shamrock with a 73. Joe Fransed was next with a 75, followed by Szmadzinski and Sophiea with

The Shamrocks also beat DeLaSalle 157-164 Friday. Szmadzinski and LaRouere led the way by each shooting a 38.

The CC track team finished fourth of eight teams at Friday's Jackson Invite.

Mike Martin launched the shop

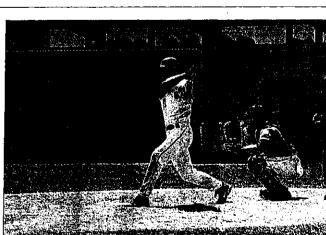
put 60-7.5 for the win and placed econd in the discus (166-5)

Other highlights included a sec-ond-place finish by the 3,200 relay team of Brandon Schneider, Scott Hoffman, Spencer Hall and Zachary Oleski (8:17.8), a sec-ond-place finish by Alex Toloff in the 1,600 meters (4:33.4), a second-place finish by Harrison Hall in the 400 meters (51.4), a second-place finish by Oleski in the 800 meters (2:00.8), a third-place finish by Austin Zebrowski in the 3,200 meters (9:57.0) and a third-place finish by the 1,600 relay team of Ronnie Kadykowski, Schneider, Oleski and Hall

On Monday, the Shamrocks beat Orchard Lake St. Mary's 74-54, thanks to sweeps in the 800 and 3,200 meters.

Oleski led the sweep in the 800 (2:03.5). Toloff finished with the same time as teammates IP Zebrowski and Austin Zebrowski

(10:21) to sweep the 3,200. Other Shamrock wins from Martin in the shot put (53-2)



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See SHAMROCKS, 3B Ryan Housks takes a cut against Divine Child.

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'Cats with bats

Boys Track

The Novi boys track team los

to Howell 78-59 April 24.

The field events kept Novi close, with Tyler Mouch winning the shot put and the discus. He launched the discus 148-7.75 (fourth best in Novi history). Joe McNamara cleared 5-9 for second place in the high jump and placed second in the 110 hurdles (16.9). The pole vaulters swept the event. with Farley leading the field at 11

lot of distance to finish second in

opening leg of the 800, but dug deep and found the extra gear to pass several athletes on the final curve and making it a very close race at the finish," Novi head coach Chris Payton said. "That effort is what signifies being a captain and a competitor."

The 4x100 team of Matt Evans. Brett Kuhn, Tyler Barnes and Arshaun Hall kept their unbeaten streak alive in dual meets.

Novi (4-13) picked up its second win of the year, earning a assists) and Dillon Good (goal). split against South Lyon on

Friday.

The Wildcats lost 3-2 in eight innings in the first game before winning by the nightcap 4-3.

Paige Henley pitched both games for Novi.

The Wildcats kept the momen-

turn going by winning two of three games at the Lahser Invite. Carlton-Airport beat Novi 5-1 in the opening game, but the Wildeas rallied for a 14-10 win against Andover and a 7-6 10-inning victory in the consolation

game. Novi led 14-3 in the second game before pulling his starters to get everyone involved.

The kids played pretty well." Novi head coach Bob Lulek said. "At least I can see a light now."

Lacrosse

Plymouth 18-3 Monday.

Craig Howell had a huge game scoring eight goals and dishing out an assist. George Riegel was-n't far behind with six goals and



Tyler Scott swings at a pltch near his knees.

Rounding out the scoring were Paul Favorite (1 goal, 4 assists). Matt Mandeville (1 goal, 3 assists), Tom Machisak (1 goal, 2

The Novi golf team placed seventh of 44 teams at the Traverse City Invite. Alex Lyall shot a 70-80 to place third individually. Nick Prokop was next (79-82) followed by Tyler Manning (76-91). Kevin Auletto added an 81.

Lyon and fied Brighton last week. The Wildcats shutout South Lyon 2-0 last Monday. Jenna Carosio started the scoring after taking a Kelsey Laux pass and beating a pair of defenders with 12 minutes left in the first half. Katie Chaklos scored the insur-

ance goal on a breakaway pass from Carosio with two minutes started the scoring early in the second half. The Wildcats got the JV Lacrosse The Novi JV lacrosse team split a pair of games last week. Saline beat the Wildcats 5-4 in overtime April 23 before Novi shutout Walled Lake Northern 9-0 the fol-

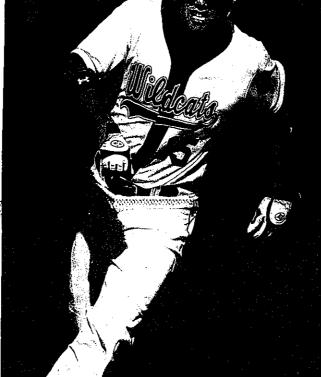
lowing day.
Four different players scored against Saline. In the Northern win, Tim Kolis started the scoring. Goals by Trevor Patterson and Brandon Juodikis left the Wildcat up 3-0 at

the end of the first. Alec Lemieux scored a pair of goals before Alex Grannam and Greg Kolis made it 7-0. Eric Santare and Steve Lazurus scored Novi (7-2-1, 4-0-1) beat South the final goals.

The Wildcats competed in a pair of recent tournaments. Novi placed fifth of 15 teams at the Saline Invite. Travis Anderson placed fourth

overall with an 84 to lead Novi. Novi also placed sixth at the

with an 86. Kevin Quinn and Jonathone Robinson were one stroke behind with 87s itheisen@gannett.com.



Wildcat Justin Eid rounds second and heads for third.

Wildcat Bobby Mitchell takes a lead from first.

Marie Committee

■ TENNIS: Wang, Border make transition from doubles to singles

"The reason she is one of the best doubles players we've ever had is she is a very good vollier and very smart," Hanson said. "I couldn't afford to play her in sin doubles when she was a freshman. She went in at three donbles and progressed up." Hanson thinks playing doubles

Pat Schlenke takes a big cut during a recent game.

is harder, because a player isn'i relying on just their own talents.
"She's handled it extremely well. She's a very talented player and she's been doing a nice job for us at No. 2 singles.
"This year, we couldn't afford

to keep her out of singles. She's not afraid to come in. She's got the skills to finish at the net. She's been one of the hardest workers we've had in our program."

Wang is also a co-captain after playing all four years on varsity. "She's always kind of led by her actions on the court," Hansor said, "This year, being one of our co-captains, she's had to lead on team stronger every year."

Amanda Border

Border's move to singles is obviously quicker, but it took a

She was injured for a large por-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Amanda Border watches the ball as she gets ready to

Border's move to singles is with took a ferrent path.

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A for of offseason work that included many tournaments put included many tournaments put included many tournaments put included many tournaments put in the year on No. 2 double with the wildcasts. Border and the partner were "annada is very involved in USTA, just like Jackie," Hanson petent vollier when she goes into 349-1700, ext. 104.

attack mode. She'll pound the ball from corner to corner, and she's got a good serve." While Hanson may have to

work to hone the skills of many that come out for the team, Border came into Novi a very experienced tennis player.

"She's one of those kids we get as freshman where they're really not freshmen in terms of their ten-nis," Hanson said. "She's played a

lot of tennis before she got to high The Wildcats face a brutal non league schedule that includes all the lop competition from the area. Saturday's tournament was no different with seven of the eight

teams at the invite ranked in the top 10. Border finished the tournament in third place.
"She's played the best kids in the state and played them tough," Hanson said. "She might have lost to them, but she's learning from those losses and gaining experience.

Hanson loves the idea-of having a healthy Border at the top of the lineup for the next two

years.
"There's no doubt, she's one of season so far, and she's not done

5/7 vs. Hartland, 4 p.m.

Novi, CC Schedules



5/1 vs. South Lyon, 3 p.m. (Dunham Hills), 9 a.m.

March Street Arthur

Novi

Basebali 5/2 at Milford (DH), 4 p.m. 5/3 vs. Lake Orion (DH), 5/7 vs. Pinckney, 4 p.m.

Softball 5/2 at Milford (DH), 4 p.m. 5/5 vs. Brighton, 4 p.m. 5/7 vs. Pinckney, 4 p.m.

5/3 at Stafford Relay (girls only), 9 a.m. 5/6 at Brighton, 4 p.m.

5/1 at Huron Valley-United,

5/5 vs. Hartland, 6:30 p.m. 5/1 at AA Pioneer, 3:30 p.m. 5/5 at South Lyon, 4 p.m. 5/6 vs. W. Bloomfield,

5/6 CHSL Playoffs, TBA 5/3 at Observerland Relays (Salem), 3:30 p.m. 5/6 vs. Divine Child, 4 p.m.

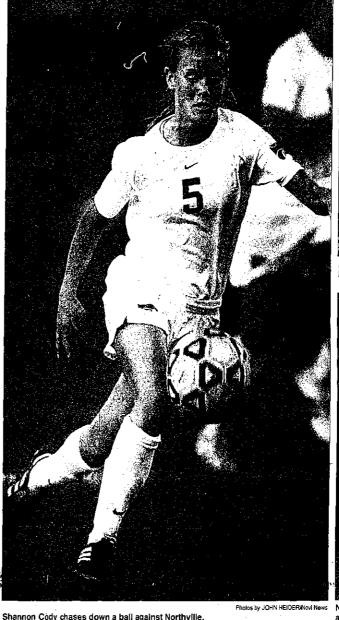
5/2 vs. U-D, 4 p.m. 5/7 at Brother Rice, 4 p.m.

5/3 vs. Forest Hills C., Noon

Baseball

5/2 at U-D (Detroit GC), 8:30 a.m. 5/5 vs. Divine Child, 4 p.m.

SPRING 'CATS



A Novi Wildcat competes in the 110 meter hurdles dur-



a return in a match played at Novi Middle School.

■ CC Roundup

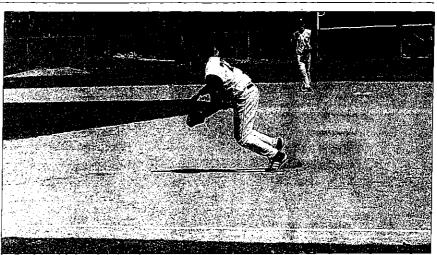
and the discus (155-2). Scott Sansovich in the 110 hurdles (15.1) and the 300 hurdles (41.95), Toloff in the 1,600 meters (4:34) and the 4x800 relay team of

Baseball

The Shanirocks (8-8, 5-5) split with Divine Child on Saturday. Divine Child wan the opener 4 I before the Shamrocks rullied for a 5-3 win.

Gordy Hao got the win, going 5

2/3 innings and allowing eight hits and two walks with six strikeouts. Jack Nelson carned the save, going the final 1 1/3 innings and triking out a pair. Tim Dezeiski, Ryan Houska and Tony Thomas had three hits



Tim Dezelski fields the ball and beats the runner to the bag for an out.

The Novi Firecats Squirt Team won

the Novi House Championship. They emerged victorious after 11 over-

Throughout the season, the Firecats

Thanksgiving Tournament, champions of the Holland tourney and at

the Cleveland tourney. The Firecats

were also recognized by the Little

sion. Overall, the Firecats finished

Front row: Nathan Everest, Kyle

Benkarski and Hunter Nielson. Second row: Brandon Nots, Kevin

Wojtylo, Kyle Isaacson, Blake McCusker, Andrew McShane, Tyler

Magdich, Sam Scott, Hailei Nielson

Fourth row: Mgr. John McCarthy, asst. coach Mark Everest, asst. coach Jeff Scott, head coach Troy

isaacson and asst. coach Rob

Jackson Schleuning.
Third row: Patrick Nall, Patrick

and Atticas Loridas.

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Heiligenthal, Brendan McCarthy and

Caesars Amateur Hockey League for

maintaining No. 1 status in their divi-

were runner-ups at the Novi

Champs

times to win 4-3.

CC lacrosse head coach Dave Wilson is hosting a lacrosse camp June 16-19 for grades sixth-eighth and June 23-26 for grades nine-12.

Both camps will run 6-9:30 p.m. at the high school field. Instruction for all levels of players will be available



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Grades seventh-ninth - 11:30
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Grades seventh-ninth - 5-7 p.m. lune 23-25 Those interested can register through Community Education.

Novi Wildcat Bovs Baskethall Camp

Novi boys basketball coach Cory Heitsch is hosting a boys bas-ketball camp June 16-20 at Novi Middle School for boys entering second-ninth grades in the fall. Grades second-fifth will go from States second-influent with go than 8:30 a.m.-noon and grades sixth-ninth will follow from 1-4:30 p.m. The cost of the camp is \$140 and will include a week of instruc-tion, an outdoor basketball and T-

shirt. Awards and trophies will

also be presented.

For more information or registration, call (248) 449-1206.

Novi Lady Wildcat Basketball Camp

Novi girls basketball head coach Bill Kelp is hosting a basketball camp June 16-20 at Novi High School for girls entering second-ninth grades next year.

Grades second-fifth will run

8:30 a.m.-noon, and grades sixthninth will go 1-4:30 p.m.

The cost of the camp is \$140 and includes a week of instruction, an outdoor basketball and T-

shirt. Awards and trophies will also be presented. For more information or regis-tration, call (248) 449-1206.

Schluter's Hoop Camps

Former Novi boys basketball head coach Pat Schluter is hosting several basketball camps this summer at the St. James Catholic Church.

· A boys basketball camp for kids A boys diskectant camp for dust in grades fourth through seventh will run June 16-20. Grades four and five will run 8:30 arm-noon and grades six and seven will run 1-4:30 pm Cost of the camp is \$130 and includes a week of instruction.

T-Shirt and outdoor hasketball. A boys and girls baksetball camp for boys and girls from grades K-ninth will take place July 21-25. The fee is \$65.

p.m. and for grades such ninth, the camp runs 2:15-3:45 p.m. A basics camp for grades K-one is 8:30-10 a.m. and grades second-third will run 10:30 a.m. noon,

Schluter will also be hosting the Schluter will also be hosting the All Area 4 Start Basketball Camp with South Lyon head coach Daren Clayton. This camp is for the more experienced basketball player. Cost for all camps is \$165. The boys camp runs July 7-11, and the girls will be July 14-18. For the boys, grades fourth-sixth is 8:30 a.m.-noon, and grades eventh-inith will be from 14:30

seventh-ninth will be from 1-4:30 p.m. at South Lyon High School.
For the girls, grades fifth-sixth
is 8:30 a.m.-noon and grades seventh-ninth will be 1-4:30 p.m. at
St. James Catholic Church. Go to www.aliareabasketball-

camp.com for more information.

Checks for all camps should be made payable to All Area 4 Star Basketball Camp and mailed to Pat Schluter at 24781 For more information, call (248) 388-6514.

Shamrock Lacrosse Camp

Send any questions to coachd-wilson@yahoo.com.



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The exciting Trollbeads line from Scandinavia



Rottermond introduces new line of personal, affordable jewelry

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veryone wants their gift to some-one special to be personal; unique... and remembered.

The upcoming spring gift season of Mother's Day, Graduation 2008 and Confirmation is now a personalized, affordable time of year — thanks to a new line of jewelry appropriate for every occasion. every occasion

Rottermond Jewelers of Milford is Rottermond Jewelers of Milford is pleased to introduce its new exciting line of Trollbeads bracelets and necklaces, priced to fit everyone's budget with beads starting at just \$23.00 each. "We are proud to be a Trollbeads dealer in the Milford area," says Cindi Rottermond, who has owned the Rottermond Jewelers store in downtown hilford with her husband. Dean since

Milford with her husband, Dean, since

1984.
"People have been talking about this popular line, ever since seeing the bracelets on the wrists of famous stars such as Sharon Stone, Mimi Rogers, Jennifer Love Hewitt, to name just a few," adds Cindi.

UNIQUE JEWELRY

The immense popularity of this line has to do with the unique nature and quality of the Trollbeads stones themselves.

Each bead in the expansive Trollbeads collection tells a unique

Designed from Italian Murano glass, 18k gold, sterling silver, natural pearls, semi-precious stones and aniber, each Trollbead is a high-quality piece of art unto itself, thanks to the talents and vision of its original Scandinavian jew-elry designers 30 years ago. Today, a collection of more than 200 Trollbeads has been created by 18

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Danish and internationally renowned jewelry designers. They have won inter-national artistic recognition and have recently been exhibited at Sculpture Objects & Functional Art in Chicago and New York.

CREATE A STORY

Every bead has its own history, tak-

Every bead has its own history, taking its inspiration from mythology, astrology, fairy tales, fauna, flora, cultural diversity and in the familiar aspects of everyday life. "Trollbeads allow you to create your own story with many different symbols. Howers, animals, zediac signs, colors and materials, which combined together an create engless combinations and can create encloses combinations, and variations," explains Cindi, "Each bracelet is different, so you can match the personality of the wearer with the design and symbol of each individual

bead. No other gift could be more per-sonal and unique."

Also setting apart the unique nature of each Trollbeads bracelet and necklace is its own decorative clasp. There are more than a dozen choices in severand into that a dozen choices in seeding another personalized aspect to the jew-elry itself.

"You simply unhook the smaller

class to add or change beads and unhook the larger class to put the bracelet on and off of your wrist," explains Cindi. "If you upgrade to a decorative lock just unhook the two lobster clasps and replace with your new double lock."

COMPATIBLE CHARMS.

Genuine Trollheads are made from the highest quality raw materials. These solid cast beads simply slide onto the

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bracelet or necklace and are completely interchangeable — they do not lock into place but move freely.

"They're also compatible with other popular jewetry lines, including Chamilia and Pandora beads," says Cindi. "Chamilia and Pandora beads will fit on a Trollbeads bracelet, however, Trollbeads will not fit on a Chamilia or Pandora-bracelet or chain."

Our new Trollbeads line takes the "seriousness" of beautifully, handcraft-

"seriousness" of benetifully, handerafted jewelry, then adds the "fun" and flexibility of interchangeable beads to create a personalized, individual piece. "Not only is it fun, but you can quickly and easily change your bracelet to match any outfit or mood," expresses Cindi.

TRUNK SHOW

Rottermond will introduce the Trollheads line to the public at a Trunk Show set for Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10 — just in time for Mother's

Day giving on Sunday, May 11.

Mark your calendar for this exciting event. This is a great opportunity to see all the exciting new heads on display at the same time.

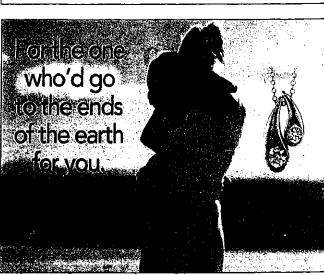
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