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## NOVI NUTSHELL



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### Winter taxes due

The 2008 City of Novi winter property taxes are due Saturday, Feb. 14. As a result of the Saturday due date and the Monday holiday, property tax payments must be received by the Treasurer's office on or before Tuesday, Feb. 17 to avoid an automatic 4 percent penalty. There is a drop box located at the curb behind the Civic Center for tax, water and sewer payments. Payments will be accepted in the drop box until midnight Tuesday, Feb. 17. Payments can also be paid online at [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org) by credit card or electronic check. Postmarks are not accepted. Contact the Treasurer's office at (248) 347-0440 with questions.

### Winter Break

The Novi Community School District mid-winter break begins Monday, Feb. 16. Classes will resume Monday, Feb. 23.



## Alternate library parking begins Monday

### Construction changes lot access through 2010

BY KELLY MURAD  
STAFF WRITER

Temporary changes in parking at the Novi Public Library will require patience among patrons beginning Monday as construction of the new 57,000-square-foot facility is expected to begin.

"We anticipate complaints, but we're trying to be as proactive as possible," said Library Director, Julie Farkas. "The huge thing is

#### CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

For regular updates or to watch the construction progress via Web cam, visit the Novi Public Library Web site at [www.novilibrary.org](http://www.novilibrary.org).

we lose our west lot because that's where the building is going."

The west lot will be closed for the duration of the project. Alternate parking will be available in the north and east lots of the library, and the north lot of Novi High School.

"We're working with the schools to make this transition as smooth as possible," Farkas said, adding

there is a sidewalk adjacent to 10 Mile that connects the high school lot to the library's front lot. "The main entrance to the building will always be available and the walk-up book return will remain open."

From Feb. 16-28, the main drive into the library and some of the front parking spaces are expected to be temporarily closed. During that two-week span, patrons will enter the library via Wildcat Drive.

"Some of the parking spaces in the library's north lot will be unavailable for approximately two weeks, but otherwise we expect to have 62 spaces, including eight handicap accessible spots, available in the library's north and east lots throughout the project, plus

the additional spaces in the school lot," said Assistant Director Mary Ellen Mulcrone.

The east gate of the high school lot will be open during library hours to keep traffic moving.

Signs directing traffic will be posted throughout the construction process, which is slated for completion summer 2010.

Farkas said the library sees the highest traffic volume 10 a.m. to noon and 6-9 p.m.

"We've got a full plate of programs we're making available," she said, anticipating no changes to services and programming due to construction.

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### Daddy's Little Valentine

Dan Hepp lifts his daughter, Janie, 7, up for a twirl on the dance floor during last Friday night's Daddy-Daughter Dance at the Novi Civic Center.

## Novi resident takes on challenge to 'End Polio Now'

BY KELLY MURAD  
STAFF WRITER

Fellow Rotarians Ginger Barrons of Novi and John Stucky of Farmington are spreading love the humanitarian way this Valentine's Day by raising funds to benefit Rotary International's End Polio Now campaign.

After witnessing firsthand the effects of polio on family members, the duo paired up to take on a \$10,000 challenge, which they hope to complete by November.

"This is not one Rotary club's mission, this is all Rotarians' mission worldwide," Barrons said. "It is just two people who had

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Novi resident Ginger Barrons is spearheading efforts at the Farmington Rotary Club to raise funds for its effort to eradicate polio in the world.

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## Second suspect confirmed in Novi man's hit-and-run death

BY KELLY MURAD  
STAFF WRITER

The Walled Lake Police Department confirmed a second vehicle was involved in Sunday's hit-and-run death of Novi resident Brian Latuszek.

Latuszek, 40, was struck and killed just after midnight Feb. 8, while walking on Pontiac Trail, west of West Park Drive in Walled Lake.

Police said they don't see much foot traffic in the area, but Latuszek lived in the Portsmouth Apartment complex near the scene of the accident.

The driver of the first vehicle that struck the victim is currently in custody, but police are

still searching for the second suspect, who left the scene of the accident.

Crash investigators said vehicle parts found at the scene possibly belong to a 2006-07 silver Honda CR-V crossover sport utility vehicle. The suspect vehicle should have damage to the front end and undercarriage.

Latuszek was first struck by a white Ford Explorer, driven by a 30-year-old Fenton woman, who turned herself in Sunday afternoon.

"She told us she was scared," said Walled Lake Sgt. Paul Shakkas. "We can't verify, but we're looking into whether

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community members to learn and take part in the Japanese culture while the exhibit is in town. For more information regarding the activities and events visit www.cityofnovi.org.

Java and Jazz Jam at Biggy Coffee

Watch the winter blues slip away the last Thursday of the month while enjoying a late and listening to jazz by the Tony Lannen Jazz Trio at Biggy Coffee, 43346 Grand River Avenue. Doors open at 9:15 p.m. with music beginning at 9:30 p.m. Upcoming dates are Feb. 26, March 26 and April 30. A \$5 donation will be collected at the door, with drink specials offered throughout the night.

Musicians are welcome to bring their instruments to join the jam. For more information contact Debbie Lannen at (248) 739-0987 or Biggy Coffee at (248) 596-0100. Music provided by the Tony Lannen Jazz Trio www.novijazzmusic.com/tonylannen or www.facebook.com/tonylannen.

SWOCC studios survey

The mission of Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission is to bring local residents, schools, governments, religious organizations, service groups and businesses together through constructive, prudent uses of communication technologies to build and enhance community. Help SWOCC with its goal by providing feedback via a survey at www.cityofnovi.org.

Spring into action with Novi Parks

Registration is underway for spring sports including youth soccer and lacrosse, and adult softball leagues at www.cityofnovi.org or the Novi Parks office, 45175

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W. 10 Mile Road. For more information call (248) 347-0400.

The Amazing Clark Magic Impossible show

Providence Park Hospital and Novi Community Education present The Amazing Clark Magic Impossible Show 7 p.m. Friday Feb. 20 at the Novi Middle School Performing Arts Center. The magic show is filled with comedy and incredible illusions and is the first in a four show series. For more information, visit www.amazingclark.com. Each show is \$5 per ticket, or purchase tickets for all four shows for \$17. The series includes Rob Reider's Mime Show, Friday, March 20; Roland the Minstrel Fig. Wild Swan Theater, Friday, April 3; and Cirque Amongus, Friday, April 24.

Master Plan review nears

The City of Novi is preparing to review the Master Plan for Land Use, which is required by the state about every five years. Although three key areas were reviewed in 2008, the Master Plan as a whole was last approved in 2004. The City of Novi's Master Plan for Land Use is a long-range, broad-based policy document used to guide land use and community development. Novi Planning Commission's Master Plan and Zoning Committee will review the existing plan and prepare planning reviews of the following areas: Special Planning, Project Area 1, identified in the current Master Plan as land on the south side of 10 Mile Road, east of Novi Road; an area near the northeast corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue; and other areas deemed appropriate by the committee after review of the plan.

Parks Foundation seeking volunteers

The Novi Parks Foundation is seeking motivated volunteers. The Foundation is a fund-raising organization that supports Novi's parks, programs and growth. For more information contact Randy Auler at (248) 347-0400 or send an e-mail to noviparks@yahoo.com.

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BY KELLY MURAD STAFF WRITER

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NOVI CITY COUNCIL MEETING

7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16 Council chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

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"Ultimately, it's up to the voters." If approved, the proposal will increase the parks, recreation and forestry levy by .5 mills, which translates to about \$75 a year for a resident with a \$300,000 home.

Even with the current recession, city officials believe now is the time to invest in such a project.

"I don't think we're just talking about parks and recreation here. We should be looking at what Novi is going to look like 10 years from now," Landry said. "Parks and recreation is what makes successful cities."

If the proposal fails in the May election, the proposed property would revert back to the school district.

"We have made a deal with the schools, and we are going to pick up a piece of property for nothing," said Mayor David Landry, adding a general bond will only cover construction costs. "We need money for operating costs. For this project to be successful, we need a millage."

It's a gathering space that will really bring the community together," said Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Director Randy Auler.

The initial investment, estimated at \$15 million, is expected to cover the costs of the recreation center, fields, infrastructure, site improvements, trails and other costs.

Although council was presented with four financing options, members were unanimously in favor of a limited voted millage, with a suggested 25-year limit.

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Novi Engagement advertisement featuring a wedding photo and details for the marriage of Daniel and Barbara Phelps.

Novi Engagement advertisement featuring a wedding photo and details for the marriage of Betsy Lauren Lewis and Robert Charles Krueger.

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Nifty Knitters

Dotty Beltrus, left, and Lois Winters work on knitting hats for newborn babies in the St. Mary's Hospital system and for Providence Hospital cancer patients.

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Simple Cell Phones for Boomers and Seniors

Dear Savvy Senior I'm looking for an easy-to-use, senior-friendly cell phone without all the bells and whistles. What's available today?

Not everybody wants a cell phone for text messaging, taking pictures, listening to music or surfing the Web. Some people actually want one for the sole purpose of making and receiving calls.

Jitterbug: These simple cell phones have been a huge success since they hit the market a few years ago. Made by Samsung, the Jitterbug (www.jitterbug.com; 800-918-8543) comes in two flip-open models - the "Dial," which has a full numerical keypad, and the "OneTouch," which has only three buttons labeled "Operator," "911" and "My Choice" for any number you program in.

ClarityLife: Available through Verizon Wireless (www.verizonwireless.com; 800-256-4661), the Knack offers lots of senior-friendly features like elevated number keys, a bright colorful screen, simplified menu with adjustable font sizes, a dedicated 911 button, three programmable "In Case of Emergency" (ICE) contacts, a built-in speakerphone and voice command option, and it's hearing aid compatible.

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to consumers just since November 2008, this new rectangular shaped phone focuses on simplicity and amplification for seniors with hearing loss. It comes with a big bright display screen with magnified text, simple four-button navigation (along with a full numeric keypad that slides out from the bottom of the phone), a dedicated one-touch emergency button that will instantly contact loved ones, and a volume control that amplifies incoming sound up to 20 decibels. It's also hearing aid compatible and comes with a handy built-in flashlight.

Available at www.clarityproducts.com for 800-426-3739) for \$270 with no required contract, the ClarityLife sells as an "unlocked" handset, which means it can be used on any GSM network, such as T-Mobile, AT&T and Sprint. Knack: Also new on the market, this is an uncomplicated flip-phone that recently earned the Good Housekeeping Seal. Available through Verizon Wireless (www.verizonwireless.com; 800-256-4661), the Knack offers lots of senior-friendly features like elevated number keys, a bright colorful screen, simplified menu with adjustable font sizes, a dedicated 911 button, three programmable "In Case of Emergency" (ICE) contacts, a built-in speakerphone and voice command option, and it's hearing aid compatible.

OTHER PHONES

There are several other simplified phones new to the market that are worth a look including the PalmSecure available through AT&T (www.wireless.att.com; 888-330-6661); HandleEasy 330 and 326i created by Doro (www.doro.com); ChatterChatter 1890 developed by Hop-on Wireless (www.hop-on.com); and the Coupe which is sold by Verizon Wireless (www.verizonwireless.com; 800-256-4661).

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If you're interested in a cell phone for the primary purpose of being able to get assistance in emergencies, you can save money by choosing a pre-paid or pay-as-you-go calling plan. With these plans you prepay for a certain amount of minutes with no required contract. Companies that offer them include AT&T, T-Mobile, Verizon, U.S. Cellular, Alltel, Tracfone, Virgin Mobile, Boost Mobile and Consumer Cellular. Another option for lower income seniors over age 60 is a national program called Phones for Life that provides free emergency only cell phones. Visit www.phonesforlife.org or call 818-569-3057 to see if you qualify. Also check with your local law enforcement agency or area aging agency to see if there's an emergency cell phone program near you.

Send your senior questions to Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5743, Norman, OK 73070, or visit www.savvysenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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# NEIGHBORS

# Erwin Orchards co-founder dies at 88

### J.W. Erwin known for being poised salesman, loving role model

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

J.W. Erwin, one of the founding fathers of Erwin Orchards and an esteemed salesman for many years, died Feb. 6 after a long battle with health problems. He was 88.

Erwin, like his father James and brother Edward, was a farmer; more specifically he was the one who marketed their product and made the business

sell the Brooklyn Bridge to someone if he really wanted to." Thomas, who traveled with his dad to the markets and eventually took over his job as salesman when J.W. retired, said the other farmers used to follow their lead in terms of pricing because his father was always watching the market. Back then Erwin sold pears and peaches to go along with their always-popular apples. In fact, the Erwins were a step ahead of everyone else because they were one of the first orchards in Michigan to have controlled atmosphere storage, allowing them to preserve the fruit longer. Because of his extensive

knowledge, J.W., a graduate of Northville High School, also was a member of several well-respected industry boards. He served as the president of the Michigan State Horticultural Society, was on the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Board and on the Michigan Certified Farm Markets among many more.

He also was secretary of the South Lyon School Board and served on the Oakland County School Board. "Dad was always very well-read and always looked at both sides of the story," Thomas said. "He taught us boys to be proud of what

we do and what we accomplish, and instilled in all of us boys to not criticize someone until you have walked in their shoes." "It was a very proud man, proud of what he did and proud of his four boys."

Adra Erwin, Thomas' wife, said she recently wrote a note to Shirley, J.W.'s wife of 67 years, to tell her how blessed she was to have him in her life. "He was a fun man to be around and had a great sense of humor," Adra said. "He just took so much joy out of life." When J.W. retired from the farm in the early 1980s he pursued his love of travel, visiting



**Welcome!**  
City officials welcome Mirchi Indian Cuisine with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Monday Jan. 26. Clay Pearson, city manager, welcomes owners, Sunil Merri and Saagar Aramreddy. Also pictured are Satish Jasti of Lotus Bank and Ara Topouzian, City of Novi economic development manager. Mirchi Indian Cuisine is located at 4317 Grand River Ave., just east of Novi Road.



**A Darling Night to Remember**  
A Barbershop Quartet (The Four Decades) sings at last Friday's Novi Parks and Recreation's Daddy-Daughter Dance at the Novi Civic Center.

## OBITUARIES

**JAMES EUGENE BROWER**  
Age 74, and a former resident of Milford and Bonita Springs, FL, February 5, 2009. A Funeral Liturgy was held at St. Augustine Catholic Church, Howell, on Wednesday, February 11th, 2009. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford, 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

**MATT CERGOLO**  
Age 41. He lost his long-battle with cancer on February 1, 2009. He loved music and fought hard who is now starting his new occupation as our personal angel. Survived by his loving wife, Amanda and children Hunter (age 3) and Alison (age 1). He is also survived by his mother Loretta, his sisters Celeste Mason, Mary Crowe, Christine Hanis, Cali Cergolo, and his brother Mark Cergolo. Predeceased by his father Rudy Cergolo. Funeral Service Monday 10 a.m. at Lake Cross Baptist Church, 35 Airport Rd., Waterford 48327. We love you but are sad no longer as you walk with angels.

**ROBERT E. SCHWARTZ**  
Of Milford, died at his home on Monday February 9, 2009. Age 62. Survived by his beloved wife, Colleen, and by their sons and daughters, Ronnie (Shannon) Schwartz, Wendy Daley, Stephen (Charis) Jody Finley, Heather (John) McKelvie, and Zachary (Holly) Schwartz. Also 11 grandchildren, and a large circle of extended family and friends. Funeral from Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, Thursday 11 a.m. Cremation from Bloomfield and Milford Township Fire Departments officiating. Cremation will follow. Friends visited on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials - to Bellefonte Animal Rescue, Grand Rapids, MI or U of M Burn Center, Ann Arbor, MI. For further information phone 248-584-6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

**ALMA M. HAAS**  
Age 86, of Northville, died February 8, 2009. Loving mother of Gary (Jan) Haas, grandmother of two, and great-grandmother of two. A memorial service will be held in Colorado later this month. Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

**ELIZABETH (DEROCHER) TOUPIN**  
Passed away on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 under the care of Henry Ford Hospice. She was predeceased in 2006 by her husband (Walter) after celebrating 56 years of marriage. Together the couple raised three children: Ann Oberst, Northville, MI, Dr. John (Ruth) Toupin, Novi, MI, and Dr. Joel (Ruth) Toupin, Farmington Hills, MI. Eight grandchildren also mourn her passing: Julie and Ted Oberst, Emily, Nicholas, and Erica Toupin, and Michelle, David, and Gail Toupin. Liz was born in Iron Mountain, MI, but grew up in Marquette. She was an avid artist, a volunteer helping to teach English to many foreign citizens, and enjoyed traveling. She had a zest for life and will be greatly missed. Funeral services were held at Our Lady of Sorrows Church on Saturday, 1/31/09.

**MARIE T. KEARNS**  
Age 83, of Lyon Twp., passed away 2/2/2009. Beloved wife of the late John. Funeral Mass was held last Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Casselina Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon.

**RUTH M. STRADER**  
Age 79, of South Lyon, passed away peacefully on February 3, 2009. She was born July 21, 1929 in Wheeling, West Virginia to Joseph and Marie (Fiske) Bauman. She spent her childhood in Wheeling, West Virginia and graduated from high school there in 1947. She was united in marriage to Arthur Strader on April 24, 1948 and moved to Michigan upon his return from the Korean War. After raising their three children, Ruth became a Real Estate Broker, owner and operator of Strader Real Estate in Ann Arbor for many years. She spent 22 years in Ann Arbor and moved to South Lyon in 1992. She attended the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon. Ruth was a devoted wife and mother; she especially loved spending time with her grandchildren and attended all of her extracurricular activities. She enjoyed traveling and especially enjoyed celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with her children and grandchildren at Disney World. One of her favorite trips with her husband was driving North through the Upper Peninsula to Wisconsin and then riding back across Lake Michigan on the Badger. She was very active with the Center for Active Adults in South Lyon and worked as an assistant in the guard while her husband was swimming. She is survived by her loving husband, Arthur Strader; her children Richard (Cynthia) Strader, David (Debra) Strader, and Suzanne (Kirk) Baader; her sisters Edith, Johnson and Helen (Jim) Krebs; her grandchildren Amanda, Rachel, John, Erin, Mark, Kyle, and Sarah. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, and one sister. Visitation will be held Friday, February 13, 2009 from 2 - 8 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held Saturday, February 14, 2009 11am at Casselina Funeral Home, Inc. 59255 10 Mile Road, South Lyon, Mich. 48176. Burial will be held at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to First United Methodist Church, 640 S. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178.

**RUTH K. WILLIAMS**  
Age 85, February 6, 2009. Beloved wife of the late William. Dear mother of Ted (Marilyn) & Donna. Proud grandmother of Justin Williams, Kevin (Dorelle) Corbett, Melissa (Tom) Palsion, Corneil, Michelle (David) Richardson. Proud great-grandmother of Carewlyn, Ian, Xavier & Joshua. Predeceased in death by her brother Donald. Also survived by her loving sister-in-law Lisa Haas. Charter member of Holy Family Church in Novi. Funeral service was held Tuesday at Holy Family Church, Novi. Donations may be made to Franciscan Fathers of Alzheimers' Assoc. Online condolences: [obitronicsfuneralhome.com](http://obitronicsfuneralhome.com).

**JULIE ELIZABETH SAJO**  
A long time administrator and educator for the Huron Valley School System died January 28, 2009 at Geary Community Hospital in Junction City, Kansas after a long struggle with multiple health problems. In July 2006, Julie left Reno, Nevada, where she had lived for many years, to be near to her brother John and sister-in-law Jana. At Julie's request, no service was held. Her family has established a Julie Sajó Memorial Fund at the First Presbyterian Church, 113 West Fifth St., Junction City, KS 66441. Her family thanks you for the support and long lasting friendships with Julie. She left all saddened, but better people.

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Age 80, passed away February 5, 2009. He was born on May 15, 1929, to the late Raymond and Gretz (Jones) Schuchard. He was a resident of the area for the past 40 years. Ray was a good man. Ray was loved by his wife of 59 years, Patricia Schuchard; children, Celia Schuchard, Rick (Holly) Schuchard; Bill (Sue) Schuchard, Steve (Lora) Schuchard; 11 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister, Leonard. A Funeral Service was held Monday, February 9, at 1:00 p.m. at Salem Bible Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the family or Salem Bible Church, 9481 St. Albans Rd., Salem, MI. Arrangements by: PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

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Friends Courtney DeRoche, 6, Madison Hamlin, 5, and Isabelle Plautz, 5, have their photo taken at last Friday's Daddy-Daughter dance event at the Novi Civic Center.



With a twirl, a young lady shows off her dress to friends at last Friday night's Daddy-Daughter Dance of the Novi Civic Center.

**Got Game?**  
Yep, got scores, too.

## Your Invitation to Worship

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| <b>Brighton</b><br><b>LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH</b><br>5961 Pleasant Valley Road • Brighton, MI 48114<br>810-227-9119<br>9:30 a.m. Communion Worship<br>10:45 a.m. Sunday School<br>Rev. Dale Heald, Pastor<br><a href="http://www.lordoflife.org">www.lordoflife.org</a>   | <b>Milford</b><br><b>CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH</b><br>PRESCHOOL & K-8 - Mt. Synod<br>622 General Motors Rd., Milford<br>Church Office: (248) 656-6955<br>Regular Service: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.<br>Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.<br>Jan. - May: Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m.<br>Monday Evening: 7:00 p.m.<br>The Rev. Richard E. Papp, Pastor  | <b>Novi</b><br><b>GOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b><br>9 Mile & Meadowbrook<br>Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod<br>Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 8:45 a.m.<br>Worship: 9:00 a.m.<br>Thomas E. Schrieber, Pastor • 349-6555   |
| <b>Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church &amp; School</b><br>www.hscrc.org<br>at the corner of Wiggins Lane & Mutch Rd.<br>100-231-9195<br>Fr. John Pucio, Pastor<br>Worship: Sunday, Saturday 4:00 p.m.<br>Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.<br>New and Old St. Ignace and St. Basil & St. Elizabeth                                   | <b>FIRST BAPTIST OF MILFORD</b><br>VISITORS WELCOME!<br>129 Oakdale St., Milford • 884-9895<br>Pastor: Steve Swartz<br>Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.<br>Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.<br>Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.<br>Worship for age 3 to 5th grades: 9:30 a.m.<br>Worship for age 6 to 12th grades: 10:00 a.m.  | <b>ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI</b><br>46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48274<br>Saturday 5:00 p.m.<br>Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.<br>Reverend George Chazy, Pastor<br>Parish Office: 342-7773   |
| <b>St. John Lutheran, ELCA</b><br>Farmington Hills • 2325 Gill Rd. • 248-474-6584<br>Between Grand River & Franklin<br>Saturday 9:30 a.m.<br>Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.<br>Sunday School & Sunday School<br>11:00 a.m. Traditional/Choral<br>8:00 a.m. Contemporary<br>Sunday School - all ages 10:15 a.m.              | <b>SOUTH HILL CHURCH, S.B.C.</b><br>1250 South Hill Rd. just south of downtown Milford<br>(248) 695-3556<br>www.southhillchurch.org<br>Contemporary Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.<br>KIDS Worship: 10:15 a.m.<br>9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.<br>Tuesday 7 p.m. Children - 6th Grade & groups<br>Wednesday 7 p.m. - High School Youth<br>Call about our current small-group studies. | <b>FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b><br>44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, 248-349-2345<br>1/2 mile west of Novi Rd.<br>www.faithcommunity.pcusa.org<br>WORSHIP AND BUNDS SCHOOL: 10 AM<br>"Children, Youth and Adult Ministries"  |
| <b>WEST HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br>11168 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48360<br>248-987-1216<br>Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m.<br>Bible Ministries: 11:00 a.m.<br>Wednesday: All Ages: 7:00 p.m.  | <b>MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b><br>230 1/2 Main Street, Milford MI 48064-2855<br>Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.<br>Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.<br>Nursery care available 10:30 a.m.<br>Fr. John Harris, Pastor<br>A heritage of area worship since 1836.   | <b>MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH</b><br>2155 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 1/2 Mile<br>248-348-7757 • www.mbcoc.org<br>Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.<br>Rev. Arthur Pitts, Senior Minister   |
| <b>HIGHLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH</b><br>2330 Harvey Lake Rd. (248) 887-4556<br>Contemporary Service<br>9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Sundays<br>Morning Bible Study & Breakfast:<br>2nd & 4th Saturdays at 8:15 a.m.<br>3rd-6th Grade Youth: Tuesdays 7-8 p.m.<br>Pastor Nick Butler   | <b>HIGHLAND CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b><br>121 W. Livingston Rd., Highland 248-687-4102<br>8 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages<br>11:00 a.m. - Worship Service & Children's Church<br>8:00 a.m. - Sunday Evening Worship<br>Wednesday - 8:45-11:15 a.m. Ladies Bible Study<br>Wednesday - 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study<br>W.M. Children's program.                               | <b>CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY</b><br>24501 Algonquin Court, Novi, MI 48276<br>www.chofhfamily.org<br>Sunday 9:00 a.m. (Spanish)<br>Sunday 7:30 a.m., 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m.<br>Fr. Timothy Hogan, Pastor<br>Rev. Henry Santos, Associate Pastor<br>Parish Office: 348-8844 • www.chofhfamily.org   |
| <b>HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b><br>880 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48237<br>248-887-7311 • www.humc.org<br>Sunday Worship: 8:30, 10 & 11:30 a.m.<br>Kids Church: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.<br>Youth Night - Wed. 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.<br>Pastor: David J. Burt<br>985-2023 • 887-4556                                     | <b>NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP</b><br>120 Blinco St., Highland<br>off Milford Rd., 2-1/2 miles N of M-59<br>Sunday School 9:30 a.m.<br>• Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.<br>• Bible Study Wed. 7:00 p.m.<br>Pastor: David J. Burt<br>985-2023 • 887-4556   | <b>HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL</b><br>10 Alton Industrial Road/Meadowbrook & Haggerty, Novi • Phone: 427-1176<br>Sundays: 7:45 a.m. and 10 a.m.<br>Holy Eucharist - Sunday School & Nursery 10 a.m.<br>Rev. Dr. Ray Baber, Interim Rector<br>www.churchoftheholycross.org  |
| <b>NEW HUDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b><br>58720 Grand River<br>Rev. Gerry Warner<br>Worship 10:30 a.m.<br>248-437-6212<br>www.newHUDSONunited.org   | <b>NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation</b><br>37555 Spring Road, Novi, MI 48215<br>Phone: 248-474-9108<br>Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister<br>Website: <a href="http://www.newhope.org">www.newhope.org</a>   | <b>OAK POINTE CHURCH</b><br>52220 W. 10 Mile Rd., Novi<br>Saturday Worship 9:15 a.m.<br>Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.<br>Casual, contemporary service<br>Phone: (248) 912-0543<br>www.oakpointe.org   |
| <b>NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation</b><br>37555 Spring Road, Novi, MI 48215<br>Phone: 248-474-9108<br>Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister<br>Website: <a href="http://www.newhope.org">www.newhope.org</a>  | <b>NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN</b><br>Experience Life Each Week<br>Sunday Worship - 9:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.<br>Sunday School 11:00 a.m.<br>www.northville.org<br>41325 Six Mile Road<br>248-348-9030  | <b>CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN</b><br>(Missouri Synod) - Pastor Terry Nelson<br>437-8819 • 468-4235 • Casswell Rd. at 10 Mile<br>Worship: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.<br>Adult Bible Class: 9:30 a.m.<br>Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.   |
| <b>CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH</b><br>3702 Harvey Lake Rd., Highland 248-887-5584<br>Rev. Leo T. Luko, Pastor<br>Mass: Sunday 8:30 a.m.<br>Sundays 9 a.m. & 11 a.m., 7:00 p.m.<br>Holy Day 8 a.m. & 11 p.m.; First Saturday 8 a.m.<br>Confessions - Saturdays 11 a.m. & 6:15 p.m.<br>or by appointment | <b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b><br>349-1144<br>8 Mile & Tenth Roads<br>Sunday Worship Services:<br>8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.<br>Rev. Dr. Steve Beck • Rev. Lisa Cook<br>www.firstumc.org   | <b>FELLOWSHIP EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b><br>22202 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon, MI • www.fellic.org<br>Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.<br>Sunday School 11:00 a.m.<br>St. High Sunday at 6:30 p.m.<br>Midweek Wednesday at 7 p.m.<br>Rev. David Brown, Pastor<br>248-437-2222 • www.fellic.org   |
| <b>WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b><br>4000 Six Mile Rd., Northville<br>Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.<br>Worship 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.<br>Nursery Care Available<br>Thursdays 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.<br>Rev. Dr. Anne P. Reed, Associate Pastor   | <b>OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH</b><br>170 Thayer, Northville<br>WEEKLY WORSHIP: Sunday 8:30 p.m.<br>Sundays 7:30 & 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.<br>Church: 348-2621, School: 348-3610<br>Religious Education: 348-2559<br>Rev. David Thomas, Pastor  | <b>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON</b><br>"WHERE THE SON ALWAYS SHINES"<br>Worship: 10:30 a.m.<br>Nursery Care Available<br>Check us out on the web: <a href="http://www.firstpcnyl.org">www.firstpcnyl.org</a><br>248-437-2978 • 295 E. Lake (1/2 Mile) •<br>Rev. Dr. Annettae Kidder, Pastor  |
| <b>FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b><br>Madonna University's Kestige Hall<br>36000 Schoolcraft Road - Livonia<br>Parking lot in NW corner of West Schoolcraft<br>Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.<br>Rev. Dr. James N. McGuire • Nursery Provided  | <b>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b><br>200 E. Main St. at Hilltop • 248-348-9911<br>Worship & Church School: 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.<br>Children Available at All Services<br>Ladies Bible Study - Thurs. 7:30 p.m.<br>Rev. R. Ken Oles, Senior Pastor<br>Rev. Anne P. Reed, Associate Pastor  | <b>FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br>12774 Nine Mile Road<br>Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582<br>Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.<br>Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 8:30 p.m.<br>Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.  |
| <b>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) OF SOUTH LYON</b><br>"WHERE THE SON ALWAYS SHINES"<br>Worship: 10:30 a.m.<br>Nursery Care Available<br>Check us out on the web: <a href="http://www.firstpcnyl.org">www.firstpcnyl.org</a><br>248-437-2978 • 295 E. Lake (1/2 Mile) •<br>Rev. Dr. Annettae Kidder, Pastor            | <b>SOLID ROCK BIBLE CHURCH</b><br>22183 Pontiac Trail, between Jackson and Gurneys<br>10 a.m. Sunday Celebration<br>Pontiac Trail and 6 Mile near a Breezy Corner<br>(Between Jackson and Gurneys)<br>Office: 248-486-4400<br>www.solidrockbible.org  | <b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON</b><br>60920 Majors Ave. St., South Lyon, MI 48178<br>Phone: 488-27-2585<br>Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Weekly Service 11:00 a.m.<br>Family Service 10:30 a.m. • Holyday Service 7:00 p.m.<br>Senior Pastor: Bob Fisher • Assoc. Pastor: Bob Hoke<br>Website: <a href="http://www.firstbpcnyl.org">www.firstbpcnyl.org</a><br>• Email: <a href="mailto:firstbpcnyl@earthlink.net">firstbpcnyl@earthlink.net</a> |
| <b>CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH</b><br>28900 Pontiac Trail, across from Erwin's Orchard<br>Sunday Service: 9 a.m.<br>Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.<br>Contemporary Worship - Relevant<br>Bible Based Messages<br>(248) 488-5400 • www.crossroadsnyc.org  | <b>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN</b><br>Wisconsin Synod • Reginald Sweet Pkwy., at Livonia St.<br>Sunday Service: 10:00 a.m.<br>All Classes: 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.<br>Pastor Scott Miller, (248) 437-2299   | <b>CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH</b><br>Services held at Kent Lanes Elementary<br>30181 Kent Lanes Rd., Lyon<br>Sunday Services: Times<br>9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.<br>Pastor: Kenneth Warren-586-531-2021  |



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# LOCAL OPINION

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## OUR VIEWS

### Park proposal in the works; it's time to get involved

Members of the Novi City Council will vote 7 p.m. Tuesday on a ballot proposal language backing a community Signature Park. Four financing options were discussed as part of a Feb. 9 special city council meeting. Items include:

- Voted millage for general obligation funds
- New limited voted millage (suggested 25-year limit)
- Charter amendment to increase existing or add new permanent millage
- Combination - charter amendment for headlee override return current millage to .5 mills or add new permanent millage PLUS a new voted millage for debt.

It appears council members are leaning toward the second option - a limited voted millage.

Tuesday will mark the last opportunity to be involved on the really nuts-and-bolts level, where financing and ballot proposal language is designed. Only two residents spoke earlier this week at the special city council meeting regarding the Signature Park, where conceptual plans were revealed and finances were discussed. And, following two days in the community asking residents their opinions on the subject, we came up empty handed with how residents feel about the proposed development.

We believe residents should get involved in the process of a new Signature Park for Novi.

Go online and watch streaming video of the special council meeting, attend Tuesday's regular city council meeting, or follow the developments in the Novi News and online at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

Before you know it the ground will show, it will be lighter later and there will be a special election on May 5 with a ballot proposal asking residents to spend about \$60 a year (depending on your home value) for an enhanced recreational facility featuring fields, public meeting spaces, a theater, indoor recreation center and other amenities.

The city is moving forward with this project because officials believe this is what residents need and want. They are also moving ahead because this is the type of facility that would position Novi as a destination community, much like Canton after completing Summit Park.

Officials also state the time is right as the land is free, acquired in a swap from the school district, construction pricing is uber competitive and large land parcels are disappearing.

But what we want to know is what do you think? Do you support a ballot proposal for a Signature Park? Are you aware this has been in the pipeline for the community?

Contact your hometownlife.com or via e-mail to [vmitchell@gannett.com](mailto:vmitchell@gannett.com).

Let's get it done for the May special election begins now.

Join the discussion  
Canton was the favorite Super Bowl commercial of hometownlife.com visitors last week.

Michigan lawmakers will have to make cuts in order to balance the new state budget. What area of the budget would you cut?

Let us know how you feel about the budget cuts.

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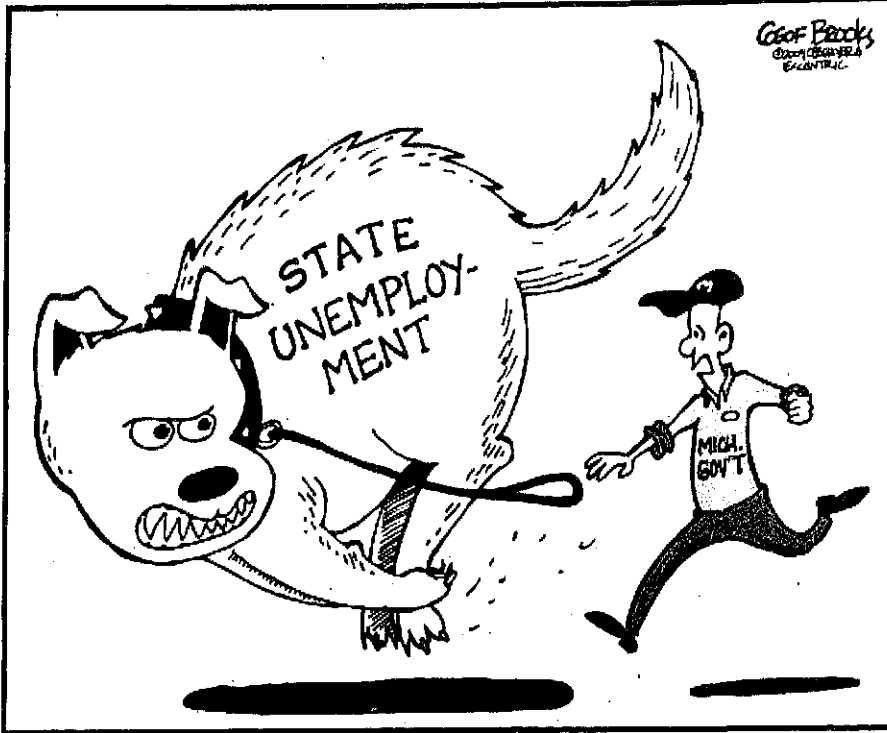
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"He's getting too big to control!"

## LETTERS

### Losing Perspective?

Is the Novi City Council and the City Administration losing perspective? Is the proposed Signature Park, which it appears will require a tax increase, a sound investment for the community, as Novi citizens continue to face the loss of jobs, pensions, health insurance, investments, and their homes, and as the City seems to be preparing us for budget shortfalls, and hitting at a debt/operational issues (tax) increase, despite previous assurances that the City was not headed for a budget deficit whatsoever?

It also sounds like the City may be underestimating the future decline in residential taxable value. According to the City Assessor, Oakland county's Equalization Manager's average projection for the next year is 12-14 percent county-wide, while the City is projecting 8 percent, with the City Assessor stating that he's hoping that he's right and that Oakland county's wrong.

According to the new 2008 citizen survey, the rating for the value of services for the taxes paid to Novi was below the National comparison benchmark, and expanding and enhancing recreational and cultural programs was rated the lowest priority in terms of being essential or very important.

Is it fiscally responsible and sensitive to Novi taxpayers for the City Council to continue using the general fund as a cash cow, spending tax dollars unnecessarily, and proposing a tax increase to achieve their goals?

Should the City of Novi emulate Canton Township, when it appears that the general fund subsidy for their recreation department in 2007 was \$4.6 million dollars, their 2009 budget projects their Performing Arts Center revenue to be \$467,160, and expenses to be \$874,696, nearly double, and their 2009 proposed Community Center Fund balance appears to be only \$6,209?

It seems that financially, these types of recreational facilities are losing propositions, heavily subsidized by more and more taxpayer dollars, and that spending scarce tax dollars on a new Puerst Park, and the Signature Park proposal may become an unfortunate example of good intentions going astray.

Laura J. Lorenzo  
Novi

### Pass the Stimulus Package

As with any new legislation, there are always those who focus only on what is wrong with the bill and forget to mention what will be beneficial to the people it will impact.

According to what I have read about the stimulus package, it will create or save between three-four million jobs over the next few years. The people who fill these jobs will not only be able to get their families back on track and see their homes, but will be tax paying contributing members of society. Isn't that worth supporting?

By infusing more money into education it averts thousands of teacher layoffs in struggling school districts. It will help schools improve their infrastructure to meet the technological requirements of the 21st century. Continually upgrading technology is very expensive and beyond the means of many school districts.



### Historically captured

Pictured is an arrangement by library staff members Linda Clancy and Georgia Grovesten, displaying the many types of publications the library carries and how uniquely historic moments are captured for the community.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit via Web: [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com)  
Mail: Letters to the Editor, Novi News, 101 N Lafayette Street, South Lyon, MI 48178.  
Fax: (248) 437-3386.  
E-mail: [vmitchell@gannett.com](mailto:vmitchell@gannett.com).  
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Doreen Lawton  
Novi

### MAN ON THE STREET

What do you think about Novi's park facilities?



Karen B. Zyczyński  
Novi

### Let's Get it Done

Let's commend our legislators for passing the Children's Health Insurance Program (S-Chip) and urge them to pass the jobs bill quickly. Our Legislators are saying that the

"I have three boys and three girls. I've done the baseball, the basketball the soccer. I have no complaints with Novi parks and recreation. I think they're doing a really good job."

- Julie Halash

## CHURCHES

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**CONTACT:** (248) 348-1020  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.  
**Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Ladies Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., Tuesdays  
**Men's Bible Study:** 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month  
**Souls Harbor**  
**TIME/DATE:** 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 28  
**DETAILS:** A night of southern gospel music will be held at First Baptist Church featuring the music of Souls Harbor, a talented mixed trio based out of Southwestern, Michigan. This group consists of Ron Brown, David Brown, and Joy Brown. Ron and David, father and son, have been singing for over 17 years and Joy, David's wife, began singing with Souls Harbor in December of 2005. Completing the family affair is Charlene, Ron's wife, who manages the product table.

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**LOCATION:** 770 Thayer, Northville  
**CONTACT:** (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org  
**Saturday Worship**  
**TIME:** 5 p.m.  
**Sunday Worship**  
**TIME:** 7:30, 9, 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

**GRACEPOINT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**LOCATION:** The Novi Civic Center, Council Chambers  
**CONTACT:** Rev. Brian C. Steeth, Pastor (248) 497-3178 or [gracepoint@mac.com](mailto:gracepoint@mac.com), and [gracepoint@pcpa.org](mailto:gracepoint@pcpa.org)  
**Sunday Worship**  
**TIME:** 10 a.m.  
**DETAILS:** Nursery staffed by Nanny Poppinz.

**OUR SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**LOCATION:** 140 N. Center, above Tullis in Old Church Square, Northville  
**CONTACT:** Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-9891  
**Sunday Worship:** 11:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMILY INTERESTED AREA**  
**LOCATION:** 4530 W. 11 Mile Road  
**CONTACT:** (248) 349-3647 or [fb1stbaptistchurch@novi.org](mailto:fb1stbaptistchurch@novi.org)  
**Family Bible Hour:** 9:45 a.m.  
**Family Worship:** 11 a.m.  
**Bible Study:** 6 p.m.  
**Family Movie Night:** 5:30 p.m., fourth Sunday of every month.

**MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL**  
**LOCATION:** 2155 Meadowbrook Road, between Eighth and Nine Mile roads  
**CONTACT:** Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit [mbccc.org](http://mbccc.org) or e-mail to [office@mbccc.org](mailto:office@mbccc.org).  
**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.  
**YogaFit Classes**  
**TIME/DATE:** 7:30 p.m. every Monday  
**DETAILS:** Eight weeks, \$55 continuous or \$8 per drop in session.  
**Merry Widows Luncheon**  
**TIME/DATE:** 1:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month  
**Spiritual Journey's**  
**TIME/DATE:** 1:30 a.m. every Sunday  
**Ash Wednesday Dinner and Worship**  
**TIME/DATE:** 6:15 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 25  
**DETAILS:** Service of worship will follow approximately 7:15 p.m.  
**Scrap book event**

**NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY**  
**LOCATION:** 4195 Six Mile Road  
**CONTACT:** (248) 346-9030

**ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**LOCATION:** 23455 Novi Road  
**CONTACT:** Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665  
**Preschool/Kids Choir**  
**TIME/DATE:** 7:15 p.m. every Wednesday  
**DETAILS:** For ages three to six; ongoing event, no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

**CROSSPOINT MEADOWS CHURCH**  
**LOCATION:** 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road  
**CONTACT:** (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit [www.crosspointmeadows.org](http://www.crosspointmeadows.org).  
**Sunday Worship:** 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN**  
**LOCATION:** 23225 Gil Road, Farmington Hills  
**CONTACT:** (248) 474-0584 or visit [stjohn@lutheran.com](mailto:stjohn@lutheran.com)  
**Saturday Worship**  
**TIME:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Sunday Worship**  
**TIME:** 9, 11:15 a.m.  
**Sunday School**  
**TIME:** 10:15 a.m.

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**LOCATION:** 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi  
**CONTACT:** (248) 349-0556  
**Sunday Schedule**  
**TIME:** 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

**Bible study classes:** 10 a.m. for all ages  
**DETAILS:** Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

## Patterson's record in Oakland speaks for itself



Phil Power

On top of all that, Patterson talked about his political ambitions. A while ago, he let fly a trial balloon about running for governor. After all, he has been elected and re-elected five times in Oakland County, one of the most impressive electoral records around, especially for a Republican.

In his speech, Patterson couldn't resist a dig at the State of Michigan, with a Democratic governor and Speaker of the House. "The levels of unemployment, the anti-business tax policy, the chronic deficits - none of that would be tolerated in Oakland County and it should not be tolerated at the state level either."

But for those who paid attention to both, the tone couldn't have been more different. The governor talked about how Michigan's economy has gone from "bad to worse," hinted at the projected huge state budget deficit for the coming fiscal year and expressed optimism about energy and "alternative energy jobs."

She also said Lt. Gov. John Cherry will lead a "comprehensive effort to dramatically change the size and shape of state government," a task that may not be done till after she leaves office.

To be sure, Patterson also talked about "the perfect storm" battering Michigan, but defiantly pledged that "Oakland County intends to do more than just ride out the storm" and plans to lead "this state out of these dark and desperate days into the sunlight of new growth, opportunity and prosperity."

He pointed out that Oakland's books are balanced for 2009 and 2010, the result of being the only county in Michigan that operates on a two-year rolling budget. By contrast, the state and most municipalities budget on a year-to-year basis, which leaves them with "certainly no room to implement long-range strategy."

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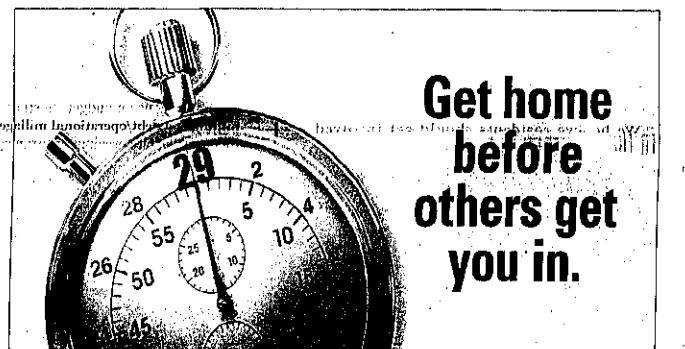
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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## WINTER ICE SAFETY

A message from Lt. John Martin, Novi Fire Department Training Officer and Ice Rescue Instructor

It is that time of year when people start to venture out onto our local lakes and ponds. There is a natural attraction to going onto these frozen areas, unfortunately there is a danger lurking below that sometimes we are not completely aware of. Venturing out onto any frozen lake or pond can be dangerous.

Even though the ice looks solid, there are no guarantees. There are many charts that show ice thicknesses and how much weight they can hold. The problem with those charts is that they give a false sense of security. If the ice is six inches thick where you were your standing, it may not be as thick four feet away in either direction. There are many factors that cause these inconsistencies in the ice thicknesses including waterfowl, vegetation, snow on top of the ice and water quality.

Due to the amount of snow that we have received this winter, we have placed lots of salt onto our surface streets, which in turn leeches into the waterways affecting the water quality. This causes the ice to erode from underneath, the area in which we don't see.

With all of the snow sitting on top of the ice it creates a thermal blanket, which adds weight and degrades the ice from the top. This also makes it difficult to tell if there are any weak spots in the ice.

Waterfowl that rest out on the ice also create warmth on the top and begin to erode it. Have you ever looked at a cat tail protruding through the ice and wondered why the ice hasn't completely surrounded it? The vegetation gives off heat, which in turn prevents the ice from completely encompassing the cat tail. This also creates holes in the ice where water can come through and going back to water quality can now start to erode the water from the top.

If you choose to go onto the ice please consider the following:

If you do fall through the ice, stay calm. Conserve your energy. Don't try to swim around.

Allow your arms to rest on the unbroken ice shelf. This will give you some support to rest upon.

If you have a whistle, blow it in a short burst. This will get attention better than a one long burst.

If you have ice awls you can use them to help pull yourself up and out of the water onto

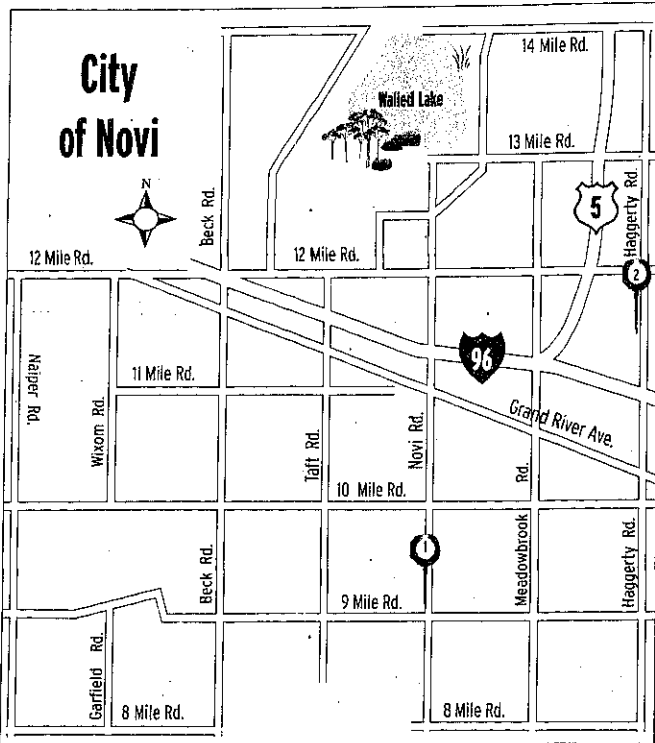
the surface of the ice. Be sure to kick your feet. Make sure to roll away from the hole and towards shore.

If you don't have ice awls with you, get your arms and elbows on top of the unbroken ice for support and allow your legs to float up behind you. This puts you into a horizontal position with the ice. Put your arms out in front of you on the unbroken ice and crawl forward as you kick your feet. If you are able to get out stay flat and roll away from the hole. If you are not able to get out, remain calm.

Stay away from cracks or open water, these are weak spots. If you witness someone who falls through the ice, call 911 immediately. Give the dispatcher as much information as you can.

Do not venture out onto the ice to save someone else. Sixty percent of would be rescuers become victims themselves. Talk to the victim.

If the victim is close to shore use a ladder or pole to reach to them, but do not attempt to go out onto the ice. If you have a rope or even an extension cord, make sure that it is not plugged in and throw it out to the victim. Never attempt a rescue if you have to go onto the ice.



## NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

### License plate suspected stolen

A license plate is suspected stolen from a vehicle between 6 p.m. Feb. 1 and 7:45 p.m. Feb. 2, reports said.

While exiting the Ruby Tuesday restaurant on 12 Mile Road, just west of Haggerty Road, the couple noticed the license plate missing from their vehicle. According to reports, the couple said they were unsure of when the plate was taken, but last remember seeing it

about 24 hours prior. Officers noticed the area where the license was located was not completely clean, indicating it was probably missing prior to their arrival at the restaurant, reports said.

### Red means stop

A woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at about 2 a.m. Jan. 29 after making a left turn at a red light, reports said. An officer at Nine Mile and Novi roads observed a grey Ford make a left turn

at a red light, from westbound Nine Mile Road to southbound Novi Road. A traffic stop was initiated near Galway Drive. While speaking with the driver, the officer noticed an odor of intoxicants coming from the driver, who said she had three drinks and finished the last one 30 minutes prior, reports said. The woman agreed to participate in a number of field sobriety tests and submitted a preliminary breath test, which registered her blood alcohol concentration at .2 percent.

## Novi police receive traffic safety award

The Novi Police Department earned the 2008 Award for Excellence in Traffic Safety from the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP), the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) and AAA Michigan.

Having earned this award, the Novi Police Department automatically will be submitted to the International Association of Chiefs of Police to compete for the same recognition internationally.

Winners of the award must demonstrate a clear and convincing commitment to traffic safety within their communities, and are judged on four components:

- Scope and duration of the project;
• complexity or difficulty of the project;
• degree of innovation involved; and
• results achieved.
Recognized agencies were honored with a \$3,000 grant contributed by OHSP for traffic safety equipment or for scheduling overtime to enforcement patrols.

Got Game? Yep, got scores, too. Includes image of football players.

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alcohol played a factor." Police won't release the woman's name until she is arraigned, which will possibly be Tuesday. Her arraignment was postponed because more time was needed to determine

whether a second vehicle was involved. Depending on results of the investigation, the motorist could face charges of manslaughter or for causing an accident, causing death, Shakkinas said.

The Novi Police Department assisted with the incident. "We had officers up there

blocking traffic for about five hours, while Walled Lake conducted an investigation," said Novi Sgt. Matt Conquest. Anyone with information is asked to call the Walled Lake Police Department at (248) 624-3111.

Gannett News Service contributed to this report.

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this connection." To kick off their campaign, an informational display and donation drop box will be showcased in downtown Farmington Feb. 14-27 at the Farmington Korner Barber Shop.

Local sponsors include Rook Financial Showplace and Village Animal Clinic in Farmington. "Rotary International asked every Rotary club to raise \$1,000 every year for three years and we thought we wanted to do more than that," Barrons said. "We're seeking 1,000 \$10 donations to reach a goal of \$10,000. "Even though our kick-off date is Feb. 14, we've had 24

Farmington Rotary Club Foundation In care of: Ginger Barrons 24777 Glenda Novi, MI 48375 For more information, contact Barrons at (248) 349-5244 or GBARRONS@mlr.com.

donations already." Anyone who donates a minimum of \$10 receives an "End Polio Now" lapel pin. "It would be better if we could raise the whole \$350 million," said Stucky of the remainder of Rotary International's \$200 million challenge to match grants made by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. "I want them to eradicate polio before I go, and I'm 83."

Rotarians have been working toward the eradication of the polio virus since 1985 and believe they are closer than ever with currently about 1,300 reported cases worldwide.

"There is no other illness in the world this close to being eradicated," Barrons said, noting only four countries - Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan - remain endemic. "I see it as an achievable goal. We can end polio in my lifetime and we can end it forever."

Stucky said in order for polio to be eradicated, there must be no reported cases worldwide for three years. "The nearest possible date for eradication I would say would be Dec. 31, 2012," he said.

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# Help climb over interest rate worries with bond ladder

As an investor, you need to look back no farther than last year to understand why it's not a good idea to own only stocks. In fact, many people buy bonds to lessen the impact of volatility on their investment portfolios. Yet, just as stock prices move up and down, bond prices also fluctuate, primarily in response to rising and falling interest rates. These interest-rate movements can wreak havoc on your bond portfolio unless you can help yourself climb over them with a "bond ladder."

Before you examine what goes into a bond ladder, let's review some bond basics relating to price and interest rates.

Suppose, for example, that you buy a \$1,000 bond that pays 5 percent interest and is scheduled to mature in five years. Each year that you hold your bond, you will receive \$50 in interest; at the end of five years, you'll get your \$1,000 back, provided the issuer doesn't default. However, if you decide to sell your bond before the five-year period is up, you could get more or less than \$1,000 for it. If market interest rates - the rates paid on newly issued bonds - were to drop to 4 percent, then your higher-paying bond is considered more valuable

to investors, so you might be able to sell it for, say, \$1,050. Conversely, should market interest rates rise to 6 percent, nobody will pay you full value for your lower-paying bond, so you would have to sell it at a discount, perhaps for \$950. Because market interest rates constantly rise and fall, the value of your bonds will do likewise. This could be a big problem if you wish to sell bonds before they mature and use the money to buy new bonds. Keep in mind that if bonds are sold prior to maturity, you can lose principal value. To help reduce the impact of rate swings, you might want

to build a bond ladder. To do so, you buy several bonds, with varying maturities - short-term, intermediate-term and long-term. Once you've constructed your ladder, you'll have some advantage in all interest-rate environments. When market rates are low, you'll still have your longer-term bonds earning higher interest rates. (Typically, longer-term bonds pay the highest rates.) Plus, only a small portion of your bond portfolio, the maturing short-term bonds, will need to be reinvested at the low rate. And when market interest rates are high, you can reinvest the maturing short-

term bonds at the higher rates. You can further diversify your ladder by choosing different types of bonds or even certificates of deposit, for the different "rungs." This diversification can't guarantee a profit or protect against a loss, but it may help you reduce the negative effects of a downturn that primarily hits one type of bond.

Here's one more point to keep in mind: Try to avoid building your ladder with bonds that provide little or no call protection. When market interest rates fall, bond issuers will often "call" bonds - that is, they will redeem

the bonds before they mature - so they can issue new ones at the lower rates. You can help reduce the call risk in your bond ladder by purchasing bonds with call protection, which cannot be called before a certain date.

Ladders, by definition, can help you surmount obstacles. And the same is true with bond ladders. If you want to invest in bonds, and help reduce the impact of interest-rate movements, consider building your ladder soon.

This article was provided by Mark Whitfield, financial adviser, 43250 N. Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

## International Baccalaureate Programme

Following approval by Novi school officials, International Baccalaureate courses will be made available to high school students at the start of the 2010-11 school year. The International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme at the high school level is a comprehensive curriculum based on international standards that can complement and enhance an already rigorous curriculum. The IB Diploma Programme, as well as individual IB courses, are taught and well recognized around the world.

Presented by the American Medical Association and Phillip C. DeMio, MD, the conference will include general sessions and sessions for physicians and other health care professionals. General sessions are designed for people living with ASD, their families, caregivers, health care providers, educators and other professionals.

The public is invited to attend the first international conference on biomedical and other treatments that offer hope to individuals and families with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), Feb. 20-23. The Novi High School Blood drive

The Novi High School Blood drive will be held on Friday, Feb. 27 in the performance gym. Student Council members will take the lead on recruiting and signing up volunteers.

## CLASS NOTES

### Mad Hatter Tea Party

The Providence Center for the Healing Arts presents its Seventh Annual Mad Hatter Tea Party, a showing of original artwork featuring a spectacular array of local artists. All tea sets were handmade, by patients, families, staff, volunteers and community members. In addition

to the teapots that were created in the Providence Healing Arts ceramics studio, the exhibit also features tea sets made by Novi High School students.

The Mad Hatter Tea Party has been an integral part of the ongoing partnership between Providence Park Hospital and the Novi Community School District for more than six years. The show will be on display Jan. 5-Febr. 28. The Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

### Save the date

The Novi Educational Foundation's Green Gala is

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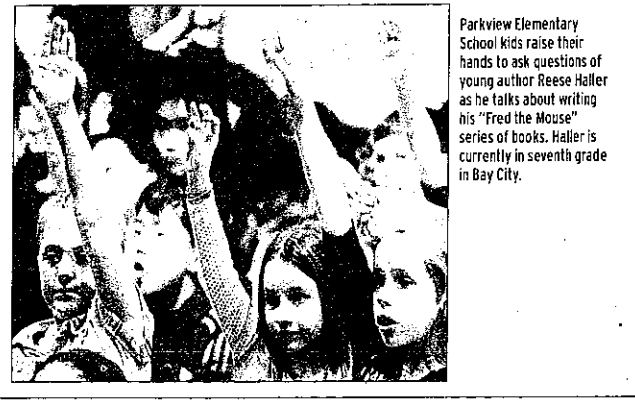
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Early Start

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Novi Senior Activities Center
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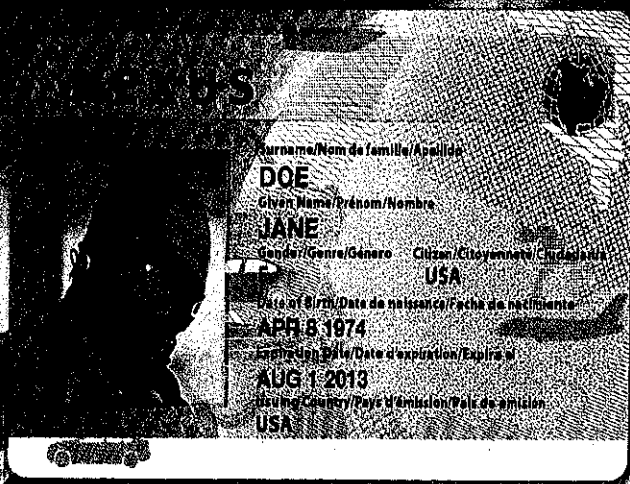
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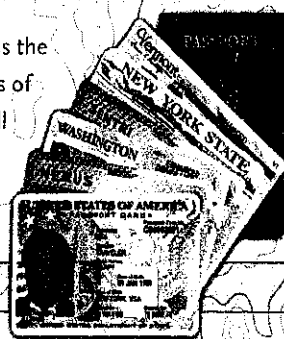
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Area prep stars name their college picks, B3

## Novi hammers WL Central, falls to S. Lyon

BY JEFF THEISEN  
SPORTS WRITER

South Lyon and Novi met with a shot at second place in the crazy-tough KLA Central Division on the line Monday at the Kensington Ice House.

The Lions scored a 5-on-5 goal, a power play and a short-hander and held off a late comeback attempt for a 3-2 victory on Senior Night for South Lyon.

"It was a really fun night," South Lyon head coach Mike Falahee said. "It was great to have them come out with the effort they did and compete as they did, especially on senior night."

The first period was all defense, as Novi's Michael Pesendorfer and South Lyon's James Stratton stayed unbeaten between the pipes.

The second period was a different story.

Novi just about killed off both ends of a 5-on-3 penalty kill when South Lyon struck with five seconds left on the second penalty.

Kyle Betz brought the puck in on a 2-on-1 and skated down the left side. Nick Dirado went to the net and was rewarded with a perfect feed for the game's first score with 11:53 left in the sec-



A Novi Wildcat gets tripped up while trying to catch up to the play in an away game against South Lyon.

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## GAME WRAPS

### CHEER WINS INVITE, FINISHES CENTRAL UNDEFEATED

The Novi cheer team won the Ladywood Invite, totalling 710,504 points. Utica was next with 684,532.

The Wildcats scored 214.1 in the first round, 225.8504 in the second and 270.6 in the final round.

In a divisional meet, the Wildcats beat Stevenson 693.8-659.

The Wildcats held a slim lead after the first round, 207.3-206.6, but scored a then-season high in the second round with 222.7032 to Livonia's 204.2064 to take command.

Novi completed an undefeated season in the KLA Central with a 713-683.0192 victory against South Lyon.

It was also Senior Night for Jillian Harold, Laura Tollis and Kelsey Collins.

Novi goes for the KLA Conference crown Saturday, starting at 9 a.m. at Churchill.

### SWIMMING PLACES 14TH AT OAKLAND COUNTY

Novi swim and dive racked up 69 points at the prestigious Oakland County meet to finish 14th out of a field of more than 30 schools.

Joon Chuang highlighted the meet for the Wildcats. He placed second in the 200 IM in 2:04.16 and second in the 100 breaststroke (1:00.51).

### NOVI GIRLS 4TH AT KLA MEET

The Novi girls placed fourth at the KLA meet Monday at Mt. Brighton. The Novi boys placed 10th.

### SHAMROCKS TRIPPED UP

The Shamrocks had a slight break in the schedule which might have helped result in a hiccup against Divine Child on Friday night.

The Falcons scored the winning basket with just more than 30 seconds left, and the Shamrocks couldn't get the winner to fall in a 43-42 defeat.

"The layoff didn't help us after being on the road for so long," CC head coach Bill Dyer said. "I think the kids wanted to keep playing. We came out flat to start the game and missed a lot of opportunities."

"We missed two shots under eight seconds, but honestly, we just didn't do the things you need to do to win close games like this one."

The game was tight throughout, with the Shamrocks trailing 11-8 after one but tied at 21 at the half.

The Shamrocks managed a 36-35 lead heading into the fourth, but were unable to come up with the winning hoop in the final seconds.

Brett Smith led the Shamrocks with 11 points. Anthony Manno scored 19 to lead Divine Child.

"It was a tough week for us," Dyer said. "We lost to DLS with a minute left to play last Friday and lost in the last 10 seconds this Friday."

The loss leaves the Shamrocks tied with OL St. Mary's with a 4-3 record in the league. DeLaSalle leads with just one loss.

## Novi throttles past Cougars

BY JEFF THEISEN  
SPORTS WRITER

Novi stayed in contention for the KLA Central Division title with a 78-50 victory last Thursday against South Lyon East.

The Cougars ruled the first quarter with a 10-7 lead, but it was all Wildcats for the next three quarters.

The Wildcats poured in 28 points in the second quarter for a 35-20 halftime lead.

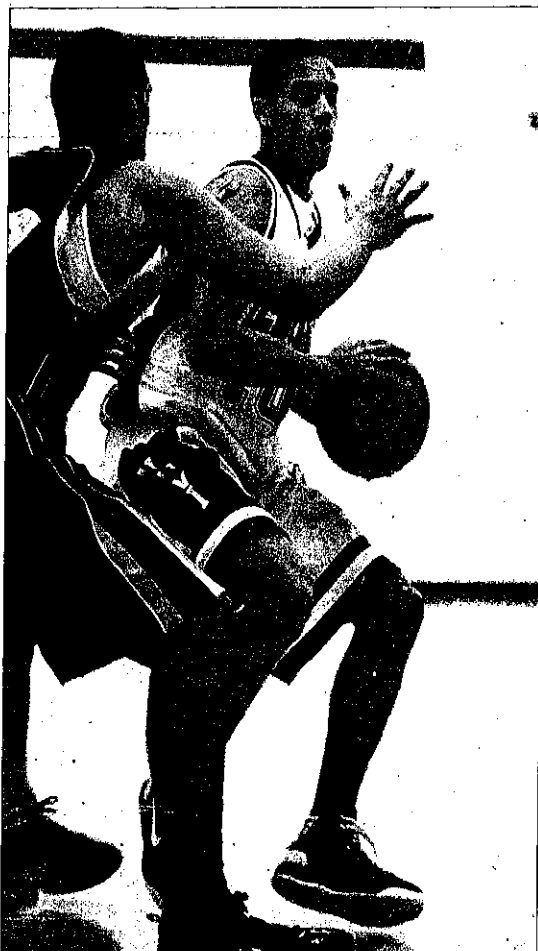
The offense stayed hot in the second

half, scoring 21 in the third and 22 in the fourth to come away with a 28-point win.

Chris Bellamy continued to lead the offense with 21 points, including four three-pointers. Brandon Bryant was next with 15 points, followed by Samer Ozeir with 11 points.

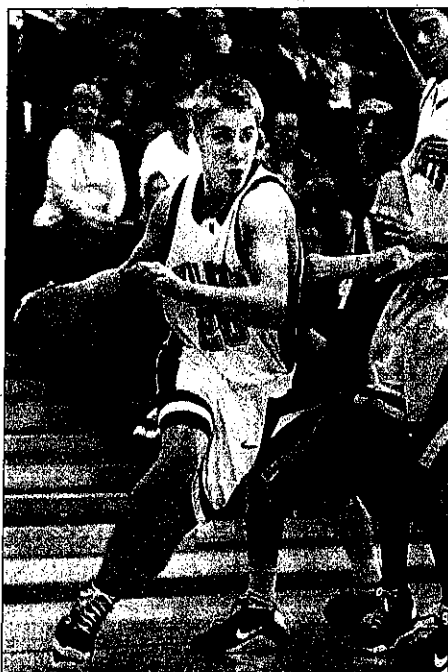
Eleven Wildcats scored in the game. The Novi JV also recorded a win, 61-30.

The Wildcats are 10-2, 5-1 and are back on the court Friday at South Lyon, with divisional title hopes on the line.



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Novi's Chris Bellamy comes to a halt at the top of the key as he tries to get around a South Lyon defender.



Novi's Brad Kotylo works his way inside during a game against South Lyon.

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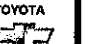
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# Wildcats pounce on short-handed Cougars

BY JEFF THEISEN  
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After suffering their first loss in the Central earlier in the week, the Wildcats hammered South Lyon East 59-3 last Thursday.

Yes, that's correct, 59-3. The Wildcats flew out to a 28-0 lead by the end of the first, 40-0 by halftime and 48-0 entering the final quarter.

East is a first-year varsity team that has also recently got bit by the injury bug and was without a couple of key players.

But what was bad for East was a curing solution for the Wildcats.

Caroline Johnson scored all her points on three-pointers, hitting five of seven on the night for a game-high 15 points. Joanna Beaton was next with 13 points.

"It was nice to see because she has been dealing with a sickness. Plus, she didn't have to play a lot and get to rest," said Novi head coach Bill Kelp.

In all, 10 Wildcats made the scoresheet during the big win.

Novi stays in the hunt for the division title with a 7-1 record, 8-5 overall. East falls to 1-13, 0-6.

Kate Grunewald scored the lone basket for the Cougars in the fourth.

Kelp knows his team can fight for the first-ever division title, but some things will have to be shored up to do so.

"We have played well at times but still a little to



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Wildcats Chantel Hill and Jessica Gingel put some pressure on a Salem High player near the set.

inconsistent and having various injuries and illness slows that search for continuity down," he said.

The two biggest games remaining on the Wildcats' schedule include tomorrow at

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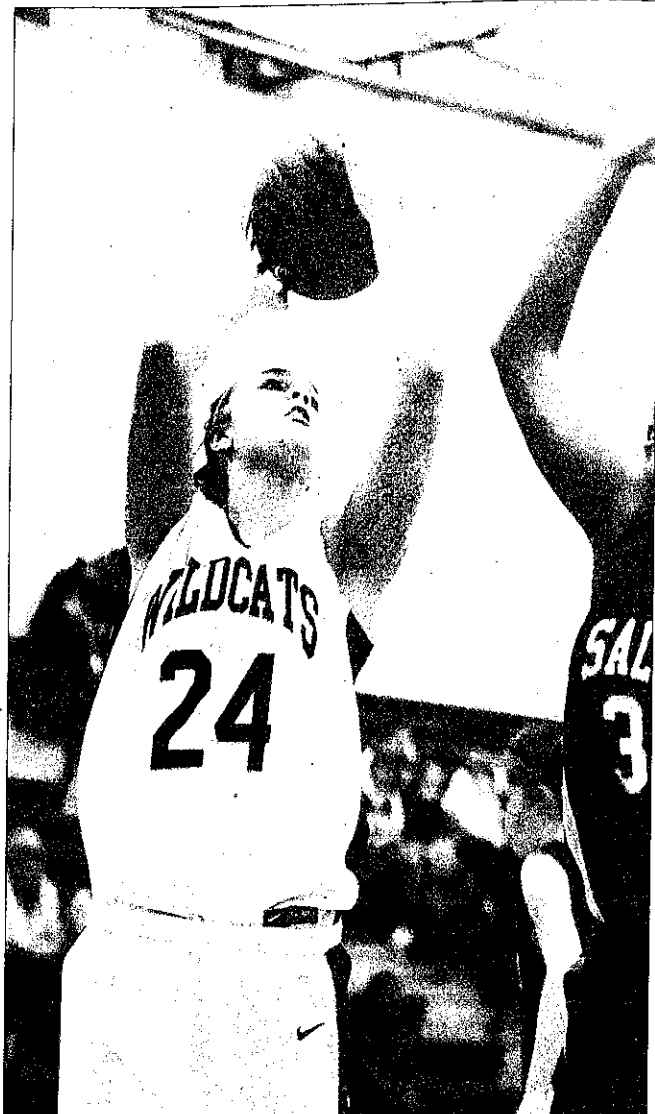


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Wildcat Jessica Gingel puts up a shot against Salem.

### NATIONAL SIGNING DAY



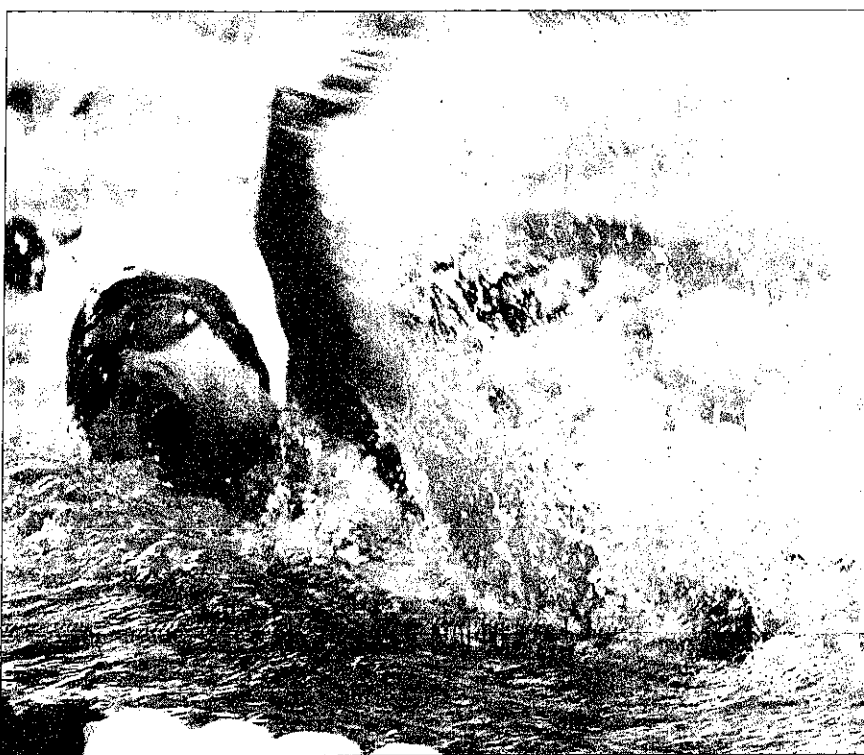
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Erin Zerio (left) and Brandon Bryant get ready to fill out their Letters of Intent to play sports in college. Zerio will attend Lipscomb University and play soccer. Bryant will play football at Ferris State.



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The Shamrocks had another busy day when high school athletes were allowed to sign Letters of Intent for their respective colleges. Signing for CC were (from left) J.J. S. Smaolajski (Bucknell University-Golf), Steve Harding (Hillsdale College-Football), Shea Hasenauer (Cornell University-Wrestling), Corry Hao (Johns Hopkins University-Baseball), John Dwyer (University of Detroit Mercy-Lacrosse), Chris Nemes (University of Detroit Mercy-Lacrosse), Steve LaRouere (Columbia University-Golf) and Nick Landry (Hillsdale College-Football).



Wildcat John Lu cuts through the water. Novi scored 69 points to finish 14th at the Oakland County Championships on Saturday.



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Novi Wildcat Kevin Siewinski skis at Alpine Valley during a multi-school meet.

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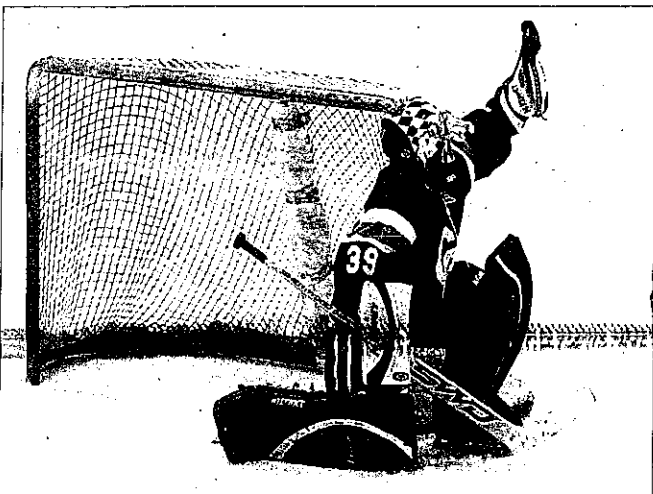
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The Shamrocks celebrate a goal in front of the student section.

## CC shines on the ice



Zack Cisek snares the puck during a recent CC victory.



Shamrock Eric Winkler gets ready to unleash a shot.



Novi's Tyler Manning heads toward the South Lyon on Monday.

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Wildcat captain Shane McCusker brings the puck into the South Lyon end.

## HOCKEY

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ond, Jack Schueneman also picked up an assist. The lead lasted just 40 seconds. Novi's Erik Appelbacher shot the puck high on net from outside the blue line, but the puck caught Stratton off guard and though it looked initially stopped, it trickled over his shoulder and into the net for a 1-1 tie. Just a couple of minutes later, Novi went on the power play, but it backfired. "They have an excellent hockey team. They're rated above us in the top 20," Novi head coach Todd Krygier said. "If we want to move up we've got to beat teams like them. "I don't think we played

very disciplined. We took too many unnecessary and bad penalties. When you play good teams it's going to cost you." Chris Eckler broke out of the zone on a 2-on-1. He kept the puck as the defender tried to take away the pass, but Eckler skated in from left to right and slid the puck five-hole for short-handed goal and a 2-1 lead with 9:30 left in the second. The insurance goal for the Lions came in the third, and they would need it. South Lyon kept the pressure on in the Novi zone and it paid off when Danny Diroff fed Matt Skvarce with a perfect pass on the tape for an easy deflection goal on the door step with 11:31 remaining. Novi put on the pressure, but was unable to find the back of the net until 11 seconds left when Nolan

Valleau tipped in a pass from Alex Cova with Pesendorfer pulled for a 6-on-5 goal. South Lyon defended the final 11 seconds and gave the seniors a great night to remember. "As we come down the stretch here, they have a shot at finishing in second place," Falabee said. "In this league, that's a real statement to these men." South Lyon sits at 5-3-4 in the division for 14 points. Stevenson also has 14 points with a 6-3-2 record, but still has to play No. 1 ranked Northville and Novi. The Lions lone game in the division is against last-placed Walled Lake Western. Novi is 5-4-3 for 13 points. **NOVI 8, WL WESTERN 1** After an extended break, the Novi offense hit the ice flying high.

The Wildcats poured in three goals in the first and second periods for a commanding 6-0 lead. Tyler Manning started the scoring with an assist to Cova. Evan Dixon scored the first of his two goals with assists to Tyler Perpich and Valleau. Taylor Howell recorded the final tally of

the first period, with Dixon and Shane McCusker getting helpers. Kyle Tasiarczyk scored unassisted for the first goal of the second period. Brandon Judikis was next with an assist to Masiarczyk. Zach Mohr got on the act with Brandon Judikis helping out. Third-period goals came

from Brandon Hole (assists to Masiarczyk and Manning) and Dixon (from Perpich and Appelbacher). The Wildcats dominated the play, recording 39 shots to Western's 15. Spencer Peterson got the win in goal. [jhsen@gannett.com] (248) 349-7000, ext. 228

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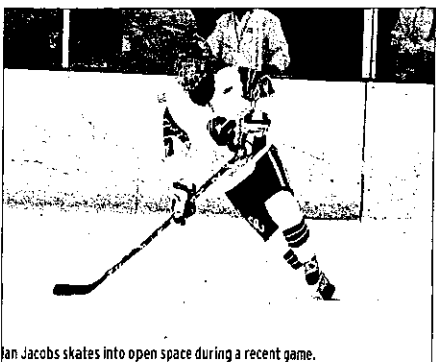
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Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment appeals in the Novi City Council Chambers at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road on March 9, 10 & 11, 2009. All appearances before the Board will be by appointment only. If you or your representative want to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 6:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 6, 2009. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office or at www.cityofnovi.org. NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

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## BUSINESS MILESTONES

### SPECIAL HAPPENINGS

**Novi Bowl**  
Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit announces its Bowling for Jobs program through the month of March. The event will not only raise money for Goodwill to help put people to work, but it's also a great value for families looking for something to do together. The cost to bowl for jobs is \$10 and bowlers will receive five games of bowling at Novi Bowl. Bowlers must call ahead to confirm open-bowling times, and shoe rental is not included. Novi Bowl may be reached at (248) 348-9120. Interested bowlers may also visit [www.bowlingforjobs.org](http://www.bowlingforjobs.org) for more information.

**Providence Park Hospital**  
Each month, Providence Park Hospital hosts a free dinner about a current topic in health care. The public is welcome to attend the casual dinner, health presentation and Q & A. Dinners are held in conference rooms A, B & C on campus at Grand

River Avenue and Beck Road in Novi. The next program is "Heart Disease: Causes and Treatment" Wednesday, Feb. 25 with guest speaker Dr. Chris Liakonis, thoracic surgeon. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. and the presentation runs from 7-9 p.m. with questions and answers immediately following. To register for the dinner, call 1-866-501-DOCS.

### OFFERS

**Snap Fitness**  
Located at 41774 10 Mile Road, the Novi Snap Fitness is offering new members a free \$100 fitness assessment with a personal trainer. The trainer will test their strength, endurance and flexibility and get expert advice on the type of exercise and nutrition that will benefit them the most. The club starts every new member with an equipment tutorial and an introduction to a "Basic 8" total-body workout that takes only 30 minutes each visit. Members can also activate their own

free, personal Web page where they can create and track workouts and plan their meals and calories whenever they want.

### CLASSES

**Walsh College**  
The region's workers in transition present "Take Charge" a series of free, educational workshops offered by Walsh College in February and March. The workshops range from one day to six-week sessions. Workshops will cover topics including accounting fundamentals, job search strategies, household budgeting and options in foreclosure, leadership assessment, project management fundamentals, business certifications and information technology security basics. Spaces are limited and registration is required. The next course is Business Certifications 4-6 p.m. today featuring Gregory Todd, CMA. Visit the Walsh College Web site, [www.walshcollege.edu/takecharge](http://www.walshcollege.edu/takecharge), to register. For more information, e-mail [takecharge@walshcollege.edu](mailto:takecharge@walshcollege.edu).

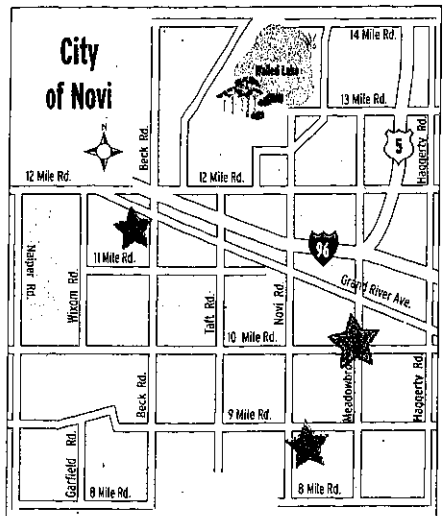
### TOP HONORS

**Play It Again Sports**  
Play It Again Sports of Novi has gone gold. The local sporting goods provider of new and quality used sports and fitness equipment was recognized for achieving a Gold Standard measurement. The standard is reached when a store achieves a set of benchmarks set forth by the franchisor during the evaluation process. The Novi store achieved the customer satisfaction, store operations and product quality standards to earn Gold Standard recognition in 2009. For more about Play It Again Sports, visit [www.playitagainsports.com](http://www.playitagainsports.com).

### OPENINGS

**Fusion Fitness Club**  
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## Entrepreneurial muscle flexed at Novi health club

BY LEAH BOYD  
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

Entrepreneur Paul Wright took a chance and beat the odds.

Four years ago, the 45-year-old Brighton resident left corporate America to start a fitness center. Since then, his business has flourished and led to the opening of a second location in Novi late last year. "I prefer this," Wright said. "It's much more difficult than working for someone else. It's a lot more work but very rewarding."



PHOTO BY ALAN WARD/DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

Entrepreneur Paul Wright inside his upscale, two-story Fusion Health & Fitness Club in Novi.

Wright, who worked 20 years in logistics services for the automotive industry, decided running a fitness center would better serve his passion. His upscale two-story Fusion Health & Fitness Club in Novi includes a three-lane lap pool and hot tub, basketball and racquetball courts, and an athletic training area that includes a track and turf. The club also offers tanning, massage, personal training services and child care.

Beyond workout amenities, the fitness center provides seminars on nutrition and sleep habits. Wright said he designed the club, which includes a juice bar and cafe that offers protein shakes and lean cuisine, to focus on whole-body, mind and spirit health.

"I wanted to create a facility that focuses more on the 80 percent of our population that

doesn't feel comfortable going into a health club," he said. Wright, a former competitive bodybuilder, said he blended the features he liked in health clubs throughout the country into his gym. With his background in business, he created a model that has so far been successful even during the state's rough economic times.

But his endeavors haven't been easy. Wright said he works a lot more now than he did before taking a buyout from Caterpillar in 2005.

"Before it was someone else's money and worries, but now it all comes down to me," he said. Wright opened his first gym, which has about 2,000 mem-

bers, in Ann Arbor. His new \$8 million fitness center in Novi is more than 40,000 square feet larger than the Ann Arbor site.

He hopes the club's location within the Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk outdoor mall in Novi will attract a wide variety of people.

Kim Peterson, the mall's manager, said the club was a great addition.

"(It) brings a new level of excitement," she said. "Its floor-to-ceiling windows and open floor plan perfectly complement the energy and architecture of our center."

The club is at 44125 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite E123.

## CHAMBER CHAT

Network with business professionals from across Oakland County on Feb. 18 at the OCN Business Card Exchange/After 5 Networking event 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18 at Providence Park Hospital, 47601 Grand River Ave. Advance paid reservations \$10; at door \$15. Join us for networking, hors d'oeuvres, and two complimentary drink tickets at Oakland County's largest business card exchange. This

event is open to members of 29 Chambers in Oakland County. In celebration of the American Heart Association's Healthy Heart Month, Providence Hospital and members of the Healthy Lifestyles Round Table will sponsor this event. Register online at [www.novi-chamber.com](http://www.novi-chamber.com) or call (248) 349-3743. You won't want to miss this networking opportunity. Make your reservation today. Committees and Round Tables:

- Feb. 12 - Sales Leads 1, 8:30 a.m. Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks
- Feb. 25 - Financial Round Table 8:30 a.m. Picasso Cafe

The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, educational programs, an enhanced Web site, and involvement with local charities. For membership information, visit our Web site at [www.novichamber.com](http://www.novichamber.com) or call (248) 349-3743.

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## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

### Yvonne Will-Murphy



Yvonne Will-Murphy, D.O., Ph.D., has joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital. Will-Murphy is a member of the American Academy of Neurologists, the American College of Osteopathic Neurologists and Psychiatrists, the Michigan Osteopathic Association and the Society for Neuroscience. Will-Murphy practices at Associates in Neurology located at 27555

Middlebelt Rd. in Farmington Hills, 26850 Providence Parkway, Suite 210 in Novi and 22250 Providence Dr., Suite 602 in Southfield. The Novi number is (248) 735-0502.

Will-Murphy received a dual degree (D.O. and Ph.D.) from Michigan State University. She completed her internship and neurology residency at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital, where she was chief resident.

### Jim Mauch

Beltmann Integrated Logistics, with headquarters in Novi, recently announced the launch of its new health care division and the appointment of Jim Mauch, who will lead business development initiatives for the division as vice

president of health care logistics sales.

The addition of Mauch reflects the organization's commitment to expanding Beltmann's market presence by delivering cost savings and enhanced value to the health

care industry.

Tasked with building a new division, Mauch brings with him 31 years of industry experience across a multitude of leadership roles to include new construction, relocation logistics, operations and sales.



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