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In honor of February's National Children's Dental Health Month, Dr. Justin Geller, of Novi-based JMG Dentistry, is offering free child dental screenings from 4-7 p.m. today at his office, 31202 Novi Road. No appointments necessary. For more information, call (248) 926-4030.

Review board

The 2009 Board of Review hearings will be held March 9-11 in council chambers at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. All appearances before the Board of Review will be by appointment only and an appointment must be made by 5 p.m. Friday, March 6. Blank petition forms are available by visiting www.cityofnovi.org.

2009 Green Gala

The Novi Educational Foundation annual Green Gala will take place Saturday, March 21. Join the NEF for an evening of fun and excitement all in support of the Novi Community Schools. The gala includes casino night gambling, hors d'oeuvres and desserts, live and silent auction, music and dancing, games and more. Make your reservation now. For more information, visit www.novieducationalfoundation.org.

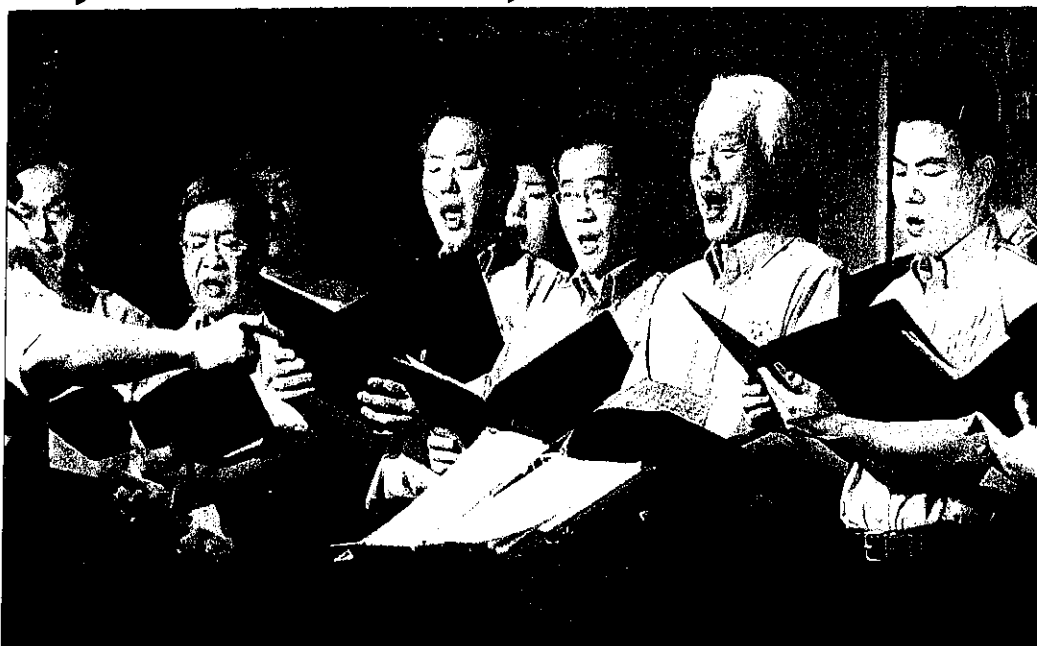
Library lot closes

The Novi Public Library's west lot will be closed effective Monday, March 2. Until further notice, the main entrance driveway will remain open for traffic to route to the north and east parking lots. Additional parking is available in the north lot of Novi High School.

Reel Talk

Film Critic Tom Long is hosting Reel Talk, a preview and movie discussion group 7 p.m. tonight at Imagine Novi, 44425 W. 12 Mile Road. The event also includes trivia questions and prizes. Registration is \$50 a year and is nonrefundable. Seating for Reel Talk is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call (313) 222-1457.

Japanese exhibit opens at Civic Center



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/NOVI NEWS

Members of the White Pine Glee Club sing "Iza Iza ikusabito" during last Thursday night's The Spirit of Budô: The History of Japan's Martial Arts presentation at the Novi Civic Center. The song, adapted from a British hymn, is about soldiers' loyalty.

Novi chosen as only Michigan community to host event

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

For exhibit schedule of events, see page A2

Residents of Novi and its surrounding communities attended Thursday evening's Welcome Reception of the Japanese exhibit, The Spirit of Budô: The History of Japan's Martial Arts, in the Atrium of the Novi Civic Center.

"It's a good representation of the (Japanese) culture, the martial arts

aspect," said Satoru Ono, a native of Japan, who currently resides in Bloomfield Hills.

The traditional weapons and armor of Japan's martial arts culture, are on display and available for public viewing through March 13.

"They are not close to our modern

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City Councilman Brian Burke, left, takes a look at some of the Japanese martial arts swords on display in the Novi Civic Center Atrium for the The Spirit of Budô: The History of Japan's Martial Arts exhibition.



PHOTO BY JOHN HEIDER/NOVI NEWS

Novi hopes to tackle pavement repairs along Nine Mile Road between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads, if approved for funding through the Federal Economic Stimulus Package.

City submits 'shovel ready' road projects for stimulus consideration

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

funding are:

- Nine Mile Road, from Meadowbrook to Haggerty roads
- Nine Mile Road, from Novi to Taft roads
- Meadowbrook Road, from Eight Mile to Nine Mile roads
- Meadowbrook Road, from 10 Mile to Cherry Hill roads
- Nine Mile, from Beck to Taft roads
- Grand River Avenue, from Novi to Haggerty roads
- Wixom Road, from 10 Mile Road to Grand River Avenue

The City of Novi submitted a list of road projects, totaling about \$5 million, to be considered for funding through the Federal Economic Stimulus Package, signed into law Tuesday.

"First dollars would be for infrastructure, and we have a number of road projects that we're already in the Transportation Improvement Plan (which is required for eligibility)," Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said.

Novi's list of candidate road projects that meet the criteria to be eligible for

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Moving on from job loss

Novi neighbor helps career seekers find their match

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL
STAFF WRITER

When someone tells Ronald Ward they can't find a job, the Novi neighbor and executive career coach knows just what to say. "The point I make is very simple," Ward said. "Unemployment is a state of mind. No one is unemployed."



Ronald Ward

Ward, who is also a business growth consultant, is billed as a

master of the compelling resume and career growth strategies with more than 40 years of business experience.

"My experience is shop floor to board room," he said. But it is Ward's caring demeanor that surely gets the job done.

He recently hosted a free job searching seminar titled "The Seven Secrets of a Highly Effective Job Search" at the Novi Public Library and plans to host an all-day job seekers workshop for a small fraction of what his fees normally cost.

During his seminars, Ward covers how to cut your job search time in half, how to write a compelling resume that will get results, how to identify your professional assets and strengths, about 30 power-packed job posting Web sites, secrets on how to control an

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Bowling event to benefit Novi youth

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Youth Assistance is still seeking teams and donations for its 27th annual Bowl-A-Thon, which is 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at Novi Bowl.

"I think we could use some bowlers and we could definitely use some prizes," said John P. O'Brien, chair of the volunteer-driven organization. "We're looking to get as many people as possible, but we generally average well over 100 bowlers."

O'Brien is hoping to have a better estimate of the number of participants by the end of this week.

Teams usually consist of four to six bowlers, collecting pledges prior to the event. Sponsorship opportunities are also available for \$100 a lane, or for individual bowlers.

Participants receive three games of bowling, pizza, pop and prizes for free.

"Novi Bowl has always been

BOWL-A-THON

When: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 7
Where: Novi Bowl, 21700 Novi Road
How to get involved: Form a team and raise pledges; sponsor a bowler; sponsor a lane; donate prizes.
Contact: Novi Youth Assistance at (248) 347-0410.

supportive of our program for the more than 20 years we've been doing this," O'Brien said.

For a number of participants, this is the only time of year they bowl, so teams play nine-pin, no tap — meaning nine pins knocked down counts as a strike. All ages are welcome to attend and bumpers are available upon request.

"You don't have to be a good bowler," O'Brien said. "But we do have a rivalry between the police and fire departments, and there's usually some friendly competition between the schools and city."

Attendees will receive goodie

bags filled with prizes from local businesses, and recognition will be given to the person who raises the most money, and team, male, female and youth high scores.

The goal of this year's Bowl-A-Thon is to raise \$25,000. The Novi Youth Assistance, which is a branch of the Oakland County Youth Assistance, serves several hundred local children and families a year.

"One hundred percent of the money that is raised at the Bowl-A-Thon goes right back into the community," O'Brien said. "It's just to help out those who might be in need. Given the economy, we've seen an increase in demand of our services."

Through programs and services, including the Jeanne Clarke Summer Teen Center, Mentor Plus program, scholarship opportunities, and drug and alcohol awareness, the youth assistance provides support and assistance to at-risk children and their families.

I-96 road projects set to begin

BY JIM TOTTEN
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

Motorists can expect to see plenty of orange construction cones along Interstate 96 in eastern Livingston County as a \$28 million project gets started in early March.

The Michigan Department of Transportation plans to tear down and completely rebuild the Kensington Road bridge, resurface four miles of I-96 and repair the Pleasant Valley Road bridge. The resurfacing on I-96 will occur from U.S. 23 east to the county line.

The work is expected to start March 2 and won't be completed until fall.

"This is one of the biggest, high-impact projects in the county this year," MDOT spokeswoman Kari Arend said. Drivers who make it through these projects won't be clear when they reach Novi, Arend said there are some big road improvement projects planned

along I-96 in Novi that will require detours and the project is recognizing the impact the county project will have

2009 OAKLAND COUNTY ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

■ A two-year project to repair I-96 from west of Novi Road to Halsted Road in Oakland County. The project includes repairs to eight bridges, including the span that carries I-96 over the CSX rail road in the Novi.

■ Repair nearly 13 miles of roadway, including 42 bridges, on I-696 between Drake and Campbell Hillen roads in Oakland County.

■ Repair and resurface the Kensington Road bridge — which Arend said is outdated — will be completely rebuilt; crews are scheduled to start work on March 2. Arend said I-96 in both directions would be closed at night for short periods — 15 minutes — during the bridge project.

The Pleasant Valley bridge will be repaired and resurfaced. Arend said it will be reduced to one lane, and a temporary traffic signal will be installed.

The project is part of the state's five-year plan to make major improvements to I-96. Drivers can see traffic information and project details at www.michigan.gov/mdot.

2, and detours will be posted. The ramps at Kensington Road and I-96 will remain open, but those ramps will be resurfaced later this year.

Arend said all three lanes of I-96 will remain open during morning and evening rush hours, but there could be single-lane closures during the weekend and at night. Resurfacing of the four miles of I-96 will occur at night.

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LOCAL EVENTS

27th Annual Bowl-A-Thon
TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 7
LOCATION: Novi Bowl located on Novi Road between 8 and 9 Mile roads
DETAILS: All monies raised are used in the Novi Community. Goal \$25,000 - form a team - sponsor a bowler - sponsor a lane for \$100 - free bowling - free pizza and refreshments - prizes for all bowlers. NYA Jeanne Clark Summer Teen Center opens June 22.
CONTACT: For pledge sheets or information call Novi Youth Assistance (248) 347-0492.

Two Broads Abroad!
TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. Networking - 6:45 p.m. Dinner Meeting, Wednesday, March 11
LOCATION: DoubleTree Hotel, 4200 Crescent Blvd., Novi
DETAILS: The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of The American Business Women's Association presents Kathy Crawford, Kathy Crawford entertains wherever she goes! Enjoy her hilarious stories and interesting information on how she and her good friend went to Ireland to "meet people who look like us," and then published an account of their adventures.

Professional Children's Theater Series
TIME/DATE: All shows 7-8 p.m. Rob Reider's Mime Show, Friday, March 20, Roland the Minstrel Pig, Wild

Swan Theater, Friday, April 3; Cirque Amongus, Friday, April 24
LOCATION: Novi Middle School Performing Arts Center
DETAILS: Providence Park is sponsoring Novi Community Education in offering a Professional Children's Theater Series. Each show is \$5 per ticket, or all four shows can be purchased for \$17.
CONTACT: (248) 449-1206

Comfy Couch Concerts
TIME/DATE: Doors open 7 p.m. for polluk, concert begins 8 p.m., one Saturday per month
LOCATION: Newport Furnishings, 29240 Lyon Oaks Dr., Bloomington
DETAILS: Monthly concert series featuring live acoustic music. Casual, comfortable, smoke-free family friendly event. Bring a dish to share and join the potluck before the show.
CONTACT: comfycouchconcerts.com

Novi Rotary Club
TIME/DATE: Noon every Thursday
LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information: novirota.org.

American Business Women's Association Meetings
TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. second Wednesday of every month
LOCATION: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 27000

Sheraton Dr. (west of Novi Road, north of I-96)
DETAILS: Local chapter provides many advantages to today's working women and offers a strong community service program that includes raising money for scholarships.
CONTACT: (248) 330-6336 or abwa-novi.org.

Novi Public Library
LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile Road
HOURS: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday
CONTACT: (248) 349-0720 or novilibrary.org

Wixom Public Library
LOCATION: 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom
HOURS: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday
CONTACT: (248) 624-2512 or visit wixomlibrary.org

Senior Book Discussion
TIME/DATE: Noon to 1:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month
DETAILS: Book discussion group for older adults facilitated by librarian, please call to join.
Library Board Meeting
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. third Wednesday of every month
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, City Council Chambers
DETAILS: General meeting of the entire Library Board. Broadcast live on cable channel 13.
Bagels and Books
TIME/DATE: 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27
DETAILS: Read the book *Stack in Neutral* by Terry Trueman and join us for bagels and discussion. Ages 9-12.
Novi Writers' Group
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Feb. 28
DETAILS: Provide an inspirational environment for writers to collaborate, critique and create with other writers. The group is facilitated by local writer Kathy Malach. Writers of all genres are encouraged to participate. For 18 years and older. Please register online or call the library Friends' Special Used Book Sale
DATE: Sunday, March 1
DETAILS: Purchase a bag of used books for \$6 a bag
Monday Evening Book Discussion
TIME/DATE: 7-8 p.m. Monday, March 2
DETAILS: Join your Novi neighbors in a great discussion of fiction and non-fiction titles. Please register. Limited to 20 participants. Discussing *Me Talk Pretty One Day* by David Sedaris.
Starlight Story Time
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 3
DETAILS: 7-8 p.m. optional for this evening story time led by a librarian. No registration.
English Conversation Group
TIME/DATE: Noon-1 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, 10
DETAILS: Make friends while you practice your English pronunciation and conversation skills. The group will be guided by a volunteer from the Oakland County Literacy Council. No need to register.
Haiku Writing Workshop
TIME/DATE: 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Mar. 4
DETAILS: Haiku writing fun for the whole family.

Mighty Maneuvers
 Ryan Rabinowitz, 11, works his way through an obstacle course at the Novi Ice Arena during his "Sticks and Pucks" hockey camp last week.



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Case 08-003 Filed by LaYonway Sign Co. for 41125 W. Twelve Mile Rd. - 3224
 The petitioner is requesting a variance to allow installation of a 1147 SF wall sign or a variance to allow an alternative method of sign area calculations for Fusion Health & Fitness Clubs, a suite within Twelve Mile Crossing. The property is zoned RC and located west of Novi Road and south of Twelve Mile Road.

Case 09-004 Filed by Sign Fabricators for 24270 Novi Rd
 The petitioner is requesting a variance to allow installation of one additional 88 square foot wall sign for the Benito's Pizzeria suite located at 24270 Novi Road. The property is zoned B-3 and is located east of Novi Road and north of Ten Mile Road.

Case 08-095 Filed by CB Richard Ellis for 43700 Expo Center Drive
 The petitioner is requesting to renew the ZBA 07-100 variance to allow one 96 square foot oversize real estate leasing wall sign to be located on the building at 43700 Expo Center Drive for the Novi Expo Center Property is zoned EXPO and is located south of I-96 and west of Novi Road.

Case 08-092 Filed by Collera International for 26800 Meadowbrook Rd
 The petitioner is requesting a renewal of one (1) sign variance for a 60 square foot real estate leasing sign located at 26800 Meadowbrook Road. The property is zoned OST and located south of Twelve Mile and east of Meadowbrook Road.

Case 09-007 Filed by Singh Development LLC - 27476 Huron Circle
 The petitioner is requesting renewal of a variance to allow continued placement of a 41 square foot temporary leasing sign, 13 feet in height located at 27476 Huron Circle - Wagonwood. The property is zoned RM-1 and is located south of Twelve Mile Road and east of Novi Road.

Case 09-008 Filed by Bistro of Grace LLC - 26750 Novi Road - Bldg 102
 The petitioner is requesting a variance to permit the installation of a 36 seat restaurant area in the Basic Asian Market located at 26750 Novi Road - Suite 102 without installing any additional parking spaces as required by the Zoning Ordinance. The property is zoned T-C1 and is located on the east side of Novi Road, south of Main Street and north of the CSX railroad tracks.

Case 09-009 Filed by Boyne Country Sports - 27782 Novi Road
 The petitioner is requesting a variance to allow a wall sign on the east elevation of the building located at 27782 Novi Road. The property is zoned RC and is located east of Novi Road and south of Twelve Mile Road.

Case 09-010 Filed by Sign Graphics Inc. for 47801 Grand River Avenue
 The petitioner is requesting a variance to erect a wall sign on the north elevation for Providence Park located at 47801 Grand River Avenue. The property is zoned OSC and is south of Grand River Avenue and west of Beck Road.

Case 09-011 Filed by CSF21 2001-CPA Haggerty Rd for 27175 - 27176 Haggerty Road
 The petitioner is requesting a variance to allow a business center sign which contains the names of tenants located at 27175 - 27176 Haggerty Road - Novi Research Park. The property is zoned OST and is located west of Haggerty and south of Twelve Mile Road.

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 Noon Lunch
 12:15 p.m. Contract Bridge
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 9 a.m.: Stretch & Strength
 10 a.m.: Body Recall
 Noon Lunch
 12:30 p.m.: Dupl. Bridge
 1 p.m.: Bingo
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 9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength
 10 a.m.: Body Recall
 Noon Lunch
 12:30 p.m.: Pineschle
 6-7 p.m.: Pilates Mat Work
 6-7 p.m.: Yoga
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 1:30 p.m.: Humana Presentation
 6-7 p.m.: Dancing with the Stars
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 TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. first and third Monday of month
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 CONTACT: (248) 347-0470
Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting
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 CONTACT: To register, call (248) 449-1226 or visit novi.k12.mi.us/district/communityeducation
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Novi Chamber of Commerce
 LOCATION: 41875 11 Mile Rd. #201, Novi
 CONTACT: For more information call (248) 349-3743 or www.novichamber.com
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 TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 4
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 TIME/DATE: 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, Mar. 11
 LOCATION: Network Source One, 39625 Lewis Dr., Novi
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 TIME/DATE: 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, March 17
 LOCATION: Modern Floors, 1145 M. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake
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 Job Fair
 TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday Apr. 25
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
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 LOCATION: Rock Financial Center, East Entrance, 46100 Grand River Avenue
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 TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. second Monday of month, Sept.-May
 LOCATION: Northville Art House at 215 W. Cady Street, Northville
 DETAILS: Visitors welcome.
 CONTACT: Contact: Marcia (248) 349-2352 or visit gardenersofnorthville-novi.org
Line Dancing
 DATE: Mondays and Fridays
 TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m. intermediate
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
 DETAILS: No partner needed; pay-as-you-go. Novi residents \$5, non-residents \$6.
Novi Toastmasters
 TIME/DATE: 7-8:45 p.m. first and third

Tuesday of each month
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
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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 5:00 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.

Letters of protest will be accepted on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Tuesday, March 10, 2009. Postmarks will not be considered. When submitting a letter of protest for the Board of Review consideration, you must attach a completed petition along with any supporting information.

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BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE
 Monday, March 9, 2009 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, March 10, 2009 - 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, March 11, 2009 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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Wildcat Jeremy Mims is stopped by two Lions back on Feb. 3.

Wildcats
pounced
on by LionsBY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

It was all there for the taking. And South Lyon took defended the home court in mighty fashion to win the first-ever KLAAs Central Division title.

South Lyon jumped ahead early and took advantage of 42 free throws to knock off Novi 62-42 Friday.

"They just started from the get go," South Lyon head coach Doug Host said. "I'm just so proud of them. I don't know what to say. They played great tonight. They really did."

The Wildcats normal in-your-face defense was getting whistled for fouls at an alarming pace. South Lyon was in the bonus with 3:24 left in the first quarter. The Lions would shoot 42 free throws on the night, making 25.

"We've never been put in that situation before," Novi head coach Cory Heitsch said. "When you're put in those situations you need to react and make adjustments, but nobody has ever seen that before."

"I can't blame the kids for this. It just felt like no matter what happened, they were put in a position where they weren't going to succeed on the defensive end. I think it really effected us on the offensive end."

But referees aside, South Lyon took it to Novi early and often.

The Lions trailed 4-2 early before ripping off an 11-0 run, and they would



South Lyon's Justin Hartman holds the ball over Novi's Nick Regnier.

never trail again.

Novi trailed 17-13 after the first and scored the first point of the second before South Lyon went on an 18-7 run the rest of the quarter for a 35-21 halftime lead.

Novi was called for 14 fouls in the first half and Chris Bellamy picked up a technical foul late in the second quarter. He was held scoreless in the first half and finished with just five points.

The Lions didn't offer Novi a chance to get back in it by ripping off the first eight points of the third for a commanding 43-21 lead.

"Novi is just an awesome team," Host said. "For us to do what we did tonight ... They just brought it."

South Lyon's Jordan Short led all scorers with 19 points. Chance Bennett also hit double digits, scoring all 11 of his in the first half. Center Eric Wedesky scored eight points. In all 10 Lions made the scorebook with the fourth quarter being mostly played by the subs.

"This is so big to the whole team, the championship. It's nice," Short said. "I just had a good night."

"Novi is a good team. We had to bring

the hard pressure the whole game."

Jeremy Mims led Novi with 11 points. Samer Ozeir was next with nine.

Heading into the fourth quarter, Novi hit just 11 of 36 shots and only one of nine from behind the arc.

"We couldn't get in a rhythm," Heitsch said. "With all the free throws, everything was choppy, everything was choppy."

"It is what it is. They beat us twice and they deserve the championship."

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WRAPSCaldwell wrestles
into regionals

Clayton Caldwell was the lone Wildcat to advance out of individual districts Saturday.

He placed third, beating Churchill's John Bannoura 4-0 to move on. Caldwell has a 22-13 record heading into Saturday's regionals at Woodhaven. The top four placers at regionals advance to the state meet.

KLAAs CONFERENCE
WRESTLING MEET

Novi had four wrestlers place at the Lakes Conference meet Feb. 14.

Connor Caldwell led the charge with a fourth-place finish at 112 pounds.

Three Wildcats finished in fifth — Clayton Caldwell at 130, Glenn MaLear at 140 and Adam Paul at 171.

NOVI 52, PLYMOUTH 45

The Novi boys bounced back well after Friday's setback in the Central Division showdown.

Novi got 21 points from Bellamy (4 three-pointers) and 12 from Brandon Rydzewski (all on three-pointers) to pace the offense. Samer Ozeir added nine points to the win.

Novi (14-3) took a 30-25 lead into the half. Plymouth (8-9) trimmed the lead to 41-38 heading into the fourth, but Novi held on for the victory.

NOVI 58, STEVENSON 41

Novi outscored Stevenson 24-10 in the third quarter to blow open a 26-21 halftime lead.

Chris Bellamy scored 21 points to lead all scorers. Brandon Bryan and Samer Ozeir were next with eight points each.

Bobby Naubert led the Spartans with 15 points.

NOVI FRESHMAN GIRLS
STAY UNDEFEATED

The Novi freshman girls basketball team improved to 18-0 with a 60-20 win against South Lyon.

Natalie Paul led all scorers with 15 points. Taylor Scott added 10 points.

The Wildcats knocked off Stevenson 53-13 earlier in the week. Anna Lausch scored 24 points to lead all scorers. Maddie Haustein was next with eight points.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL 39,
BIRMINGHAM BROTHER
RICE 33

The Shamrocks advanced in the Catholic League tournament with a tough, 39-33 win against rival Brother Rice on Saturday at Calihan Hall.

Brett Smith poured in a game-high 18 points to lead CC. Steve Harding added 13.

Each team held small leads after the first and second quarters, but they went into the fourth quarter tied at 25. The Shamrocks (13-4) fought past the Warriors (6-1) in the fourth.

NOVI 6, CANTON 0

The Wildcats rolled past Canton in a Saturday KLAAs cross-over hockey game.

Wildcats pound Stevenson,
fall to South LyonBY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The Wildcats played two strong games last week but came up with just one win.

Novi buried Stevenson by winning big in each of the first three quarters.

The Wildcats battled South Lyon hard on Friday, but came up just short.

NOVI 53, STEVENSON 35

Balanced scoring helped lead the Wildcats to a big win against Stevenson on Feb. 17.

Caroline Johnson led 11 Novi players in the scorebook with 19. She also dished out four assists, snagged five steals and blocked four shots.

The Cats exploded out to a 20-5 lead by the end of the first quarter and a 34-10 halftime lead. Novi put the game to rest with a 14-7 advantage in the third for a 48-22 lead heading into the fourth.

Chantel Hill scored eight points, passed out four assists and four steals.

Kelsey Masserant chipped in seven points.

SOUTH LYON 49, NOVI 45

The Lions proved to be a much tougher task Friday.

The teams were tied at nine after the first quarter, but South Lyon went ahead 25-17 by halftime. Novi (12-6, 7-3) pulled within



Wildcat Alyssa Armiak looks to make a pass.

37-33 heading into the fourth but couldn't pull off the win.

Heather Armiak scored 14 points to lead the Wildcats. Johnson was next with 13, and Masserant pitched in eight points.

The Lions (14-5, 7-3) were led by center Danielle Gotham with a game-high 17 points. Kristin Short pitched in 11 points, and Courtney Harrison contributed eight points.

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Novi's Caroline Johnson puts up a shot with a Livonia Stevenson player's hand on her arm.

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Shamrocks wrestle district title from Novi, Northville

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central blasted past Novi and held off Northville to win the team district title Feb. 18 at home.

The Shamrocks had little trouble in getting past Novi. The Wildcats' Glenn Malcar won by pin at 140 for Novi's lone win.

For the Shamrocks, wins by pin came from Alec Mooradian at 112 pounds, Justin Melick at 119, Charlie Joseph at 125,

Trevor O'Connor at 152, and Mike Kinville at 189.

Todd Melick (103) and Andrew Johnson (215) won by void.

Mike Peralas won by technical fall (20-5) at 130 pounds.

Other wins came from Doug Eldridge (13-3) at 135, Gerid Gee (6-3) at 145, Miles Trealour (4-1) at 160, Brendan Cox (6-0) at 171 and Nate Wilkins (3-1) at heavyweight.

The Shamrocks dominated the lower weights and fought off the Mustangs in the higher weights to get the win.

Todd Melick scored a pin in 11 seconds at 103.

Other pins came from Mooradian at 119, O'Connor at 152 and Kinville at 189.

Wins by decision came from Justin Melick (13-0) at 125, Joseph (13-2) at 130 and Eldridge (7-4) at 135.

Matt Thompson won by void at 112.

Northville posted wins at 140, 145, 160, 171, 215 and heavyweight.

The next round for CC was yesterday at Novi. If CC won, it will travel to Battle Creek to take part in the state tournament March 6-7.

CC DOMINATES AT INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS

The Shamrocks won titles in seven weight classes and earned nine total invites to the regional match Saturday at Livonia Stevenson.

Winning titles were Todd Melick at 103 (31-2), Mooradian at 112 (40-0), Justin Melick at 119 (30-6), Joseph at 125 (30-11), Eldridge at 130 (32-8), O'Connor at 152 (35-7) and Mike Kinville at 189 (31-9).

Also moving on are Thompson with a fourth-place finish at 112 (5-3) and Gee at 145, also with a fourth-place finish (23-9).

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CC's Nick Crowley works behind the net during a recent game.

CC hockey wraps up CHSL title

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The Catholic Central hockey team wrapped up the Catholic League title with a 6-0 whitewashing of DeLaSalle on Saturday.

The Shamrocks got a pair of goals from Ryan Obuchowski to lead the offense.

Also adding goals were Tony Thomas, Michael Zumla, Kyle Nelson and Austin Hervey.

Zach Cisek got the shutout in goal for the Shamrocks (18-3-2).

Two days earlier, the Shamrocks blasted Port Huron Northern 7-1.

Brent Darnell had two goals and two assists and Thomas had one goal and two assists for Catholic Central.

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Pony - May 1, 1994-April 30, 1996
Colt - May 1, 1992-April 30, 1994
Palomino - May 1, 1990-April 30, 1992

Registration can be done on www.noviyouthbaseball.org with payment due by March 15. Pinto through Bronco cost \$160 and the higher leagues are \$180.

GREEN AND WHITE GAME
The Novi Middle School

"Green and White" Game is 7-9 p.m. March 27 at the Novi Ice Arena. Will be a practice game.

If interested in playing, contact Paul Flavin at (248) 390-5342 or by email at noviwild@yaho.com. Must be a Novi Middle School student to participate.

2009 NOVI WILD SPRING TEAM TRYOUTS
The Novi Wild prep hockey team will be holding tryouts for the 2009 Novi Wild spring team 6:30 p.m. March 20 at Compuware Ice Arena and from 8-9:30 p.m. March 29 at the Novi Ice Arena. You must attend Novi Schools to participate. Goalies are encouraged to attend.

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Squirt FireCats win district 4 title

The Novi FireCats district record of 7-0-1 earns them a Squirt B District Championship with a 2-1 win against Livonia Blackhawks. The FireCats advance to the State Championship on March 20-22 in Lapeer, where they will battle the top eight teams in Michigan for the state title.

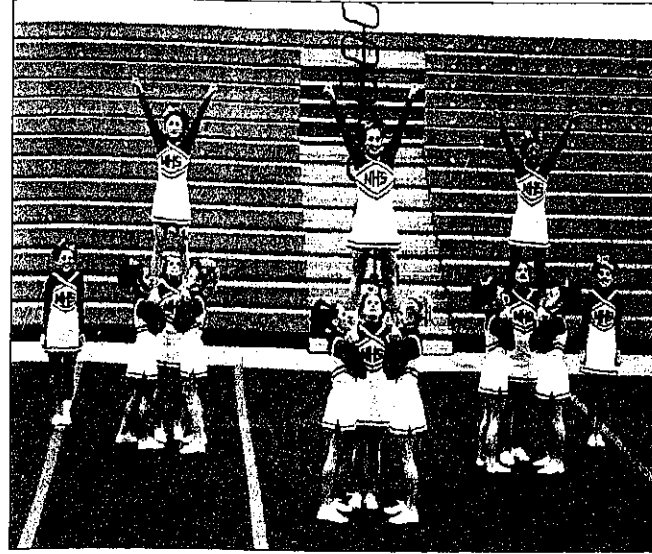
The FireCats have racked up an impressive 39-1-3 record. Throughout the year they have won championships in Little Caesars Libbett Division, along with tournament championships in Holland and Brownstown. The FireCats goalie and defensive play has been the backbone to their success, allowing 54 goals while netting 216 of their own.

FireCats are comprised of nine and 10-year olds from Novi, Northville, Commerce and Canton.

Front Row: Jake Butler, Kyle Isaacson, Ty Kilar, Ryan Sutcliffe and Rod VanTiem; Second Row: Nathan Pohl, Sergey Arnold, Dyan Manning, Brenden McCarthy, Cole Dupuis, Cole Carstein, Jake Blackmore and Joey Beran; Third Row: Brendan Mauhrin, Michael Hrit and Brad Niemiec; Coaches: Brian Niemiec, Kurt Kilar, Troy Isaacson, Stu Durocher and John McCarthy.



Regional bound
Novi's Clayton Caldwell works over an opponent. He will be Novi's lone representative at Saturday's regional tournament at Woodhaven.



The Novi cheer team performs during districts.

Novi cheer falls just short at districts

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The season came to an abrupt end for the Novi cheer team once the final scores were announced at the end of the match, and Novi came up just shy of the fourth and final qualifying spot.

Hartland ran away with the district by scoring 760.35. Rounding out second through fourth were Northville (722.38), Brighton (709.27).

Novi finished in fifth with 701.44.

The Wildcats were in third place after the first round with 210.4. They were bumped to fourth after scoring 216.84 in the second round.

South Lyon trailed novi by 12 points heading into the final round and outscored the Wildcats 279.9-278.2 to make the jump into the final qualifying spot.

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Petland, once again, is among top-ranked franchises in the United States. Overall, Petland, Inc. ranked 292 in the Entrepreneur Magazine's 30th Annual Franchise 500. In conducting its annual rating of franchises in the world, Entrepreneur considers numerous factors including financial strength, stability, growth rate and size of the franchise system. The Novi Petland is located in Twelve Oaks Mall. Visit www.petland.com.

Cartridge World
As most retailers were feeling the strain of the recession in 2008, Cartridge World, the world's fastest growing ink and toner refilling retailer, experienced record-setting growth. As the leader in the \$80 billion printer cartridge industry, Cartridge World in the United States experienced a 13 percent increase in same-store sales over 2007. Cartridge World in Novi is located at 41744 W. 10 Mile Road.

CLASSES

ABC Warehouse
ABC Warehouse is offering free cooking classes and tastings at its Novi location in West Oaks Mall. Tonight

Sherry Sundling presents Asian Cuisine, featuring far east flavors to add some spice to these long winter nights. On March 5, Francine Pamela Salavatore presents Spanish Cuisine, featuring recipes from tapas to Paella. All classes begin at 6:30 p.m.

Botsford Center for Health Improvement

The Botsford Center for Health Improvement in Novi is offering a golf-conditioning program designed to improve your golf game through education and hands-on fitness training. Each participant will receive a customized strength and conditioning program that meets the biomechanical and physiological demands of the sport. Classes begin Monday, March 2 from 6-6:45 p.m., or Tuesday, March 3 from 8:30-9:15 a.m. and meet weekly for six weeks. The cost is \$150 for Botsford Center for Health Improvement members. Non-members fees are \$200 and include membership during the six-week program. Seminar attendees can save 10 percent on fees if they sign up for the classes following the lecture. For more information, call (248) 473-3100 or visit www.botsford.org/bchi.

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 for more information.

RELOCATION

Novi Internal Medicine and Pediatrics
Northern Equities Group, recently announced a long-term lease of 5,400 square feet in the Lewis Medical Office Centre (LMOC) to Novi Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, P.L.L.C. A specialist of preventative medicine and health care services for all ages, Novi Internal Medicine and Pediatrics offers: X-ray services, bone density testing, EKG, school/sports physicals, well child care, immunizations, in-house laboratory, and other diagnostic testing for the entire family. The practice will move its offices to the LMOC, located at 3975 Lewis Drive, near the 1 Mile and Haggerty roads intersection

in June. Novi Internal Medicine and Pediatrics is currently located at 42450 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite 105 in Novi.

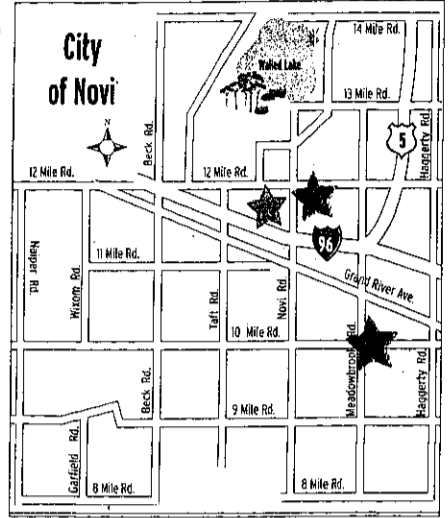
Laser Mechanisms

Laser Mechanisms Inc. recently announced the move of its corporate headquarters from Farmington Hills to Novi. The 22,000-square-foot facility houses corporate offices, sales and engineering. In addition, an adjacent 28,000-square-foot building is being completed for manufacturing and warehousing operations. The two facilities together will nearly double Laser Mechanisms' previous square footage. The relocation is in direct response to sustained sales growth and will enable Laser Mechanisms to more effectively serve its expanding customer base. Laser Mechanisms' new address is 25325 Regency Drive. For more information, visit www.lasermech.com.

OPENINGS

Fusion Fitness Club
44125 W. 12 Mile Road
Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk

Optimum Hearing Care
44150 12 Mile Road
Inside the Anti-Aging and Wellness Center
(248) 305-3355



Mirchi
Indian Restaurant
43317 Grand River Ave.

(248) 465-6520
27250 Novi Road

La Fuente
Authentic Mexican Restaurant

Garnish
25875 Novi Road

CLOSING



Welcome!

Novi City Manager Clay Pearson, left, helps welcome the owner of La Fuente along with Mayor David Landry, Novi Director of Community Development Steve Rumpke, and Novi Economic Development Director Ara Topuzian.

CHAMBER CHAT

Membership Luncheon
Wednesday, March 4. Join us for a unique luncheon at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. Registration is at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at noon provided by Cherry Blossom. Tour the acclaimed "Budo" (the spirit of martial arts) Exhibition traveling North America from Japan and learn lessons on business practices from a 5th degree master of SK martial art. Advance registration is \$20. Day-of-and at the door registration is \$30.
Jpin members of the Men's Round Table in a suite 7:30 p.m. March 9 as the Detroit Pistons

take on the Orlando Magic. The cost is \$85 per person and includes refreshments, but not dinner. Contact J.R. Atiyeh for tickets and car pooling information, (248) 380-6669.
The Business to Business and New Member Reception is 8-9 a.m. March 11 hosted by Network Source One, 39625 Lewis Dr., Suite 900 in Novi. Join us for networking and refreshments. The \$5 event fee is payable at the door.
The Business to Business and New Member Bonus Reception is 8-9 a.m. March 17 hosted by Modern Floors,

1145 N. Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake. Join us for networking and refreshments. The \$5 event fee is payable at the door.
Committees and Round Tables:
• Feb. 26 - Sales Leads Group 1:30 a.m. Moes on Ten
• 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 or call (248) 349-3743.

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS



Jennifer Goulet
ArtServe Michigan, the leading statewide arts and cultural advocacy organization in Michigan, announced its Board of Directors appointed Jennifer H. Goulet as its president. Goulet has been serving as ArtServe's interim president since October 2008. Goulet joined ArtServe as its director of development in June 2007. Prior to coming to ArtServe, Goulet was the executive director of the Chelsea Center for the Arts. Guided by the belief that arts and culture are important to the health and welfare of Michigan, Wixom-based ArtServe works to cultivate the creative potential of Michigan's arts and cultural sector through advocacy, capacity building and strategic communications.



Clayton F. Farrell
Novi resident and attorney Clayton F. Farrell will be speaking at the HB Litigation Conference "Introduction of General and Specific Causation Evidence in Toxic Tort Cases" in Philadelphia on Feb. 28. He will serve as moderator of the conference session, Pathological Evidence of Specific Causation. Farrell, a partner at Collins, Einhorn, Farrell and Uianoff, serves as head of the firm's toxic tort practice group. He focuses his practice on multi-party, complex litigation, including litigation in the areas of toxic torts, environmental torts, product liability and emerging claims.



Elizabeth Morelli
Elizabeth Morelli, M.D., has joined the Beaumont medical practice located in Novi, to provide family medicine with a focus on women's health. She's teaming up with established Novi doctor, George Nicoloff, M.D., who provides family care and specializes in sports medicine. Dr. Morelli is a graduate of Purdue University and completed her residency in family practice at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. She joined Beaumont in 2007. The practice is located at 24230 Karim Blvd.

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