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The Novi High School Band Boosters will host the Novi Invitational at Novi High School on Saturday, Feb. 27 beginning at 11:45 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

The Michigan Color Guard Circuit, Inc. sanctioned event will feature over 57 drumline and winterguard units plus 15 individual performers for a full day of percussion, music, movement and color.

The Novi Flagline will per-form in exhibition at 4:20 p.m., and Novi Green will perform in AAA Class competition at 6:30 p.m. Novi White will perform in Scholastic A Class competition at 8:30 p.m.

Health expo

Vicky Savas, M.D. cardiovascular disease, will host a free health expo from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 26 at Novi's Providence Park Hospital, Old Medical Office Building in conference rooms A, B and C.

There will be two lectures: "Women and Heart Disease" and "Sudden Cardiac Death."

Novi merges police, fire administration

Change will save city money, streamline operations

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

The city of Novi has a new look when it comes to the administrative functions of the police and fire departments.

City officials chose to not replace the fire chief position vacated by Frank Smith on Feb. 19, and instead moved David Molloy into a dual role as the director of public safety/chief of police and created the department of public safety.

Former Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Johnson also was promoted to director of emergency medical services and fire operations.

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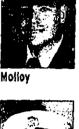
CLAY PEARSON, Novi city manager

City Manager Clay Pearson said the restructuring is going to provide considerable cost savings for the city and improve service.

"Everyone in our organization understands we are not going to be raising property tax rates in Novi," he said. "But the expectation is we are going to get better with

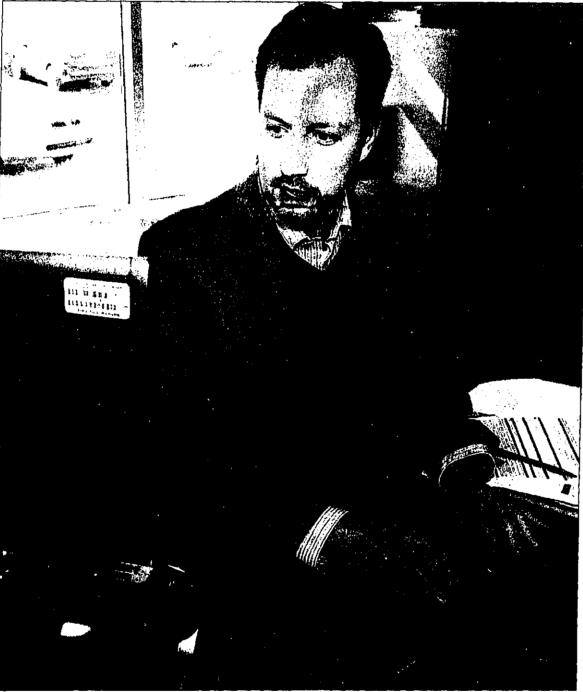
less resources, and the only way you can do that is by changing and trying new things." By combining services, it will allow for more flexibility in the delivery of emergency and routine public safety services; a closer connection between planning, service deliv-

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Helping small businesses succeed



Business Assistance Team is offering up its services

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

A depressed economy has made tough times even harder for small business owners in Novi.

The goal is to continue to search for new ways to reach a consumer that is more conservative with their money, and also do so in a way that keeps their business afloat. And that is where the Novi Business Assistance Team can help. B.A.T. is a group made up of people from the city, chamber, **B.A.T. MEETING** National City When: 7-9:30 a.m. March 2 Bank, Oakland Where: Walsh College, County, Novi campus, 41500 SCORE and Gardenbrook Road more who talk Other: Event is free. to business Register by calling (248) owners about what keeps 347-0580. them up at night, what



Complementary light lunch catered by George's Senate Coney Island in Northville will be served. This is a free event but seating is limited. Call (248)356-5033 for reservations.

Oscar® contest

Choose the winners of several major Academy Awards® categories for the chance to win some great prizes, courtesy of Emagine Theatres of Canton and Novi and the Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Newspapers. First prize is a 12month pass for two to Emagine, second prize is four movie passes and a \$25 concession gift card and third prize is two movie passes and a \$15 concession gift card.

It's easy to enter — just predict how the academy will vote in seven major categories: best film, director, actor, actress, supporting actor, supporting actress and animated film. Tiebreaker categories include winner for best musical score and best documentary feature. In the event that there is a tie, a name will be randomly selected.

Select your choices by 11:59 p.m. Friday, March 5, to be eligible for this year's contest. Go to www. hometownlife.com and click on Oscar Contest.

JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Branch Vice President Patrick Mondro works on his computer at his office in the National City Bank in Novi. Mondro is one of several people involved with the Novi Business Assistance Team which provides advice for small business owners.

issues they may be having and where they need assistance.

"Especially in these times we are in, everyone needs some form of help," said Ara Topouzian, economic development director for the city of Novi. "I think it's an excellent way for businesses to be able to learn more about what resources are out there to help them. It's not a sales job at all, we aren't trying to sell anyone anything, we just want to give them the tools and resources to succeed in their business."

The team has been around since 2007, but is switching things up a bit to try to reach more business owners. In the past, B.A.T would just send out fliers to businesses, but failed to connect because people didn't know much about how it worked. This time it will be hosting a town hall

meeting at 7 a.m. Tuesday, March 2, at Walsh College for business owners to see

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ery and staff utilization; and the ability to provide more focused management of all staff members.

The elimination of the fire chief position is expected to save the city \$15,000 this year, and an additional estimated \$175,500 savings also is expected because of recent retirements, resignations and layoft's in multiple departments.

The city expects to save \$100,000 the next year by not replacing the fire chief, and also estimates an additional \$425,000 savings due to another round of retirements, resignations and layoffs.

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what they are about and sign up for an individual meeting. Some of the assistance they can provide are review existing City Bank. "Business owners business plans, be a sounding board for ideas, give advice on marketing, advertising and public relations and help with

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Molloy is receiving a \$12,000 pay increase in his new role to \$125,736, and Johnson also will see a salary increase to \$90,000.

"This is just a way for us to keep and improve services and be more efficient with our money," Pearson said, citing that property tax revenues could be as much as \$8.5 million lower in three years.

Molloy said he is excited about his new role and sees several opportunities where the police and fire can combine services. He said he is going to make a concerted effort to spend time with the firefighters, but does not want to step on any toes. "I don't need to tell them

how to improve," he said. "My goal is to provide them with

networking within the community. It is all done for free. "These days everybody is very crunched in terms of money and they don't have funding for outside consultants," said Patrick Mondro, representative with National are working longer days, longer hours and don't have time to see what resources are available to them. That is where we can help.'

A B.A.T. visit is available to all business owners in the city, and if the group tries to match them up with someone who best meets the owner's needs Topouzian said there also is

strategic leadership and direction and make a great department even better.' No other staff changes have been recommended at this time, but some could happen in the coming months as the city continues to analyze the ICMA study.

Johnson said he feels this move is a positive one and assures residents that they will not see a change in the quality of service being provided. "Both departments know their core service the citizens expect and they will not see a change in that," he said. "What

to build on it and make the

Anglin Alexander a tracking mechanism, which was missing in the past, that will allow the group to follow

ple months to see how effective the meeting was. "There is nothing in it for

afloat and we have more businesses in the community we all benefit indirectly," Mondro said.

Feb. 26 to sign up for the town hall meeting, but anyone who wants more information about

nmueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255 has been in the bottom 10

ROADS FROM PAGE A1 Brent Bair, RCOC managing has slow it, but Pearson said director, said in a press release the latest update he received that Michigan's struggles stem was that it is expected to be from the fact that Michigan states in the nation in per capita state and local road funding ing to partner with the RCOC for more than 45 years. "Michigan road agencies have never had 'good times' in which to catch up with their needs," he said.

Novi is currently partnering with the RCOC on the Novi Road project between 10 Mile

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worked on this year. Grand River Avenue also is another project the city is tryand Oakland County on, but a lack of funding has stalled any progress. Pearson said the city is looking at doing some resurfacing improvements in the meantime. "The fact that Oakland

County pulled their participa-

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repairs. The city is considering repairing these bouncy stretches of road. and Grand River Avenue that would widen the road to five lanes and put a bridge over the railroad track. An issue with federal funding for the project

pool of dollars for roads," he In the plan, state road funding, which comes primarily from the state-collected gas and diesel taxes and vehicle

registration fees, declined by 4.6 percent from 2000 to 2010 Bair said if there is not an increase to road funding, the service level is going to take a hit and residents will not

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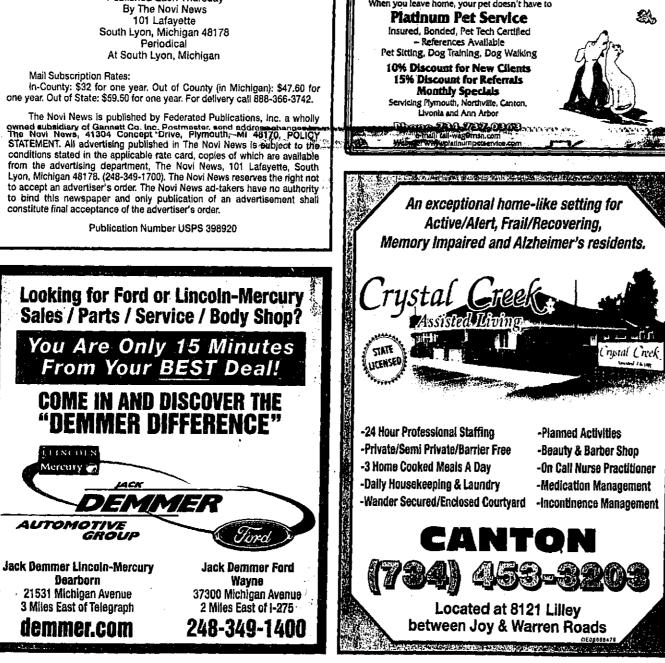
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Sections of Grand River Ave. Novi between Meadowbrook and Novi roads are a patchwork of potholes and asphalt







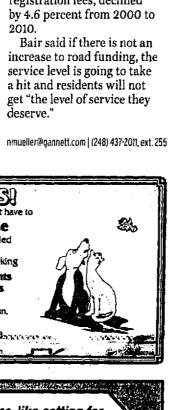
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tion in Tri-Party funding is an example of another agency making cuts and hurting the



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Kimberly and Darrell Behmer hang out at Novi's Bar Louie on Feb. 10 for its Haiti Relief Fundraiser. The Novi Fountain Walk bar donated 50% of its profits that evening to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund to aid those in Haiti affected by the recent earthquake. Bar Louie reported that they raised \$2,500 that night for the people of Haiti.

City approves rezoning of Landings property

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

The plan of turning the Landings property into a city-owned park continues to move forward as the Novi City Council approved a rezoning recommendation Monday night.

The property (located north of Old Novi Road and Thirteen Mile Road, east of South Lake Drive and on both the west and east sides of East Lake Drive) has been rezoned

residential district. City Manager Clay Pearson said the change is in compliance with the master plan and will "be a better fit for what council identified as the long-term use of the property, which is passive recreation space.

district, to R-4, one-family

The city is currently in the process of securing grant funds to start developing the park infrastructure, the promenade walkway, tree-lined arc walkway, a small fishing pier,

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signage and other infrastructure items such as grading, utilities and the waterfront sea wall stabilization. Council member David Staudt said residents should not worry that the rezoning means anything other than

creating a park on the property. Most public parks in the city are residentially zoned and there is no zoning designation for a public park. "This takes a very desirable designation for that property and makes it much less desirof things; R-4 means houses. We have no intentions as far as I'm concerned of putting houses on the lake front part of because of decreasing revenue the property...This is just some house cleaning that is necessary to get us to the end game which is ultimately designating this valuable property as park land and committing it to the long-term use of our citizens." Mayor David Landry echoed Staudt's comments. "The property is open park

JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

land now, and we intend to leave it as open park land," he

projections for not only this year but the next year as well. The employees had between five-to-10 years of experience

eliminated. "We are mostly looking ahead to next year and the year after because of what is going to be facing us," he said. "After having a lot of difficult discussions

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They were notified of the decision about two weeks ago. "Those were positions that were primarily support administrative type of things,' he said, "but still important." At least one of the positions

cut those three positions."

The three employees laid off

came from the clerk's office,

opment and police records.

building and community devel-

will be backfilled from another area, and the duties of the others will be handled internally. Pearson said the city is always looking at ways to be

and tough decisions are going

Fires damage Novi residences

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

A Novi police officer and a pair of Novi residents were released from the hospital on Saturday following a pair of fires that occurred earlier in the day.

Officer Steve Balog was treated for smoke inhalation after he entered a condominium at 1100 block of South Lake Drive to help an elderly lady in a wheelchair out of her unit. He was one of the first responders to the fire that started around 1:04 p.m., and also after making sure the woman got out, went back inside to let the other residents

know. Director of Emergency Medical Services & Fire Operations Jeff Johnson said

there was quite a bit of smoke at the time, but the fire was small and contained to the unit. It is believed to have started in the dryer, and smoke detectors had gone off to alert the residents to evacuate. The woman, who was in her 60s, was taken to Huron Valley Hospital where she also was treated for smoke inhalation.

Prior to this incident, firefighters were called at 5:28 a.m. to the 41600 block of Juniper Circle in the Maples

and odor in the building. When fire personnel arrived at 5:36 a.m., the kitchen was fully involved and crews entered through the front door to start containing the blaze. They then made it into the kitchen and were able to maintain it there.

Johnson said about \$80,000 worth of damage was done as a result of the fire, which destroyed the kitchen, and no one was seriously injured. The attached condominium had two occupants at the time, one in his 70s and the other in his 50s. The man in his 50s was taken to Royal Oak Beaumont to be treated for smoke inhalation

Johnson said his crew had the fire under control at 6 a.m., and was glad the fire didn't spread much beyond the kitchen.

The cause of the fire in still under investigation by Oakland County but is not believed to be of suspicious origin. Johnson also said the situation could have been worse because smoke detectors in the residence were not working. "We just want to emphasize

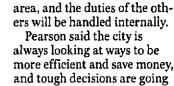
to everyone in the community that they need to maintain working smoke detectors," he said.

of Novi on the report of smoke nmueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255 City lays off three employees

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Novi City Manager Clay Pearson confirmed Thursday that the city laid off three employees

among them, and their positions have been permanently



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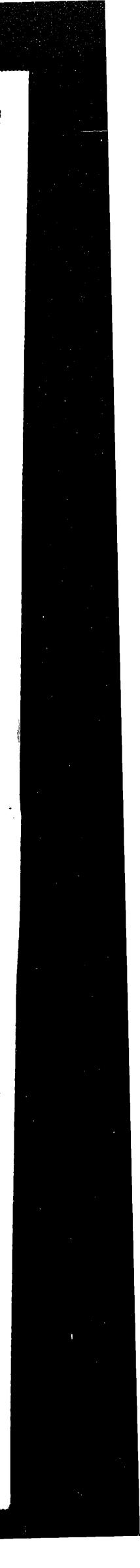
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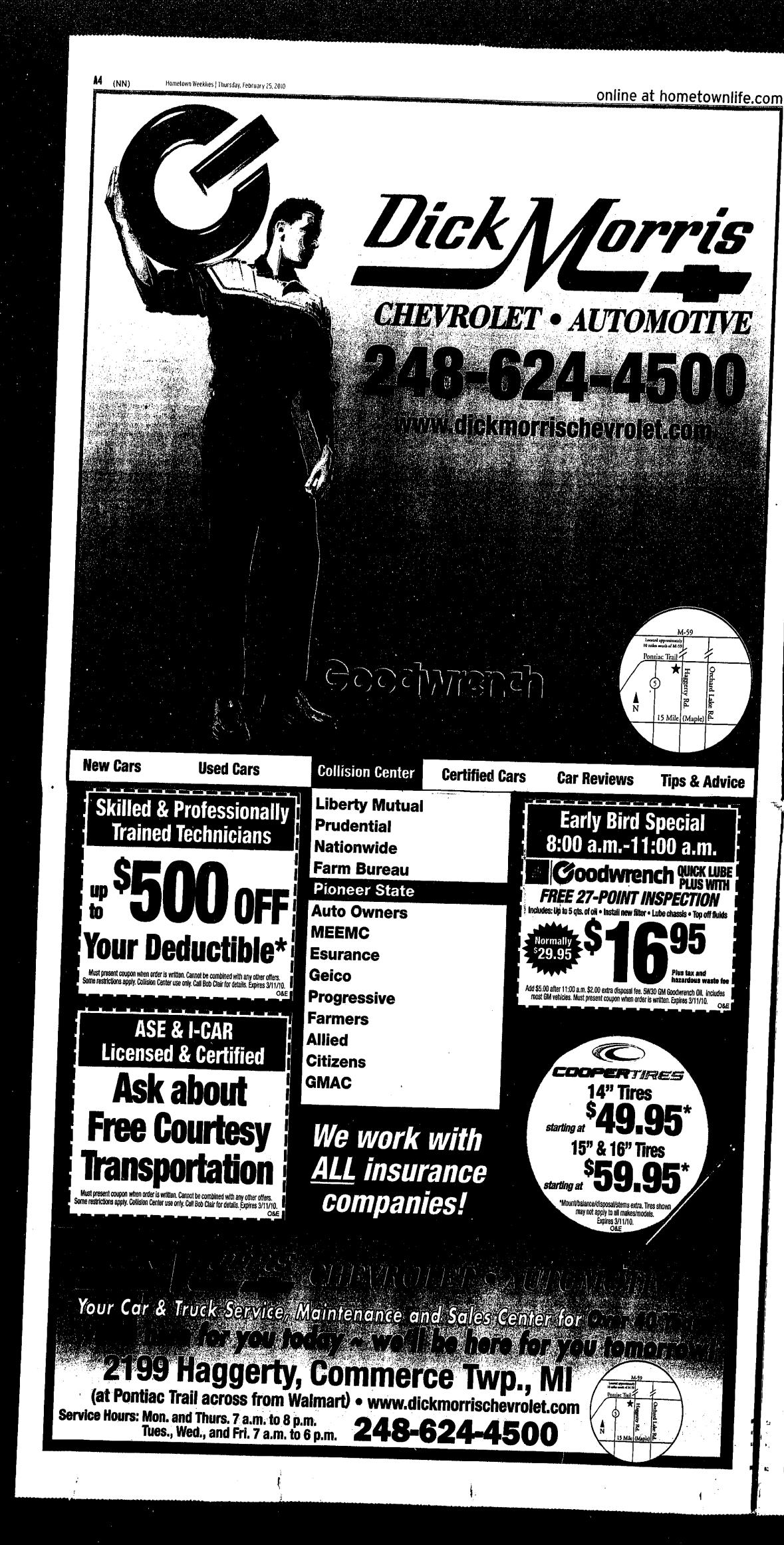
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LOCAL NEWS





EDUCATION





Special guest

Orchard Hills Elementary students (above) listen to a drumming group "Sunkwa" from Ghana on Feb. 12. The group was brought to the school for Black History month by music teacher Annie Bailey. Ibrahim Aminou (left), a member of the Ghanese drumming group "Sunkwa," visits Novi's Orchard Hills Elementary on Feb. 12 and tells students of how there are "talking drums" in Africa iat communicate between villages. See our online video at

NOVI ON CAMPUS

Hemetown weekles (Thursday, February 25, 2010)

Saint Mary's College

Megan Flaherty, of Novi. was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. A student must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.4 on a 4.0 scale to earn academic honors at Saint Marv's.

Michigan State University The following Novi students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester: Abdul-Wahab, Anes Majeed; Adams, Ryan Nicholas; Arrington, Casey Turner; Arthur, Alec Weston; Barnes, Lukas Emerson; Bisson, Craig Michael; Burchard, Melanie Lee; Burdette, Cameron James; Buscarino, Eric Michael: Bush, Connor Joseph; Cocke, Kelsev Marie; Cook, Stephen John; Crawford, Matthew Joseph; Czekaj, Dana Christine; Danks, Zachary Lawrence; Dircks, Thomas Bains; Donohue, Christopher Daniel; Dye, Matthew Thomas; Englert, Rachel Elizabeth; Eom, Younae; Eroyan, Steven Ryan; Esbrook, Eric John; Evasic, Alexandra Jordan; Farhad, Abaries Ariana; Figurski, Stefan Joseph; Fritschen, Paul Matthew; Gardner, Nicholas Adam; Gasparotto, Michelle Ann: Gerblick, Ryan Andrew; Gessert, Ellen Marie; Gomula, Kathleen Louise; Haffey, Patrick Charles; Harold, Jillian Marie; Harrison, Kevin Daniel; Hawthorne, Kate Christine; Haynes, Nathaniel John; Heqimi, Gentjan; Herbel, Dalton Richard; Herc, Adam Patrick; Hinman, Kaitlyn Jean; Howard, Erica Ann; Janer, Paige Elizabeth: Jingozian, Katie Beth; Johnson, Amy Fortunata; Justice, Ashley Christine: Kadykowski, Zachary James; Kaminski, Daniel Ward; Kehus, Kyle Jonathon; Kobylarek, Alexander John: Kochyan, Alyssa Adrine; Kohls, Michelle Lynne; Kostrzewa, Emily Nicole: Kovacinski, Rachel Eugenia; Kovuru, Karthik Chandra; Kozma, Gregory Steven; Kroll, Nicholas Edward: Larabee, Kelly Ann; Larabell, Patrick James; Larabell.

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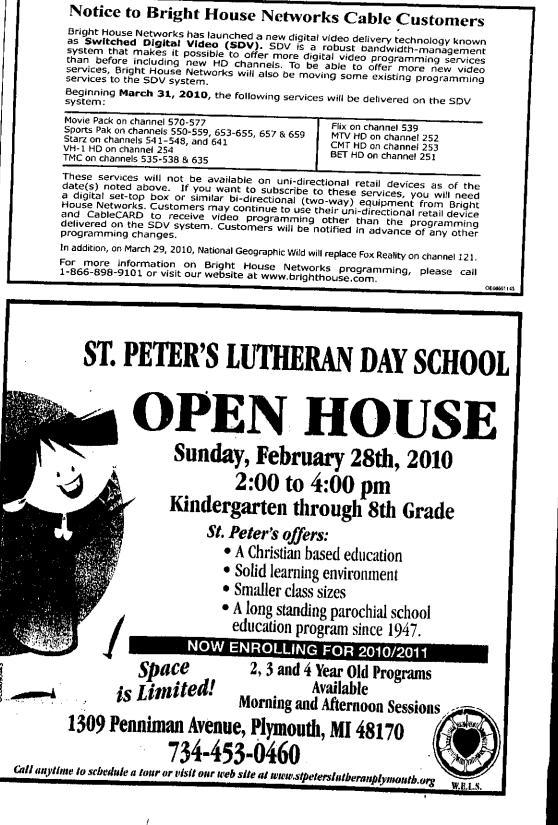
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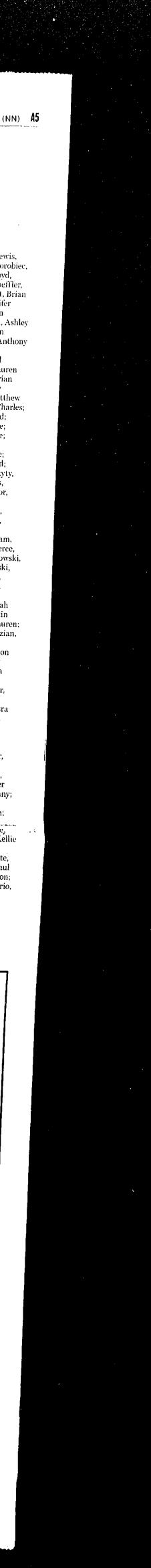
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Small world Parkview Elementary School students sing "It's a Small World After All" during their first grade Disneythemed concert on Feb. 16. They performed nine songs late in the afternoon to an audience of their families and friends.

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Daddy-daughter teams to star in Oak Pointe Church's 'Annie!' Church musical family affair for three local duos

BY PAM FLEMING STAFF WRITER

Three fathers and their daughters from the area will take the stage March 5-6 when they perform in the play "Annic!" at Oak Pointe Church in Novi.

The daddy-daughter duos have been rehearsing for weeks and say they have enjoyed getting to rehearse lines together and appear together in the production. The Oak Pointe Players

will present the musical, "Annie!" All net proceeds will go to benefit a Living Hope International orphanage in Zambia, Africa. Proceeds specifically go toward digging community water wells in Zambia.

Show times are Friday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m; and Saturday, March 6, at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and \$30 for families. Tickets are available at the church office the door.

TIM AND SAMANTHA ANN RUTOWSKI

Tim Rutowski and his daughter, Samantha Ann, of Northville, are one of the father-daughter teams. He will play two characters in the musical Mr. Bundles, the laundry man, and a servant, Harold Ickes. Samantha, 10, a fifth-grader at Moraine Elementary, will play Duffy, one of the orphans. "We've been rehearsing

about six weeks," he said. "We do our lines at home; we are singing together at

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Brian and Bridget. Services were held

at St. James Catholic Church.

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ELIZABETH "BETTY"

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Age 82, of Northville, passed away

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cost (example: American Flags, relígio symbols, etc.)

Deadline: Tuesday at 10 nm for Thursday

Obituaries received after these deadline will be placed in the next available issue

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church. Online condolences:

Age 55, of South Lyon, passed away, Age 67, of Livonia, passed away

February 19, 2010 at his nome in the February 20, 2010. He was born on

care of his loving family. He was Aug. 26, 1942 in Quincy MA; son of born on May 19, 1954 in Detroit, son the late Henry & Mary Giles. Colin

of the late Norbert and Frances moved to Michigan in 1953 and

(O'Grady) Bernard. Prior to his retire- graduated from Ferndale High in

ment, Donald was a proud and dedi- 1960. He owned and operated Giles

cated Foreman with the Oakland Autobody in Inkster from 1979-

County Road Commission for 21 2007 and was an Active participant

years. He is survived by: his loving at Flat Rock & Toledo Speedway. He

and devoted wife Valerie, his beloved was a long time South Lyon resident

children, Kelly (Ken) Oetzel, Jennifer and a dear Friend and Father who

(Jay) Reo, Christopher Bernard, will be dearly missed. He is survived

Show times for Oak Pointe Church's "Annie!" are Friday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m; and Saturday, March 6, at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and \$30 for families. Tickets are available at the church office the door. The church is located on the north side of Ten Mile Road west of Wixom Road.

home. She helps me, and I help Samantha. her.'

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This is the first time the two have performed in a production together.

In the musical, Annie thinks her parents are still alive. She's adopted by a rich man, Daddy Warbucks, over the Christmas season. They fall in love with each other, and he helps her find her biological parents,

who have died. So, he ends up adopting her. Rutowski said this has been a rewarding experience to

be in a production with his daughter. "I feel very blessed to be able

to do this with her," he said. "This will be a memory for a lifetime. Amanda's performed in

three school plays, but this is her first performance with the Oak Pointe Players. "Duffy is kind of mean, and I like playing her a lot," she

said. ERNIE AND AMANDA

MINISSALE Ernie Minissale and his daughter Amanda, 12, of Novi, are another father-daughter duo in the musical. Amanda is a seventh-grader at Novi Middle School. He said he got involved in

COLIN "BUTCH" GILES

Anita Hadley, Rachel (Joel) Walton by his children: Jeffrey (Cindy) Of Davisburg, formerly of South

and Shane Barker. He is also survived Giles and Henry(Gina)Giles; and his Lyon, passed into eternal life

by 4 grandchildren and his siblings, Kathleen Gilmer, Barbara Yaros, "Dick Giles, Margret "Peggy" Beeker, in death by her husband Blair and

Patricia Cavasin and James Bernard. and Florence "Chris' Savalox. He is brothers Alvin & Russell Hutchins

He was preceded in death by his par- also survived by his grandchildren: Mother of James (Marge) of South

ents. A Funeral service was held at Jordan, Cheyenne, Justin Giles and Lyon, Sue (the late James) Koslosky

PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Jennifer Nelson. He was preceded of Clarkston and David B. (Rita) of

Lvon, on Tuesday, February 23, at 11 in death by his loving wife Carole FL. Grandma of David S. Race, John

a.m. with Reverend Gerald Hunter (Mead) Giles. A memorial service (Kari) Race, Kristen (Michael)

officiating. Memorial contributions will be held on Saturday, February Gargano, Michael (Lori) Koslosky, may be made to Hospice of 27th, at 11:00 a.m. at PHILLIPS John (Cheryl) Koslosky, Cathleen

Michigan. Online guestbook at: FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake (Steven) Nelson, Ken Race; Great

February 20, 2010 age 48. Dear wife Phillips Funeral Home or to a chari-

of Jon. Cherished mother of Lisa, ty of your choice. On-line guest- member of First Presbyterian Church

DONNA L. HARDY

www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com Age 48, of New Hudson, passed away grandchild on a trip "anywhere in the

Feb. 21, 2010. Funeral service Thurs.,

February 25 at 11:30am at Casterline

JAMES P. HELLWEGE

Born Aug. 4, 1943. Died Oct. 12,

a life long learner with a love for

bingo. Preceded in death by his

parents Walter and Barbara

Heilwege and two brothers: Walter F

and Richard Hellwege. He will be

greatly missed by his sister Timolee

(Raymond) Bodenham, sister-in-law

Betty Hellwege, nephew Matthew

MARGUERITE JACKSON

MONTGOMERY Age 83, passed away Feb. 22, 2010.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 1 p.m. with final

visitation at 11 a.m. at Phillips

Funeral Home. Online guestbook: www.phlllipsfuneral.com

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48178. The family will begin Jacob, Jenna, Jessica, Daria, Jake, receiving friends at 10:00 a.m. Caroline, Luke, Justine, John &

Memorial contributions may be David. Sister of Mary Jane Johnston.

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Lyon. Contributions to the Michigan service was held Saturday at Phillips

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Bodenham and Debbie Buchholz area; passed away on February 14, along with many friends at the sen-

ior center. Arrangements by Phillips held on Thursday, February 18, 2010,

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"It was definitely my daughter's idea," Minissale said. "She loves to sing, dance and act, and she wanted to be in it together."

He will play three parts - a servant; Officer Ward, a policeman; and a New York City dancer. Samantha will play one of

the orphans, Pepper. "It's been quite interesting," Minissale said. "It's been good for us to be together and do this. We're in a couple of

scenes together." Minissale said he's played in a couple of dramas at the church, but this is the largest production he's starred in so

He mentioned that he has been to the church's orphanage four times.

"That's another special thing for me, personally," he said. "I've been there to see the people that have been helped.' Amanda said she's been in

several plays, including "Peter Pan" in fourth grade. "I've been on stage a lot." She said she's enjoyed rehearsing with her dad, and that sometimes they practice

their lines together. "Pepper is a mean girl," Samantha said. "She gets really grumpy, but other times

the production at the urging of she gets happy and joins the

FERN MARIE RACE

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group. But people annoy her a lot. She starts a lot of fights."

CHUCK AND RILEY GAIDICA WDIV Channel 4 weathercaster Chuck Gaidica is performing in the musical with his 13-year-old daughter, Riley, an eighth-grader at Meads Mill Middle School.

"I wasn't intending to be in this, and an actor's father got very ill," Gaidica said. "He backed out about three weeks ago. They asked me if I could step in and do the radio announcer's part," which was, obviously, a natural request. Gaidica will play Bert Healy, an announcer for an old New York radio station who interviews Daddy Warbucks about Annie and putting out the word that \$50,000 will be rewarded to any couple who steps forward and says they're

her parents. He said he and wife, Susan, have a talented family. "They get it all from their mom," he said, with modesty. Susan is the musical's

costumer, and their oldest daughter, Tiffany Zielke, 27, of Northville, who works in a salon in Grosse Pointe, is doing makeup for the cast. Although not involved in the Oak Pointe musical, the Gaidica's son, Charlie, is a scenic designer in New York, and their daughter, Kelsey, is

a dancer. "We've just always encouraged our kids to do things," Gaidica said.

"And more importantly, it's orphans (from the musical) helping orphans (in Zambia)." Gaidica said the church is

of Northville Township; top right, Ernie and Amanda Minissale of Novi; and front, Chuck and Riley Gaidica of Northville Township. not only helping with digging a community water well person," Riley said. but also buying property and building an orphanage. "We're really happy to help

them," he said. Riley said the character Annie can be tough and she

can be the sweet little girl who can convince people to do things.

from 6-9 p.m. and more as show time grows closer. "I'm in only one scene with my dad, but we sometimes rehearse our lines together at home," she said. "It's fun doing this with dad."

Novi Theatres presents 'Anything Goes'

Get your tickets now to see the Novi Theatres bring the classic musical "Anything Goes" to Novi. This show is an amusing story wrapped around one of Cole Porter's magical scores. Terrific songs include "It's De-Lovely," "Friendship," "I Get A Kick Out Of You," "All Through The Night," "Anything Goes," "You're The Top" and "Blow, Gabriel, Blow." It's a wonder that all the romances are sorted out and disaster is averted aboard the magical ship where anything goes! Lauren Sorrentino, performing arts coordinator and producer of "Anything Goes," is thrilled to bring this delightful production to Novi Theatres. "I've wanted to bring this show to Novi Theatres for a long time and because of the talented design and directing



The Novi Civic Center is located at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, between Taft and Novi roads. Tickets are available online at cityofnovi.org or at the Novi Parks office in the Novi Civic Center, Tickets are \$18/adults, \$15/children and seniors and all seats are reserved. For more information, please call the Novi Parks office at (248) 347.0400 or visit cityofnovi.org. Performance Dates and Time: Friday, March 12, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 5, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 7, 2 p.m.

Saturday, March 13, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 14, 2 p.m.

Rotary searching for leaders to become peace fellows

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

As far as May Sanghvi knows, the city of Novi has never had someone chosen for the Rotary Peace Fellowship program But he hopes that changes

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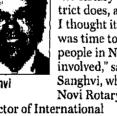
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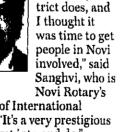
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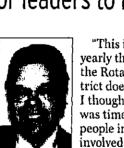
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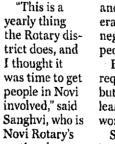




staff, audiences will have a great time. Seasoned performers Julie Landry and David Margolis return to the Novi Theatres stage for this production to delight audiences as they have in past productions such as "My Fair Lady" and "Guys and Dolls," said Sorrentino.



the Rotary dis-



Being a Rotarian is not a requirement for the program, Sanghvi said a couple people

people from all over the world. Sanghvi, who is work experience is needed.

but a bachelor's degree and at least three years of relevant

must be sent in by July 1.

director of International Service. "It's a very prestigious thing to get into and do." Those who are accepted to the master's degree program receive two years of Rotaryfunded graduate school at one of six Rotary Centers; training







Oak Pointe Church in Novi include: top left, Tim and Samantha Ann Rutowski

"She's fun and an upbeat The Oak Pointe Players are rehearsing three days a week



and effective models of cooperation, conflict resolution and negotiation; and a network of



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Church of the Holy Family Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road

Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org Mass Schedule TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Reconcillation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by

appointment

Crosspointe 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.crosspointemeadows.org. Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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. Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org

Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service

Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study

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Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do Women of the Word

Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m.

Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Book of Exodus. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5. Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service

Alzheimer's Support Group Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month Faith Community Presbyterian Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road

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Contact. (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.

0ra Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 217 N. Wing 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

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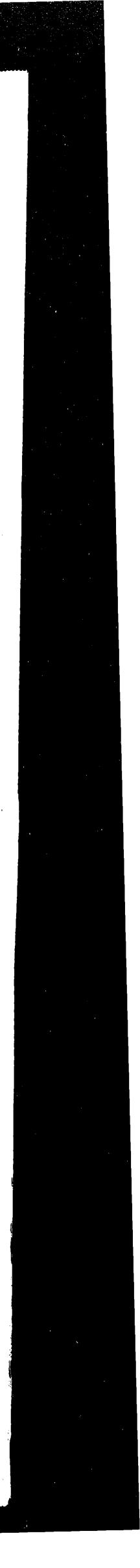
Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi

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 Please see CHURCH, A13

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LORD of LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH 5051 Pleasant Valley Road + Brighton, MI 48114 810-227-3113 9:30 a.m. Communion Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School Rev. Dale Hedblad, Pastor www.lordoflifeelca.com	CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL & KDG Mo. Synod 620 General Motors Rd., Miliford Church office: (248) 684-0895 Regular Sunday Service: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Jun-Aug - Sunday Service: 9:30 a.m. Monday Evening 7:00 p.m. The Rev. Richard E. Pape, Pastor	GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 9 Mile & Meadowbrook Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod Sunday School & Adult Bible Class will resume September 13 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m., Monday 7:00 p.m. Thomas E. Schroeder, Pastor - 349-0565	NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 41671 W. Ten Mile Road + Novi, Mi 48375 Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m. Rev. June M. Smith, Pastor 248-349-2652 Www.umcnovi.com "Loving God. louing each offer and Jung concerne under
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NYA Bowl-a-thon

Novi Youth Assistance's 28th Annual Bowl-A-Thon will be held from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, March 13 at Novi Bowl (Novi Road between Eight and Nine Mile roads). Novi Youth Assistance is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; all funds raised stay in the Novi community, and donations are tax deduct-

ible. The NYA Jeanne Clarke Summer Teen Center opens June 21. The goal is to raise \$25,000.

Help by forming a team, sponsoring a bowler or sponsoring a lane. The bowling, pizza and refreshments are free, and there will be prizes for all bowlers.

For pledge sheets or information regarding sponsorship, contact 248-347-0410 or visit www.cityofnovi.org.

Rasa Yoga opening

Rasa Yoga is holding its grand opening with complenetary first yoga class and special introductory class series. The founder is Todd Tesen. Certified Anusara Yoga Instructor who will be accompanied by a teaching staff of certified yogis in the Anusara yoga tradition.

Rasa Yoga offers ANUSARA Yoga classes, a tantric-based hatha yoga style founded by John Friend. Classes being offered include: * Basic - a drop-in class

that teaches strong foundation, with clear alignment to establish the security of the practice. * Open - an all levels drop in

class that leads the yogi into the deep play of potential, of possibility, of freedom. * Gentle - a softer approach

to the yoga experience. Prenatal and children's yoga will be offered shortly. Rasa Yoga is located at 25875 Novi Road (at Grand River) in the City Center Plaza.

Phone (248) 344-YOGA or visit crave. Understanding physical www.rasa-yoga.com for more information. EXPOSED 2010

Lisa Glickoff and George Stager have teamed up with The Dirty Martini of Novi for EXPOSED 2010. On Friday, March 12, the Dirty will be transformed into the scene of Michigan Face, Film, and Fashion. Say bonjour to spring with models, actors and the creative people of Metro Detroit. There will be three fashion shows; socialize with fashionistas, producers, directors and creative people of the Michigan fashion and film industries who make it hap-

homeless

franchise in Wixom is currently accepting gently worn clothing for donation to H.A.N.D., the Homeless Action Network of Detroit. In addition to serving as a clothing collection site, the moving company is sponsoring Unheard Voices: Homeless Monologues, a special benefit production presented by the University of Detroit Mercy and featuring

son. For further details, call lin@oakgov.com. LEAP! event March 16

Please see BRIEFS, A11

WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Contact: Satish Jasti Phone: 248-735-1000

Date: February 18, 2010

bank holding company of Lotus Bank, Novi, MI ("Lotus Bank"), announced that it intends to file a Form 15 with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") to deregister its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock") under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which will terminate the Company's obligation to file periodic reports with the Commission. The Company's board of directors has determined that the Company would benefit from such action by eliminating significant costs, including fees and expenses relating to the preparation and filing of periodic costs with the Commission, and permitting management to spend less time on report preparation, which will allow them to devote full attention and effort to the Company's operations. The Company intends to continue to hold annual meetings and to provide its shareholders with financial information.

living and working in Southeast Michigan. One of the most well capitalized banks in Michigan, Lotus Bank offers a full range of financial products and services to businesses and consumers. Lotus Bank is headquartered at 44350 West Twelve Mile Road, Novi. Michigan 48377 and its phone number is (248) 735-1000, Additional information about the Company and Lotus Bank is available at www.lotusbank.net.



Open for business

Ariel McKissick, a waitress at the Novi Bagger Dave's, brings out a tray of burgers and chips at the Novi Town Center restaurant's grand opening on Feb. 19. The burger joint is located in the center's southwestern corner near Novi and Grand River Ave.

Wadsworth wants Corriveau's state House seat

Bringing with her to years of experience as a community activist and volunteer, Joan Wadeworth announced Tuesday that she will seek to represent the 20th District in the Michigan House of -Representatives in the upcoming Nov. 2 election.

"In my many years of public service, I have worked hardto earn the confidence of citizens in the Northville school district, and I look forward to gaining the trust of voters in Canton, Northville, Plymouth. and Wayne," Wadsworth said. "These are challenging timesfor the State of Michigan. Everyone recognizes that we need to create jobs and diversify the economy. Strengthening education must be a key part. of the state's game plan. We need to focus on using ourlimited resources wisely and working together to solve the problems facing our state." The 20th District comprises the City and Township of Plymouth, Northville

Township and the City of

DEPARTMENT.

supporting information.

they are representing.



Marc Corriveau, who announced recently that he will run for the State Senate, currently

holds the seat "I was thrilled when I learned that Joan has decided to run for the House of Representatives," Corriveau said. "Her willingness to share her talent and public service experience in Lansing during these very troubling times says volumes. Our schools, our families and our state would be well served." Chris Johnson, mayor of

Northville, said it is time to elect people to the Legislature who will work on solving problems rather than looking to blame someone across the aisle.

CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE OF MEETING

OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review shall convene in its

first session at 9:00 a.m. EST, Monday, March 2nd, 2010 in the

Novi Assessing Department at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road for the

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 8, 9 & 10, 2010. 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 5, 2010.

Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5)

minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office o

at www.cityofnovi.org. NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN

Letters of protest will be accepted on or before 5:00 p.m. EST,

Tuesday, March 9, 2010. Postmarks will not be considered.

When submittles a letter of protest for the Board of Review

consideration, you must attach a completed petition along with any

UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING

purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment roll.

issues with an open mind is needed to get us out of the mess as a volunteer for Odyssey we see in Lansing," he added. "I think Joan has the ability to solve problems. Her track record on the Northville Board of Education is excellent." Wadsworth, a Democrat,

"An ability to tackle tough

has long been active in civic life. In addition to her 16 years board member for the Ann of service on the Northville Public Schools Board of

Education, she is a board member for the Northville Chamber of Commerce and an active volunteer for the Bridgepointe and Kids Against Hunger non-profit organizations. Wadsworth also has served on the City of Northville Downtown Development Authority, the Northville Parks and Recreation Commission, the Friends of Northville District Library Board, the Northville Senior Citizen's Council, and the Northville Council of PTAs. She chaired the City

member of Mothers' Club of Northville; and has served of the Mind, the Northville Coop Preschool, and many school groups and programs. Wadsworth also served on the endowment committee for the First Presbyterian Church in Northville and is currently a Arbor Campus Ministry Foundation.

Wadsworth was named Northville's Citizen of the Year in 2003 and received the Exemplary Achievement Award from the Novi-Northville Optimist Club in 2007. She is a graduate of Wells College, in upstate New York, and has a master's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan. Joan and her hus-

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider Case No. 10-003 1627 West Lake Dr

The petitioner is requesting modification of a previous variance to allow demolition and reconstruction of a new home on the existing footings at 1627 West Lake Drive. The reconstruction requires the following dimensional variances approved in previous variance ZBA09-051 to allow additions to an existing residence on the site. Property is zoned R-4 and is located south of Pontiac Trail and east of West Park Drive.

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Case No. 10-004 43800 Gen-Mar The petitioner is requesting variances to allow location of an accessory structure in the side setback and waiver of the roof top equipment screening request for piping. The property is zoned I-1, and is north of Ten Mile Road and west of Novi Road. Case No. 10-005 27790 Novi Rd

e petitioner is requesting a variance to allow installation of a 7.5 SF drive identification sign on the south driveway entrance and four (4) additional wall signs as follows: 82.18 SF on the east elevation, a 32.42 SF on the north elevation, 26.57 SF on the east elevation and 24.27 SF on the west elevation of the building located at 27790 Novi Road for the Hotel Baronette. Property is zoned RC

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property taxes due to poverty. Applications are available at the Assessing Department, or at www.cityofnovi.org BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE

Monday, March 8, 2010 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, 2010 - 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, 2010 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Any questions should be directed to the Assessing Department a 12481347-0485.

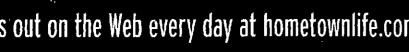
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band, Steve Calkins, moved to Northville in 1985, where they raised their three children. He is the associate vice president

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strongly suggested; call (248) 735-8100 Evenings in the Garden MSU Extension Oakland County in cooperation with the Tollgate Garden Volunteers is now offering the Evenings in the Garden series. These workshops cover a variety of topics that will be of interest to gardeners. For detail information about each session, visit www.msue.msu.edu/oakland

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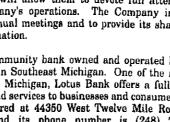
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and click on upcoming events. Advanced registration is recommended to ensure a seat. Classes are held at MSU **Extension Tollgate Education** Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road, Novi from 6:30-8:30 pm. The cost is \$20 per per-

hardships and problems faced

Two Men and a Truck will be on hand to collect clothing donated by theatergoers attending Unheard Voices on Feb. 26-28 in the Fountain

Lounge on McNichols Campus. Those attending the Feb. 27 and 28 performances will receive free admission

worn clothing on a hanger. "The University contacted us with the idea of coordinating a clothing drive in conjunction

with the premiere of Unheard Voices and we jumped at the opportunity to participate," said Rene Saenz, owner of the Two Men and a Truck Wixom franchise, "H.A.N.D. plays a vital role in assisting the

homeless as they struggle to get back on their feet and we're happy that we can support them in their ongoing efforts." Those residents interested in donating clothes to H.A.N.D. who are unable to attend Unheard Voices later this month can drop off clothing at the Two Men and a Truck franchise located at 29445 Beck

For ticket information on Unheard Voices, call the University theatre box office at

At the age of 15, Peter Nielsen was diagnosed with

Crohn's Disease and weighed a mere 86 pounds. The writing on the wall seemed to say that Nielsen's life was going to be a limited one. However, a pivotal period of soul searching revealed truths that transformed his attitude toward his health, his body and especially

This is the foundation of Nielsen's message of health, fitness and personal power that audiences have come to mental and daily life challenges, Nielson is able to connect with people on every level and his personal triumphs motivate even the most non-

At noon on Saturday, March 20, Nielsen will host a free truly life changing seminar 1-11 called Shape Up For Summer at Better Health market in Novi, 42875 Grand River. Seating for these free seminars

is limited and reservations are

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online at hometownlife.com

More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com.

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

LOCAL EVENTS

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LL&S) Fundraiser Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Saturday,

March 6 Location: Bar Louie in Fountain Walk, 44375 West 12 Mile Road, Novi Details: All proceeds will be donated to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Advance tickets are \$15; \$20 at the door; includes light appetizers and one raffle ticket for a pair of roundtrip tickets on AirTran. A percentage of food/beverage proceeds will be donated to the cause.

Contact: http://pages.teamintrain ing.org/ga/anttry10/DR American Legion Post 19 Monthly Meeting

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. on third Tuesdays Location: Rock Financial

Showplace, Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck roads Details: Comrades and fellow yeterans, please join these monthly meetings; attendance is needed to maintain and grow the Post. Contact: Commander Dennis Strikulis (248) 378-7841 or dstrikulis@twmi.rr.com or Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193 or

pnerick@aol.com. **Novi Community Education** Contact: To register, call (248) 449 1206 or visit us online at www.novi. k12.mi.us/district/communityeduca-

tion. Details: Renee Chodkowski has been teaching Community Education cooking classes for over

20 years. She loves to share her passion for cooking and all things food with her students. Renee's emphasis is on making the process efficient and delicious while teaching little known tips and tricks for ingredients, techniques and cooking utensils. Visit her blog at www. greatfoodini.com. An 'Egg'stravaganza Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11

Location: Novi Middle School DETAILS: From Appetizers to Entree-Let's wow your taste buds with the incredible, edible egg. One of the easiest and most affordable proteins out there. Cost is \$34.

BUSINESS Metro Novi BNI

Time/Date: 7-8:30 a.m. every Wednesday

Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of 8 Mile), Novi Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine an 'elevator speech,' develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/educa-

tion on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.

Contact: For more information, contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metronovibni.com.

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CALENDAR

Hometown Weeklies | Thursday, February 25, 2010

practice your English pronunciation a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.-5

ROCK FINANCIAL

Location: 46100 Grand River

Time/Date: Feb. 25-28; week

days 2-9:30 p.m.; Saturday 10

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Time/Date: 2-9 p.m. Friday; 9-8

Saturday; 10-5 Sunday; March 5-7

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Contact: (248) 348-6942 or

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Time/Date: 8 p.m.-1 a.m. March

Details: The Metropolitan Single

Professionals invite all area

single adults to come meet

new friends, dance and social-

ize. There will be a Top 40 D.J.,

cash bar, hors d'oeuvres and

member at a any dance and

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and Friday; 10-9 Saturday; 10-6

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the library will provide a beverage.

This month's selection to be dis-

cussed is The Great Michigan Read

title Stealing Buddha's Dinner by

English Conversation Group

Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Wednesday,

Details: Make friends while you

Introduction to the Internet for

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday,

Details: This class introduces the

basics of the Internet in a relaxed,

supportive environment. You will

discover how the Internet works,

practice using a web browser, and

learn about using search engines to

find information. The class includes

calling 248-349-0720 or stop by our

interactive discussion and hands-

on practice. Register online, by

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday,

Details: The Friends Board meets

the second Wednesday of the

their English. No tests; instructor

Contact: Karin at the Information

1810; 1188

SENIORS

Road, Novi

Wednesdays

Panera Bread

versation. No charge.

Fridays

Novi Senior Center

Contact: (248) 347-0414

Blood Pressure Checks

Time/Date: 11-11:45 a.m.

Location: 25075 Meadowbrook

Details: Every Wednesday blood

pressure checks are offered. Check

yourself regularly and stay healthy.

Your blood pressure record will be

on file at the Senior Center so you

can track your health. No charge.

Time/Date: 8:15-9:30 a.m. Tuesdays

Details: With thanks to Panera for

a great partnership, every Tuesday

is Panera Bread Day. Enjoy bagels,

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March 10.

Friends Board Meeting

Biker's heaven

Don Halas, of Macomb Township, makes a call while selling motorcycle parts and most of a Honda 350, at left, during last weekend's Motorcyle Swap Meet at Novi's Rock Financial Showplace. Thousands of bike enthusiasts turned up for the one-day event on Sun., Feb. 21 to buy parts, riding gear, insurance and even a new or used bike or two.

Novi Chamber of Commerce The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, educa-

tional programs, an enhanced Web site, and involvement with local charities. Location: 41875 11 Mile Road. #201,

Novi **Contact**: For more information, call (248) 349-3743 or www.novichamber.com

Novi Toastmasters Club Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday

Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 1D Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375 Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome - and bring a friend. Visit www.novi.freetoathost.us. Contact: Paulette Alioa, V.P. of Public Relations at greenspace@ mi.rr.com or (248) 756-0907.

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; novirotary.

Orq. NIGHTLIFE Andiamo Novi / Dirty Martini Lounge / Andiamo Theater

Location: 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi Contact: (248) 348-3838 Andiamo Lounge: local entertainers 8 p.m. Wednesdays; Old Vegas Night 6:30 p.m. and Dave Croon 8:30 p.m. Thursdays; Pete Dimascio 8:30 p.m. Fridays; Laurie Johnson 8:30 p.m. Saturday. Andiamo Theater: "Act Your Wage - The Pink Slip and Fall of an Automotive DEO" 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 and 10 p.m. Friday, 7 and 9 p.m. Saturday, and 5 p.m. Sunday Dirty Martini Lounge: Killer

Flamingos 10 p.m. Thursday Liquor Store Location: Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, 44325 Twelve Mile

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Contact: (248) 344-4044; www. thegrapevineofnovi.com Live music Fridays and Saturdays: 8:30-midnight Feb. 26 - Leonard Moon & James O'Donnell; Feb. 27 - Michael May & The Messarounds The Post Bar Location: 42875 Grand River Avenue, Novi Contact: (248) 465-9600 Wednesdays: WYLD" Wednesday with DJ Joey "A" & mc Jevon

Hollywood Thursdays: DJ Tommy Holiday Fridays: Famous Friday with DJ iMix & mc Jevon Hollywood Mixx Lounge

Location: 43155 Main Street, Novi Contact: (248) 347-6499 or mixxnovi.com Thursday-Saturday: DJ

LIBRARY LINES Novi Public Library

Library Hours Location: 45245 W. Ten Mile Road Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 a.m.-5; p.m. (September-May). Details: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the Library. Contact: (248) 349-0720 Website: www.novilibrary.org Story Times: Please see the Library website or story time brochure for details.

Tech Time Time/Date: 2 p.m., 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25 Details: One-on-one tutoring with either a librarian or computer

tech on a topic of your choice. Investigating your family tree? Microsoft Word have you stumped? We have the tools to help. Registration required. Michigan's Fashion Industry

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25. Details: Rayneid Johnson, Ph.D., of Fashion Design and Merchandising at Wayne State will speak on the latest trends in the fashion industry,

including green influences on mate-

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rials and processes. Sponsored by the Friends of the Novi Public Library. Please register. Empower Me 4 Life!

Feb. 27. Details: A fun and practical 2-session healthy living course equipping kids ages B-12 with new atti-

tudes, skills, and knowledge about eating better and moving more - for life. Registration is required and we

program to proceed. Monday Evening Book Discussion

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Monday,

Details: Join your Novi neighbors in a great discussion of fiction and non-fiction titles. This month's selection to be discussed is The Great Michigan Read title Stealing Buddha's Dinner by Bich Minh

March 6. the topics. For all genealogists;

Microsoft Word 2007, Introduction for Adults Time/Date: 2:30-4 p.m. Saturday,

popular program Microsoft Word fort with a computer are required.

Developing a Retirement

March 9.

Details: Rick Bloom, registered investment advisor and president of Bloom Asset Management, Inc., will offer a program that will appeal to investors of all ages. Plan now for the future with great tips from Rick Bloom! Please register. Booked for Lunch

Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, month to discuss business, programming, etc. 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 need a minimum of 15 kids for the Contact: (248) 624-2512 or visit

Group

March 1.

Nauven. **Genealogy Roundtable Discussion** Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Saturday,

Details: Join us for a meeting of resources, and solutions to dead

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday,

Time/Date: 12-1 p.m. Wednesday, March 10.

Details: Join your neighbors in a

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wixomlibrary.org Museum Adventure Pass Details: Card holders can check out free passes, for two to four people, to many area museums, cultural centers and historical sites. See detroitadventurepass.org for more information ESL Cafe Time/Date: 3:30 p.m. every

Thursday Details: Coffee and conversation. Improve your English speaking skills by speaking with people from other countries trying to improve

fellow genealogists to share hints, ends. This is not a class, YOU decide

beginner to advanced.

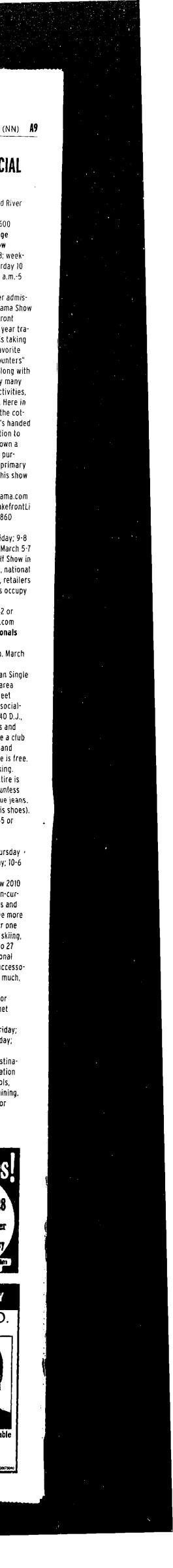
March 6. Details: This one-night session will

provide hands-on instruction on the 2007. Learn to create, modify and save a document. Proficiency with the mouse and keyboard and com-

Please register. Use it or Move it Craft Session Time/Date: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Fuesday, March 9. Details: Help us get rid of the last of our craft supplies so that we don't have to move them to the new building. Create an art project all your own with the odds and ends that we have left in our craft closet. investing 101: The Basics of

Portfolio







Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEWS Publishing public notices ensures government transparency

There is a move afoot in the Michigan House of Representatives that, if successful, will eliminate the requirement of municipalities to publish legal notices in newspapers. Instead, the sponsors of a six-bill package say it would be sufficient for municipalities to post the notices in the clerk's office and on one of the following: the municipality's Web site, on a public, education or government (PEG) channel broadcasted in the

municipality, or on a newspaper's Web site. The legislation comes after heavy lobbying by the Michigan Municipal League, which represents 538 cities, villages and urban townships. The MML feels paying to place legal notices in newspapers is a burden its members just can't afford, particularly at a time when most cities, townships and

First and foremost, this legislation would curtail the public's right to know about important government actions in their are obviously some in community, such as zoning and ordinance changes, ublic hearings, etc.

villages are having to cut back because of the economy. In essence, they feel it is an unwarranted expense, and there the Legislature that agree.

We couldn't disagree more. This is a bad idea, on many different levels. It might seem self

serving for us to be arguing against this idea. There is no doubt that it would eliminate a source of revenue for not only us but nearly every newspaper in the state. However, there are numerous reasons that municipalities should continue publishing important government notices in newspapers

First and foremost, this legislation would curtail the public's right to know about important government actions in their community, such as zoning and ordinance changes, public hearings, etc. Publication of these important government legal notices helps provide public oversight of these important matters.

The MML and many local officials argue that posting the information on their Web sites is sufficient public notice, but what about for the elderly or those with lower incomes who have little or no access to the Internet? Do they count less?

Continuing to publish these notices in newspapers, which are an independent source of information and accessible to everyone, ensures public oversight of the important matters that impact communities. The fact is newspapers have long been and remain the main source of local news. They help hold government officials accountable. Just ask Kwame Kilpatrick. If it were not for the Detroit Free Press, it is likely he would still be in office today.

It is not that we are opposed to governments posting notices online. In fact we encourage them to do so - in conjunction with posting the notices in newspapers. There is nothing in the current law preventing them from doing both.

We think the MML and the authors of this legislation are selling their constituents short. The public understands why this is important. In fact, the cities of Trenton and Wayne put this very issue on the ballot back in November, and their residents overwhelmingly rejected it by a wide margin.

Yes, municipalities could save money by not having to publish the notices. But how much? According to the Michigan Press Association, a check of various municipalities across the state last fall showed that these notices comprised on average 0.0005 percent of a general fund budget. We think that is a small price to pay to keep

residents informed about important issues that affect our homes, neighborhoods, schools and jobs. And at the same time help ensure there remains a strong, independent voice holding government officials accountable.

There is no doubt that government, from the state right on down to the local municipalities, need to enact reforms. That shouldn't begin with reducing transparency and public oversight.



COMMUNITY VOICE

Are you just looking or looking to buy? (Asked at this year's Camper and RV Show at Novi's Rock Financial Showplace.)



"We're just looking. We've already got a 32-footer, but when we retire, we want to get something to be our home on the road."

Jerry Spain

Six better than four

There has been a lot of discussion about Novi High School changing from a fourblock schedule to a six-period schedule for the 2010-11 school year.

Personally, I think a six-hour schedule will work better because I have difficulty sitting in one class for 90 minutes. As for a six-period schedule, there will only be 55 minutes in each class: therefore, it will b easier to stay focused in a shorter class. Lthink students will be happier with the sixperiod schedule rather than a four-block schedule.

However, there is a downside; some students may not get as many classes as they could before. Hopefully, the schedule will work out in everyone's favor.

> Olivia Ortiz-Sabol Novi High School student

Visteon pensions

A local group of Visteon pensioners have taken matters into their own hands after seeing the decimation of pensions from several companies that have had their pensions turned over to PBGC (federal government) in recent years.

The pensioners formed a group, collectively pitched in for legal counsel, and asked the bankruptcy judge to provide them a voice in the process. Many of us, including our parents, grandparents, friends, and neighbors are experiencing companies turning once funded pensions over to PBGC during bankruptcy proceedings. Many people have felt helpless; not knowing where to turn to fight for this

reece is teetering on the edge of insolvency. To make a long story short: the country is spending more than they take in and masking their financial troubles.

It does not matter if you are in Greece or Michigan — when you have a hole in the roof. pretending to fix it does not keep the rain out. Michigan has spent the better part of the "lost decade" using one-time budget gim-

micks, smoke and mirrors, cuts and, lately, federal stimulus dollars to paper over the fundamental structural السبية رسال budget mess the state is wallowing in. Tom Watkins

To her credit, Gov. Granholm has cut more out of state government budgets than all previous governors combined, but it is still not enough. The state is facing

cal year. The sooner we can make the necessary reforms to truly balance Michigan's books to our new economic reality, the sooner we will have a solid foundation upon which to begin building the "New Michigan." Michigan needs a budget that makes us competitive and is not about appeasing special interest constituencies.

another \$1.8 billion shortfall for the new fis-

Why haven't we been successful to date in our rebuilding efforts? The answer is as simple as it remains elusive. For political reasons our elected leaders on both sides of the political aisle have avoided making the tough

"I'm just looking. I already have a trailer, but I just like to look at the new products and extras for the campers."

> Bob VanNorman Port Huron



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 Submit letters via the following formats. Mail: Letters to the Editor, Novi News, 101 N.

Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at hometownlife.com. Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m.

benefit we all thought would take us into retirement.

If you go to the PBGC Web site, you can view the number of companies that have followed suit in recent years — Delphi, Circuit City, Arrow Automotive, Delta Pilots, Eastern Airlines, Jacobson, TWA, United Airlines, just to name a few. Many of us workers have felt powerless over this while reading bankruptcy proceedings sent in the mail. We see the lawyers wrangle over what creditors will get paid while the pension obligations promised to us for our many years of hard work seem to be forgot-

Many who have watched their pensions turned over have experienced markedly reduced benefits - the only recourse being

De-Greec(ing) state, building a New Michigan

COMMENTARY structural changes that the state's new eco-

nomic reality dictates. As Greece struggles to get its financial house in order and avoid a financial domino effect on other European Union countries, it is confronting a wave of strikes, tax hikes and painful austerity programs. It will take a major financial tourniquet to stop the hemorrhaging of Greece's economy. Ultimately, the people will have to pay additional taxes, suffer government cuts and change their behavior and expectations as they adjust to the

taxes, cuts and reforms. They will be angry. Change and pain has no constituency. Michigan will surely face similar opposition when we finally stop papering over the necessary changes in how government at all levels operates. What is required is not a simple "nip and tuck" but an "extreme makeover."

There is momentary relief that public education, community colleges, universities, revenue sharing for cities and townships will be "protected" under the governor's proposed budget. However, smart leaders of these institutions might well liken the governor's budget to Christmas morning: unlikely that they get everything they were promised. Further, with escalating costs, staying even is falling

behind. Any leader of our public institution that doesn't assume further reductions and restructuring are just beyond the horizon ought to be removed for malfeasance. The question is not WHETHER these changes will come — but WHEN. And will

our lame duck elected leaders get the job done this year, or once again, kick the problem down the road for future leaders? Will Gov. Granholm, a late advocate to reform efforts, find the political muscle in her final months in office to make her "grand bargain" of reforms, cuts and new taxes a reality?

Longtime Lansing political watchers are betting against her. The Republican side of the aisle is unlikely to lift a hand to help and those in her own party, who might conceivably be expected to row in her direction, seem more intent on dropping anchor.

The sooner we make the cuts, serious and fundamental structural reforms and raise the revenue (aka taxes) to enable Michigan to truly invest in programs and services (primarily education, job training and 21st century infrastructure) the sooner we will find the solid footing necessary for competing on the world stage.

With the financial issues facing the state of Michigan, doing business as we always have is not the sensible solution. The status quo is quickly disappearing as a thoughtful strategy. Change is hard and is often avoided, until it can no longer be avoided. We need only look at Greece, GM or Toyota's predicaments to see the results of avoidance.

There is no time like the present to act. Tom Watkins has served the citizens of Michigan

under three governors: as state superintendent of schools, 2001-05 and mental health director, 1986-90. He can be contacted at tdwatkins@aol.com.



"We're looking. Probably in the next 10 years time we'll retire so I like to get some ideas here. I used to be a Girl Scout so I like to be prepared."

> Debbie Ireland Detroit

> > to file suit — which has proven to be costly (ask Delphi pensioners) and has not proven very successful. Being proactive, this ad hoc group petitioned the judge to give them an equal seat on the bankruptcy decision making

winter."

committee, and be represented. The judge set precedence and on Jan. 21, he agreed these 21,000 Visteon pensioners needed and should be given their own voice. The appointed U.S. Trustee subsequently selected to appoint three members of the various pension plans to the Unsecured Creditors Committee, instead of appointing the group their own separate Official

Committee. Even though this decision does provide them with some "limited voice," they continue to push for the separate Pension Plan Participant Committee and are taking all necessary legal actions to achieve this goal. The debtor, Visteon, is fighting this hard! This group has obtained precedence for employees of companies going into bankruptcy, in that they too can have a say in their pensions, instead of helplessly watching their companies and its corporate lawyers get them out of this obligation.

Watch the group at this Web site: http:// sites.google.com/site/vpppadhoccomm/ home. Over 21,000 Visteon employees, including myself, are counting on them to help save as much of our pension as possible. If you are a current or ex-Visteon employee, help pitch in for legal expenses and let your voice be heard to protect your pension! Your help is needed right away!

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak

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NEIGHBORS



Novi resident Tom Schultz has been working on building this car, based on a 1937 Ford Roadster, for the last five years. He's invested about \$100,000 in customizing it and has built, from scratch, a lot of its hinges and plates and finish details. He will exhibit it at Autorama at Cobo Hall from Feb. 26-28 The car's custom color is pearl orange and its paint cost about \$100 a pint.

Pat Lilly Romeo

have a fifth wheel, and this

is something to do in the

Novi residents to show off cars at Autorama Annual event draws car enthusiasts from all over the world

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Working on cars has always been in Steve Franks' blood. His father and grandfather worked on them their entire lives, taking Steve to shows and messing around with them in the garage. His wife, Jessica, also is quite the fan, prompting Steve to say, "Sometimes I think she likes it more than I do.' So when Steve takes his 2001 Ford Mustang to Autgrama on Feb. 26-29 after a one-year hiatus, he is

thankful to show off a car that has been his passion, and be around thousands of others who share the same interests. "The biggest thing about Autorama is how many people, especially with the way the

economy is, take such great appreciation for what you did," he said.

Youth Council (NYC) have

and Positively. This year's

choices and will take place

on Tuesday, March 16 from

9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Oak Pointe

In 2009, the City of Novi

Youth Council presented its

tion with over 300 local high

school students participating

in the educational day focus-

ing on raising awareness for

a major issue facing students

today: teen depression. For

2010, LEAP! will take the

convention to new heights,

break-out sessions, hands-on

activities, presentations, per-

formances, and interactive

booths by a variety of area

organizations. Additionally,

Sarah Panzau will share her

experience and the conse-

quences of over indulging

member of the National

Junior College Athletic

with alcohol. As a two-time

Association woman's volley-

ball All-America team, Sarah

knew what it is like to be on

top of her game - and on top

of the world, before some bad

choices made her nearly lose

The cost to attend LEAP!

is \$5 per person and includes

lunch. Please note this does

not include transportation to

the event, as that will need to

be provided by those attend-

about LEAP!, including a bio

of the keynote speaker, call the

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their second teen convention,

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people who were die-hard General Motors people tell him that even though they hated Ford vehicles they really liked his car. "It's very rewarding," he said.

He said he has even had

His grandfather at 91 years old will be joining him at the show as they show off the Franks' 2001 Ford Mustang Saleen. The car has been on the front page of three magazines, featured on Speed TV and has appeared on several Web sites. It has been redone from top to bottom after being bought brand new in 2001, and isn't just for show as Steve can be seen driving around Novi and Northville in it during the warm weather months.

Joining the Franks' at the show is fellow Novi resident Tom Schultz and his 1937 Ford Roadster. Schultz bought the car about five years ago but

The car, much like Franks', has been completely redone and is a "true roadster" without a top and a shaved windshield and doors. "I have been doing this since

just completed it this year.

I was a little kid," he said. "I had the little models and now I have moved onto the bigger ones." Schultz has been going to

Autorama for years to look at the cars and now he is excited The O'Reilly's Autorama features more than 1,000 exhib-

its of custom hot rods, cars, trucks, vans, motorcycles of the past and present, including a tribute to the 70th anniver-

ing 10 customs. Also at the show will be the hand built 28-foot Forever Batmobile, which is drivable.

Community Relations office at (248) 735-5628. Camp Invention 2010

Creativity and brainstorming are the building blocks to your child's future. Camp Invention[®] emphasizes those skills and more, and Novi Middle School is proud to be among the select schools in Michigan that will serve as a host site during the week of June 28-July 2. Children will create excit-

ing new games and transform ordinary household items into extraordinary inventions during this weeklong summer adventure for those currently in grades K-5. Children will participate daily in five activity-oriented, hands-on modules focused on science literacy, math, history and the arts. There is also a heavy emphasis on the STEM sub-

jects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Registration for this camp is limited to 110 children, so register early. Contact Seth Furlow, Camp Director, at (248) 449-1600 or sfurlow@ novi.k12.mi.us for more information. You may also visit Camp Invention's Web site at www.campinvention.org to find out more. Friends' Ball to benefit

Providence

The Providence Health Foundation 2010 Friends' Ball will be held on Saturday, April 24, at 6 p.m. at the Diamond Center at Rock Financial Showplace, Novi. This year, Art Van Elslander will receive the prestigious Order of Charity award and physicians Bruce H. Kole. M.D.; Daniel R. Piper, M.D.; Bruce M. Silverman, D.O.; and 849-5744.

Teck-Mun Soo, M.D., will be the recipients of the Caduceus Society Physician of the Year award. Proceeds from this year's

event will benefit the Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary program. The program is designed to offer a comprehensive approach to the surgical and medical management of patients with malignancies, neoplasms and diseases involving the liver, gallbladder, bile ducts, pancreas and the duodenum. The multidisciplinary team for the HPB program is dedicated to the consistent evaluation and improvement of patient care outcomes across the continuum of inpatient and outpatient

The evening will feature a champagne raffle, a chance to have your photo taken in a photo booth and dancing to the sounds of the Simone Vitale Band. The co-chairs for the event are Julie Curry and Charlotte Walker. Committee members include Andria Bojrab, Lauri Bolo-Schreuder, MCN, NP-C; Ann Conrad, Susan Glassford, Lou Grieshaber, Kathie Hautamaki, Michael Jacobs, M.D.; Sue Kolachalam, JoAnne Leslie. Maureen McCorry, Denise

McLean, Beverly J. Moore, M. Elizabeth Moore, Rita Raina, OD; Jackie Schwartz. Nina Shah, Carol Shaya, Jennifer Stewart, Courtney Teeple, Betsy Thompson, Sandy Tobar and Marilyn

To become a corporate sponsor for the event, place an ad in the program book or donate an item to the silent auction, please contact Providence Health Foundation at (248)

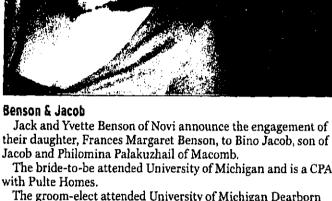
and Poteet and Main's Speed

p.m on Feb. 27 and 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on Feb. 28. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$5 for children. Discount tickets are available at O'Reilly's Discount Auto stores. more information.

Demon Landspeed Hot Rod

that won the top time at the

BrassCraft changes BrassCraft announced that Jim Pletcher has been appointed to vice president of Wholesale Sales. As in his previous position of senior director, Pletcher will continue to drive his extensive skill and experience toward expanding BrassCraft's reputa-



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with Pulte Homes. The groom-elect attended University of Michigan Dearborn and is an electrical engineer with General Dynamics.

A September 2010 wedding at the Sterling Inn is planned.

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of the southern region, buying groups and national accounts. "Since joining BrassCraft in 2003, Steve has been continuously improving our partnership position and value-add throughout the Wholesale channel," said Woody. BrassCraft's Ken Kemmerlin

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has been appointed sales manager for the central region of the Wholesale channel. Continuing in their cur-

rent responsibilities are John Stankrauff, sales manager for the eastern region, and Jack Allen, sales manager for the BrassCraft further announced

the retirement of Senior Vice President Jim Whiteherse.

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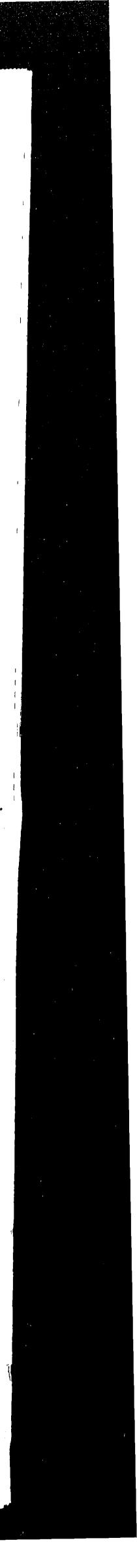
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Traffic accidents decrease on Novi roads

Police earn excellence award for fourth straight year

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

The main roads in Novi are now a lot safer to travel on thanks to a concerted effort by the Novi Police Department. Director of Public Safety/ Chief of Police David Molloy said his department is always studying the numbers, and when they saw how many crashes were occurring at the highest traveled intersections, something had to change.

The department bumped up its patrol in those areas, worked with engineers to solve some problems, and educated drivers, resulting in a 14.6 percent reduction in intersection traffic crashes from 2008 to 2009.

"Traffic safety and traffic concerns has always been one of the highest items the citizens tell us about," Molloy said. "We prefer to take a proactive route because we know it's important to our citizens and the elected leaders."

As a result of the department's success, it was recently awarded the 2009 Award for

section

TRAFFIC STOPS

Novi Road at Ten Mile Road - 460 (2008) to 735 (2009) Novi Road at Grand River Ave. - 758 (2008) to 1.213 (2009) Grand River Ave. at Beck Road - 583 (2008) to 679 (2009) Twelve Mile Road at Novi Road - 670 (2008) to 1,443 (2009) Ten Mile Road at Beck Road - 288 (2008) to 299 (2009) Twelve Mile Road at Meadowbrook - 271 (2008) to 265 (2009) Grand River at Meadowbrook - 170 (2008) to 235 (2009) Data collected from Jan. 12009, to Sept. 30

Excellence in Traffic Safety from the Michigan Association ing arrests increased by 118 in of Police Chiefs, the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning and AAA Michigan. This is the fourth consecutive year the department has been recognized, and this honor will be passed on to the International Association of Chiefs of Police to compete for international recognition.

The biggest difference in traffic stops came at the intersection of Twelve Mile and Novi Roads. In 2009, there were 1,443 stops compared to

only 670 in 2008. The increased enforcement in these areas also led the officers to catching more

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-2009"Getting drunk drivers off the road has always been a priority for us," said Sgt. Terry Whitfield. "I'm tired of hearing

drunk drivers as drunk driv-

too many testimonies of lives being interrupted by such a thing. Novi was awarded a \$2,000 grant for traffic safety equip-

ment or schedule overtime enforcement patrols. Molloy also said the effort never ends and they are continuing to look for areas throughout the city that need attention and

make those improvements.

Openings remain for Lakes Area Citizen's Police Academy

The Novi Police Department still has openings for the Citizen's Police Academy that begins March 3. As in the past, this is a 10week program that meets every Wednesday. Students will learn about the inner workings of the police department through lecture and

hands-on experience. Topics that will be covered include crime scene investigation, K-9 demonstration, gun range, narcotic investigations. a trip to the medical examiners office and more.

Interested residents can apply online at www.cityofnovi.org or pick up an application at the police department located at 45125 Ten Mile Road. Any questions, call Det. Sgt. Matt Conquest at (248) 347-

0530. Wallet stolen from SUV A woman had her wallet containing at least three credit cards and a debit card stolen from her unlocked GMC Yukon between 11:30 a.m. and

12:30 p.m. on Feb. 13 while it was parked at Total Soccer on Grand River Avenue. The woman said her purse was on the passenger seat, but all that was taken was her wallet. When she returned home to check for fraudulent charges and to cancel the

made The victim is still working to obtain more detailed information, and police have no sus-

The woman said she found Estimated value of the items is over \$500. An officer dusted the car for fingerprints but got negative

home to Canton. He failed field sobriety tests Novi police arrested a man

> and released from the department when sober.

registered a blood alcohol content of .18 percent. The legal limit for drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

line before entering I-96 east-

The driver was slow to stop, but eventually did so on I-96, east of Novi Road. He smelled strongly of intoxicants and

> to people throughout the state. In 2009, it helped 1,097 people who were facing blindness.



also will perform.

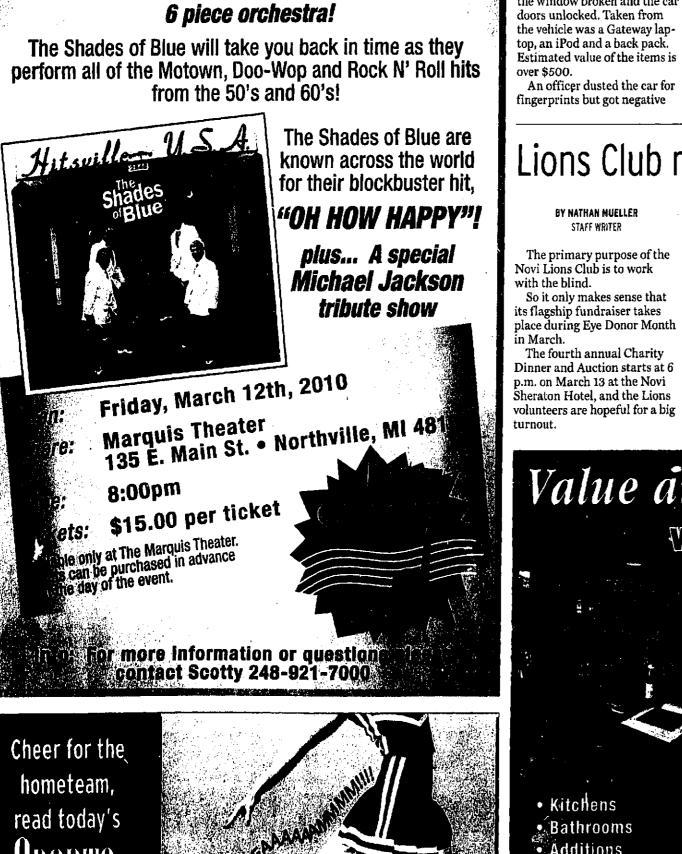
Proceeds will benefit the

to the Michigan Eye-Bank," said Lions Club member Ed Kramer. "We are always happy to raise money to help." The dinner costs \$20, and sev-

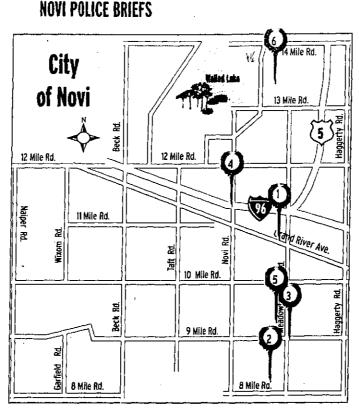
eral live and silent auction items will be on display for open bid-Lions in 1956 after visiting ding. The auctions will feature such items as vacations, dinners, sports memorabilia and more. what they did.

The Novi High School Jazz Band The goal for this year's event is \$5,000. For more information about

Michigan Eye-Bank which procall Barr at (248) 960-3092.







results. A check of the neighborhood also was unsuccessful and police have no suspects. Drunk driver runs flashing red light

Jfor drunk driving after an officer observed the man drive through a flashing red light at Nine Mile and Meadowbrook at 12:05 a.m. on Feb. 13 without stopping or slowing. When the officer

approached the vehicle, he could smell a strong odor of intoxicants and the man admitted to having "one drink. He failed field sobriety tests

and a preliminary breath test

The man was transported to the Novi Police Department where he was issued an appearance notice and

4 A Novi police officer caught a man drinking and driving at 1:46 a.m. on Feb. 20 after observing him turn right onto northbound Novi Road him cross the white divider

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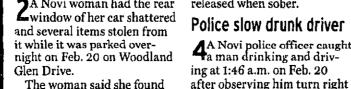
pects at this time.

7A Novi woman had the rear released when sober.

it while it was parked over-Glen Drive. doors unlocked. Taken from top, an iPod and a back pack.

cards, she found \$1,800 worth of charges had already been

Electronics taken from



her car the next morning with the window broken and the car on a red light and watching the vehicle was a Gateway lap-

told the officer he was heading

and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .15 percent. The legal limit for drivers is .08 percent. He was issued a citation for operating while intoxicated

Mailboxes vandalized 5 Three mailboxes were destroyed around 3:45 p.m. on Feb. 18 on the 22000 block of Antler Drive after an unknown driver struck the wooden mount with their car

One of the homeowners heard a loud noise, but did not see what happened. There was s single line of tire tracks going southbound that led onto the grass, through the mailbox mount and continuing on. There were no witnesses and

no parts from the vehicle were

left behind.

vehicle.

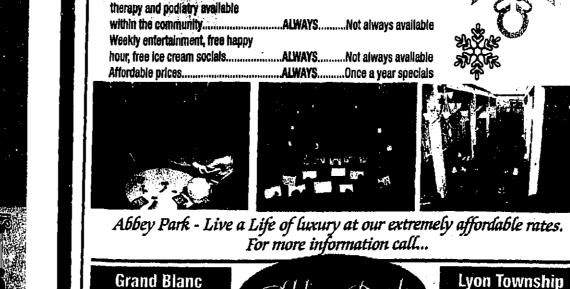
Windows smashed on car **C**The driver's side front Sand rear windows were smashed and the mirror was stolen off a Ford Mustang overnight on Feb. 15 while it was parked in front of the clubhouse of the Maples of Novi on Centennial Drive. The owner did not know

who would have done it, and nothing was stolen from the Police have no suspects. - Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

About 40 volunteers make up the Novi Lions Club, which was started in 1973 by Bill Barr. Barr got his start in the Leader Dogs for the Blind and becoming "enthralled" with

the event or to purchase tickets,





online at hometownlife.com

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month First Presbyterian Church of Northville Location: 200 E. Main St. Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresn-

ville.org Sunday Worship Time: 9:30, 11 a.m. Walking in the Park Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday Location: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads) Details: Group meets for lunch afterwards Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016 Single Place Ministries Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every

Thursday. Details: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org.

First United Methodist Church of Northville

A Stephen Ministry Church Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd. Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.fumc-

northville.org SUNDAY WORSHIP Times: (September-June) 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.; (July and August) 8:30 and 10 a.m. Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, Rev. Jeff

Sturgeon Coffee Hour: Sunday at 10:15 a.m. Healing Service: 4 p.m. First Monday of every month

Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesday for fourth-12th grades. Radical Joy: 6-8 p.m. first and third

Thursday for all women Men's Club: 8 a.m. the second Saturday Career Ministry: 7 p.m. first and third Monday

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi

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Contact: For further information, please contact NSO Douglas K. Wells at (313) 964-6595 wbrook Congregational Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road.

Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org. Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Sermon: Having a Plan Church School: 10-11 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. Merry Widows Luncheon Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month **Pilgrim Fellowship** Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays Asking Questions adult education class Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-9030 Sundays 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children

9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multipurpose gymnasium

10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210) Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study 8:45-10:30 a.m. (café)

Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of

Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031 Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday

school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events. Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

Novi United Methodist Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi,

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Sunday Worship **Time**: 9:45 a.m.

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Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month

Location: In front of the church Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer

for peace. Advent Service Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oak-

pointe.ora Worship Services

Time: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday

Renew Life Ministries Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday Details: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing,

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ister call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe. Charmed Influence

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Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth St. John Lutheran Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills

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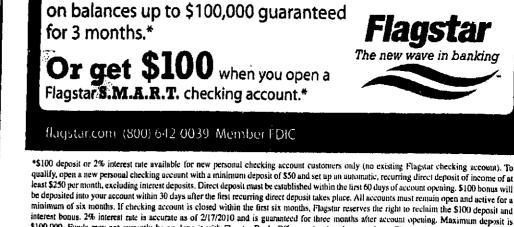
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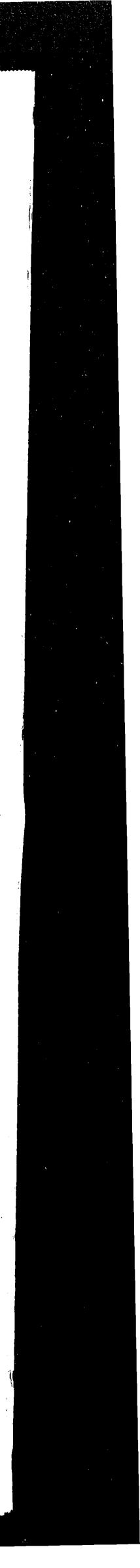


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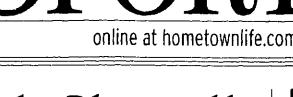
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Novi defeats Plymouth in KLAA Tournament

Wildcats and Zebras to battle BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Having defeated Plymouth 53-48 at home Jan. 26, Novi's boys cagers had to hope their Wildcat counterparts didn't have much of a home court advantage last Friday when Plymouth hosted the opening round matchup of the KLAA Tournament.

Novi jumped out to a 12-9 lead in the first quarter behind the strong play of seniors Justin Hopton (11 points) and Brandon Rydzewski (four points, five assists). Junior Samer Ozeir led Novi with 12 points on the night despite tying his season low of four rebounds while his team built a 27-18 halftime lead.

"I thought we got back to focusing on what we do well, which is guard the ball, rebound and play with passion. We got contributions from a lot of guys and we really seemed to just wear Plymouth down, which was nice to see," Novi coach Cory Heitsch said. "In the first quarter, Justin and Brandon made some really nice offensive plays, hit a couple big shots early, which has been huge for us. Then Samer followed up with two great threes in transition; that seemed to deflate Plymouth a little bit." The Central Division No. 2 seed refused to let the South Division No. 3 claw back

into it, as Novi went on to win 54-40. "We again maximized our offensive pos-Please see BOYS, B2

ON TAP

The win over Plymouth put Central Division No. 2 Novi (14-3) into a secondround match after press deadline last Tuesday with South Division No. 1-seed Wayne Memorial (14-3) in the KLAA Tournament

"Wayne is a very athletic group and has one of the area's top post players, who happens only to be 6-foot-3, Daniel Hill, Novi coach Cory Heitsch said. "They surround him with shooters and they can be very explosive on offense.

If the Wildcats can take down the Zebras, Novi would face the winner of Plymouth Salem (9-8) and 9-7 Livonia Churchill at 7 p.m. tomorrow for the Kensington Conference championship. The game will take place at Churchill or, if facing Salem, at Novi. The two KLAA conference champions will then face off at the Lakes Conference champion 7 p.m. next Thursday.

"It would be a perfect world if we were able to somehow host the championship game on Friday evening, which had about a one-percent chance of happening when the tourney started," Heitsch said. "But we can't get a head of ourselves, because Wayne may be the most explosive team we have seen in a while."

Girls basketball conference title match is postponed

Lady cagers rip through Rockets, Lions

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Novi's girls basketball team continued their winning ways, improving to 17-1 with two KLAA tournament victories last week. Poised for their toughest game of the season Monday at Canton (17-1), Novi had to wait until Tuesday evening to determine the Kensington Conference champion after a snowstorm closed schools and postponed the game.

Riding an 11-game winning streak into the Canton contest, the girls opened the KLAA tournament as the Central Division's No. 1 seed, defeating South Division No. 4 Westland John Glenn 70-42 on the road Feb. 16. Glenn is now 5-12.

Leading 17-13 after the first quarter, the 'Cats busted the game open in the second quarter to take a 30-19 halftime lead. Capitalizing on the Rockets' 20 turnovers and their own 13-0 assist and 33-13 rebound advantages, Novi's cagers cruised to the win with strong performances by seniors Caroline Johnson and Kelsey Masserant, who each finished with a game-high 19

points. Johnson added seven rebounds Please see GIRLS, B2

ON TAP

A win in Tuesday's Kensington Conference title game at Canton (17-1) would put Novi (17-1) into the KLAA championship game 7 p.m. tonight at the Lakes Conference champions' court. Howell (12-6) and Grand Blanc (13-5) were scheduled to face off for the Lakes' title earlier this week. The loser of that game was scheduled to host the Novi/Canton loser last night to determine the KLAA's third-place team.

"(It) would be great to play either team, but (we're) concentrating on Canton," Novi coach Bill Kelp said Monday after the postponement was

announced. The Wildcats will then host the Class A District 18 playoffs, which include Northville (9-9) and all three Plymouth-Canton schools. Novi kicks off play Monday against Plymouth Salem (12-5), which handed the Wildcats their only loss of the season on Jan. 12. A win would put Novi into a rematch with Canton just eight days after their conference title showdown. The winner would play the Northville/Plymouth winner March 5 for the district title. All potential Novi games tip off at 7 p.m. in Novi's gym, with the Northville/ Plymouth matchup starting at 5 p.m. "Definitely got the toughest draw and hopefully

we'll be up for the challenge," Kelp said.



Emily Samuelson and Evan Bates skated at the World Championships in Los Angeles last March. The pair placed 11th in what was a prelude to this month's Olympic competition.

Novi ice dancer 11th at Olympics

Samuelson and Bates show promise for 2014 BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Nineteen-year-old Novi resident Emily Samuelson and ice dancing partner Evan Bates of Ann Arbor skated the first of what they hope to be many Olympic performances last Friday.

With Samuelson draped in purple sequins and Bates in a red dress shirt and black pinstriped vest and pants, the pair made their Olympic debut, flowing through the smooth arcs and quick turns of the tango romantica-themed compulsory dance to score 31.67 points in Vancouver early in the competition.

"Where this team stands apart for me is their use of leg lines. Emily has the most beautiful feet in the business," NBC analyst and 1988 Olympic ice dancing bronze medalist Tracy Wilson told the television audience Friday during the Michigan duo's compulsory dance performance. "This is a strong dance

The United States' Meryl Davis (West Bloomfield) and Charlie White (Dearborn) scored 41.47 shortly after to take the lead over France's Isabelle Delobel and Olivier Schoenfelder's 37.99 score, but Russia's Oksana Domnina and Maxim Shabalin followed with a 43.76 to take the lead that would stand for the rest of the night. USA's Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto - who won the silver medal in 2006 - scored 40.83 to briefly take third before Canadians Tessa

with Davis and White in Canton, Mich. – scored 42.74 to take second, dropping Samuelson and Bates down to 14th of 23 pairs after the first day.

The pair skated seventh in the order Sunday for the original dance performance. Set to the tunes of the Dixie Chick's "Long Time Gone" and "White Trash Wedding," Bates was dressed in full cowboy attire for the performance. Scoring a personal best of 53.99, the pair pushed their total score to 85.36 and improved to 11th overall heading into the final night. These two choosing this music to the Dixie Chicks and they really bring the character of this piece to life," Wilson said during the performance. "Well, very nervous in the compulsory dance and the excitement of the Olympics bringing out the best

in them here in the original dance. Catchy piece of music, clever choreography. Well done, Emily and Evan. They've got to be pleased with that." Davis and White also had a personal best of 67.08

in the original dance, putting their total to 108.55 to place second overall, while Belbin and Agosto's 62.50 score put them in fourth place with 103.33. Samuelson and Bates skated 13th on the final night dressed in gold and maroon attire to the tune of "Canto Della Terra" by Sarah Brightman and Andrea Bocelli. The pair beat their season-best 80.41

with a score of 88.94 in the free dance event to finish with 174.30 points.

"2008 World Junior Champions and I think the secret to their success is the beautiful long lines. And they make the most of those long lines by the extension of their free legs and point of their toe," Wilson said Monday. "These two have some of the best footwork in the business because of their unison and the

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Novi swimmers finish last at Central Division meet Mustangs dominate as 'Cats struggle **BY CHRIS JACKETT** ON TAP CORRESPONDENT

With 292 points at the end of the day, last Saturday's Central Division meet at South Lyon East didn't go very well for Novi's swimmers. The group finished fifth f five teams, more than 50 points behind fourth-place lymouth Salem (345.5). Northville won with 683.5 oints, followed by Livonia Stevenson (493.5) and South Lyon unified (370.5). There were some bright spots for the Wildcats, as several managed top-10 finishes among tough division competition, including some

After a disappointing Centra Division meet showing, Novi will host the KLAA Kensington Conference meet 5 p.m. Friday and noon Saturday. The team hopes to gain some ground by placing above several South Division squads. Those who qualified will then participate in the state meet March 12-13 at the Holland Aquatic Center.

impressive swims by the 'Cats' underclassmen. The meet started with Novi juniors Travis Vincent, Joon

Please see SWIM, B3



Wildcat John Lu keeps his head underwater as he plows ahead in the 50 meter freestyle event at Walled Lake Northern. Lu came in second in this heat.

Virtue and Scott Moir - who share coaches and train

technically. Good skating, they still can develop the subtleties of expression through the upper bodies."



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and Masserant had five steals. "They were both leaders that stepped up their senior year." Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "(We) got off to a slow start. but played a lot better in the second half."

The Wildcats also had strong performances from senior Katie Barry (10 points) and junior Alyssa Armiak (seven points, seven rebounds). Senior Jessica Cingel brought in eight rebounds and a pair of blocks to go with her sixpoints, while sophomore Ally D'Annibale had four points. Freshman Brittany Berehulka and junior Maddy Sinkovich added two points apiece, while sophomore Katie Seelenbinder chipped in with one point. The win pushed Novi

into the second round last Thursday, where they hosted Central Division No. 3 South Lyon, who was riding a fourgame winning streak that included a pair of upsets over-Plymouth Salem and Livonia Franklin.

The Wildcats had defeated the Lions twice by a combined 28 points in the regular season and looked destined for a third-straight big win after taking a 19-9 first-quarter lead. But South Lyon battled back, outscoring Novi 22-19 in the second half, but a strong first half by the Wildcats was enough to hold on and win 47-37

"(We) got off to a fast start and played even rest of way. The first quarter was one of our all-around best of year," Kelp said.

The third win of the season over South Lyon (11-7) was Novi's closest not only by score, but in several other categories as well.

The Wildcats only outrebounded the Lions 25-24, with both teams getting 10 offensive boards. Novi had more turnovers, 19-16, but made up for it with 11-6 steal and 11-2 assist advantages. Novi struggled at the free throw line, shooting 9-for-19, but South Lyon shot just 32.6 percent from the field, compared to the Wildcats' 43.6 percent

Leading the way for Novi was Masserant, who had game highs in points (16) and steals (five). Johnson had an impressive 15-point, seven-rebound, five-assist performance in the win. Sinkovich added six points, which Cingel and

Barry chipped in with three

points apiece and Armiak (four assists, three steals) and junior Meaghan Robinson had two points apiece.

JUNIOR VARSITY

Novi's junior varsity squad improved to 14-4 with wins over Sonth Lyon and Westland John Glenn.

The girls defeated the Lions 46-15 last Thursday, following the varsity squad's lead with a three-game season sweep of South Lyon. Novi raced out to an early 15-2 lead in the first quarter behind strong team play. Sophomore Natalie Kozma led the way with a game-high 12 points and six steals, while sophomores Shannen Sherwood (six points, 12 rebounds) and Anna Lausch (six points, eight rebounds) also had strong performances. The victory followed a 43-31

win over Glenn two days prior. Sherwood was dominant with 18 points and 17 rebounds. Sophomore Abby Robinson hit a couple of clutch three-pointers to finish with eight points while sophomore Kelli Timar ran the offense and finished with six points.

FRESHMEN

Matching the varsity squad game for game, the youngest team in the 'Cats program improved to 15-1 with a pair of victories that had a combined score of 100-25 despite no Novi player scoring more than eight points in either game. The team defeated South

Lyon 40-17 last Thursday after embarrassing host Westland John Glenn's squad 60-8, including a 47-4 halftime lead, two days prior.

Over the course of the two games, Kelly Lewis had 14 points and 10 rebounds, while Erin Dircks had 14 points, four state meet, abruptly ending the assists, four rebounds and five season for Novi's grapplers. steals, and Anna Greulich had 12 points, six assists and five steals. Kasey Lowney added 11 points and four steals, while Rebecca Rush had 10 points and four rebounds. Also helping out the 'Cats

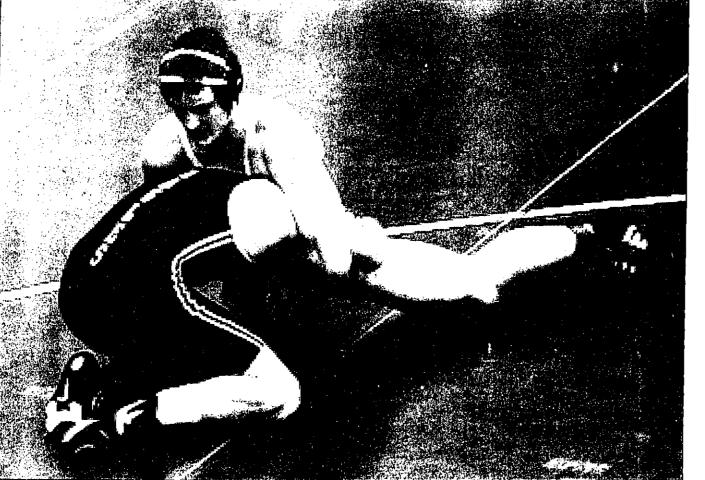
were Serene Ozeir (nine points, of the four from advancing. six rebounds), Kelly Cauchi (seven points, four rebounds). Lena Burgess (six points), Hannah Fan (six points), Jessie 0-2. Snider (five points), Melanie Murphy (four points), Kate Dusenbury (two points, three steals) and Sarah Elhage (two points).

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Senior captain Alex Engebretson grapples with Romulus' Mike Statham in 160-pound regional competition at Saline. Engebretson won 3-1, but lost a 5-3 decision to Detroit Catholic Central's Andrew Erickson to finish his senior season with a 36-15 record.

Wildcat wrestlers fall short at Regionals

Engebretson, Bunney close out careers at Novi

BY CHRIS JACKETT to win the match and end

CORRESPONDENT

Novi's wrestling team had

four student athletes advance

meet at Saline, but none of the

Wildcats could advance to the

to last Saturday's regional

Senior captains Alex

Engebretson (160 pounds),

Mencer (215) and sophomore

in solid efforts, but the strong

regional competition kept any

went 1-2 in matches, while

Bunney and Sidhu were both

Engebretson beat Romulus'

Mike Statham 3-1 and lost 3-2

running into Detroit Catholic

3-3.

Shabaig Sidhu (125) each put

Engebretson's career with the Wildcats. He was 36-15 in his senior campaign.

"Alex is a very tough wrestler and it was hard to see his season end the way it did," assistant coach Dan Jilg said. Mencer (215) opened with a similar close decision against Belleville's Forrest Sampson. With the match tied 1-1,

Martin Bunney (145), junior Al Mencer was called for fleeing the mat late in the third period. giving Sampson the 2-1 lead he needed to secure the win. Mencer rebounded with a 5-3 victory over Lucas Luchonok Engebretson and Mencer each (Dearborn Edsel Ford) to set up a rematch with Canton's Ben Poirier, who Mencer beat in overtime at Districts a week earlier. A repeat wasn't in the making, as Poirier scored a 5-3 to Keith Zech of Canton before victory over Mencer to end his

season "Mencer had a great season. We are excited to have another year with him," Jilg said of the junior who compiled a 32-15

record this season. Bunney wrestled a pair of tough, physical matches in the 145-pound weight class, but suffered a 9-8 loss by decision

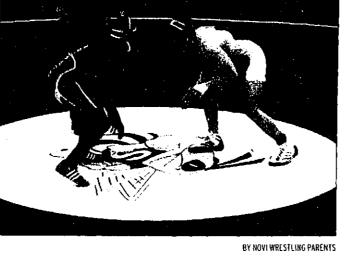
them in Pennsylvania - edged the four-time U.S. champs out for the bronze medal with the final performance of the

Following Samuelson and Bates' original dance performance Sunday, NBC sportscaster Tom Hammond noted how promising the future

looked for the Michigan duo. "Soaking it all in and youth on their side, 19 and 20 years old respectively," he said. "Getting Olympic experience here in 2010 and perhaps thinking ahead to 2014 in Sochi, Russia when, if they

continue to progress, they could be one of the favorites.

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Senior captain Martin Bunney prepares to take down Mike Johnson (Westland John Glenn) in 145-pound regional action. Bunney lost a 9-8 decision to finish with a 30-18 record on the year.

to Mike Johnson (Westland

Northville to finish his final

season as a Wildcat with a 30-

"The two guys that Bunney

wrestled on Saturday are still

of the most physical matches

Jilg said Monday. "He wres-

tled two incredible matches

against two tough opponents.

wrestled with a lot of heart and

sessions with only eight

turnovers and several offen-

sive rebounds," Heitsch said.

"Another key factor was we

guarded the three-point line

very well, and only gave up

one uncontested look from

a three-point make."

each had four.

deep and held them without

Senior Antwan Batwo was

also a big contributor for the

points as just the third player

who had more than one field

goal - he, Hopton and Ozeir

"Antwan is our best one-

on-one player and maybe

the most creative player in

the league with the ball in

Novi 'Cats, racking up 10

that I have seen in a long time,"

at home icing. He wrestled two

John Glenn) and then a 3-

defeat to Josh Wright o

18 record.

missed.

BOYS

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Sidhu finished his season with a 15-20 record after a pair ed losses at R He was defeated 17-2 by Leon Shannon and 13-1 by Tim Deja. Both wrestlers were from

Wyandotte. 'Shabaig had a tough day. Being a regional qualifier as a junior is a great accomplishment and should give him more confidence next year," Jilg said. "What a rollercoaster of a year with an incredible group of Throughout the whole year he guys."

> his hands, but he had been slumping lately, so it was nice

and make plays," Heitsch said Also chipping in for Novi was junior Brady Sheldon and senior Ryan Jok (teamhigh 10 rebounds) with four points, senior Nick Regnier and junior Chris Milon (three blocks) with three points, senior Jeremy Mims with two points and junior Zac

Doting a with one point. The win pushed Novi (14-3) into the second round of the KLAA playoffs as Plymouth (9-8) moved into the losers bracket.

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Central's Andrew Erickson. Down 3-0 heading into the final period, Engebretson executed an escape and quick takedown to tie the match at With two seconds left, Erickson was awarded a controversial two-point reversal **OLYMPICS** OM PAGE BI

urves they make across the ice." Their combined score earned night them an 11th-place finish in Olympic ice dancing, same as their finish at last year's World Championships.

Current U.S. champs Davis and White, skating their free dance to "Phantom of the Opera," went on to win the silver medal with a 107.19-point performance and total score of 215.74, just 5.83 points behind Virtue and Moir.

Fellow Americans Belbin and Agosto scored 99.74 in the free dance to finish fourth with 203.07 points after Russians Domnina and



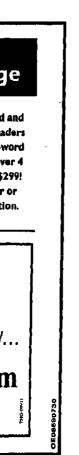


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Travis Vincent swims an individual medley at Walled Lake Northern.

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Chung, Tiger Bourque and senior John Lu taking fourth in the 200-yard medley relay in 1:44.18, behind South Lyon's 1:41.55 first-place

time. The Wildcats had moderate success in the relay events, as two teams placed well in the 200-yard freestyle relay and another in the 400-yard freestyle relay. Senior David Groechel, sophomores Jong Min Kim, Eugene Song and freshman Andrew Ao finished sixth in the 200 freestyle relay in 1:34.99, behind Northville's first-place time of 1:31.05. Senior Thomas Goers teamed with juniors Gabriel Glenn, Tiger Bourque and Vivek Ivler to take ninth in 1:40.80.

Three events later, Ao teamed with Lu, Vincent and Chung in the final event of the day, the 400-yard freestyle relay, and finished fourth in 3:24.06. Northville won in 3:18.22.

Several of the Wildcats relay swimmers also saw individual success earlier in the meet. Ao, who was impressive

in two relay events, finished fifth in the 100-yard freestyle in 51.25 seconds, close behind Stevenson senior Aaren Marecki's 49.53 seconds. Ao was also 10th in the 200-yard freestyle in 1:52.22, just more than five seconds behind Salem's first place Adam Seroka (1:47.09) Chung, who had been Novi's leader most of the season, took first place in the 200-yard individual medley in 1:57.57, ahead of Stevenson junior Kellen Schoff's 2:00.84. Chung also took second in the 100-yard backstroke in 56.31 seconds, behind Schoff's 55.19 sec-

onds. Although Chung won the 200-yard individual medley event, two other Wildcats also did well, as Kim placed sixth in 2:07.63 and Iyler was ninth in 2:08.08. Kim was also fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:04.32, not far behind South Lyon's Adam Oxner, who set a division meet record in 1:00.27. Novi sophomore Austin Reed was

A pair of Wildcats scored

ninth in 1:07.75.



HOTOS BY JOHN HEIDERÍSTAFF PHOTOGRAPHE

Novi's Kenta Onimura swimming against Walled Lake Northern High.



Novi's William Li.



Wildcat William Li.

well in the highly competi-tive 50-yard freestyle, as Lu took fourth in 22.95 seconds, just fractions of a second behind Marecki's 22.43 seconds, which set a Central Division meet record. Song finished sixth in 23.43 sec-

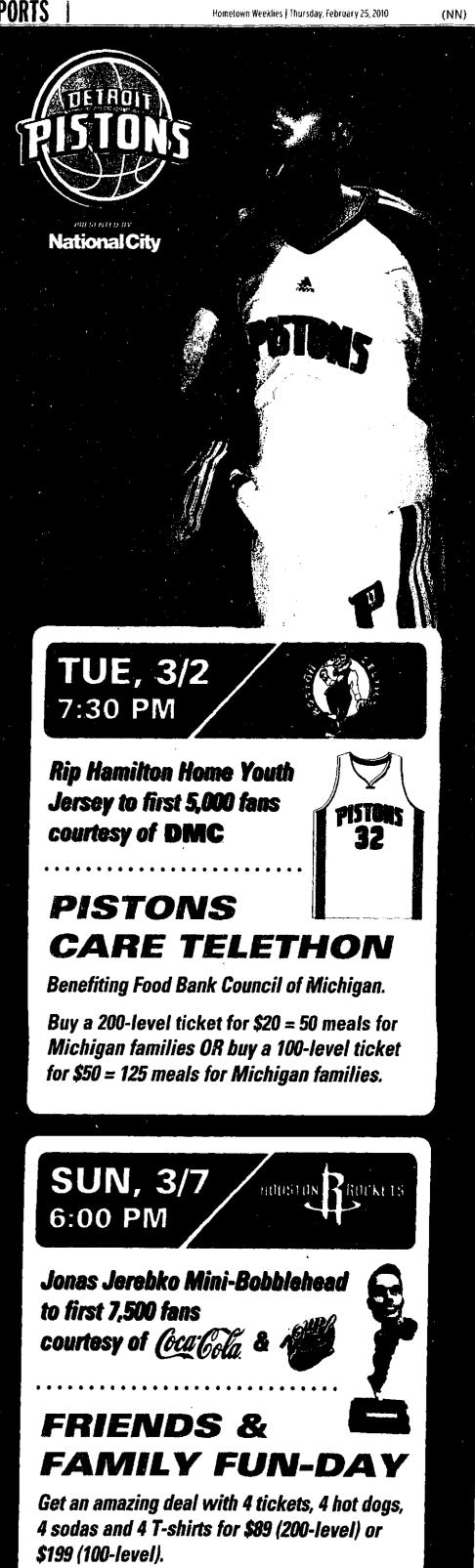
onds for Novi. The 100-yard butterfly saw Vincent finish ninth in 58.75 seconds, behind Northville senior Nate Lunn's 55.11.

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Wildcat David Groechel swims at Walled Lake Northern on Feb. 11.

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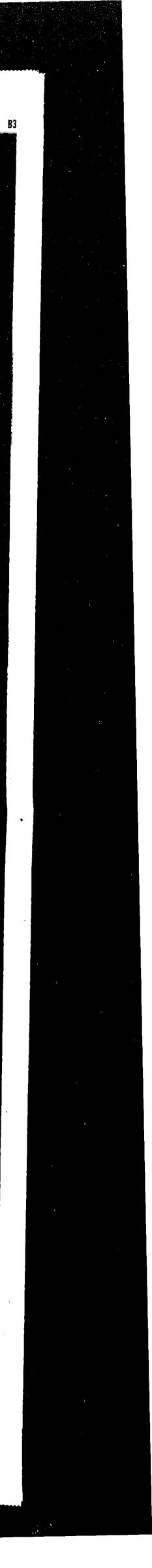
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The Catholic League hockey champions, Catholic Central.

Catholic Central wins hockey title

Shamrocks head into post-season with yet another victory

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

The Catholic Central Shamrocks hockey team knew end of the first period with heading into the Catholic High goals being scores by Austin School League championships that they would have to play

their best in order to win. But, with a schedule like Catholic Central's this year, they have to play their best each and every day in order to win. So, the Shamrocks did what they do best and earned another victory last week, topping DeLaSalle in overtime, 4-3, in the CHSL championship game to earn the league crown.

"Our players set the team goals each year and the CHSL is definitely on that list of – 10 goals," said coach Todd Johnson. "DeLaSalle is a very high quality program so it was tripping penalty and tied the very satisfying to come back and win the game. We got off to a very slow start which is not the correct formula for the Shamrocks scored the gamestate tournament. It definitely wasn't all

smooth sailing for the

Shamrocks, who found them- effort and execution in the selves trailing twice in the contest. The first time was a 2-0 lead by DeLaSalle at the Hibner and Brad Wernet.

Catholic Central answered back in the second and early in the third periods as Brad Wilhelm and Eric Fragoso each found the back of the net to knot the game up, 2-2.

As any hockey fan would expect in the CHSL championship game, the scoring was far Obuchowski, Fragoso and from over. The DeLaSalle icers Gaffney. Earning assists put the Shamrocks behind again, 3-2, when Bobby Penrod added a tally at the 11:04 mark in the third. The Shamrocks, skating with just a few minutes left in the contest and trailing, took advantage of a DeLaSalle game up on a power play goal by Sean Gaffney. In the overtime period, the

winning goal off the stick of Fragoso to seal the game "We are happy with the

comeback, but, as in the Trenton game, comebacks have a low rate of probability," Johnson said. "We are very excited for the state tournament to begin. I think the players are very committed to the necessary details to give us an opportunity for success

PHOTO BY DENNIS BARNE

in a single game elimination tournament." Earning assists for Catholic Central were Wilhelm (2), Nolan Gluchowski (2), Ryan for DeLaSalle were Shane McKenna and Trevor Shields.

Zack Cisek earned the win in goal, stopping 13 shots on goal. DeLaSalle's Matt Neal stopped 41 shots on goal. The Shamrocks will

play Port Huron Northern Saturday and will open the post-season against the Northville Mustangs March 1.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer prise for Gatt's parents, who and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.



Shamrock standout to play professional soccer

Gatt signs threeyear deal with SCRA Altach in Austria

> **BY SAM EGGLESTON** CORRESPONDENT

When Detroit Catholic Central senior Josh Gatt was just 12 years old, he looked to his parents and made one thing crystal clear: His intentions were to play soccer professionally in Europe.

At the time, like any parents, Jeff and Elizabeth applauded their son's decision. They supported his goal and helped him in every way that they could to be the best he could be.

Now, on the cusp of graduating from high school and heading off to Indiana to go to ollege, Gatt's pre-teen dreams

have become a reality. Gatt recently signed a threeyear guaranteed contract, with ed to be a part of the Super undisclosed details, with SCRA Elite team and play the best Altach, a professional soccer team based in Austria. "On the easy side, Joshua has nent.

always told us he was going to play pro soccer in Europe," said Joshua was going to have the Jeff Gatt. "He has been saying that since he was 12 years old. When dreams materialize into

reality, it is not too difficult to support that 100 percent." Gatt said talks with the team Gatt. "We were told there was began after he had been select- a possibility of clubs being ed to tour Europe as a member of the USFC Super Elite six months ago.

"I was asked to stay and tryout with two clubs and I guess I did pretty well, as both clubs wanted me to either stay permanently, or come back in December," Gatt said. "After the tryout, my new club, SCRA Altach, started working on an offer. That offer was consummated last week." It was an unexpected sur-

had put him in soccer at the YMCA when he was just a fiveyear-old boy with too much energy. Gatt stood out among the other boys at that level and, eventually, his parents were pushed to seek out a "select" team for Gatt to play on. They talked to other parents and chose the Plymouth Kicks. "His coach, Dead Krutty, saw something in Joshua early on and really pushed him to carry the ball, dribble and run at people," said Jeff Gatt. "Had it not been for Dead, Joshua may matches begin in July and not have developed the attack- go until November before a

ing skills that put him on the radar of colleges in the U.S. and clubs in Europe." Gatt's career carried him then to the Michigan Wolves. an elite club team in southeastern Michigan. There, Gatt met coach Lars Richters, who taught Gatt the importance of tactical and technical play.

Richters pushed Gatt to watch the field develop before him and strategize as he moved the

And then, after two years of four months so I can arrive

Wake Forest, New Mexico and family feels that this is the best Louisville before verbally comdecision for Joshua. It has been one heck of a ride." Talks continued with SCRA Gatt, who said that his family, friends and those at Catholic Mainz 05 in Germany. Altach Central have been nothing but supportive, has a slew of goals for himself as an attacking

His life from this point forleft wing in the professional ranks. First, he wants to make ward is going to be a potential whirlwind. He graduates a mark with his new club and get playing time as soon as posin May and reports for a month-long training camp sible before eventually earning in Austria in June. The first a starting spot and keeping it. Then, he homes to earn enough recognition to be transferred month-long holiday break in to a first-division club in Italy, December gives the team time Spain, Germany or England to rest. The second half of the and, eventually, get a shot to season begins in March and play in a World Cup tournaends in May. ment as a member of the U.S. National Team.

Oh, and Gatt is planning on learning conversational German before boarding the plane to Austria, where he will be given a language coach as out of making his dreams a part of his contractual agreereality. Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer

"My parents and I will be studying together over the next and former staff sports writer for the

CATHOLIC CENTRAL ROUNDUP

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

Wrestlers continue toward team, individual finals

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks wrestling team is continuing its two-pronged attack toward state finals greatness.

The team, coached by Mitch Hancock, earned a team regional title to advance to the team state finals this weekend, and the Shamrocks earned a berth to the individual state finals for all 14 of their weight classes.

In the team regional, the Shamrocks defeated Livonia Franklin and Plymouth Canton to advance to the finals. Against Franklin, Catholic Central had no troubles, pounding out a 78-0 domination. Against Canton, the score was closer but the domination continued as the Shamrocks

earned a 42-21 victory. "I'm very happy and proud of these guys," said Hancock on the team's website. "They continue to stay focused on the goal and make sacrifices for team. That's what it's all about this time of

In the individual regional tournament, the Shamrocks qualified their entire team for individual state finals competition. The Shamrocks earned five regional champions, five runner-ups, one third place finish and three fourth-place finishes

Winners were: Mike Kinville (215), Ken Bade (103), Todd Melick (112), Alec Mooradian (119)

and Doug Eldridge (145); Runner ups included: Miles Trealout (189), T.J. Fagan (103), Charlie Joseph (125) and Justin Melick (135); Taking third was Andrew Erickson (160); and in fourth place were: Matt Thompson (119), Nick Mason (130) and Gerid Gee (152).

Bowling team takes third in CHSL

The Shamrocks bowling team made plenty of noise last week, earning a third-place finish in a highly-competitive Catholic High School League championship tournament.

The Shamrocks began the day with a 3077 in the preliminary round to earn a second seed in the remainder of the tournament. High scorers were earned by Nick Carvalho (214, 243 and 204), Matt Nugent (203, 218 and 237), Eric Pavlov (237, 207 and 192) and Scott Kujawa (206, 211 and 208).

In the seeded tournament, the Shamrocks bowled Riverview Gabriel Richard and won the final two games, 190-187 and 212-191 and lost the first game, 180-153. In the second round, the Catholic Central strikers couldn't find a way to get past Bishop Foley and fell, 181-151 and 191-180.

Bishop Foley went on to defeat DeLaSalle to claim the CHSL title. Carvalho earned first-team All-Catholic honors while Nugent was named to the second team. Tom Zahari was named to the All-Academic team thanks to a 4.5 grade-point average.

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Player of the Year Josh Gatt, Catholic Central, also played for the Michigan Wolves and the U.S. Football Club SuperElite Discover Europe International Showcase.

talks with the United States Football Club, Gatt was invitvoung talent in Europe on a oneself into the culture. tour that spanned the conti-Starting in June, I will definitely be immersed."

"We were thrilled that

interested, but honestly, the

to play with these guys and

get a little exposure. Then,

Joshua could try to make it

over the pond. Obviously, he

did a little more than just get

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Indiana, Michigan, Maryland,

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Anyone who has seen Gatt play knows that he's cool under opportunity to be a part of pressure, but even he admits a team that had some of the that he ran the gamut of emobest talent in the U.S. and get tions when the deal was signed. to play against some elite tal-"When I finally signed with

ent in Europe," said Elizabeth the club, I suppose that I was like any other player signing their first deal—very excited, relieved, nervous and a little scared. But at the same time, I was really looking forward to the opportunity of taking my down the road, if he improved, career to the next level." Gatt wasn't only one running through levels of emotions. His

parents weren't just going to

be packing up their son to go

up their 18-year-old to go to

Europe to live, work and play.

for an 18 year old," said Jeff

But high hopes and lofty

Gatt, who has made a career

Northville Record and Novi News.

goals? They're nothing new for

Gatt. "But, with the right sup-

port system in place, the whole

"This is a whole new world

to Indiana—they were packing

there with a basic understanding of key words and phrases," he said. "The only way to truly learn a language is to immerse

The victory brings Novi's point total to 70 over three meets, second place of 10 District 3 teams, behind United Farmington's 76, but ahead of Plymouth Canton's 60 and Howell's 45. A had a skater missing, so they only competed in the moves category, taking ninth of 10

HOCKEY

teams.

Howell.

Livonia Churchill upset Novi for the second time this season in a 6-4 contest last Thursday in Livonia. Tied 2-2 after the first period, Churchill pulled ahead with three second-period goals before the Wildcats battled back in the third period to narrow the final score to

The loss dropped Novi, anked fourth in the state, to 17-4-2 on the season, while No. 23 Churchill improved to 15-7-1 in the battle of KLAA Kensington Conference teams who finished second place in their divisions.

The Wildcats now face Lakes Conference's fourthplace Brighton 6:50 p.m. tonight at the 13-10-1 Bulldogs' Kensington Valley Ice House

before hosting 7-11-2 Walled Lake Western 8 p.m. Monday in a pre-Regional opener. The winner will face the winner of 7-12-0 Walled Lake Central and 13-8-2 Walled Lake Northern 6:30 p.m. Wednesday to improve their standing to earn a trip to the Regional championship game March 5. All pre-Regional and Regional games are at Novi Ice Arena.

Novi's competitive cheer squad performs at the district meet in Hartland last Saturday, where the team finished

third with 717.3812 points to qualify for Regionals. The Wildcats pulled ahead of Brighton by nearly four points after

NOVI HIGH ROUNDUP

place in both jumps and spins to finish first the Feb. 17 meet CHEER

scoring 11.6 points higher than the Bulldogs in the final round.

BY CHRIS JACKETT

CORRESPONDENT

The Wildcat figure skat-

ing squad's Team B won their

to qualify for States March

28 in Midland. Novi's skaters

took first in moves and second

with 28 points, seven ahead

of United Farmington and

third competition of the season

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The Novi competitive cheer squad qualified for Regionals by finishing third of 14 teams at the Hartland-hosted district meet. Hanging onto fourth place after two rounds, the Wildcats pulled ahead of Brighton by nearly four points

after scoring 11.6 points higher than the Bulldogs in the final Novi's already strained Team round. Hartland won the meet with a 781.3752 score, as Northville (737.2304), Novi (717.3812) and Brighton (713.4740) all qualified for the regional meet 2 p.m. Saturday at Brighton as

Seniors Lauren Forche, Robyn Hurt, Ashley Szukalowski, Jone Ortez, Ashley Lopez, Karley Valentine, Jenny Englemann, uniors Nina Lehman. Ally Jones, sophomore Sarah Kollis and freshmen Ally Krick, **Rachel Fragoso and McKenna** Vaughn hope to improve on their performance for a strong showing at Brighton's regional meet alongside freshmen Rachael and Abigail Swain.

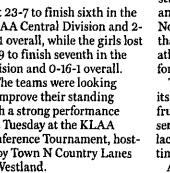
lost 23-7 to finish sixth in the KLAA Central Division and 2-14-1 overall, while the girls lost 21-9 to finish seventh in the division and 0-16-1 overall. The teams were looking with a strong performance last Tuesday at the KLAA Conference Tournament, hosted by Town N Country Lanes in Westland.

DODGEBALL

The Detroit Cup will host dodgeball teams from all across Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana and Canada on March 5 at Total Sports Complex in Novi. The charity event will fund a group of 100 Novi and Northville high school students same thrill." planning to spend a week in Detroit working with homeless for children this summer. It is the first of four such events across the state, which will serve to determine a 2010 state

champion. Anyone interested in learning more or signing up a team should visit www.detroitcupdodgeball.com by midnight Wednesday.

department has joined the world of social media accounts. To join in and receive free mid-game updates and news on other Novi athletics happenings, search "NoviSports" on Twitter and "Novi Athletics" on Facebook A familiar Wildcat icon serves



BY KATHY FORCH

people and running a day camp he knew and spread the word

It didn't take long for him to have a sizable list of interested players. In the fall of 2008, he took his list of athletes to the WLCSD Athletic Director Steve Emert. He was given the approval to go ahead with a team for the upcoming 2009 season, but only as a JV exhibition team. As a late-comer, Western began its first season as an exhibition team playing mostly JV teams. With only five of the 23 players ever hav-



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For the first time since open-ing its doors in 1969, Walled Lake Western will be adding a lacrosse team to its list of varsity spring sports this year. Lacrosse was first intro-

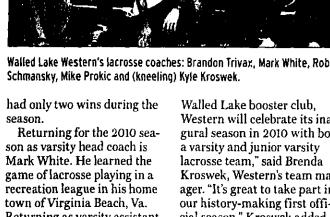
LOCAL SPORTS

duced to the Walled Lake **Consolidated School District** as a combined team. Athletes from all three of the district's schools made up the first team called "The Gladiators". In 2007, the district team broke into two, with half of Western's students going to Central and the other half going to Northern. This marks the year that Western will offer their athletes the opportunity to play for their own lacrosse team. The idea for Western to have its own lacrosse team came to fruition when Kyle Kroswek, a lacrosse team, decided it was time for change. A former lacrosse player

at Central, Kyle said, "I love lacrosse and enjoyed playing on Walled Lake Central's team, but it was time that Walled Lake Western had their own lacrosse team. We had a great group of guys and I learned a nothing like playing for your home school. It's just not the

To get a team started at Western, Kyle called everyone that he was trying to form a lacrosse team.

ing played the sport, Western



Returning as varsity assistant head coach is Brandon Trivax. A Western High School gradu-Dearborn and was a captain of his team. Joining this year duties for the JV team is Rob

and has coached lacrosse for Cranbrook, Orchard Lake St. Marys, and Bloomfield Hills. Mike Prokic, will fill the role of assistant head coach for the JV team. He was a starter on defense all four years during his undergrad at U of M Dearborn, was named Rookie of the year, was captain for two years, received the coveted "workhorse" award in 2007, and was named All Conference in 2008.

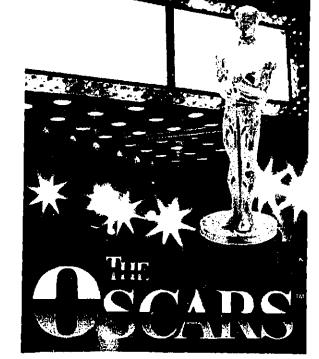
"Thanks to the support of parents, players and our

Walled Lake booster club Western will celebrate its inaugural season in 2010 with both a varsity and junior varsity lacrosse team," said Brenda Kroswek, Western's team man ager. "It's great to take part in our history-making first official season," Kroswek added. If Walled Lake Western students are interested in playing for the team, they can contact Kroswek by phone at (248)

669-9656 or via email at westernlax@yahoo.com. Walled Lake Western's lacrosse team is part of the KLAA (Kensington Lakes Athletic Association)-Kensington Conference and follows the MHSAA (Michigan High School Athletic Association) guidelines. This club sport is supported solely by its players, parents and the Walled Lake consolidated booster club.

The season begins its season with a home game on March 24 with a JV game at 5:30 p.m. and varsity game at 7 p.m against Walled Lake Central. For more information about the team, visit www.wlwlacrosse.com.

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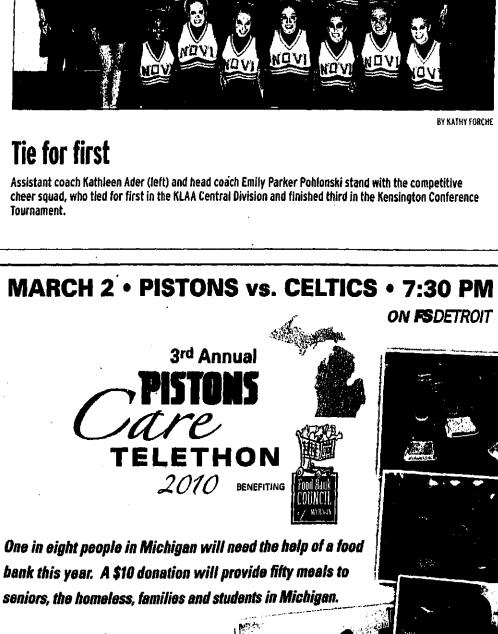
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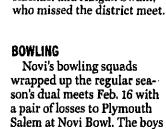
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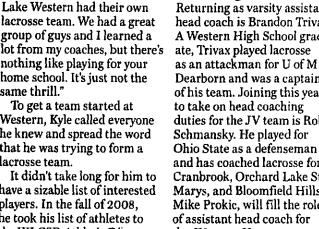


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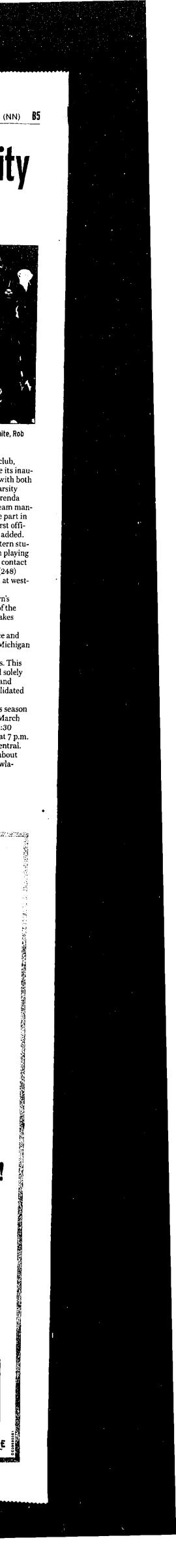
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senior and captain of Western's had only two wins during the season.



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9. What's in store for the future of your business?

Branching into yet more industry segments based on the shifts in our



Bonnie Trush runs a business coaching entity, Final Destinations, for clients in Novi and the surrounding area.

economy. Providing a lot of business start up planning as well. I am celebrating 10 years this year and have some very exciting things planned.

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The Novi Business Assistance Team is presenting a free networking event with information on the Business Administration Team (BAT) on Tuesday, March 2 at Walsh College in Novi.

The mission of the BAT is to identify small and medium size businesses within the Novi community that would benefit from the business and planning experience the team is able to offer.

The goal is to provide knowledge, guidance and useful tools for these businesses to utilize in order to maintain and grow their business in an effective and efficient way. There are no sales involved in this assistance.

The specific types of assistance the team can offer, include:

- Sounding board for potential ideas
- Review existing business plans
- Marketing, advertising, public relation advice
- Networking within the community
- SBA financing/loan options

To reserve your spot and for more information, please contact Sarah Marchioni at smarchioni@ cityofnovi.org or (248) 347-0580 by Feb. 26.

Building customer loyalty

Gerald W. Bricker, managing principal and founder of the Northville-based business consultancy Aadvise Consulting, will conduct a seminar on the importance of building a customer loyalty strategy to grow sales, improve profitability and enhance employee relations.

The seminar will be held on Wednesday, March 3, from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Double Tree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi.

Bricker is a 30-year professional in general and sales management, having served most recently as vice president and general sales manager of a major global automotive electronics firm. He will present the strategic value of building customer loyalty in helping grow revenue by more than 10 percent and profitability by more than 25 percent, all with a minimal amount of investment.

To register for the seminar, go to www.novichamber.com and click on the Events button; or call (248) 974-1537.

Schoolcraft College offers seminars for small business owners, entrepreneurs

Schoolcraft College's Small Business and Technology Development Center is offering several seminars in March that cater to the unique needs of entrepreneurs and small business owners.

Reservations are required. To reserve a seat for these or any other SBTDC seminars, call (734) 462-4438 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu/bdc/

sbtdc_seminars.asp for registration instructions. All of the seminars are held at the VisTaTech Center on Schoolcraft College's main campus in Livonia, Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads. The Entrepreneur Series includes: * Starting a Business: Wed., March 10, 9:30

a.m.-12:30 p.m., or Wed., March 24, 6-9 p.m., \$30 * Business Legal Issues: Tues., March 16, 9:30

a.m.-noon, \$40 * Writing a Business Plan: Wed., March 17, 9:30 a.m.-noon, \$40

* Marketing Your Business: Thurs., March 18, 6-9 p.m., \$40

* Finance: Wed., Feb. 24, 6-9 p.m., or Wed., March 31, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., \$40

In addition, the SBTDC will offer "Working for Yourself: The Ins and Outs of Becoming a Consultant, a Contractor, or other Service Provider," Wednesday, February 24, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and again on Wednesday, March 24, from 6 - 9 p.m. The cost is \$40.

A brand new course, "Whale Hunting: Landing Big Sales and Transform Your Company," will be held Friday, March 12, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. This course provides a nine-step, team-sales approach to closing deals using existing resources to better serve large accounts. The cost of this course is \$299.

Women: Create Your New Economy

Women's Business Network will host "Create Your New Economy!" business and networking expo on March 20 at Baker's of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Road, Milford.

The all-day event will include eight dynamic women presenting pertinent information on the legal, financial, marketing and other important aspects of running a business. Pointers for success and how to make an excellent personal impression on prospective clients will also be presented. Several example makeovers will be completed. There will be numerous opportunities for networking with other local women professionals throughout the day. The organization expects 100 attendees. The cost of attendance is \$45 per person, or \$120 for three tickets, if registered by March 1. Thereafter, tickets will be \$55 per person. Lunch provided by Baker's of Milford is included in the ticket price.

Vendor space is available to promote your business to attendees. The cost for an eight-foot table display is \$30, plus the cost of admission. Vendors may choose to share their space and the rental cost among multiple businesses if desired. Each vendor in attendance will be responsible for the cost of admission.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Debra Downing at (248) 252-2952 or downingddd@aol.com.