

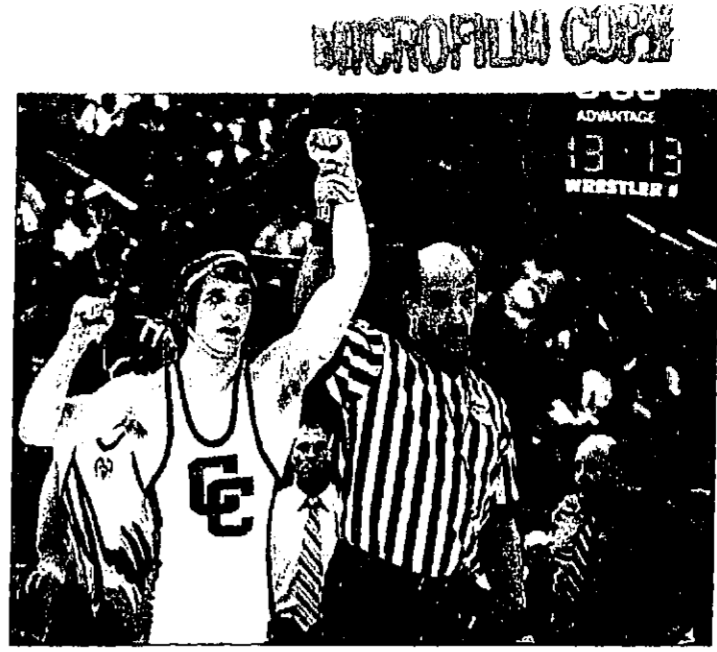
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L. Brooks talks to Lakes Area

At the 2010 State of the Lakes luncheon, L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County executive, and representatives from six lakes area communities will address the area economic outlook, the status of projects underway, new development and other changes likely this year and in 2011.

L. Brooks Patterson

Presented by the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, the annual event is Tuesday, March 16, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at the Edgewood Country Club, located on Commerce Road, just West of Union Lake Road.

Speaking to the months ahead in their communities will be Bill Roberts, Walled Lake mayor; Kevin Hinkley, Wixom mayor; Mike Kowall, White Lake supervisor; John Magee, Wolverine Lake Village council president; Kathleen Cassidy Jackson, Commerce Planning Department; and Kent Roberts, filling-in for Carl Solden, Waterford supervisor.

The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$25 per person and include lunch. For reservations call the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce at 248/624-2826. Registrations must be made by Friday, March 12.

"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!

Performances are Friday and Saturday, March 12-13 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 14 at 2 p.m.

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.

Novi Road to finally get makeover

Project slated to start in winter

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

It appears the Novi Road project is back on track.

The Road Commission for Oakland County released its road improvement projects for 2010 last Friday, and widening Novi Road between Ten Mile Road and Grand River Avenue from two lanes to five and putting a bridge over the CSX Railroad crossing highlighted the list.

"I'll believe it when I see some trucks out there working on it," joked city manager Clay Pearson, who added it is gratifying to know the project is on line.

As of October, the program was headed for the back burner when city officials were told federal funding for the project might be taken away. That turned out not to be the case, and the \$28-million project is slated to kickoff this winter.

Eighty percent of the project is being paid for with federal road dol-

"For one thing, whenever a train is going through there will not be a complete halt to traffic, and it will be a much safer configuration in terms of people being able to turn left and right from Novi Road."

CLAY PEARSON, Novi city manager

lars generated by the federal gas tax and the remaining 20 percent is split between the RCOC and the city of Novi.

Pearson said Novi's portion will amount to about \$3 million.

The project is part of a grand plan that has been progressing since 2000. Grand River Avenue was widened from Wixom to Novi Road and

then the Ten Mile and Novi Road intersection was completed and this project is the next step.

There is more to come in the future with construction work on Grand River, east of Novi Road, but that is still a couple years away, Pearson said.

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Students take stand against idling

Cassis praises their work, encourages local action

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Idling is not acceptable to Novi Middle School students Raj Raina and Yash Sathe.

Not when it comes to vehicles. And not when it comes to taking action to stop such practices from happening.

The two teens are taking a stand against idling cars, making presentations before the Novi City Council and most recently on Monday to Sen. Nancy Cassis.

Their goal initially is to educate, and ultimately to make Michigan an no-idling state.

"We thought since they are not going to take cars off the road we can help stop emissions," Sathe said. "An idling car is the most inefficient car on the road."

During their presentation to Cassis at the middle school, the students told her about the impact idling has on the environment and health, that it wastes money and that it burns fuels that are already in limited supply.

They also squashed some myths and educated the senator about the fact that idling wastes more gas than turning off a car and restarting it.

Raina and Sathe started their crusade against idling



State Sen. Nancy Cassis met with Novi Middle School eighth graders Yash Sathe, right, and Raj Raina on March 8 to see their presentation for an anti-automobile idling law for the state of Michigan.

about four months ago and even conducted a study at the middle school to see how prevalent it was.

On day one they observed 46 of 53 vehicles idling outside the school, and then passed out fliers, stickers and brochures to educate people. Six weeks later only 35 of the 55 vehicles were idling.

"It showed us we can make a significant difference in

the attitudes of people," Raina said.

Cassis, who signed one of their pledges to not idle, praised their ability to research and take a stand against something they strongly oppose, and encouraged them to get more people involved because "there is strength in numbers."

She is passing their information on to Senators Ray Bashem, who introduced

Senate Bill 1069 which prohibits the operator of a commercial diesel vehicle from idling it for more than five minutes during a 60 minute period, and Jud Gilbert, who is the chair of the Senate Transportation Committee.

While she doesn't know if anything can happen at the state level, Cassis encouraged them to continue to work locally.

The students said prin-

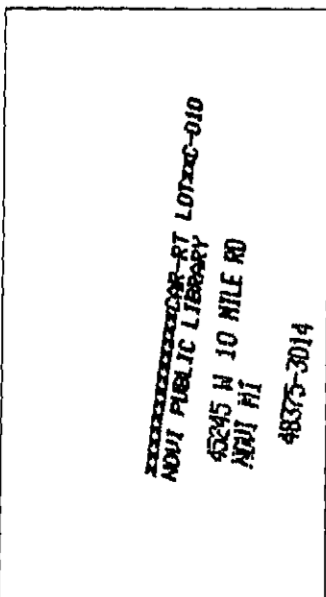
icipal Milan Obrenovich was working on putting up no-idling signs at the school and they plan to speak to the school board about the issue as well. They have more than 800 pledges from and want to have 2,000 by the summer.

"It feels great making a difference," Raina said.

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Teachers voice concerns with Focus on Our Future forums

District clarifies points from MEA presentation

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Five Novi teachers voiced their displeasure last Thursday with the district's recent Focus on Our Future forums.

Their complaints ranged from difficulty filling out the survey and skewed information to hidden agendas and lack of open discussion.

Brett Meyer, Novi Education Association vice president, said "to put it bluntly these series of meetings were not forums for discussion."

"In my limited experience at the forum I attended, it was a one-sided experience with information coming from administra-

tion," he said. "... So after two-plus hours of being bombarded with facts, figures and data, there were few questions with few, if any, concrete answers."

Jennifer Harvey, a teacher at Parkview Elementary, said she felt the district was hiding information, and wants the teachers, administrators and school board members to exchange ideas and information like they used to in the past.

Lyn Fischer, another teacher at Parkview, said she was "shocked" at how certain survey questions were presented and wondered why the information given to the public differed so much from

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Going back to California

Antil to become assistant city manager in Palo Alto

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER



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Pam Antil's three-and-a-half year stint as Novi's assistant city manager is coming to an end.

Antil received approval Monday from the city council in Palo Alto, Calif., to assume the same position there, and is expected to start in that role in mid-April.

She said she was contacted about the job late last year but did not hear anything until January. She interviewed with City Manager James Keene a couple weeks ago and was then offered the job.

"It's a great place to raise a family and an outstanding opportunity," she said. "It's very hard to leave the group in Novi. I loved working with (City Manager) Clay Pearson because he has so much energy, and Mayor David Landry has led the community in such an outstanding way."

Antil came to Novi after a stint in Ann Arbor. Prior to that she lived in southern California for about 10 years, going to school and working in the city manager office in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.

In July, she was one of the finalists for the city manager position in Troy, but was not selected. She said not getting the job in Troy was a blessing because her new job is a "better fit" for her.

She also said the fact her husband will be

able to keep his current job and move to a new office location is a major plus.

"Things just have a way for working out the way they are supposed to," she said. Antil's new role in Palo Alto will allow her to work as the chief operating officer, focusing on helping the city manager run the day-to-day operations and directing and guiding various departments.

"Every day is going to be an exciting adventure and challenge," she said. During her tenure in Novi, Antil was heavily involved in making organizational and structural changes to absorb

some of the economic challenges facing the city. She also is proud of the venture teams that brought people from different parts of the city together to work on different city initiatives.

Pearson said Antil has been a "huge part of our successes," highlighting her work with developing and leadership programs, establishing "green" practices and more.

He also said her position will be filled, hopefully by the time Antil starts her new job in April.

"Having someone at that level who can handle the operational issues is key for us all to be successful," he said.

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the information presented by the Michigan Education Association at a meeting last month.

"I would like you to look at that and find out why that is happening," she said to the school board members.

Despite the criticisms from the teachers, Gail Credit, assistant superintendent for business and operations, said the forums were successful and "provided a lot of information to the public that we thought the public and staff would want to know."

"We gave them a deeper dive into what it takes to run a district, what the costs are associated with running a district, and with more information they are better able to make informed choices on what they value and are willing to reduce as our budget tightens," she said.

Some of the board members and Credit did take offense to the comments the teachers made, specifically the ones regarding a hidden agenda.

Bruce Bagdady, school board vice president, said he was concerned when staff members came to a board meeting and said the district is playing games with numbers

SURVEY

The final day to complete the Focus on Our Future survey is March 19, and the information will be collected and a recommendation for reductions for next year will go to the board on May 6.

based on the presentation from the MEA. He noted that the school budgets are audited every year and it's public information that people can view any time they want.

"The most disconcerting thing is, well, there are many, but the one that troubles me most after hearing some of the things we did (Thursday) in this meeting is we have staff who obviously believed everything (MEA financial analyst Arch Lewis) said," Bagdady said. "So the mind-frame suddenly is the board and administration are playing games with the budget because here is what this gentleman said. I didn't think people would buy it, but some people obviously do."

Credit said she also reviewed the MEA presentation and could not track several of the data points in it. The district sent Lewis a letter with 25 points of clarification

and asked him to supply the resources of his data and have yet to hear back from him.

Two of the figures that stood out to Credit were graphs that showed the school district having about \$76 million available revenues in 2004-2005 and \$82 million in 2008-2009. Her audited figures, however, showed about \$65.6 million in 04-05 and \$69.8 million in 08-09.

"I don't know how he came up with that figure and because it is the basis of all his comparisons, it is very confusing to us," she said. "And also the budgeting errors and staffing errors (noted in Lewis' presentation) are offensive to this staff that work so hard to get this budget just right and staffing just right."

She also clarified Thursday the specific funds the district has and their uses.

Trustee George Kortlandt also disagreed with Lewis' message that there is no financial crisis.

"If there is no financial crisis, there are a whole lot of districts throughout this state who are just doing lots of foolish things," he said.

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Work has already been started on engineering and right-of-way acquisitions, and Pearson expects crews to begin after the winter holidays with a closure to happen at the railroad tracks in January or February. He said people should expect to take alternate routes on Meadowbrook and Beek Roads and get familiar with detours.

The end result, however, will be worth the wait. "For one thing, whenever a train is going through there will not be a complete halt to traffic, and it will be a much safer configuration in terms of people being able to turn left and right from Novi Road," he said.

The Novi City Council also approved a cost participation agreement with the ROC on Monday to complete phase two of a project along Novi Road from Grand River to Twelve Mile Road.

The project includes the reconstruction of the traffic signals as decorative mast arms with decorative lighting at Novi Road and the following intersections: Crescent Boulevard, West Oaks Drive and the Twelve Oaks north entrance.

It also includes sidewalk ramp construction and improvements at each intersection (but not the sidewalk segments between intersections) to meet accessibility requirements. Additionally, the "pork chop" restricting left turns from the northern driveway for West Oaks II is planned for removal as part of the project.

The total cost is estimated at \$630,000, split equally between the ROC and the city. It is expected to be started in the spring and completed in July.

"It will make Novi Road very attractive and consistent with what you see further south on Novi Road and Grand River," Pearson said.

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Novi parks team up to battle childhood obesity

Program focus on both child, parents

BY NATHAN MUELLER
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Novi's parks and recreation programs are meant to suit the needs of every child in the community.

But when recreation coordinator Susan Stevens looked at the type of children coming through them, she started to see they were missing out on an important niche — overweight children.

In an effort to reach out to those children and parents, the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department has teamed up with the Family Health Institute to offer the Childhood Weight Management Program.

The program is an ongoing nine-week session for children ages five to 14 and their families. It meets once per week, and is not a dieting program, rather, it's an educational one.

"They talk about making healthy lifestyle changes, behavioral changes and emotional changes," Stevens said. "And it takes whatever habits they may have right now and breaks them

down to replace them with new habits."

She said the program is the city's version of the television show *The Biggest Loser* in that they help the child strip away what doesn't belong in their lives and believe they can change it.

"It's a matter of showing them it doesn't have to always be like that and you can come out of your shell," she said. "But it comes back to the parents as well. They are feeding their children, not just food wise but emotionally as well."

Dr. Keith Levik, who was a pioneer in treating childhood obesity 22 years ago, said the children should not face the issue alone. He started the Center for Childhood Weight Management and recently partnered with Dr. Paul Ehrman, who found the Children's Health Initiative Program, to form the Family Health Institute.

"The entire family is worked with," he said. "It's a family issue, not a child's issue."

The program focuses on the C.A.N.D.E.E. principals: controlling behavior, attitude, nutritional habits, diet, exercise and esteem.

Levik said children need to realize they don't have to be an athlete to walk, to take karate or to ride their bike, and the environment created at the classes encourages fun, organized play.

When Levik looks back on childhood obesity when he got involved in 1988 he notices a drastic change for the worse.

"When I started it was a serious problem, at the end of the 1990s it was an epidemic and today it's a pandemic, it's worldwide," he said.

He said that once an overweight child reaches their teens they have an 80 percent chance of going on and becoming obese.

"The earlier we can get them, the quicker we can turn it around," he said.

The program in Novi runs through May 10 on Mondays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Cost is \$120 per participant, and registration can be done online at www.cityofnovi.org. For more information, contact Stevens at (248) 347-0400.

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First at Bagger

Hope Drogmiller, 11, of Wilcox was the very first customer at the grand opening of the new Novi Bagger Dave's restaurant. Hope was excited to be the first customer and proud to present them with their first dollar to bring them good luck. She waited in line at 10 a.m. Feb. 21 to be one of the first 100 customers to receive a coupon book for 52 weeks of fries or chili.

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NOVI LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Kiddie Crafts!

Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. Saturday, March 13.
Details: Toddlers and preschoolers will have the opportunity to create a work of art using their imaginations and the supplies that we will provide. We may get messy so please dress accordingly. Each child must be accompanied by an adult helper. Please register.
Parent-Child Book Discussion
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 16.
Details: Join a group of readers in 2nd-4th grades and

their parents or significant adults to hear a librarian tell you about books that others love. There will be a snack and a craft or game. Registration required.

Rock Climbing Basics

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 16.
Details: Learn about the sport of Rock Climbing from two pros. Chris Brown and Patrick Spoutz will describe equipment and techniques, social aspects of the sport, and where to climb. All ages are welcome! Please register.

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Novi Fire Department Capt. Brad McFaul directs firefighters during a blaze Saturday at a home on Chattman Drive.

Neighbors save couple from blaze

Quick response by fire department helped salvage home

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

A Novi couple is lucky to be alive after a fire engulfed the garage of their Chattman Drive home around 7:47 a.m. on Saturday.

The husband and wife were rescued after being told about the fire and quickly slammed the door shut after seeing the flames. He then grabbed his wife and ran out of the house.

According to the report, the man peaked into his garage after being told about the fire and quickly slammed the door shut after seeing the flames. He then grabbed his wife and ran out of the house.

Novi Fire Department personnel arrived on the scene in less than five minutes and kept it contained so it did not spread to the entire home. Even though it was devastating there was still a positive outcome because no one was seriously hurt or injured," said Director of Emergency



Director of Emergency Medical Services and Fire Operations Jeff Johnson (white helmet) talks with a fellow firefighter as the department puts out a fire on Chattman Drive.

Medical Services and Fire Operations Jeff Johnson. His crew had the fire under control within 16 minutes, keeping most of the home intact but with heavy smoke damage. No one was injured in

the blaze. The cause of the fire in still under investigation by the fire marshal.

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Walled Lake police help Novi catch larceny suspects

BY NATHAN MUELLER
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Novi and Walled Lake police put an abrupt end to a string of larcenies on March 2, arresting three men who are believed to be responsible for the thefts.

Keego Harbor residents Bradley James Buchheister, 19, and Cory Deanen Gipson, 25, and Bloomfield Hills resident Andrew Lee Almanza, 23, were arraigned on March 4 on multiple felony counts of recovering and concealing stolen property and larceny from automobiles. All are five-year felons.

The incidents in Novi occurred around 4 a.m. on Feb. 28 on Pickford, North Haven and West Lake Roads. The suspects stole several items including GPS units, laptops, cameras, cash and other personal documents from multiple unlocked vehicles.

Novi Police Department



Andrew Lee Almanza, Bradley James Buchheister, Cory Deanen Gipson

Det. Sgt. Matt Conquest said during one of the thefts a resident heard a car door slam thinking it was her son coming home, but he was already there. When she looked outside she saw the dome light on inside a neighbor's vehicle and observed a white Ford Ranger-style truck with a loud exhaust driving away from it.

Two days later, Walled Lake police arrested the men after a resident in the city saw the subjects running from a garage to a truck identical to the one the Novi woman described. Police stopped

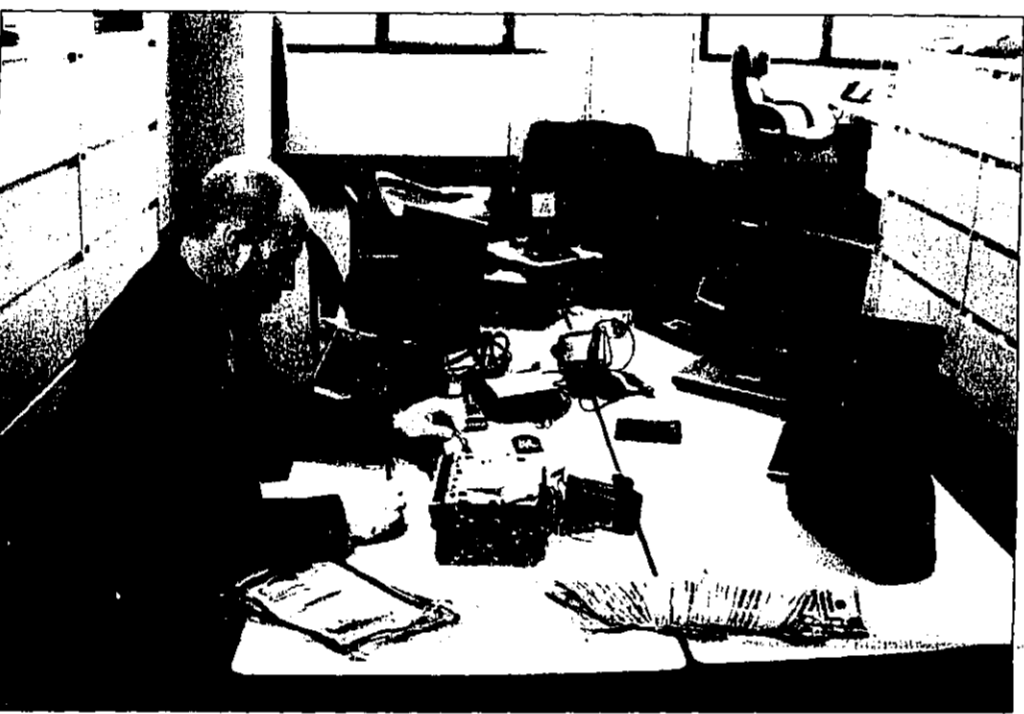
the truck and found much of the property from the Novi larcenies as well as the property stolen that night.

Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Molloy commended both the Walled Lake and Novi detectives for the quick resolution, and for recovering the thousands of dollars worth of items.

He also said the situation serves as a reminder to residents to remove their valuables from their cars. "Don't assume just because you lock your vehicle doors your items are safe," he said.

The three men are currently being held at Oakland County Jail awaiting their court date.

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Novi Police Department Det. Mike Prough sorts through the stolen items recovered from a March 2 larceny arrest.

EDUCATION



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Winter Guard

Novi High School's varsity color guard performed in the Winter Guard competition at the school on Feb. 27. There are 21 members ranging from eighth to 12 grade in the AAA Class. Members are Jaana Ashtiani, Madeline Baus, Lauren Carroll, Lulu Chang, Amanda Chu, Sarah Cho, Theresa Drafts, MacKenzie Dubay (not pictured), Taliana Fitzpatrick Dyer, Danielle Fouratt, Rachel Fox, Marina Gonthier, Abby Henning, Lauren Matson, Mina Nakano, Hiba Naseem, Jolisa Oyeleye, Ashley Pace, Tristin Pickett, Elizabeth Richmond and Corinne Smith. Co-directors are Claire DeLisle and Carlie Ferschneider.



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Winterguard

Members of the Novi White varsity winterguard team competed at the Novi Invitational on Feb. 27. Over 50 performing groups from all over the state attended and Novi White took second in their class with their production "Amaryllis" using music by the Ann Trio. Winterguard is the competitive season for fall colorguard members who usually perform with the marching band. They perform to recorded music in a gym and use flags, rifles, sabres and dance along with props and designed performance mats. For more information on future performances and about the activity, go to MCGC.net.



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100th

Last week, the Novi School District celebrated the 100th day of the school year. Shown in their 100th Day fashions are Deerfield Elementary's Katelynn Fujikawa and Kiyomi Ogimoto.

School district saving energy, money

Savings for 38 months totals \$1.5 million

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER



NOVI MUELLER/STAFF WRITER

The Novi Community School District has found that saving money can be as easy as flipping off lights, closing the blinds, shutting off electronics and turning down the thermostat when no one is around.

A little over three years ago, district officials made it a point to focus on conserving energy and in turn saving money. That point is not only being heard by staff, but also is paying off financially. In a 38-month period, the district has saved \$1,584,520 through its Energy Conservation Program, and \$304,327 came in a six-month span from July 2009 to December 2009.

"It was just a matter of changing habits," said Energy Manager Bill Main. "People have easily bought into it and it is being passed onto the students as well. They will even remind teachers if they walk out of the room without turning the lights off."

Gail Credit, assistant superintendent for business and operations, said the district contracted with Energy Education because they guaranteed savings, and the district "let us couldn't lose and had a lot to gain."

The four-year contract, which expires in seven months, costs the district \$127,000 per year and

Novi Community School District Manager Bill Main notes that the district has saved about \$1.5 million in the last 38 months through energy-saving measures. Main points to efforts to keep office and classroom lights off (notice they're off over his head) if they're not needed and other simple measures like closing the blinds at the end of the day to preserve heat in the winter and cool air toward the summer.

gives them access to several specialists in the field who trained Main and looked at data to recommend ways to save money. The contract will not be renewed when it expires, but the district can still consult with them and Main will attend their conferences.

"It was a commitment to the future," Credit said. The utility budget makes up about 2.4 percent of the overall budget, but with 86 percent tied to people costs, finding a way to save in that area is important, Credit said.

Main said the majority of the credit goes to the teachers and staff for buying into the program. He does building audits

regularly to see how compliant teachers are and leaves reports with the principal to resolve any issues. He recently visited all of the elementary schools and two of them had 100 percent participation.

In a time where many school districts are laying off employees and cutting programs, saving money by doing something as simple as conserving energy is going to be of major importance.

"It's really been a successful program so far," Main said. "And it is going to be an integral part of every school district going forward."

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The following Novi students graduated in December 2009: Jenna Brandemihl, bachelor of science, criminal justice and family studies, cum laude; Avice

Dedeckere, bachelor of business administration, accounting; Colin Goldsmith, bachelor of business administration, integrated supply matrix management; Ted Oberts, bachelor of business administration, integrated supply

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Hats off to Meadows

The "Hats for Haiti" fundraiser on Feb. 26 organized by Girl Scout troop 1809 at Novi Meadows raised \$1,030 for Haitian relief efforts. The fifth and sixth graders were allowed to wear a hat for the day if they paid a dollar. Pictured from left: Melissa Kolis, Lauren Henry, Julia Massab, Kate Pristly, Natalie Davis and Sydney Carlson. Not pictured: Brooke Grant and Lucy Horne.

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Fox exceeds blood drive goal

Feb. 25 was a "very good day" at Fox Run for Peg Quigley, her committee and the 33 residents and staff who participated in the American Red Cross Blood Drive at the continuing care retirement community in Novi. "We exceeded our goal, with 21 residents and 12 staff donating 33 units of blood, including six donors who gave for the first time or who had not given in the past six years," said Quigley who has organized several blood drives a year at Fox Run in Novi for the past five years. The blood drive committee of five residents plus additional resident volunteers has the process of organizing and hosting a blood drive down to a science. For weeks before the blood drive date, committee members coordinate the sign-up lists posted throughout the campus and promote the event among residents. When the American Red Cross bloodmobile arrives, other volunteers already have delivered home baked cookies to the canteen area and the first two-person team of six other volunteers is in place to sign in donors and staff the canteen for the six-hour blood drive. Pictured, Fox Run residents Peg Quigley and J.V. Anandan and Home Support Aide Pete Andreoli are next in line to donate blood.

Langer keynote speaker

Dr. Hans J. Langer, a pioneer of commercial laser-sintering and CEO of EOS, will be one of the Founders of the Technologies keynote speakers at the Founders' Session of the SME RAPID Prototyping and Manufacturing 2010 Exposition (May 18-20, Anaheim, Calif.). The session takes place on the second day of the RAPID Exposition and is open to all registered attendees. "Even when laser-sintering was a fledgling technology, I had great faith in its potential to revolutionize design and manufacturing," Dr. Langer says. "Since then, it has become essential to innovations from titanium dental

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Coventry Health Care elects Joseph R. Swedish to board of directors

Coventry Health Care, Inc. announced that Joseph R. Swedish was elected to the Company's Board of Directors at its meeting held on Feb. 25.

Since December 2004, Swedish has served as president and CEO of Trinity Health, of Novi. Previously, Swedish was president and CEO of Centura Health in Colorado from January 1999-2004. From 1994 to December 1998, Swedish worked for Hospital Corporation of America, first as president and CEO of the Central Florida

Division and then as president and CEO of the East Florida Division.

Swedish received his undergraduate degree at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and received his MHA from Duke University. Swedish is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.

"We are very pleased to be able to add someone of Joe's caliber to our Board of Directors," said Allen Wice, Coventry's chief executive officer. "Mr. Swedish will bring a unique and invaluable perspective to our Board given his depth of leadership roles at a number of integrated health care systems and breadth of experience across the continuum of health services and managed care enterprises. We welcome Joe to the Board and look forward to working with him."

NOVI COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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 deductible. The NYA Jennie Clarke Summer Teen Center opens June 21.

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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. The dinner costs \$20, and several live and silent auction items will be on display for open bidding. The auctions will feature such items as vacations, dinners, sports memorabilia, and more. The Novi High School Jazz Band also will perform. Proceeds will benefit the Michigan Eye-Bank which provides a second chance for sight to people throughout the state. In 2009, it helped 1,027 people who were facing blindness. The goal for this year's event is \$5,000. For more information about the event or to purchase tickets, call Barr at (248) 960-3092.

Lions Club fund-raiser

The fourth annual Lions Club Charity Dinner and Auction starts at 6 p.m. on March 13 at the Novi Sheraton Hotel. The dinner costs \$20, and several live and silent auction items will be on display for open bidding. The auctions will feature such items as vacations, dinners, sports memorabilia, and more. The Novi High School Jazz Band also will perform. Proceeds will benefit the Michigan Eye-Bank which provides a second chance for sight to people throughout the state. In 2009, it helped 1,027 people who were facing blindness. The goal for this year's event is \$5,000. For more information about the event or to purchase tickets, call Barr at (248) 960-3092.

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 Teal-An Sun, 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 care. 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 White Band. The co-chairs for the event are Julie Curry and Charlotte Walter. Committee members include Andria Bojhr, Lauri Bolle-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, Elizabeth Moore, Rita Raina, OD; Jackie Schwartz, Nina Shah, Carol Shaya, Jennifer Stewart, Courtney Teple, Betsy Thompson, Sandy Tobar and Marilyn Wick. 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) 849-5744.

Fitness guru at Health and Fitness

At the age of 15, Peter Nielsen was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease and weighed a mere 96 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 his life. This is the foundation of Nielsen's message of health, fitness and personal power that audiences have come to crave. Understanding physical, mental and daily life challenges, Nielsen is able to connect with people on every level and his personal triumphs motivate even the most non-motivated person. At noon on Saturday, March 20, Nielsen will host a free truly life changing seminar called Shape Up For Summer at Better Health market in Novi, 42975 Grand River. Seating for these free seminars is limited and reservations are strongly suggested; call (248) 735-8100.

LEAP! event March 16

The 19 members of the Novi Youth Council (NYC) have been selected to participate in their second teen convention, LEAP!, Living Extraordinarily and Positively. This year's event will focus on wise choices and will take place on Tuesday, March 16 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Oak Pointe Church in Novi. In 2009, the City of Novi Youth Council presented its first annual teen convention with over 300 local high school students participating in the educational day focusing on raising awareness for a major issue facing students today: teen depression. For 2010, LEAP! will take the convention to new heights, by offering more group break-out sessions, hands-on activities, presentations, performances, and interactive booths by a variety of area organizations. Additionally,

Spring craft show

Looking for some unique crafts for the home or some interesting ideas for crafts of your own? Check out the craft show on March 20 and 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hometown Novi Manufactured Home Community Clubhouse off Thirteen Mile Road between M-5 and Novi Road. On hand will be handmade household decorations, clay ceramic brats, jelly bean bunnies, ornaments, cross stitch, crocheted dishcloths, concession stand, ceramics, sugar scrub and much more! Free admission. Please see BRIEFS, A1

True leadership, not micro-managing, is needed today

The nation remains in a recession. Jobs have been lost or positions downsized. Profits are down. Business is lackluster. The one aspect of business that is high right now is the pressure to show that you are making a difference as an employee, especially as a manager in an organization.

In this recession, are managers being leaders at their companies? Or are managers feeling increased pressure from the C-suite and stockholders and turning to micro-managing instead of being true leaders? There are some business people who think that managers are performing differently — that top-level managers are micro-managing today rather than leaders. During a recent conversation with one area

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business leader, he said, "Managers are asking more and more questions of everyone and all of a sudden want to be involved in every decision, big or small."

"More reports are requested, more phone calls and e-mails are generated, but no one profit is being created by this micro-managing. It actually makes the organization less efficient and has a negative effect on business," the leader said. When leaders micro-manage, morale can be adversely affected as lower level managers and employees tend to become more conservative because they perceive that the "big boss" is watching everything they do. Especially in this economy, lower level managers and employees fear that making any mistake may

cost them their job so they go into a "play-it-safe" mode.

In this economy, only playing it safe is the exact opposite of what businesses should want. Employees need to be empowered and motivated more than ever. Employees should be encouraged by organizational leaders to be innovative, to look for new opportunities, and to cross beyond past boundaries that are no longer working.

The time for true leadership to emerge is now. It is not the time to be micro-manager. One local business leader offers the following tips to help your team become better. He advises, "Be a leader instead of a manager" and:

- Help close a big sale
- Invest in new equipment to make the company and employees more efficient
- Improve work processes to make your employees' jobs easier

• Add a new product line or service so your team has more to offer

• Find new customers

• Visit lost customers and help turn them back to active customers

- Be supportive and confident of your employees' ability
- It will take more time for the nation to pull out of its recession. However, those businesses with leaders who truly lead will get out sooner.

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 Age 88, of Lyon, passed away Mar. 9, 2010. Brother of Ben (Bernice) & father of Scott. Private Services held. Final Resting Place: Bethel Memorial Cemetery in TN. Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home.

JOSEPHINE B. LUTCHKA
 Age 88, of Lyon, formerly of South Lyon, MI. Age 98, died Saturday, February 27, 2010 at Twin Cities Nursing Home in Gas City, IN. She was born April 15, 1910 in Westville, IL, the daughter of Frank & Silongie (Nora) Bass. Josephine worked at the Children's Museum in Detroit and the Ann Arbor Public Schools. She was a former member of North Sharon Baptist Church and was currently a member of Eastgate Community Church in Marion, IN. On June 6, 1936, she married Joseph Lutchka in Detroit and he preceded her in death on May 1, 1985. Survivors include a daughter, Martha Jo (Lewis) Miller of Gas City, IN; a son, David (Joan) Lutchka of East Grass Lake; six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Elizabeth Matkovic and Annie Coles. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 4th, at the Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea, MI, with burial at East Grass Lake Cemetery, Grass Lake, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Youth Haven Ranch, 20 Box 97, Rives Junction, MI 49277.

EDWARD M. BAIER
 Age 88, of Algonac, formerly of South Lyon, passed away March 5, 2010. He was born on July 14, 1921, in Detroit, son of the late William and Margaret (Lynch) Baier. Ed was a WWII Veteran serving in the U.S. Navy and a retired employee from Ford Motor Co. During his 30 years in South Lyon, Ed was a devoted member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. He is survived by his sisters, Catherine (John) McDermott and Marge Baier. His is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Angela in 1991 and his brother Donald Baier in 2009. Visitation was held on Monday, March 8th, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon, MI 48178. Memorial contributions may be made to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

ROB E. PROM
 Age 76, died March 4, 2010 at his home in Brighton after an extended illness. Bob was born March 30, 1933 in Northville, Michigan to Edgar and Catherine (Keller) Prom. He graduated from Northville High School in 1951. After serving four years in the Air Force, he married his wife Dolores. He earned a Bachelors Degree and Masters Degree in Education from Eastern Michigan University. Bob taught Elementary and Middle school in Northville until his retirement in 1989. He coached sports and served as Recreation Director in Northville. An avid sportsman and golfer, he was active in the Rocky Mt. Elk Club, a golf and fishing club. He was a member of the Michigan State and District Chair. He will be remembered for his sense of humor and his devotion to family. Bob is survived by his wife Dolores; his children, Barry (Peggy) Prom, Linda (Russ) Garcia, and Brian (Carol) Prom; his brother Kevin Ling; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held Wednesday, March 10 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. in lieu of flowers contributions would be appreciated to Cure PSP, Executive Plaza III, 11350 McCormick Rd., Suite 906, Hunt Valley, MD 21031.

VIRGINIA ANN MCGRAW
 Age 78, died March 2, 2010. A private family service was held at Oaklawn Hills Memorial Gardens. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online: www.phillipsfuneral.com

MARY STIFF
 Age 76, of Highland, died March 3, 2010 in the care of her family. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. For further info contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford at 248-684-6645.

SUE KELLY SULLIVAN
 Age 86, born Aug. 1, 1923. Died March 2, 2010. Wife of William J. Sullivan for 62 years. Funeral was March 6 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish. Online condolences www.obituariesullivanfuneralhome.com

FRANK A. SYROKA
 Age 92, March 2, 2010. Funeral held at St. Regis Catholic Church, Bloomfield Hills, March 6. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Lansing, 3411 Stoneleigh, Lansing, MI 48910. Online condolences www.obituariesullivanfuneralhome.com

JOAN D. WYSOCKI
 Age 55, of Novi, passed away March 2010. Funeral Mass to be held at a later date at St. Alfred's Catholic Church in Taylor. Donations to Arbor Hospice appreciated. Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home.

May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

Man busted with pot

A 19-year-old man was arrested at 11:15 p.m. on March 4 for possession of marijuana after being stopped at Grand River Avenue and Haggerty Road after the officer ran the license plate and it did not show any information.

According to the report, the car was equipped by three men and smelled strongly of marijuana when the officer approached. While the driver was looking for his identification and insurance he opened the glove box and the front seat passenger pulled out a plastic bag he said contained his medical marijuana.

Woman arrested for drunk driving

A 41-year-old woman was arrested for drunk driving after being stopped at 11:50 p.m. on March 3 at Citation and Novi Roads.

The woman smelled strongly of intoxicants when officers approached the vehicle and she admitted to drinking at an establishment in Livonia.

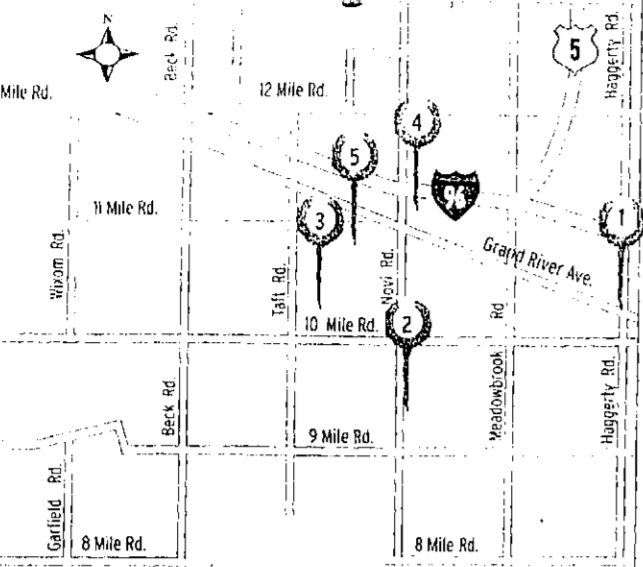
The woman failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .15 percent. The legal limit for drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

Window smashed, items stolen

An iPod nano and portable GPS were stolen from a locked car while it was parked in the driveway of a residence on Yorkshire Drive.

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

City of Novi



Wallet snatched from locked car

A 31-year-old Novi woman had her wallet stolen from her car overnight on March 2 while it was parked in the driveway of a residence on Eickenminster Drive.

Car broken into at Red Robin

A couple had their Chrysler 300 broken into and electronics were taken from it while it was parked in the parking lot of Red Robin on Crescent Boulevard between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. on March 3.

The owner of the vehicle did not notice the damage until after dinner, and the in-dash GPS and CD stereo player had been ripped from the center console.

The woman did notice a suspicious SUV pull alongside their vehicle in the parking lot at one point during dinner but she did not get any information out of it.

Four larcenies reported

Four larceny from automobiles were reported to the Novi Police Department on March 2-3.

In some of the instances, the suspects gained entry to the vehicle by breaking the window and in others the vehicles were left unlocked.

Stolen from the cars were a portable GPS, an iPod, cash and in dash GPS/CD unit. The thefts occurred on Newberry Drive, Yorkshire Drive, West Lake Drive and Sheraton Drive.

Police have no suspects in any of the cases.



The Novi Youth Council is joined by the police department and city staff in presenting this year's LEAP program.

Program to educate teens, parents about alcohol abuse

Free event being held at Oak Pointe Church

The LEAP program is free, and for more information people can call Tracie Ringle at (248) 735-5613. Oak Pointe Church is located on Ten Mile Road, just west of Wixom Road.

Drinking alcohol is a temptation all students are going to face, especially as prom and graduation season approaches. But the Novi Youth Council, Novi Police Department and the city want students to understand the dangers of alcohol abuse and make the right decisions.

For the second consecutive year, the LEAP program, which stands for Living Extraordinarily And Positively, will educate the youth and parents of the community on an important topic.

The event, which takes place from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on March 16 at Oak Pointe Church, was moved to the evening so more families can attend this year.

"We wanted to make it a community event because we felt the topic involves not only the teens but the families helping support those wise decisions and education," said city of Novi communications specialist Tracie Ringle.

The keynote speaker is former college volleyball player Sarah Panzau, a former college volleyball player who nearly lost her life in a drunk driving accident.

Ringle said she is an extremely powerful speaker and is in tune with the mind set of teenagers. She also said kids sometimes look to influences outside of their parents and Panzau can be that person.

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NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

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Church of the Holy Family Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road. Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamily.org

First Baptist Church of Novi/Novi-Integrated Church Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road. Contact: (248) 349-9647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org

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

Crosspointe Meadows Church Location: 24260 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road. Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene Location: 20260 Haggerty Road, north of 18 Mile Road. Contact: (248) 349-7600 or visit dcnazarene.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

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.

Novi United Methodist Location: 4167 W. 10 Mile Road. Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road. Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Location: 4145 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi. Contact: (248) 349-0565

Faith Community Presbyterian Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road. Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org

Oak Pointe Church Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road. Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org

Meadowbrook Congregational Location: 23355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads. Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7751, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org

Orchard Hills Baptist Church Location: 23455 Novi Road. Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665

St. John's Episcopal Church Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohnlutheran.com

St. John Lutheran Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills. Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohnlutheran.com

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church Location: 770 Thayer, Northville. Contact: (248) 453-0326, ext. 221

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891

Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington Location: 25301 Halstead Road, Farmington Hills. Contact: www.uuofarmington.org

St. James Catholic Location: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi. Contact: (248) 347-7778

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Location: 201 Elm St., Northville. Contact: (248) 349-3140

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church Location: 40000 Six Mile Road. Contact: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978

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OUR VIEWS

Is solution to school dilemma inevitable?

All across Michigan schools are scaling back, privatizing services, trimming staff and even closing buildings.

These are tough times for education in Michigan as per pupil funding continues to be cut. And it almost certainly is going to get worse. So what's to be done?

There is no single or simple answer to that question. So far, the districts are operating on the simple principle of let's keep the cuts as far away from the classrooms as possible. But that doesn't avoid cuts and it's only a matter of time before they do strike deeply into the schools.

There is talk of modifying, or "tweaking" Proposal A, which limits the taxing that is allowed for school districts, but anything that even hints of a tax increase these days is considered political poison.

The reality is, no one has answers for how to solve this dilemma. Likely what will happen is that the districts will cut here and there, wherever the opportunity arises or potential for savings can be realized while doing the least damage.

Ultimately, the districts, at least some, will grapple with the reality that they can not function as independent entities and will merge into larger units. Ideally, no one wants to lose the identity of their home school district, but the reality of economics will become unavoidable.

It's sad that we are moving in that direction, but it seems inevitable. It's part of our evolving world.

Politicians need to heed tax facts

There will be a lot of campaign talk this year about taxes. Several themes will be repeated:

- Taxes are bad in general, and tax hikes cause away jobs.

- The best way to attract business and cut employment is to reduce taxes.

- Above all else, never raise taxes during a recession. To do so is sheer idiocy. Everyone knows that.

- Or do they? Oddly enough, history shows that states can and do raise taxes during a recession. A study by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities points out that 30 states last year raised taxes.

Those states included such red states as Montana, Kansas, Wyoming and Idaho, among others. Some states raised sales taxes, some raised income taxes, and others raised business taxes. Some raised more than one, or took away tax exemptions, which is another way of pumping up your tax bill.

Meanwhile, here in Michigan, Republicans fall all over themselves trying to see who can most loudly proclaim that taxes are the reason that Michigan is in dire straits.

The report from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities makes the counterintuitive claim that states should be raising taxes during a recession. That's the only way, it says, that states can produce enough revenue to provide critical services during a time when tax revenue is declining.

When the economy stumbles, tax revenues decline even as the need for services increases. Without producing more revenue by raising taxes, states can't meet the new demands and risk critical cuts to basic services.

The report goes on to show that this has been the practice in this country. Back in the recession of the 1990s, for instance, 44 states increased taxes.

So do taxes always go up? Not at all. When the economy rebounds — when revenue starts pouring into state coffers — that's the time to cut taxes.

Is this a plea for tax hikes? Not at all. But it is a request for politicians to know what they are talking about. The job loss was not caused by taxes. Michigan, in fact, generally ranks around the middle of the nation when it comes to tax burdens. That doesn't mean that our tax policy is sound. Far from it. The way Lansing has butchered the budget process has seen to that. Thus, a ridiculous surcharge was tacked on to a business tax by a Legislature acting as though it were coming out of a wicked hangover. Thus, we have a sales tax that fails to address the new service-oriented economy.

Taxes are only half the equation. The other half requires a sensible, long-term spending plan that, for instance, addresses the still growing and unsustainable retirement costs for public employees.

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Do you use the computers and the Internet?
(Asked at the Novi Senior Center.)



"I do. I use the Internet to make cards. I have a little business - I'm an artist, and I make my paintings into cards and then sell them on the Internet."

Sister Geri Mear
Plymouth



"I do. I just use it for everything. I e-mail my son who lives in Germany. And if I need any information, I just scan the Internet."

Alice Schmitter
South Lyon



"Absolutely. We use it - not as much as some people, but we e-mail and find out lots of info on the Web."

Dave Wizgird
Livonia



"I'm just new at it, but I got involved because of the computer room here. I'm having a ball, too. I'm using it for e-mail and research and I made my first online purchase recently."

Richard O'Donohue
Novi

LETTERS

GOP = NO

How lucky we are as a nation to have so many Republicans representing us in Washington, for this past year they have truly proven to be the only political party that "nos" how to run government.

For example, during this time the GOP said "no" to equal pay for women. They also voted "no" to the extension and improvement of health care. Again, they said "no" to a more extensive job creation bill. And, most recently, they said "no" to a panel designed to rein in our crushing national debt. Yes, indeed, the Republican Party has consistently proven the only thing they truly know how to do is say "no" to any suggestions designed to secure or improve the general welfare of this nation and its people.

Walter Sobczak
Novi

An open letter to our congressman

People in our district are starving, struggling to maintain health care, struggling to put food on the table, yet you continue to stand clearly in the way of bipartisan reform or any attempt to achieve it. The current health care system is broken, no Republican plan has been put forth that will stop or even slow down the crisis... yet you continue to "just say no!" Furthermore your written word and speech to the American people really shows how aloof you are as you continue to use your command of the English language to speak over the heads of many of your constituents with your choice of words and political doublespeak. "Obfuscate," "devalues," "abet." Really, congressman? Is this how you think those in your district really speak? Your intelligence is clear but your pushing it is painfully alienating.

Congressman McCotter has published a piece on RedState.com in which he says Republicans "must not accept" an invitation from President Barack Obama to attend a health care summit. In the editorial, McCotter writes: "Designed to obfuscate this truth and devoid of any attempt to establish a shared, bipartisan principle for reform, the Obama administration's summit constitutes a ShamWay! In commercial for incrementally socialized medicine that threatens Americans' health care; imposes double taxation on most Americans who are responsibly trying to save for their future during this painful recession; devolves private health insurance companies into government-dictated utilities; and further erodes the public's waning faith that their government institutions are truly representative."

"Consequently, with due respect for the president and ultimate respect for the American people, the Republican leadership has no choice. It must NOT accept the administration's disingenuous summit invitation to 'negotiate.'"

I am hoping you can put an acknowledgment/thank you in your next edition to a Mr. John R. Thompson of Northville, Mich. I lost my wallet at Laurel Park Place parking lot on

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We may edit letters by 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats:

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Saturday, March 6, and he found it. He looked me up, called me at home (left me a message), and took my wallet to the Novi Police Department (the city in which I live).

I cannot tell you how thankful I am to have such a great and trustworthy citizen living amongst us. I called him to thank him and plan to send him a real thank you via the mail tomorrow. People like John R. Thompson are hard to come by. I would love it if you could put a "thank you" in your paper. He lives in Northville and I cannot thank him enough!

Tonya Colliau
Novi

Census advice to snowbirds

Michigan, like other northern states, has plenty of "snowbirds" — that is, residents who travel to warmer climates during the winter months. In this census year, it is critical that the snowbirds who call Michigan their usual residence answer the census form in their home state of Michigan.

Why is this important? Because Michigan can lose up to \$200 million in federal funds per year (\$2 billion per decade!) and may also lose a seat in the U.S. House if snowbirds are not included in the Michigan census takers.

The League of Women Voters, a partner of the Census 2010 Complete Count Committee, offers this solution: Snowbirds receiving a census form at their winter retreat should enter "0" for the number of people living at their winter address and then write only these words, "Usual residence elsewhere" so the person reading the form understands why "0" was entered. When they return to Michigan, they can fill out the census form that was delivered to their Michigan address OR wait until a census worker visits them at their Michigan home. There is no penalty for having a census worker make a home visit.

Census forms are delivered to households, not to individuals. The form does not ask where you live, nor is there a place on the form to indicate a primary address if you respond to the form from your winter retreat. Every U.S. resident should be counted by the census one, at the residence where they live most of the year.

Counting Michigan snowbirds as residents of another state reduces Michigan's political influence in Congress, reduces the level of federal funding received by state and local agencies, and reduces the accuracy of the census data.

Help Michigan be counted correctly! Please circulate this information to your snowbird friends so that Michigan can receive all the resources it deserves!

Judy Bateman, president
League of Women Voters-Oakland Area

Thanks, John Thompson, for honesty and caring

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A sound offense and defense, keys to Novi's team

Spring is just around the corner and soon children of all ages will be playing soccer on the numerous fields in Novi, with friends and family cheering them on, dreaming of, per chance, one day winning a World Cup. And, anyone who knows soccer, or any team sport for that matter, knows a winning team is made up of a sound offense and sound defense. It takes both to make a successful team. It may sound simple, but that is how we are looking at this year's budget and the challenges which lie ahead here in Novi.

You have undoubtedly picked up a newspaper or turned on the television to see communities facing cut backs, failed millages and the like due to the economic climate. And, Novi is not immune to the hardships. Novi's revenue to provide critical services will be decreasing in Fiscal Year 2010/11 and in subsequent years as projected in our fiscal analysis. Property tax revenue, our largest source by far, is going to be, overall, \$3.7 million less in Fiscal Year 2010/11 from our current Fiscal Year 2009/10. And, declining existing property values indicate property tax revenue could be as much as \$8.5 million lower overall in three years from the current \$36.5 million we collect. The facts, too, are interesting. Income, building permits, and State Shared Revenue are declining, as well. At the same time, facts are that the City of Novi is faring better, considerably better, on several measures than our peers. Moreover, we have already taken many steps in anticipation to mitigate and adjust to our reality. The City of Novi remains particular, unique strengths that will see us come back sooner and stronger; the challenge is to keep balancing our offense and defense.

Novi has played good offense. The city has been making multiple year projections for the purpose of decision making since 2002. Projections range from a scope of services to all funds influenced by property tax revenue. The city looks forward and back to provide analytical information in preparing current three-year projections.

Novi has a diverse economic tax base made up of more than 1,600 businesses. More than 30% of property tax revenue comes from retail, office, and commercial properties. The City will continue to focus on business attraction and retention to maintain this base. New investments, which seem to be showing some signs of life in the retail sector (Best Buy will open its second Novi location in May, Tin Fish will open soon at Twelve Oaks Mall) will lessen the impact of some of

the future declines. Attracting and positioning ourselves to gain new businesses, while retaining/growing what we have, is paramount.

Novi's property tax rate will remain constant at 10.5416 and we will live within that established total rate and our other revenue sources. Here is where we need a great defense.

Our mayor and City Council provide great strategic leadership. City staff is asked each day to seek and share efficiencies and to continue to make decisions that benefit the community and save money — they are a great team! These cost savings measures are shared in Fiscal Fitness, a monthly publication (found on the City's website at cityof-novi.org) highlighting initiatives which lend to Novi's healthy bottom line.

We are in the final stages of completing a Proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2010/11. The proposed budget will include the elimination of full-time positions where they made sense for our organization and had limited impact on delivering public services to the extent possible. We are currently at 259 full-time positions total, down by 25 from the 284 in FY 2008/09. Many of the position eliminations were accomplished through attrition and reorganizations, such as the new structure to align Fire and Police administrative functions into one Department of Public Safety administration. A similar re-alignment occurred last year in the Department of Public Services, combining Engineering, Public Works, Water and Sewer, and Parks maintenance at the Field Services Complex. Changes like these provide several strategic enhancements, including flexibility and integrated delivery of services; and a focused management of planning, implementation, and staff utilization.

We are going to make additional cost savings wherever possible. Managing the revenue decline requires continued action, but it is manageable in its scope with the right combination of offense and defense. The challenge ahead for our Novi team is manageable. We now look to you as our supporters, "family," friends. We value your input, ideas, and spirit and are proud of your interest in community happenings.

I welcome your ideas and thoughts and encourage you to contact me as we finalize the recommended City Budget. Years from now, I would like us all to say we won Novi's World Cup, because we did it together!

Clay Pearson is the city manager of Novi. He can be reached at cpearson@cityofnovi.org.

GUEST COLUMN



Welcome

The new Planet Fitness facility at the southeast corner of Pontiac Trail and Beck roads held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Feb. 24. Shown cutting the ribbon is Terrie Weeder. To the left of her are Ara Topouzian, Novi's economic development director, and Justin Fischer, Novi City Councilman.

BRIEFS

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Passport Day

The Oakland County Clerk and several local city and township clerks will be participating in this year's national "PASSPORT DAY in the USA" — opening their doors on Saturday, March 27, to accommodate travelers.

Locally, two Clerk Offices will be open on March 27:
• Walled Lake, 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
• Wixom, 49045 Pontiac Trail, Wixom, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For the first time ever, the Oakland County Clerk's Office will be offering expanded services during the March 27 Passport Day, including business/assumed names registrations, on-the-spot copies of birth, death and marriage certificates, property records, marriage license applications, notary services and concealed pistol license applications. To assist residents, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office will also be open for several hours on March 27 for fingerprinting service, which is required for CPL applications.

Choralaires Patron Drive
The Novi Choralaires is having their annual Patron Drive

now through April 10. As a non-profit, self-supporting group, it is the generosity of businesses and individuals that allows the group to provide quality musical entertainment to residents of the greater Novi area year after year.

Please consider supporting the Novi Choralaires during our annual Patron Drive with a financial donation in one of the following categories:

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LOCAL EVENTS

St. Patrick's Day celebration

Time/Date: March 12-18
Location: Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, in the Novi Town Center at 26053 Town Center, Novi (next to the Novi Town Center Movers).

Details: In tribute of the holiday for all of their "Irish" friends, Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro will be serving authentic Irish food. Certified executive chef Mary Brady is going all out for St. Patrick's Day. On Wednesday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day, live Irish music by Pete Fellers will be performed from 7:40 p.m. Guests are encouraged to come and "sing along."
Contact: (248) 380-8460; reservations are accepted.

Novi Lions Club

Fourth Annual Charity Auction Dinner

Time/Date: 6 p.m., Saturday, March 13
Location: Novi Sheraton Hotel (on Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road)

Details: Enjoy an evening out while helping the Lions continue to give the gift of sight. All proceeds will go to the Michigan Eye Bank in Ann Arbor. Tickets (\$20) include a complete carved beef dinner and access to the live and silent auctions; cash bar. Make checks payable to Novi Lions Club, 4164 Kenilworth Lane, Novi, MI 48377; Visa, Mastercard and Discover accepted. Tickets will not be available at the door; must be pre-ordered.
Contact: Doc Bar at (248) 960-3092 or wbarre@wml.com

Franklin Road open house

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 20

Location: Novi Franklin Road Christian School, 40800 W. 13 Mile Road

Details: Prospective parents and students are welcome to attend and spend a morning in Kindergarten. Franklin Road Christian School is a K-12, coeducational, college preparatory school with a nondenominational Christian philosophy.
Contact: www.FranklinRoadChristianSchool.org

Novi Cooperative Preschool open house

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon March 20

Location: 41671 Ten Mile Road, Novi

Details: Parents and their children are invited to visit, explore the classroom, and meet with teachers.
Contact: (248) 349-3223 with further questions or visit novipreschool.com
Novi Community Schools



Anything Goes

Novi resident Julie Landry (center) stars as Reno in the Novi Theatres production of Anything Goes. The show - which includes comedy, romance, intrigue, tap dancing and many of Cole Porter's best songs - continues March 12-14 at the Novi Theatres. Tickets are available through www.cityofnovi.org or at the Novi Parks Office in the Novi Civic Center (248-347-0400).

Kindergarten Parent Orientation

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 31

Location: All elementary school buildings

Details: Contact the school principal for more information: Deerfield, Richard Hjus, (248) 449-1700; Orchard Hills, Paul LePae, 449-1400; Novi

Woods, Pamela Outkott, 449-1230; Parkview, Jennifer Michos, 449-1220; Village Oaks, Sue Burnham, 449-1300.

Easter brunch

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday, April 4

Location: Hotel Baronne in Novi (27890 Novi Road)

Details: An Easter brunch for the entire family. Children will have the opportunity to choose delectable items from their own Bunny Buffet. In addition to visiting the children's activity craft area and having their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. The cost of the buffet for adults is \$28.95 and \$14.95 for children ages 8-14. There is no cost for children age 7 and under to attend. Valet service will be available.

American Legion Post 19

Monthly Meeting

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., on third Tuesdays

Location: Rock Financial Showplace, Grand River Avenue between Tall and Beck roads

Details: Comrades and fellow veterans, please join these monthly meetings; attendance is needed to maintain and grow the Post.
Contact: Commander Dennis Strikulis (248) 378-7841 or dstrikulis@lwni.com or Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193 or pernick@aol.com.

Novi Community Education

Contact: To register, call (248) 449-1206 or visit us online at www.novi.k12.mi.us/district/communityeducation.

Novi Community Education

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.greatfood.com.

An 'Egg' stravaaganza

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: 7:30 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/education 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.

GreenSpace

Contact: Paulette Aloia, V.P. of Public Relations at greenspace@mi.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.org.

EDUCATION

Novi Community Education

Contact: (248) 449-1206

Web: www.novi.k12.mi.us/district/communityeducation

Birding for Beginners

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 24

Location: Novi Meadows 6th Grade House

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CALENDAR

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Novi Chamber of Commerce

The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, educational programs, an enhanced Web site, and involvement with local charities.
Location: 41875 11 Mile Road, #201, Novi
Contact: For more information, call (248) 349-3743 or www.novichamber.com.

After 5 Networking

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., Thursday, March 18

Location: Gus O'Connor's, 42875 Grand River, Novi

Details: Join us for delicious, complimentary appetizers, non-alcoholic beverages and a cash bar. \$10 pre-registration; \$15 at the door.

Business to Business Breakfast

Time/Date: 8-9 a.m., Tuesday, March 23

Location: Walsh College, 41500 Gardenbrook Rd., Novi

Details: Join us for networking and a light breakfast; \$5 payable at door.

Novi Toastmasters Club

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

Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 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.troastmasters.com.

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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: Listed below are 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.

Mastering the Mouse for Seniors

Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 11.

Details: This 100% hands-on class is designed to introduce seniors to using the computer mouse. We will complete a self-guided tutorial on the computer, learning and practicing all of the basic functions of the mouse. Registration required.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

Time/Date: 3:30-4:30 p.m., Friday, March 12.

Details: Join the TAB as we create and plan programs for teens at the library. Also, provide input on the new teen space in the new library. Meeting attendance will count as volunteer time.

InkWent Young Writers' Group

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturday, March 13.

Details: A monthly writers' group for tweens in 7th-8th grades. Read a piece of your writing (age appropriate, please) and receive constructive feedback from your peers. Please email your piece by the Wednesday before the meeting to Alexana Steck (asteck@novi.k12.mi.us) or Phyllis Weeks (pweeks@novilibrary.org).



County honors female commissioners

Oakland County commissioners celebrated Women's History by honoring women who have served on the board in the past 40 years. At the recognition, these former commissioners were presented with flowers and proclamations at the event. Pictured are (from left): current Commissioners Janet Jackson, Helaine Zack, Marcia Gershenson, former commissioners Eileen Kowal, Fran Amos, Anne Hobart, Betty Fortino, current Commissioner Shelley Goodman Taub, former commissioners Nancy McConnell, Nancy Quarles and Gilda Jacobs; and back: Oakland County commissioner Mattie McKinney Hatchett, former commissioners Karen Spector, Nancy Dingeldy, current commissioners Christine A. Long, former board vice chair David L. Moffitt representing his mom, former commissioner Mrs. Lillian Moffitt who was the first woman to serve as board vice chair, former commissioners Brenda A. Causey-Mitchell, Susan Kuhn, current board chair Bill Bullard, Jr., former commissioner Ruth Johnson and current commissioner Sue Ann Douglas. Deceased members of the former women commissioners who were honored include Dorothy Webb, Marquerite Simson, Madeline Luxon, Teresa Krause and Lillian Jaffe Oaks.

Time/Date: Thursday, March 18 & 25: 6:30-8 p.m.; Saturday, March 20 & 27: 8-10 a.m.

Location: Novi Middle School and ofsite

Details: Have fun learning the basics of bird identification. Lots of how-to help with topics including: field guides, birding by ear, optics and other gear, and birding localities in south-east Michigan and beyond. Two sessions in the classroom and two in the field. There is a \$6 fee to enter both Maybury State Park and Island Lake Recreation Area if you do not have an annual vehicle permit.

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Dodgeball tourney raises \$3,000, B2

Wildcats' batteries charged for district title run

Novi advances past CC with 52-38 win

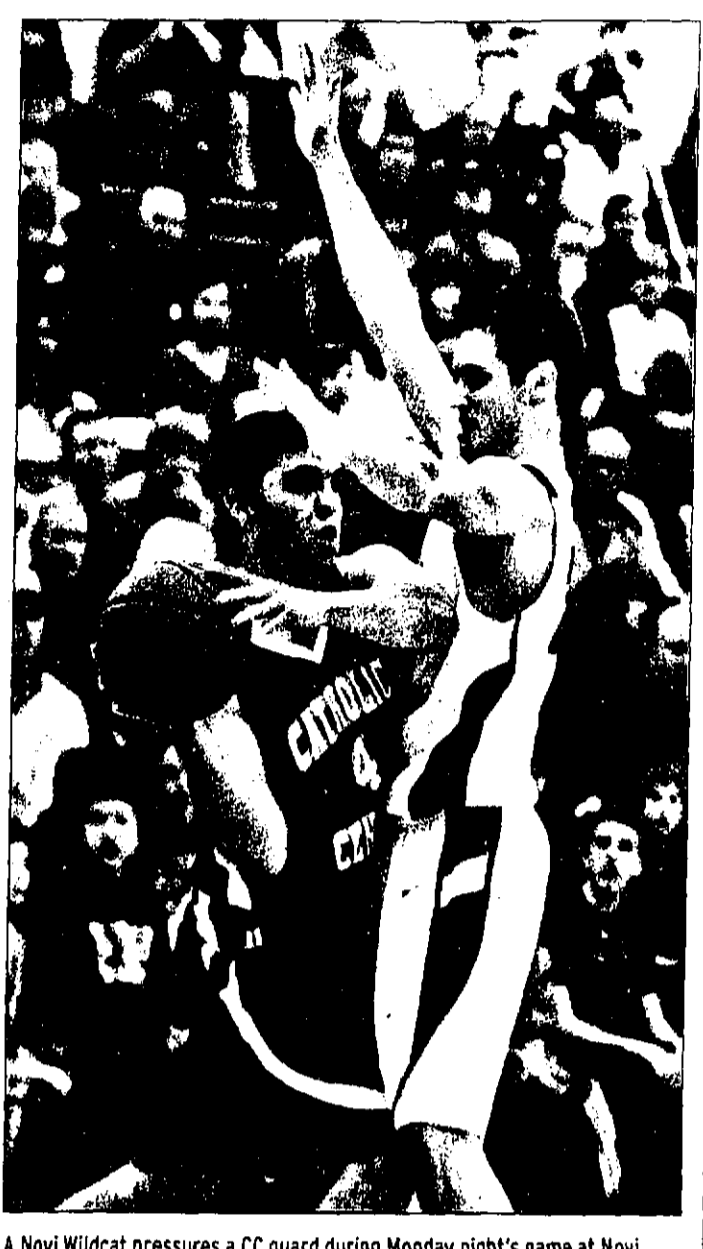
BY CHRIS JACKETT
 CORRESPONDENT

The Novi performance gym was packed and full of energy Monday evening for a Class A district opener between Novi and Detroit Catholic Central. Unlike the past two seasons when CC defeated the Wildcats in the district final, the teams met in the first round Monday and Novi prevailed 52-38 after a slow start.

Senior Ryan Jok (eight points) led the Wildcats through a rough first quarter, scoring all four of their points as they trailed 9-4 after eight minutes. CC sophomore Kyle Cooper (team-high 10 points) was a thorn in the Wildcats' side most of the night.

But Novi came out strong in the second quarter, starting with a 12-1 run, of which senior Antwan Batwo scored eight off the bench to help the Wildcats to a 18-12 halftime lead.

"They were fantastic," Novi coach Cory Heitsch said of Jok and Batwo. "I've said all year, we have seven starters and I mean that. Antwan's such an x-factor. We had a lot of space for him. When he hit those two threes, that was huge."



A Novi Wildcat pressures a CC guard during Monday night's game at Novi.



Novi takes the ball up court against Catholic Central on Monday night.

Novi went on an 11-0 run to start the third quarter, taking a commanding 29-12 lead as Jok and Batwo (12 points) continued to play strong, and senior Brandon Rydzewski (six points) hit a long three-point shot from five feet behind the arch.

"I thought we came out ready. We prepared all week for this game," Batwo said. "I've been coming off the bench all year, trying to be the energizer bunny and I think I did that tonight."

The Shamrocks (10-10) came out of a time out with an 11-2 run of their own, narrowing the deficit to 31-23 as they

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 Novi (16-5) was scheduled to face Plymouth (10-9) last night. Having defeated the KLAAs Kensington Conference's other Wildcats 53-48 Jan. 26 and 54-40 Feb. 19, a third win over Plymouth would extend Novi's season to the District 18 championship 7 p.m. tomorrow in Novi's performance gym.

"It's time to quickly regroup. We've done it the last two years," Novi coach Cory Heitsch said, hoping his team can land in a third-consecutive district title game.

Junior Samer Ozeir and the rest of the Wildcats weren't about to let CC climb back into the game. Despite going scoreless in the first half and 0-for-5 from the free throw line on the night, Ozeir took

control of the offensive paint and scored 12 second-half points for Novi, some on off-balance shots as he was fouled.

"Big Sam. Beginning of the year, he would not have performed like that in the second half," Heitsch said.

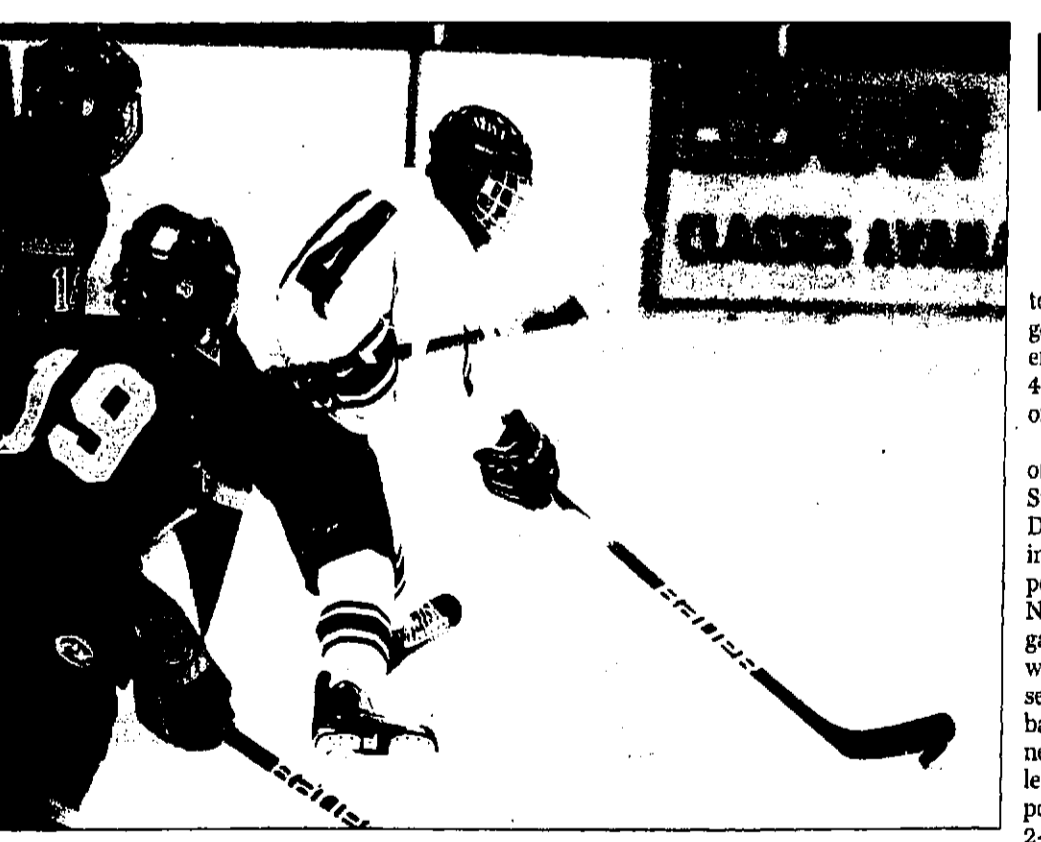
Novi (16-5) built up a 50-34 lead with 1:56 remaining before Heitsch gave the reserves a taste of district experience. They wrapped up the 52-38 victory after CC senior John Jakubik hit his only two shots of the game in the final minute.

"It's huge. You saw our fans rush the court. We didn't even want them to do that," Batwo said.

Chipping in for the Wildcats were senior Jeremy Mims (four points), junior Chris Milon (four points) and senior Nick Regnier (two points). Juniors Brandon Tammaro (six points), Shea Kettner (four points), senior Jeff Janer (four points) and sophomore Mike Kovanda (two points) helped keep CC afloat.

"That was the first time in my three years we've held a lead and composure to win in a tough, physical game," Heitsch said. "Never been in that emotional of a game."

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.



Taylor Howell charges up ice during Novi's March 5 game against Hartland.

Novi icers claim regional title

BY CHRIS JACKETT
 CORRESPONDENT

The Wildcat icers roared out to a quick lead, scoring two goals in the first four minutes en route to defeating Hartland 4-3 for the Region 15 championship last Friday.

Junior Zach Mohr scored off a pass from junior Matt Stenkoski, with senior Evan Dixon also assisting, just 2:53 into the game. An interference penalty to Hartland junior Nick Manley 34 seconds later gave the Wildcats a power play, which lasted 33 seconds before senior Tyler Manning sent a backhanded pass from left corner to junior Joey Ferris in the left faceoff circle to fire home a power play goal to give Novi a 2-0 lead.

"It's always nice to get off to quick start. I thought we applied pressure and played well right from the start of the game," Novi coach Todd Krygier said.

Mohr took a hooking penalty 55 seconds later, giving Hartland a chance to get on the board, as seniors Brett Parry and Bryan Marks set up senior Andrew Poteracki for a long shot from the left side to cut Novi's lead to 2-1 with 8:11 remaining in the first period.

The Eagles took three more penalties in the first period, including two that gave Novi a five-on-three power play for 39 seconds, but the Wildcats couldn't capitalize to extend their lead.

Senior Tyler Perpich had a breakthrough 1:24 into the second period, but a trip by Marks sent Perpich to the ground and sliding into the goal, causing senior netminder Taylor Garner to hurdle Perpich as he knocked

the net out of place and Marks was sent to the penalty box. Poteracki got a shorthanded breakthrough with 16 seconds left on the ensuing penalty kill, but junior netminder Michael Pesendorfer came up big for the Wildcats, turning Poteracki's shot away to the left side.

Pesendorfer improved to 17-4-2 on the season.

"Though Pez played well. One or two of the goals were relatively strange goals the way they went in, but I think he played a key breakthrough and stopped well overall," Krygier said.

Just as Novi had chances at the end of the first period, Hartland had two power plays in the final 10 minutes of the second period, but couldn't capitalize.

With the Wildcats holding

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NOVI ROUNDUP

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Dodgeball

The third annual Detroit Cup dodgeball tournament put on by Oak Pointe Church was a success in its first year at Total Sports Complex in Novi last Friday.

The tournament raised more than \$3,000 for a ministry trip to Novi and Northville students plan to take to Detroit in July to host a kids day camp and help the homeless.

Neither defending Detroit Cup champion was able to repeat this year, as Ninjas (Novi girls) and Ballstern (Chicago guys) were both knocked off early on.

Femme Fatales (London, Ontario) swept Fosho Fosho's (Novi) 3-0 for the girls championship in front of a crowd nearly 200 strong.

The Super Friends (Southfield) won the first game before Final Justice Dodgeball (Okemos) came back with three straight victories to win the title.

For information on future tournaments, check out the "Detroit Dodgeball" group on Facebook or e-mail detroit-dodgeballplayer@yahoo.com.

Boys Swim

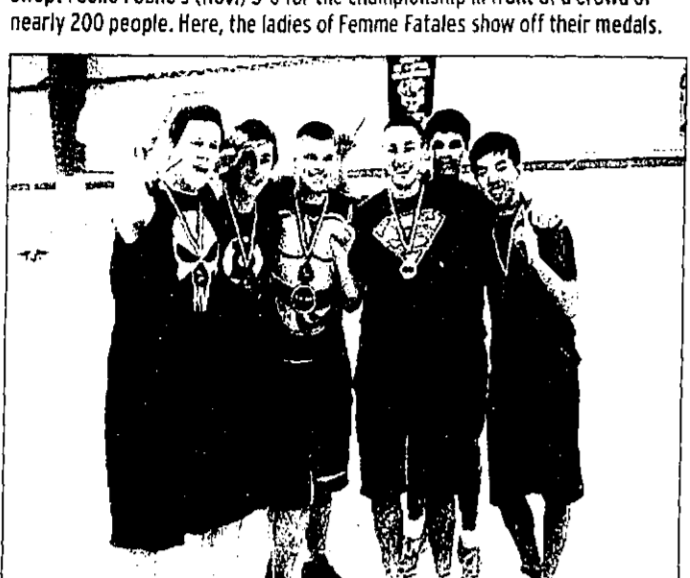
Eight Novi swimmers qualified to compete tomorrow and Saturday at the state swim meet, hosted by Holland Aquatic Center.

Junior Vitek Iyer, Joen Chung, Tiger Bourque and sophomore Eugene Song qualified in the 200-yard medley relay, while freshman Andrew Ao, senior John Lu, Song and junior Travis Vincent qualified for the 200-yard freestyle relay.

For individual races, Chung qualified in both the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard breaststroke. Sophomore Jong Min Kim also made the grade in the 100-yard breast-



The girls' championship was a border battle. Femme Fatales (London, Ontario) swept Fosho Fosho's (Novi) 3-0 for the championship in front of a crowd of nearly 200 people. Here, the ladies of Femme Fatales show off their medals.



The guys' championship was a superhero-laden event. Final Justice Dodgeball (Okemos) defeated The Super Friends (Southfield) 3-1 to win the title. Here, the guys from Final Justice Dodgeball show off their medals.

stroke, while Vincent qualified in the 500-yard freestyle. Take a 153-mile road trip to support your Wildcats as they go for All-State honors.

Novi Athletics online

The Wildcats' athletic department has joined the world of social media with Twitter and Facebook 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 as the thumbnail image for both Web pages.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.

'Cats comeback fails short against Canton

Johnson, Barry struggle with foul trouble in final game

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Eight days removed from losing the Kensington Conference title game at Canton, Novi's lady caters started slow and found themselves in foul trouble before battling back with their most intense second half of basketball all season.

Novi (8-4) came up short in the end, however, as Canton (21-1) won 39-27 and advanced to last Friday's District 15A championship game in Novi's gym against Northville (10-12), who defeated Plymouth (6-15) earlier Wednesday evening. Canton defeated the Mustangs 57-29.

The Chiefs kicked off the March 3 rematch with a 6-0 run as sophomore Robyn Mack went down hard with an ankle injury while making a layup that Novi senior Katie Barry chased down and went up to block. Although she limped off the court, Mack would return three minutes later and lead the Chiefs with a game-high 15 points.

"I don't think I've been here the seven years I've been here. I'm proud of them," Kelp said. "They're a tough, physical team. Sometimes I question that in us and not anymore."

Novi shot 10 percent better from the field than the Chiefs, going 16-for-37 compared to 11-for-33, but Canton's 24 more trips to the free throw line sealed the Wildcats' fate.

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Johnson, Masserant and Armiak each finished their seasons with All-Conference honors. Additionally, three of Novi's four seniors also plan to play college hoops next season. Johnson will be at Indiana University, Masserant at Hope College and Cingel at Northwood University.

Although not set to play collegiate ball, Barry made a forward. "It's all about the seniors leaving and how much they gave to this program," Kelp said. "Anytime you win 18 games, it's successful. Those four seniors deserve all the credit."

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Shamrocks dominate at State Finals

Mooradian, Melick, Eldridge win titles

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central followed up a team state title Feb. 27 by placing 10 wrestlers and adding three individual state titles at this past weekend's individual state finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

"I'm still in awe," said CC head coach Mitch Hancock. "It's just a testament to their hard work and character."

"We're going to continue to raise the bar like Catholic Central always does. We've got to get more guys in the finals and get more clamps."

Doug Eldridge was the final of the match, but Sara Schmitt missed both free throws and there was no time for the Wildcats to move the ball up the court.

Ranked No. 2 in Class A, Canton advanced to the district championship and Novi's season ended.

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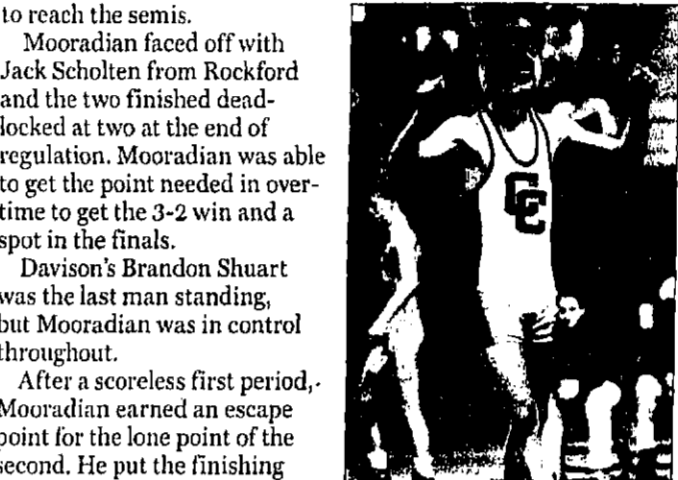
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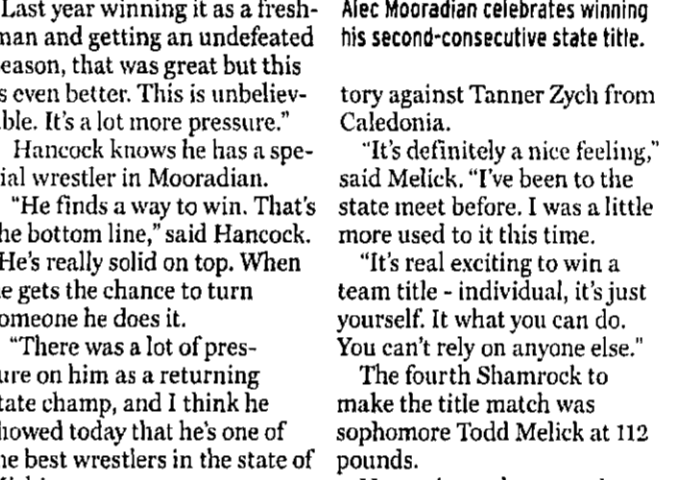
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CC's Mike Kinville waves as the Shamrocks take part in the Grand Parade during the Individual State Finals this past weekend at the Palace of Auburn Hills.



CC's Justin Melick captured a state title at 125 pounds with a 7-0 blanking in the finals.



Alec Mooradian celebrates winning his second consecutive state title.

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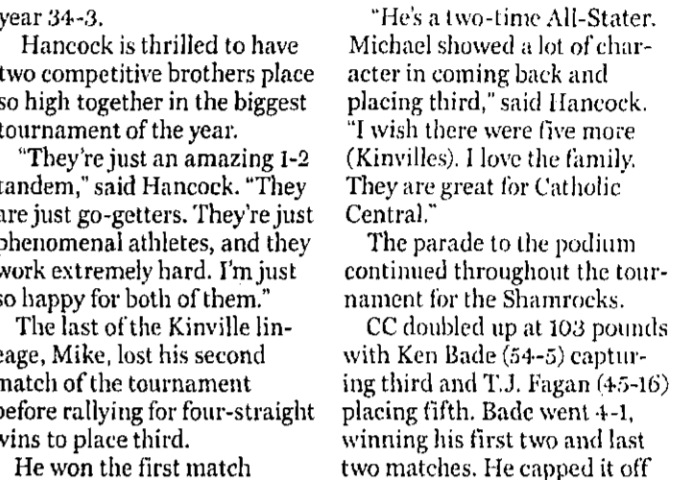
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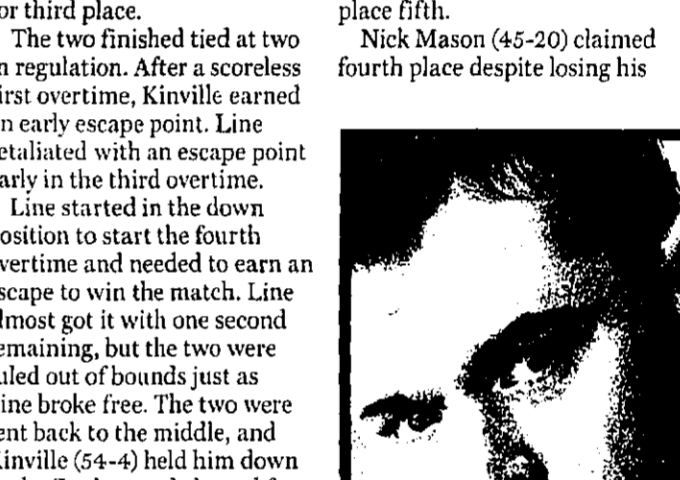
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Runner-up Todd Melick - 112 Third place Ken Bade - 103 Mike Kinville - 215 Fourth place Nick Mason - 130 Fifth place T.J. Fagan - 103 Seventh place Miles Trealtou - 189 Eighth place Charlie Joseph - 125

Michael showed a lot of character in coming back and placing third," said Hancock. "I wish there were five more (Kinville). I love the family. They are great for Catholic Central."

The parade to the podium continued throughout the tournament for the Shamrocks. CC doubled up at 103 pounds with Ken Bade (54-5) capturing third and T.J. Fagan (45-16) placing fifth. Bade went 4-1, winning his first two and last two matches. He capped it off with a 4-0 win for third.

Fagan won his first match, lost his second, won two more before losing again and finished it off with a 4-0 win to place fifth.

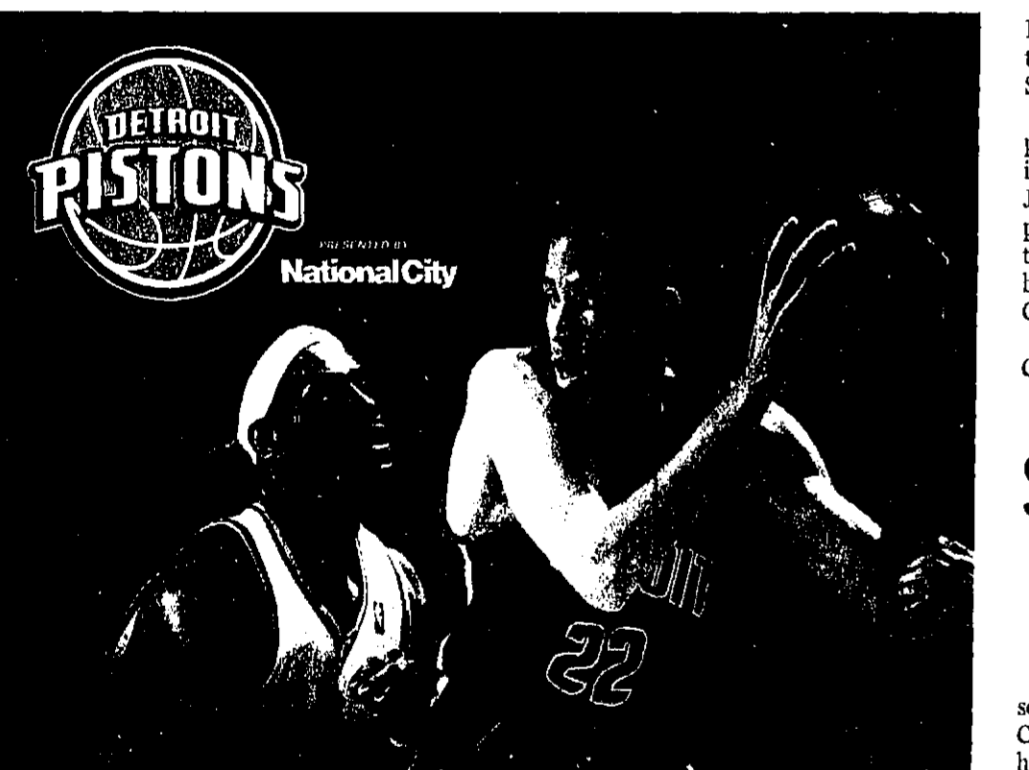
Nick Mason (45-20) claimed his fourth place despite losing his first match but finishing the consolation bracket with four consecutive wins to reach the third-place match where he got edged out 4-3 for fourth. Miles Trealtou (44-22) also had to fight back out of the consolation bracket early at 189 pounds. He lost in the opening round but won the next two matches to guarantee a top-eight finish. He lost the next match but finished the tournament off with a 6-0 victory for seventh.

Charlie Joseph (43-23) was another one of the 10 All-Staters for CC. He finished eighth at 125 pounds. Joseph lost his first match but won the next two to guarantee the podium. He lost his final two matches.

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Shamrocks still rolling toward finals

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

At the beginning of the season, critics wondered if the Catholic Central Shamrocks had what it takes to win another state championship.

The squad, coached by Todd Johnson, may not have a title in their hands just yet, but they're making a point of showing that one is going to get in their way this early in the post-season.

The Catholic Central skaters notched three big playoff wins to advance to the state quarterfinals against Ann Arbor Huron yesterday.

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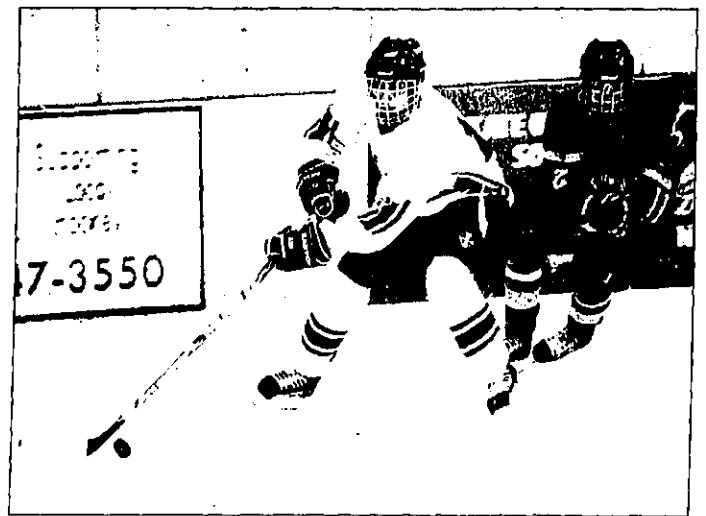
Wildcat Tyler Perpitch tries to knock home a goal during Novi's March 5 game against Hartland.

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onto their 2-1 lead going into the third and final period. Ferriss skated up the left side and wrapped around behind the net before sliding the puck across the crease to Manning, who poked home a goal from in front of the left post to extend Novi's lead to 3-1.

It only took Hartland 1:02 to respond, as a wrist shot by junior Zach Bodziak from the left side beat Pesendorfer high to bring the eagles back within one. Parry got his second assist of the night with 12:11 to go in the game.

Both teams grinded out the period before Dixon took the puck up the right side and fired a rifling wrist shot past Garner with 4:04 remaining to provide Novi with a 4-2 buffer. Senior Andrew Cmoluch and Manning assisted on the play.



A Wildcat leads a charge on the right side as Novi takes on Hartland on March 5.

"Dixon scored a big goal in a timely manner," Krygier said. "That goal gave us the cushion to weather the storm we knew would be coming near the end of the game."

The Eagles refused to back down, pulling their goalkeeper in the final minutes. After Novi

missed a long empty net shot, Hartland moved the puck up the ice and Poteracki was able to knock his second of the night past Pesendorfer with 17 seconds remaining. Junior Zach Parks and Bodziak assisted the six-on-five goal, cutting Novi's lead back down to one.

ON TAP

After winning the Region 15 title last Friday, Division II No. 4 Novi (20-5-2, No. 9 overall) was scheduled to host Region 16 champion and Division II No. 2 Warren De La Salle (18-5-1, No. 6 overall) Tuesday night in a state quarterfinal at Novi Ice Arena. De La Salle was coming off a 4-1 win over Division II No. 3 Birmingham Brother Rice (16-11-0, No. 8 overall) last Saturday.

"De La Salle is an excellent hockey team and we have our work cut out for us, as does De La Salle," Novi coach Todd Krygier said. A win Tuesday would put Novi into the Division II semifinal 8 p.m. tonight at Compuware Arena in Plymouth for the second straight year, facing either Division II No. 5 Midland (23-2-0, No. 15 overall) or upset-minded Division II No. 33 Rochester Hills Stoney Creek (5-14-5, No. 86 overall). "This year, and every year, we set a goal to win a state title, but we know it can only be done one win at a time and we are only thinking about our next game against De La Salle," Krygier said. The Division II State Championship game will take place 11 a.m. Saturday at Compuware Arena with the winner from Novi's half of the bracket facing Saline, Trenton, Traverse City St. Francis or Muskegon Mona Shores.

But the Eagles couldn't capitalize a second time, as the Wildcats earned their seventh regional title in the past 10 years with a 4-3 victory. "I thought we did what we needed to in order to get the win. I thought our play was a little sloppy and we weren't as sharp as we need to be," Krygier said. "Obviously, we are very proud of the history of our program and the regional titles over the last 10 years and, specifically, three regional titles in the last four years and two state semifinals in the last three years."

The victory followed a dominant 11-3 regional semifinal victory over Walked Lake Northern (16-9-2) March 3 at Novi Ice Arena.

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CATHOLIC CENTRAL ROUNDUP

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Bowling team shocks foes with state championship

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks bowling team, coached by A.J. Bridges, may not have been ranked at all this season, but they showed that rankings mean absolutely nothing in the larger scope of things as they ranked themselves as king with a Division I state championship last weekend.

The squad had scraped into the tournament with a tough regional finish last week, and fought their way into the semifinals by finishing seventh out of eight qualifying teams.

The team then found their spark, going on to defeat Plymouth Salem and Flint Carmen Ainsworth, to earn a right to take on Macomb Dakota in the state championship match.

The Shamrocks built a lead through the Baker games and into match play through the strong bowling of captains Tom Zahari and Scott Kujawa.

When the pins landed and the smoke cleared, the Shamrocks had earned the state title by a score of 1894-1565.

Detroit Catholic Central dominated in the baker rounds, taking an 846-703 lead before securing the win.

Kujawa led the Shamrocks in the final game with a 226. "It was a fight from the beginning," Kujawa told the Detroit Free Press. "Our semifinal game we had a pretty big cushion, and then this one we had about 140, so we were so set. We built momentum the whole time starting in the quarterfinals against Salem."

The championship marked the first-ever Division I state title for the Shamrocks bowling team.

Basketball falls in districts
The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks basketball team added two late games to their regular-season schedule to help prepare them for the district tournament, which ended Monday night with a season-ending loss to the Novi Wildcats, 52-38.

The loss dropped the Shamrocks to 10-9 on the season while Novi climbed to 16-5.

Earlier in the week, the Shamrocks took on Detroit Frederick Douglass and Detroit Cody in hopes of preparing for their tough match-up with Novi. The Shamrocks defeated Frederick Douglass, but fell to state-ranked Detroit Cody two days later.

Swim team takes second in CHSL championships

The Detroit Catholic Central swimming and diving team earned itself a hard-fought second-place finish in the Catholic High School League championships last week. Taking first was Brother Rice, Detroit Catholic Central was led by senior Brady Small, who won the 200 free and took second in the 100 free. Joe Brinkman won the 200 individual medley and took third in the 100 fly, while Sean Ryan finished first in the 100 backstroke and fourth in the 200 IM. Brinkman, Ryan and Small combined their talents with Tony Thibodeau to win the 400 relay.

Catholic Central also got a second place in the 200 medley relay with the team of Dan Burton, Ryan Newman, Nick Baldus and Thibodeau, while Baldus also captured a third in the 200 free. In the 200 individual medley, Newman took seventh while Gabe Kowalczyk took 12th.

The Shamrocks did well in the 50 freestyle with Thibodeau taking sixth, Alex Elenbaas taking 10th and Tyler Mikols taking 11th. In the 100 fly, Baldus finished fifth while Thibodeau took sixth and Mikols 11th in the 100 free.

In the grueling 500 freestyle, Scott Winslow took eighth for the Shamrocks and Evan Chabala and Paul Hagemeyer were ninth and 11th, respectively. The 200 free relay team of Small, Baldus, Mikols and Brinkman took second while Burton took second in the 100 backstroke and Justin Wenzel took fifth and Charles Roelant took 10th.

The 100 breaststroke found Newman taking fourth, while Kowalczyk took sixth and Aidan Schenkus took 11th for Catholic Central.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

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

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- * Business Legal Issues: Tues., March 16, 9-30 a.m.-noon, \$40
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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.

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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.

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Fundamentals of Starting a Business - Thursday, March 11, 9 a.m.-noon

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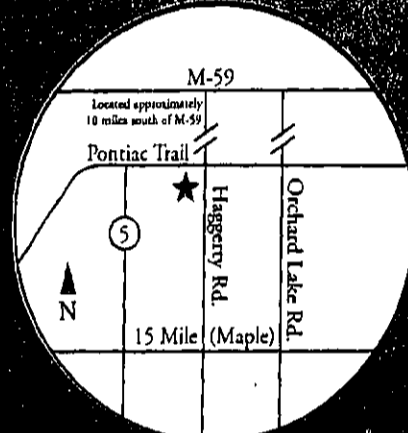
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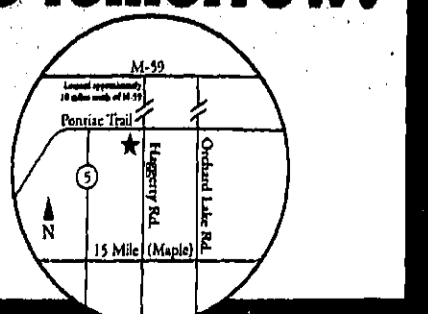
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Not Getting Hired? 10 Reasons Why

Rachel Zupke, CareerBuilder.com writer

You don't understand. You updated your résumé, you're applying to jobs every day, you've cleaned up your digital dirt and you network every day. Yet here you still are on the unemployment list. What is wrong with employers?

Unfortunately, many job seekers don't stop to consider that the problem might not be employers but themselves.

It's a hard concept that most job seekers have trouble wrapping their heads around, but applicants frequently (and inadvertently) display signs that tell an employer that they're not the best fit for the job.

According to a 2009 CareerBuilder survey, 47 percent of employers said that finding qualified applicants is their biggest hiring challenge. When asked to identify the most valuable characteristics in new hires, employers cited multitasking, initiative and creative problem-solving.

Do you lack what employers want? Yes, there are fewer jobs and there is more competition, but are you doing everything you can? Here are 10 reasons why employers might have passed you by.

1. You lie

Any lies you tell in your job search, whether on your résumé or in an interview, will come back to haunt you. In a 2008 CareerBuilder survey, 49 percent of hiring managers reported they caught a candidate lying on his or her résumé; of those employers, 57 percent said they automatically dismissed the applicant. Everything you tell an employer can be discovered, so it behooves you to be honest from the get-go. If you're concerned about something in your past, invention is not the answer. Use your cover letter to tell your story, focusing on your strengths and accomplishments and explaining any areas of concern if needed.

2. You have a potty mouth

It's certainly tempting to tell anyone who will listen how big of a (insert expletive here) your current boss is, but a hiring manager for a new job is not that person. A 2009 CareerBuilder survey showed that 44 percent of employers said that talking negatively about current or previous

3. You don't show long-term potential

Employers want people in their organization to work their way up, so it's best to show that you want to and can grow with the company. If you were asked where you see yourself in five years and you gave an answer that wasn't related to the position or company you're interviewing with, your chances go down. Ask questions like, "What type of career movement do you envision for the most successful candidate in this role?" It shows that you have envisioned your future at the company.

4. You have serious digital dirt

Social networking sites and online searches are the newest way that many employers are checking up on prospective hires. A 2009 CareerBuilder survey showed that 45 percent of employers use social networking sites to research candidates. Thirty-five percent of those employers found content that caused them to dismiss the candidate. Make sure to remove any photos, content or links that can work against you in an employer's eyes.

5. You don't know ... well, anything

In two separate 2009 CareerBuilder surveys, 58 percent of employers said that coming to the interview with no knowledge of the company was a turnoff, and 49 percent said that not asking good questions cost candidates a job offer. Plain and simple, do your homework before an interview. Explore the company online, prepare answers to questions and have someone give you a mock interview. The more prepared you are, the more employers will take you seriously.

6. You acted bored, cocky or disinterested

A little enthusiasm never hurt anyone, especially when it comes to a potential new job. Forty-five percent of employers in a 2009 CareerBuilder survey said that the biggest mistake candidates made in the interview was appearing disinterested and 42 percent said appearing arrogant cost applicants the job. Every business wants to put their most enthusiastic people forward with important clients and customers, so acting the opposite will get you nowhere.

7. You were a little too personal

Seventeen percent of employers said that candidates who provided too much personal information in the interview essentially blew their chances at the job, according to a 2009 CareerBuilder survey. Not only does personal information offend some people, but anytime you talk about

topics such as your hobbies, race, age or religion, you're setting yourself up for bias. Though it's illegal for employers to discriminate against applicants because of any of these factors, some will do so regardless.

8. You were all dollars, no sense

As a general rule of thumb, you should never bring up salary before the employer does. Doing so is tacky and makes the employer think that you care about the money involved, not about helping the employer succeed. If the topic does arise, however, be honest about your salary history. Employers can verify your salary in a matter of minutes these days, so lying only makes you look bad.

9. You didn't -- or can't -- give examples

Hiring managers want people who can prove that they will increase the organization's revenues, decrease its costs or help it succeed in some way. If all you give to an employer is a bunch of empty words about your accomplishments, you don't demonstrate how you can help the company. In fact, 35 percent of employers said that the most detrimental mistake candidates make is not providing specific examples in the interview. The more you can quantify your work, the better.

10. You don't have enough experience

Managers don't have as much time as they used to train and mentor new employees. The more experience you have, the more likely you are to hit the ground running without a lot of hand-holding. The best way to show that you know what you're doing is to give the employer concrete examples of your experience in a given job duty.

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FORD TOPS GM IN FEBRUARY SALES, BUT WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

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By Dale Buss

February marked the first month since August 1998 that Ford Motor Co.'s monthly sales topped those of chief rival General Motors Co., providing an unexpected jolt in a month when the broad industry was handicapped by severe winter weather in the northeast regions of the country -- and by the spillover from Toyota's safety-recall debacle.

Total U.S. auto sales for the month were 779,743 units, an increase of about 13.5 percent from year-earlier sales of 687,182, when the American automotive market was at the very bottom of one of its biggest slumps ever. And the February pace represented a seasonally adjusted annual sales rate of 10.4 million units, a number at the upper middle of most SAAR projections.

"The good underlying news is that the industry hasn't gone into reverse in terms of its recovery," said Jessica Caldwell, senior industry analyst for Edmunds.com. "At the beginning of the month there was weak retail performance, but when Presidents' Day [sales] came around and there were good deals out there, we saw strong sales -- even stronger than history would indicate."

Especially for Ford. The long-time No. 2 U.S. automaker became No. 1 again for at least a month, decades after the last time that Ford was the nation's most

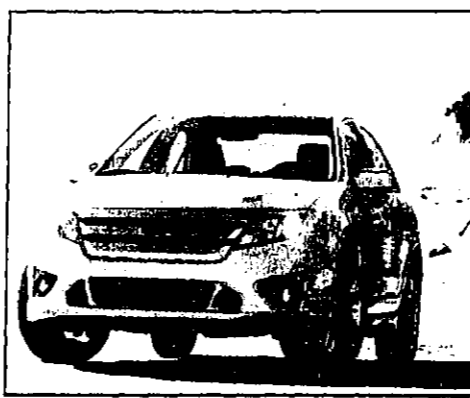
prolific vehicle producer and about 12 years since a strike was crippling GM -- and opened the door briefly for Ford to assume the top spot.

Ford's sales increased by 43 percent over February 2009 and by 22 percent over January of this year. Car sales were up 54 percent versus a year ago; utilities were up 39 percent; and trucks were up 36 percent. Ford brand sales rose 46 percent in February; Lincoln sales increased by 19 percent; and Mercury sales were up 24 percent.

"The strength of our new products and Ford's leadership in quality, fuel efficiency, safety, smart design and value are resonating with customers," said Ken Czubay, Ford's vice president of U.S. marketing, sales and service.

Edmunds.com's Caldwell agreed. "They've got a balanced portfolio of products; they're not putting all their eggs in one basket." She also noted that GM now is down to only four core brands, just like Ford's stable (including Volvo for now). "That equals the playing field." Strong fleet sales also boosted Ford.

It also helped Ford that Toyota had pretty much left the field in February. Toyota's overall U.S. sales were down nearly 9 percent -- almost 11 percent for the Toyota division, which has borne the brunt of the bad news about recalls. Over all three of its brands, because of



Hot sales of the Ford Fusion were one big reason that Ford surpassed GM's overall totals in February.



The Lincoln MKZ is helping Ford lead a resurgence in the luxury-car market.

the publicity and lost momentum in its dealerships, the company sacrificed about 18,000 sales in February compared with typical levels, estimated Bob Carter, the Toyota division general manager.

But Toyota also announced what Carter called "the most far-reaching [incentive] program that Toyota has ever conducted," beginning immediately and extending through April 5. It includes zero-percent loans or hugely discounted lease prices on a range of models that covers about 80 percent of Toyota's business.

"It's aggressive," Carter said, "but rather than just discounting our vehicles, it shows our long-term confidence in the value of the Toyota lineup."

For the moment, only GM said right away that it would also offer a new round of incentives: zero-percent financing on models that account for about 55 percent of its volume, but not on any of its hot new sellers such as Chevrolet Camaro and Equinox. The succession of storms in the

Midwest and, especially, the Northeast and mid-Atlantic affected every automaker to some degree, of course, but GM seemed to make the point that its business might have been hurt worst. GM sold 14 percent more vehicles during February than a year earlier, largely on the strength of extremely robust fleet sales.

But GM figured that retail sales in its Northeast region for Chevrolet were down 17 percent, as snows kept customers from showrooms -- or outright shut dealerships -- while Chevy's retail sales rose in every other region of the country.

OEM executives on Tuesday continued to point to economic storm clouds hovering over the industry's long-term outlook, as regular reports on business and household finances provide a mixed picture at best. "The primary risk is in the housing market and in [weak] employment," said Michael DiGiovanni, GM's top U.S. market analyst.

And, said Ford's Czubay, "Consumer confidence seems to have reached a plateau."

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