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Town hall meeting

In a continuing effort to enhance our communication with residents and businesses throughout Novi and share valuable public safety information, the Public Safety Administration of the Novi Police and Fire Departments has initiated town hall meetings to be held quarterly throughout

the community. The fourth and final will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 20 at Novi Middle School, Taft Road, just north of Ten Mile Road.

The meeting will be led by the director of public safety/chief of police and senior command staff of the Novi police and fire departments. The purpose of this Town Hall Meeting is to update you about police and fire programs, fire safety information, crime statistics in the area, and how to work together to continue to keep this community

Business Expo

Sign up soon to attend the 2nd Annual Business & Taste Expo on April 21 from 4-7:30 p.m. at the Baronette Renaissance. Sample food from nine restaurants and network with over 50 business vendors plus over 100 guests. Those who pre-register will be entered. to win fabulous door prizes. A special prize give away will take place immediately following the keynote speaker presentation by Lisa Berry, veteran Detroit radio personality, who will speak on "Prosperous or Pessimistic? It's all in your Perspective".

Catch 'Fame'

The dates for Novi High School's performance of the musical 'Fame' were incorrect in last week's issue. The show opens tonight at 7 p.m., and also will be performed at 7 p.m. on April 16-17 in the auditorium.

This is the only musical of the year. Tickets can be purchased at the door, \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors over 65 and children

Paralyzed vets open house

The Michigan Paralyzed Veterans Association will be holding an open house at the chapter headquarters, 40550 Grand River Avenue in Novi, at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 15.

More cuts needed to balance budget

Council prepping for future

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

The Novi City Council moved forward Saturday with an amended budget for 2010-11 that included an additional \$447,410 worth of cuts.

But it was clear during the budget session that the focus did not rest solely on the upcoming year, but on the years to come as the city projects revenue decreases to continue.

"It doesn't do any good to balance this year's budget and ignore what is coming," said Mayor David Landry. "We have to plan based on what we know. And right now, with property values decreasing, there will be a decrease in income in the future."

The original budget document projected expenditures to be \$28.5 million and revenues to be \$26.9 million. But, in an effort to get

ahead on the 2011-12 budget, council members asked for cost reductions to come sooner than later.

City Manager Clay Pearson sent a memo to council members Friday night detailing the additional \$447,410 that will come off the books in 2010-11 and put the city in a better position the following year. The cuts, which go into effect May 1, include the elimination of a dispatcher, making the total number of dispatchers coming off the books three, and laying off two police officers, bringing the number of fewer officers in the department to four. The two officer cuts that were included in the budget prior to Friday's memo were due to retirements and their positions are not going to be replaced.

These cuts bring the total number of full-time staff cuts for 2010-11 to

18 employees. The city is going to use its fund balance to make up for the \$1,069,300 difference between revenues and expenditures, but the fund balance will remain in the council's desired range of 14-to-18 percent.

Landry said since public safety makes up 50 percent of the budget it is one of the places they look to first

"Still, you have to be confident you can maintain a safe city, and we are," he said.

Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Molloy said they will be realigning shifts to "make sure we have the number of officers we need to provide that core level of service."

He also said the restructuring of the department following the ICMA study has put more sergeants on the road than in the past so it should make up for the fewer officers and residents should not notice a differ-

"Moving forward if there are addi-

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INSIDE THE NUMBERS

\$26,983,670 - Revenue for FY 2010-11 \$28,052,970 - Expenditures for FY

\$1,069,300 - Fund balance used to balance budget \$447,410 - Additional savings from eliminating 2 police officers and a dis-

18 - Number of employees cut since last

4 - Number of fewer police officers \$90,000 - Cost to purchase two SUV's for the fire department \$32,300 - Amount added back to budget to pay lifeguards at Lakeshore Park \$1.5 million - Amount budgeted for neighborhood roads \$305,000 - Amount budgeted for

Fuerst Park phase II \$2.6 million - Deficit facing city in 2011-12 \$3.4 million - Deficit facing city in 2012-13

Connecting the old with the new

Chain of Books helps move first materials into the new library

> BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Gretchen Pugsley stood at the entrance of the new Novi Public Library on Wednesday looking at the facility in awe.

The state-of-the-art building that is expected to open June 1 is a far cry from the first library Pugsley entered when she arrived in Novi 40 years ago (which was in a portable trailer), and drastically improved from the library that — for now – remains next

door. So it was only fitting that Pugsley, who was one of several residents that moved books into the old library 32 years ago via their own vehicles, was the final

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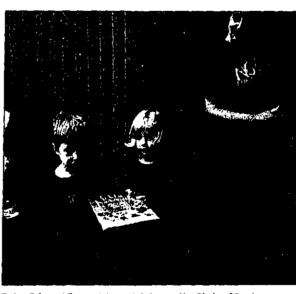
DRIVE-UP WINDOW OPEN

Novi Public Library patrons can start taking advantage of the new facility by utilizing the drive-up window to drop off materials. The first slot is an automated return slot that instantly checks in materials, and is the preferred spot for drop-offs. The second slot is used as a back-up if the automated return is not operable or if the material is too large.

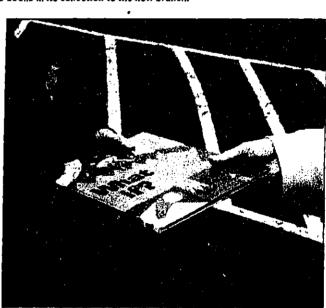


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Volunteers gathered at the Novi Public Library to transfer about 200 books in its collection to the new branch.



Twins Eric and Emma Johnson, 6, began the Chain of Books on April 7, transferring books from the old library to the new one next door. Novi Library staffer Michele Fuher is at right.



The gathered crowd passed 200 books from hand-to-hand to the new

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Crawford eyes county board seat

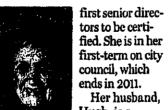
BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Kathy Crawford said the timing needed to be right for her to take the next step in her political career. And it appears the time is now.

The Novi City Council member recently entered the race for Oakland County commissioner and will go up against current commissioner Kim Capello at the Aug. 3 primary election. The deadline for other candidates to enter the race is May 11.

"My experience in Novi, Oakland County and the state, particularly in the field of aging, will greatly benefit the Oakland County Commission as they prepare for unprecedented numbers of older adults," Crawford said in a statement.

Crawford has been a professional in the field of aging for more than 30 years and was one of Michigan's



ends in 2011. Her husband, Hugh, is a member of the

Michigan House of Representatives.

The county commissioner seat serves district 9, which includes the cities of Novi and Northville and the township of Novi.

Capello was elected to the seat in 2008, after serving as mayor pro-tem in Novi.

Despite supporting Capello when he ran for the board of commissioners, Kathy said she is not competing against him.

"I am running for myself, and I will let the chips fall where they may," she said.

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styles sure to delight your senses. Join the celebration, have a spot of tea, and mingle with the artists at the

Mad Hatter Tea Party Artists' Reception. Don't forget - costumes are encouraged! The reception will be held

Wednesday, April 14 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery. The gallery is located in the Assarian

Cancer Center at 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi. The show will be on display April 1-May 3r. The Nancy A. Fox

Cancer Institute; as well as the greater community, including The Village Potters Guild of Plymouth,

link of the Chain of Books that moved about 200 books into the new library.

"This is just incredible," she said. "It's so thrilling for the whole community. This building has been needed now for quite some time."

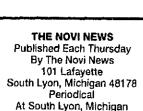
Library Director Julie Farkas addressed the assembled crowd of more than 50 people, calling it a "historical moment."

The chain that stretched from the old library to the new one was made up of people young and old, some longtime

been around a short time. But they all had one thing in common, despite the rainy conditions, they had smiles on their faces, excited about moving into their new library. Maria Watson, a junior at Novi High School, said she is

looking forward to the bigger building and the opportunity to check out video games. She was joined at the event by classmates Elizabeth Richmond and Shital Chauhan, both of whom are heavy users.

Chauhan said she eager to use the new teen area, while Richmond said "it's going to be a nice place to study.



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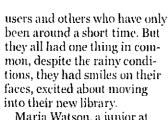
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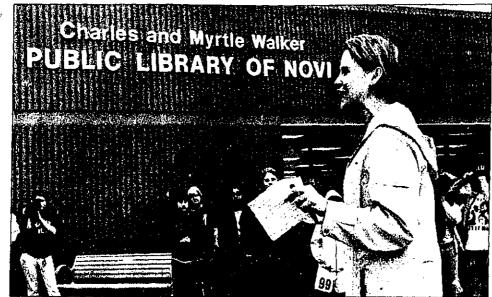


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Novi Public Library Director Julie Farkas fires up the volunteers before the April 7 'Chain of Books' transfer



chain. Pugsley also assisted the Novi Library transfer books when the current branch was

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tional losses, and we expect there may be, we are going to have to evaluate some of the services we offer..." he said. "But our message will stay the same -- when you call the Novi Police Department we are going to respond."

Another public safety item of note is the fire department will be purchasing two SUV's at a cost of \$90,000 to replace squads three and four. Molloy said the rationale behind the change is a cost-savings measure and because they partner with Community EMS for transport services. There will still be squads at stations 1 and 2.

The only line item that was brought up Saturday was by council member Andrew Mutch who was against eliminating lifeguards at Lakeshore Park and making it "swim at your own risk." "Personally, I am not inter-

ested in operating the beach in that manner," he said. Five of the other couna union also will be asked to cil members agreed, Terry Margolis was the only dissent-

er, and \$32,300 was put back into the budget. A public hearing will be held on May 3 to let residents weigh in, and it is expected to be

approved May 17.

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LOOKING AHEAD Another aspect of the memo that council received Friday

included two other tiers that would provide sayings for the If expenses remain the same next year, the city will be facing a deficit of \$2.6 million; in 2012-13 they will see one

approaching \$3.4 million. The savings of \$447,410 that was recently added to the 2010-11 budget along with \$850,000 that was designated for 2011-12, and \$1.4 million left over from 2008-09 will help balance next year's budget. Still, a shortfall of \$1.1 will be present and moving forward with tier 2 and tier 3 would make up \$1,109,360 in savings. Tier 2 calls for the elimina-

tion of seven full-time positions and tier 3 six full-time positions. Approximately 76 percent of full-time staff are in bargaining groups, and the city is going to talk with the unions to see if they are willing to take concessions and make the cuts unnecessary. The staff members not in

take concessions. A deadline of Jan. 15 has been set for decisions to be made so the city can move forward with the budget process for 2011-12.

people," he said. "I don't think we have time to wait," Mutch said. "I think

the big mistake many communities have made is understanding where they need to go but being unwilling to make those choices. The longer you wait the more difficult it is going to become. And the longer we put off the reductions we know are necessary, the

> to be to make and frankly they will fall a lot harder on our residents and employees." Mayor Pro-tem Bob Gatt said eliminating employees will "devastate" a lot of lives and is hopeful concessions can be made so that doesn't hap-

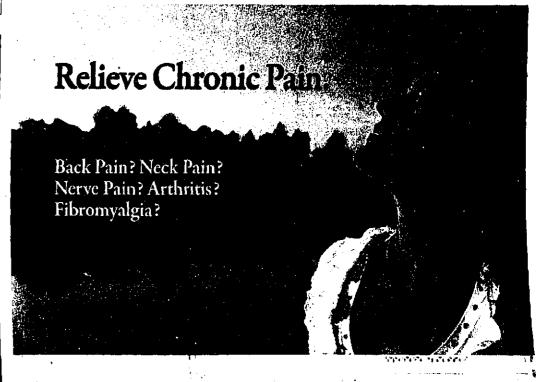
more difficult those are going

Gatt reiterated that "the sky is not falling in Novi" because the city has taken steps to prepare for the shortfall. Landry agreed with Gatt, saying Novi is not in as bad of shape as similar cities because they do not have the legacy costs other cities have, they have cut their employee level by 10 percent in the last two years and the city was smart by diversifying the tax base. He also said that if the city is going to be successful they

es but also at ways to generate revenue by bringing in new "Cities still have to be cities and provide services to

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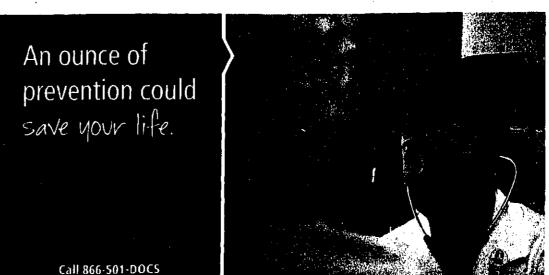
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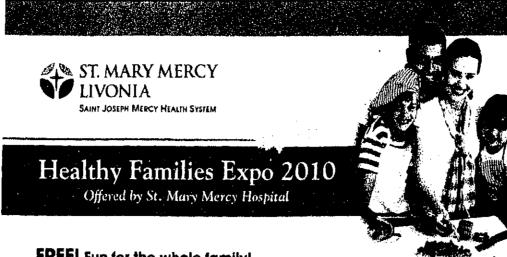


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'Got Talent?' youth showcase April 17

tion. The majority of the finalists are from the Huron Valley, but also include students from Novi and surrounding areas. New this year will be on-stage performer interviews, conducted by Nancy

McCauley-Branstetter between acts. "She'll be asking how they got started, giving the audience a chance to get to know them a little better," Morris said. show, "America's Got Talent." Got Talent? "That will add a lot to the show."

Lakeland High School activity director Scott Rolando will serve as emcee. As an added attraction, last year's grand prize winners "Cats and the Fiddler" will perform at the end of the show, while the panel of three judges tally the scores and year, it was limited to performers with a

Huron Valley-area connection. This year, Besides the grand prize, trophies will be awarded to the first and second place winners. There will also be mentoring

GOT TALENT? FINALISTS Syclone - Band Double Take - Band

Kara Farley - Dances

EDUCATION

Danielle Thomas - Dance Sara Nelson - Vocalist Rebecca Chen - Pianist Ariana Melone - Vocalist John Tasic ~ Drum soloist Frankie Masterangelo - Guitarist/vocalist Hanna Grischke - Vocalist Megan George - Dancer Audrey Beaumarchais - Dancer Maddy George - Dancer Heidi Weickel - Vocalist

possibilities, Morris said, and the grand prize winner will be invited to perform at Milford Memories this summer.

Tickets for Got Talent? are \$10, available at Milford Music, HVCA, Kozy Koffee and Huron Valley Recreation and Community Education. Seating is limited. Tickets will Morris invites people to become a

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Local students got talent.

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The second annual "Got Talent?" com-

petition on April 17 at the Milford High

School Center for Performing Arts will

showcase 15 finalists vying for a \$1,000

The performers, including vocalists,

two rounds of competition earlier this

year to earn a coveted spot at the finals.

Greg Morris, marketing and special

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Recreation and Community Education,

When the competition debuted last

the competition was expanded to allow

participants who have a KLAA connec-

these kids are so good," he said.

events coordinator for Huron Valley

dancers, bands and more made it through

Each year, thousands of high school students across the state participate in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition, sponsored by the Michigan Section of the Mathematics Association of America. This was the 53rd year, and the event was held Feb. 27 at Saginaw Valley State University. Scholarships from \$250 to \$2,600 were awarded.

The following local students were awarded an honorable mention; Northville High School's Chanukya Malla, Novi's Sherwin Wu, attending Detroit Country

Day; Novi High School's Chaitanya Kanitkar, Spencer Kim, Akhil Nistala, Sachin Padmanabhan, Gavin Patient, Apurva Shrivastava, Eshwar Sundararaju and Raj Raina.

Novi choral members compete in state fest

The Novi High School choral department continued its successful competition season on March 26, with several individuals and groups earning top honors at the Michigan School Vocal Music Association State Solo and Ensemble Festival at Walled Lake Central High School.

The Women's Ensemble, consisting of the soprano and alto members of the Novi Singers elite choir, performed "Come Ye Makers of Song" by Ruth Watson Henderson and a Renaissance Motet, "Domine Fili Unigenite," by Palestrina. The Men's Ensemble, made up of the tenor and bass members from the Novi Singers, followed in the competition,

performing "Blow Ye The Recital. Trumpet" by Kirke Mechem and the rousing "Vive L'Amour," arranged by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw. Both ensembles received top overall rankings of I's for their performances and

were juniors Makena Bauss and Joseph Leppek and senior Laura Bayley. A trio of Makena Bauss, Brianna Blossfeld and Chelsea Radgens also received a I in ensemble competition. Additionally, Leppek was selected as an alternate soloist for the Michigan Youth Arts Festival Soloist The choral department

sight-reading evaluations.

Novi students receiv-

ing I's in solo competition

will round out its competition season with all three choirs participating in the MSVMA state choir competition at Rochester High School in April.

Dion to continue as school district leader

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

A superintendent search is no longer an immediate concern for the Novi Community School District Board of Education.

Superintendent Pete Dion will remain in Novi after the Federal Way School Board unanimously chose Waterford School District Superintendent Robert Neu on April 6 to lead its district.

Novi Board President Ann Glubzinski said it is "back to business as usual for Novi," and the board will continue its focus on student achievement and financial stability for the district.

"Personally, I am sorry

excited about, and looking for

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understand if it was me and I had an opportunity that I was enthused about that fell through." Dion and Neu were

selected from a field of six, and board members from Federal Way conducted interviews and visited their current districts during the last couple weeks before making their choice. Dion could not be reached for comment for this story.

for Pete because this was a nmueller@gannett.com] (248) 437-2011, ext. 251



-graders celebrated the end of their poetry unit with a Poetry Coffee House where friends and family were invited to listen to the students read their original poetry. From Mrs. Donberger and Mrs. Chandler's class: (Front) Bella Jablonski, Jaime Gustitus, Maria Paparella and Molly Anderson. (Back) Mikayla Lynch, Laine Fenchel, Katelyn Katinas, Annaile Dixon and Alexis Felcher.



Games, not drugs

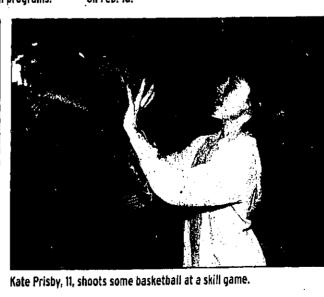
Derick Broche, 9, plays some air hockey on Thurs., Feb. 18 at Novi's Lucky Strike amusement hall during the Novi Youth Council/Novi Police Dept/Lucky Strike sponsored morning of "Adicted to Games, Not Drugs" event. Basically, for \$10, any Novi School District kid could get into Lucky Strike and have at their video and skee ball games for three hours. All proceeds were to be donated to Novi P.D.'s drug resistance educational programs.



Riley Jones, 10, left, and Lauren Krill, 7, hold aloft some of their booty of game tickets won at Lucky Strike Lanes on Feb. 18.



Novi's Lucky Strike Lanes.





A line of Novi school kids try their hands at skee ball.

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WAYNE ALLEN (DOMROESE) 3/4/65-4/3/10. Age 45. Departed April 8, 2010, Age 81. Beloved husfrom his life on earth early Saturday band of Kazimiera. Stepfather of 3. morning April 3, 2010. He was pro- Grandfather of 2 & great-grandfather ceeded by his late mother Betty of 2. Brother of 6 sisters & 12 broth-Domroese. He had a great passion ers. Funeral was April 12 at St. James

Lots of Sunshine. His final farewell www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com will be held on June 19, 2010 in South Lyon Mt. Family & Friends that wish to attend, Contact Stefani Cesaro~Putnam 248-686-4334, or email me at stefanicesaroputnam@yahoo.com

MARY V. AUGUSTINE

Age 78 of Northville, passed away on April 8, 2010. She was born on January 21, 1932 in Calumet, MI to Bonenfant, She was united in marriage to Joseph J. Augustine on June 7, 1952; they spent 49 loving Age 94, peacefully entered into eter- 1914 in Ovid, Michigan. Barbara years together until his death on nat rest on April 10, 2010. Bill was graduated from Ovid High School in June 1, 2001. Mary retired from the born in Detroit, MI on March 1, 1916 1931 and received a Bachelor of Arts Northville Public Schools; she to William H. Sr. and Fredricka Fox. degree from the University o worked at Winchester Elementary. He is survived by a toving family: his. Michigan in 1936. She was a lifelong and Meads Mill Middle School. She wife and best friend of 70 years, member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. On 7 was a member of Our Lady of Ramona; daughters: April (Ron) November 1936 she married Russell victory and also a member of the Pastor of Willis, TX; Holly (George). Allan Smith in Angola, Indiana. Their Livonia Elks. Mary loved birds, gar- Lukas of South Lyon; Robin (Tim) union produced four children born ening, golfing, bowling, and spend- Harrower of Sherwood, OR; and Lori and raised in Lansing: Jerome Allan, ing time with her family. She was a (Doug) Robinson of Simpsonville. Susan Meredith, Randall Russell and very accomplished cook and baker. SC. He leaves five grandchildren: Martha Louise. In 1956 Barbara Mary is survived by her loving chil- Mark, Tonya, Derek, George, Jr. and returned to higher education and dren, Keith Augustine, Mary Jo Brandon and five great-grandchil- obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Hotel Ron) Jones, and Paul (Kathy) dren: Kayla, Zoe, Tyler, Noelle, and and Restaurant Management from Augustine; her sister, Claire (Jack) Emma. He was preceded in death by Michigan State University in 1958. Johnson; her sister-in-laws, Maude his parents; brothers: Maitland and She was employed at Williams, Shaw Augustine, Carol Sue Bonenfant, and George and his sister Amy. He had and Wonders Dormitories and the Eleanor "Ellie" Bonenfant; her broth- a successful thirty-two year career. Kellogg Center for Michigan State er-in-law, James Zubiena; her grand- as a clay modeler with Ford Motor and was Supervisor of the Food, children, Matthew, Melissa, and Company retiring in 1978. Bill and Housekeeping and Laundry for the Nicholas Jones; and many nieces his wife enjoyed traveling through- Coldwater State Home and Training and nephews. She was preceded in out the United States, and often Center before retirement in 1979 death by her parents, her husband, vacationed in Florida. He loved to after 24 years of employment with 3 brothers, and 1 sister. A funeral dance and was an avid golfer and the State of Michigan. Retirement mass will be held Thursday, April 15 fisherman. Visitation was held on brought the time and ability to pursue at 11am, with visitation beginning at April 13th at PHILLIPS FUNERAL a cherished goal of visiting over 100 Catholic Church 133 Orchard, ice was held on April 14th at the First nents. Barbara especially enjoyed Northville. Father Denis Theroux will United Methodist Church of South long, solitary ocean freighters bound officiate the service. Mary will be Lyon, with Sondra Willobee & Tom for Africa. When she was home, she laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Hart officiating. In lieu of customary pursued a lifelong interest in nature,



CONSTANCE C. BARKER Passed away April 9, 2010. She was born in Detroit, on May 14, 1921. Beloved wife of the late George E. Barker (1991) retired Captain of the Detroit Fire Department, Dearest Mother of Marylou Flowers, George (Kathleen) Barker, Linda (Thomas) Age 86 of New Hudson and a former Wierzbicki, Kenneth (Debra) Barker, on April 11, 2010. Loving wife of the Donald (Betty) Barker. She was pre- late Robert C. Rowbotham; dear ceded in death by 2 daughters: mother of Tim Rowbotham and Catherine Allor and Janet Barker. Roger Rowbotham; grandmother of Loving grandmother of 17 and Irish (Ken) Watters, Michelle (Sean) great-grandmother of 24. Sister of Christian, Roger (Vicki) Rowbotham, Mary (Charles) McCloskey, sister-in- Jr., David (Marianne) Rowbotham, law of Jean Zavicar and Mary Jeanette Mettey, and several great Zavicar. Also numerous nieces, and great great grandchildren. She nephews, extended family members also leaves a sister-in-law, Francis and friends. Born and lived in Detroit Emblin and many dear friends. or 50 years, retired to South Lyon in Preceded in death by her brothers, 1970. Visitation will be on Monday. Fred Emblin, Vaughan Emblin and a April 12, from 2-9 p.m. at Phillips sister, Elaine Chivas. Shirley worked truneral Home, 122 W. Lake St. (10 at Cadillac Motors in the 1950's, and Mile), South Lyon, A Funeral Mass later moved to Millord where she will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, worked at the Milford Department April 13, at St. Joseph Catholic Store from 1966 until 1985 when it Church, 830 S. Lafayette St. (Pontiac closed. For twenty years she spent Trail), South Lyon, with final visita- winters at her home in Valleydale tion beginning at 10:30 a.m. In lieu Estates in Zephyrhills, Florida, where of flowers, memorials may be made she was active at the clubhouse and

sald in honor of Constance. Online While in Michigan she enjoyed many guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com HOWARD F. BELLER Lake Angela Co-op Association and Age 92 of House Springs, had beautiful galuens at every many she lived in. She will be dearly Missouri passed away on April 10, 2010 in House Springs, Missouri. He was born March 24, 1918 in Mitchell, South Liberty, Milford, on Friday, April 16, at 11AM. Burial will follow in Milford Dakota. He was an Army veteran. Survived by: Two sons-Bob Beller of Memorial Cemetery. Friends may House Springs, Missouri and Donald visit Thursday 1-9PM. Memorials Beller of Sterling Heights, Michigan. Also survived by six grandchildren Milford Senior Center. and three great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by: Father-Andrew Beller: Mother-Anna Beller (nee Blotz); Wife-Helen Beller (nee Vansickle); Wife-Opal Beller (nee Ferrell): Son-Edwin Beller. There will be no service locally. Memorials in memory of may be made to a Hospice group of choice or the Alzheimer's Association. A service of Robert D. Brown Funeral Home, Hillsboro, Missouri.

JUNE L. CASEY April 8, 2010, Age 85. Beloved wife of the late Fred. Funeral was April 12 at St Valentines Church, Redford. nterment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Online condolences:



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BARBARA LOUISE BATES

SMITH

Departed for life's final journey or

April 11, 2010 from Huron Woods

Senior Health Facility in Ann Arbor

where she had received loving care

for nearly 3 years after moving from

her Northville home. She was the

second of four children of Bior

LaMott Bates and Wilma Jackson

Martha Nield (James), Randall Smith

(Judy), daughter in law Ruth Smith,

SHIRLEY MAE

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sister Emily Haynes, brothers

JOSEPH P. CASSAR for Good Friends, Good Music, and Church, Novi. Online condolences:



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HUME, South Lyon, A Funeral Serv- different countries in all seven conti Northville. Contributions appreciated remembrances, contributions in his including birding and gardening. memory may be directed to the First Cooking was a favorite and well prac-United Methodist Church of South ticed art. She also spent many happy Lyon or the American Cancer hours at the Northville Senior Center Society, Funeral arrangements playing word games, doing puzzles entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL and needlework. She was an avid UM HOME, South Lyon. Online guest- football fan. Barbara is survived by book at: www.phillipsfuneral.com daughters Susan Gray (Robert),

Age 81, Apr. 11, WWII Jackson and Richard Bates, six

leteran, dear husband of grandchildren and their spouses, and Carol and loving father of six great grandchildren. A family cerand David. Survived by his emony will be held in Ovid. Memorial brother Bob and sisters Lucille and contributions can be sent to Matthaei Ruth. Memorials may be given to the Multiple Myeloma Research Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105 or Foundation, remains donated to the a charity of choice. University of Michigan.

trips provided by the Milford Senior

Center. She was the President of the

A Funeral Service will be held at

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may be made in her name to the

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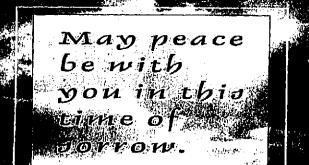
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SHIRLEY G. ROWBOTHAM April 9, 2010, Age 80. Wife of the late Joanne (Clement) resident of Milford, Michigan, passed www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

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Members of the Novi Business Assistance Team met with Robert Burns, left, at his Doctors of Physical Therapy office on April 7. Clockwise from Burns are John Stritmatter; PNC Bank, Sarah Marchioni; City of Novi, Ara Topouzian; City of Novi, Jerry Dettloff; Downtown Management Strategies, Lola Are; Oakland County, Patrick Mondro; PNC Bank, and Linda Daly; Novi Chamber of Commerce.

Teaming up to help business owners

Physical therapist reaps benefits of advice

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Robert Burns was hesitant at first about letting the Novi Business Assistance Team critique the way he was running his business. But after seeing positive

results following his first meeting with the group in 2008, Burns brought them back to his Doctors of Physical Therapy office last week for another brainstorming session. The physical therapist, who has been working in Novi for two years, said this meeting was even more beneficial and recommends business owners to take advantage of their

"Any individual that is starting a business I would say you have to talk to people, get do that," he said.

The seven-member eam that visited Burns o Wednesday was made up of people from the city and chamber of commerce in Novi. National City Bank, Oakland County and Downtown Management Strategies consulting firm.

Burns told the group the last time they were here he was "nervous and not sleeping," but now he has added a lot more patients and referrals, and is "trying not to make the same mistakes twice." "You sometimes feel naked

when telling people your problems, but they have provided a lot of help," he said. One of the main pieces of advice Burns received was from Lola Are, of Oakland County, who suggested he



Robert Burns, far right, hosted a Business Assistance Team meeting in his ideas, and this is a great way to Novi Road physical therapy office last week.

he said.



City of Novi Economic Development Director Ara Topouzian offers some advice to Doctors of Physical

Are told Burns he needs to put together a marketing plan that has a uniform image and conveys what his business is about. She also suggested he look into using the local col-

Therapy owner Robert Burns.

help and not trying to handle That advice, Burns said is what he need**e**d to hear because he often gets caught up with his patients and making sure they get the most out of their experience. "They just come up with ideas that I hadn't thought of,"

> The Business Assistance Team is available to all business owners in the city free of charge. Some of the services they provide are reviewing business plans, being a sounding board for ideas, giving advice on marketing, advertising and public relations and helping with networking. For more information, call (248)

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of 13 Mile Road

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online at hometownlife.com

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

Mass Schedule TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment Crosspointe Meadows Church Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south

Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org. Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m. Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages

and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience. Detroit First Church of the Nazarene Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mite Road

Details: Nursery and older children pro-

grams available. Worship blends traditional

Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnaza-

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

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

Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do Women of the Word Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m. Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible

Study welcomes you to their study of the Book of Exodus. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.newhope-From Grief to New Hope

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m.; eight-week workshop beginning April 14 Details: Each session will begin with a talk about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Each person will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses. **Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross** Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road

Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholy

Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service Alzheimer's Support Group Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of

Hometown Weekhes | Thursday, April 15 (2010)

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

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. First Baptist Church of Northville Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: (248) 348-1020 **Sunday Worship:** 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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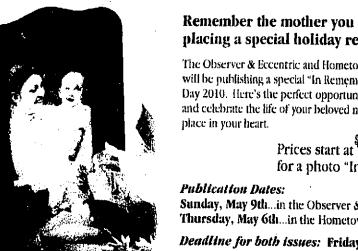
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Get a taste of Novi at annual business expo

BY NATHAN MUELLER

Numerous Novi business will be displaying their wares to the public Wednesday at the second annual Business and Taste Expo. The event features 55 businesses.

from financial services and builders to personal care and jewelers, that will showcase their products and

There also will be food samplings from nine Novi restaurants including Edgewood Country Club, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Bagger Dave's, Toasted Oak Grill, Hooters, Famous Dave's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Mr. Pita and California Pizza Kitchen.

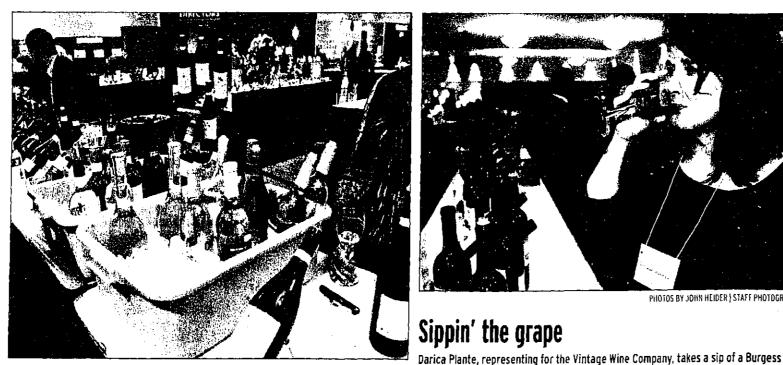
"It's a great way to get a nice overview of local businesses and local business owners," said Executive Director of the Novi Chamber of Commerce Linda Daly. "It's also an opportunity for anyone who wants to do business with local businesses to learn more about what is available to them in the community."

The expo kicks off at 4 p.m. on April 21 at the Baronette Renaissance Hotel Detroit-Novi with keynote speaker Lisa Barry. Barry's presentation is titled "Prosperous or pessimistic? It's all in your perspec-

At 5 p.m., the vendor booths open, and the event runs until 7:30 p.m. There also will be musical entertainment and a cash bar.

Guests also have a chance to win a \$400 wine dinner from Carrabba's Italian Grill and an Edgewood Country Club golf package by attending the keynote speaker. Door prizes also will be given away, and people can register for them online at www. novichamber.com.

Tickets for the event are \$5 and can be purchased at the door. The presenting sponsor of the expo is Lotus Bank, and HAP, Red Level Networks and Walsh College are the

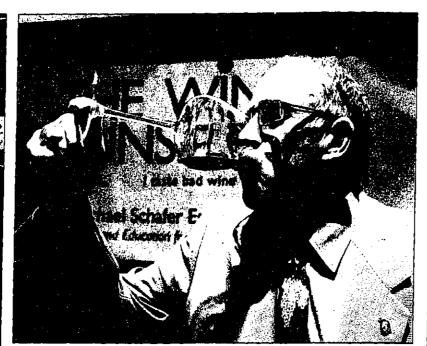


There were lots of bottles on wine and lots of glasses to put that wine in during the show. Cabernet during the Michigan International Wine Expo.





Tony Conz of the Vintage Wine Company pours a glass at the Michigan International



fichael Schaeffer, operating the "Wine Counselor" business, takes a sip of wine during the beginning of the Michigan International Wine Expo held at the Rock Financial Showplace on

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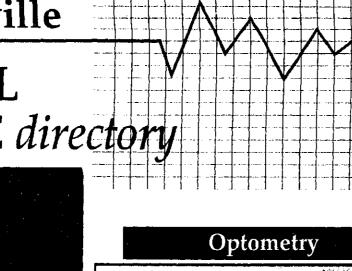
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'RASCO fiasco' shows need for tax credit reform, transparency

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embezzler was arrested and charged with 34 criminal counts, one day after he attended a press conference with the governor to announce that the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) had approved his company's application for more than \$9 million in business tax

This fiasco embarrassed the entire state and crystallized the lack of transparency and disclosure in the MEGA credit process.

The fact that a felon with a record of committing fraud was even seriously considered for a MEGA credit is unacceptable and underscores my deep concerns about the review process and the oversight of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), which oversees the MEGA program.

As a Michigan legislator and taxpayer, I continue to fight to ensure that our tax dollars are spent wisely and effectively. That is why I have been the leader for several years to bring transparency and accountability to all the state's tax credits.

My landmark MEGA credit reforms adding legcredit program were signed by the governor in October. Public Acts 124 and 125 of 2009 were the first of their kind in Michigan. They were a positive step toward enabling lawmakers to reliably measure the effectiveness of the state's tax credits by requiring that key policy- mobile home park, and havmakers be given vital infor-

mation, such as the actual number of jobs created or retained and the actual value of the MEGA refundable tax credits claimed. While these reforms will help the public and lawmakers know where state tax dollars are going and how effectively our state

funds are being spent, it is clear that more needs to be done. In the wake of the RASCO fiasco, it is critical that we extend transparency and disclosure to the MEDC's approval process. My concern is in regards

to exactly what process the MEDC follows and the thoroughness of their background checks. Opening this process to the eyes of the public and lawmakers will ensure that the MEDC does an exhaustive review of each company before giving them millions of dollars in tax credits.

This situation happened after numerous attempts by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to hold the MEDC accountable were brushed aside. I praise them for their efforts and remain meaningful reforms to the MEDC and all of Michigan's www.SenatorNancyCassis.com for refundable credit programs. the latest information and updates the heels of the report com-

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Association Nancy Cassis Anderson Group (AEG) that found that the MEGA credits and

film production subsidies are ineffective and actually cost the state jobs. As a watchdog looking out for taxpayers, I am glad that for the first time an

independent report did a vital cost-benefit analysis of Michigan's business tax credits. I have questioned the effectiveness of these programs for years, which is the reason I have been fighting for accountability and transparency. According to the study,

three of the state's targeted business tax programs - including the film and MEGA credits - had the effect of reducing employment in Michigan by 25,000 jobs and resulting in \$85 million less in tax revenue when compared to an alternative policy.

While Michigan job providers and working families are struggling to make ends meet, the landmark study and the RASCO fiasco should be wake-up calls to lawmakers that the status quo isn't working.

Awarding a \$9 million tax he said. credit to RASCO - short for Renewable and Sustainable Companies - despite the company operating out of a ing a convicted felon as its CEO, was a violation of the public trust. My fellow senators and I owe it to every sure this was an isolated incident and not a pattern of behavior.

I am encouraged that the governor and MEDC officials have recognized the need for changes to the MEDC operations to betaccountability and transparency of their processes Since actions speak louder than words, I hope to work with them to enact significant reforms to bring real transparency and oversight

to the MEDC and our tax credit programs. For more information, visit my Web site at www. SenatorNancyCassis.com. Or contact me toll free at 1-888-38-NANCY.

Nancy Cassis is the state senator for Oakland County's 15th District: Commerce Twp, Highland Twp, Holly Twp, Lyon Twp, Milford Twp, Northville city (part), Novi city, Novi Twp, Orchard Lake city, Rose Twp, South Lyon city, Walled Lake city, West Bloomfield Twp, White Lake Twp and Wixom city. Visit The fiasco also comes on on issues in Lansing, or contact her

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Longtime Scouts celebrate 100 years with trip across U.S.

BY NATHAN MUELLER

The Boy Scouts of America opened several doors and provided Frank Mallon with a lifetime of opportunities and memories.

So with 2010 marking the 100th anniversary of Scouting, Mallon wanted to do something extravagant to show his gratitude and get the celebration kicked off. The plan was a road trip,

and not just any road trip, but a 46,000-mile trek across the United States to visit every Boy Scout council and present them with a Boy Scout mural called "A Century of Values."

It took about 15 years for the trip to come together, but on Feb. 8 2009, the motor home wrapped with Scouting logos and the mural on the back took to the roads. The trip was split between 14 teams that made presentations at each council before eventually returning to Michigan one year later.

"The best part is we were able to do something that no one will be able to do for another 100 years," he said. Novi residents Larry Burtka and his wife, Nancy, were members of Team 14, traveling through such states as New Mexico, Kansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas. He said it was "an honor to present the murals to the councils and enjoyed meeting all the volunteers and kids.

"It was pretty phenomenal," Each of the 14 "A Century of Values" teams, made up of six people, spent a little more than three weeks on the road, followed by a vehicle carrying their supplies. The motor home, including maintenance and fuel, as well as the chase vehicle were donated to "A

The stops consisted of the mural presentation and expressing their thanks to professional illustrator Bill



Novi residents Frank and Sharon Mallon, left, and Nancy and Larry Burtka were part of the many people who quided this motor home around the continental United States for their 'A Century of Values' tour celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Their travels took them to over 300 Boy Scout councils and amassed 46,000 miles. The RV is having its exterior graphics replaced at Graphik Concepts in Farmington Hills.



Justin Sowter of Graphik Concepts of Farmington Hills helps replace the exterior graphics on the 'A Century of Values' motor home.

The 24-by-36 mural was created by Eagle Scout and 50 different Scout-themed images into the piece.

National Boy Scout Museum. Nancy Burtka called the trip a "unique experience" and was "astounded" by the care given to others through Scouting. "Throughout the United States there are hundreds of eople doing good things for kids," she said. "(This trip) showed me Scouting is very alive in the United States. The bus was getting rewrapped at Graphik Concepts last week and will be used throughout the year as a promotional tool for the 100th

anniversary of Boy Scouts of Mallon said Novi residents should expect to see it around a lot, and it will be in several upcoming area parades. For more information about "A Century of Values," or to

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Abate of Michigan is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the safe operating practices of all Michigan motorcyclists and to preserving the overall rights of cyclists. Abate offers premier safety courses led by Michigan's top safety instructors. Giant Motorcycle Swap Meets has been a staunch supporter of Abate by

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ment or prove they've been

to Daytona or Sturgis" says Dutmers. When riding season

begins bikers begin the process of replacing worn, damaged or obsolete chrome, paint, seats, parts, tires and apparel. You don't find these items at the mall; you find them at The Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet which will be held from II a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 18 at the Rock

Financial Showplace. The swap meet will feature the largest collection of motorcycle vendors under one roof in the Midwest. Cyclists attending will see new '10 bikes as well as used bikes - street, dirt, metric, touring, cruising, trikes, choppers, custom bikes, and

Thousands of motorcycle buyers are expected to pack the 95,000-plus square foot exhibition area. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$3 for ages 6-12. Car Parking is \$5. People who want to skip the lines and get in 30 minutes earlier can buy tickets in advance online at www. motorcycleswap.com The Rock Financial Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Ave in Novi and can be accessed

swap meet, call 800-968-4242 or visit www.motorcycleswap.com



Famie's next documentary focuses on Michigan's Vietnam generation

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they traveled to Vietnam. The

Generation is a journey back

experience, including how

returned.

They fought on a battlefield as brutal as any other and more deadly than most wars in the history of the United States. The only difference: these veterans fought at a time when the United States was deeply divided on one of the most opposed wars in history, the Vietnam War. To give these veterans a voice, Director/ Producer Keith Famie, of Visionalist Entertainment Productions, has announced he is filming Our Vietnam Generation, scheduled to

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marked by music, drugs, ideals of love and political upheaval. Depicted will be some veterans who were able to become successful business and community leaders and others who still suffer from haunting memories or wounds. Further, the documentary will shed light on the families of these veterans, including those who

still hold yearly vigils in hopes

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with Rolling Thunder and Patriot Guard will be featured in the documentary, as well. All will culminate in a special media celebration premiere for the Vietnam veterans in December, followed by the television premiere on WDIV-TV in Detroit.

The leading title sponsor for last year's successful documentary, Detroit: Our Greatest Generation, American House founder Bob Gillette, has committed to support Our Vietnam Generation as one of the title presenting sponsors. "It was a different kind of battle these people were fighting," said Gillette. "The people fighting in Vietnam were not

our World War II veterans. This film is our opportunity to do now what we should have done then."

The Vietnam production was equally inspirational as Mark and Jennifer visited Hanoi's Children's Village to deliver Operation: Exchange of Hearts, a special book of artwork created by the children of Detroit Medical Center. In exchange, Mark and Jennifer picked up a book of drawings from the Hanoi children to deliver back to the DMC.

Part of the documentary is the one-on-one interview with American Ambassador to Vietnam, Michael Michalak, who happens to be from Rochester, Mich.

The documentary team also gained full access to film at the Hoa Lo Prison "Hanoi Hilton" POW camp where Senator John McCain was

One of the most emotional wrenching visits involved the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), a United States military branch that relentlessly searches for missing soldiers, both from the United States and from U.S.

Supporting the film so far dents to use them. are Keith King, National The presentation, titled Public Affairs Chair of the Drugs 101: What Parents Want Vietnam Veterans of America. to Know, represents a joint American House Senior partnership with Novi Youth Living Residences, Terry Assistance, the Novi Police Desmond of A.J. Desmond Department and the Novi Fire Funeral Homes, Joe Vicari of Department. Funding for this Andiamo Restaurant Group program was made possible Inc., DS Properties, Lakeshore as a result of the Novi Police Engineering Services, WDIV-Department's drug forfeiture

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Mom 2 Mom Sale Novi Community

Education's Lily Pad Lane Infant Care will host a Mom 2 Mom Sale, Saturday, April 17 from 8 a.m.-noon at Novi High School, Admission is \$1 per person. Admission is free to children ages infant to 15 years. Seller space is available; five-foot round tables are available for \$20 each; rack space is \$10.

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has a problem. Novi Police Chief David Molloy and Kim T. Capello will host a roundtable discussion for parents with questions about drugs, alcohol and their children at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 6 in the multi-purpose room of St. James Catholic Church in Novi.

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Hands-on substance abuse education

Educators from Saint Joseph to empower participants with Mercy Health System will travel to St. James the Greater Catholic Church on Thursday April 29 to educate parents, grandparents, coaches, teach ers and administrators about the various forms of drugs and the peer pressures facing stu-

at www.sjmercyhealth.org; click on St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor; then click on Classes Any group interested in hosting a "Drugs 101: What Parents Need to Know" program for the parents of their school, district or community, can call 734-398-7518 or email healthed@trinity-health.org.

Camp Invention 2010

Library closed on April 1 and its new library will be opening in early June.

On the last day of its operation, Novi Public Library volunteer Vickie Dickieson helps to put ID tags on the library's

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

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Mosher files nominating

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"It was my goal to gather the maximum number of signatures throughout the district before the May 11 deadline, said Mosher. "We exceeded our expectations by collecting 2,232 signatures. This was a true community outreach

"I'm thrilled at the warm support we received knocking on doors and talking to residents about their government and the need to represent constituent interests. Voters have had enough of Thaddeus McCotter voting 'No' on every-

More information on Mosher and her campaign can be found at www.mosherfor-

Botsford Hospital Fair Botsford Hospital is hostng its third annual Safety and Injury Prevention Fair or Saturday, May 1 from 10 a.m.

to 2 p.m. in the Community Room of Botsford Hospital's Zieger Administration & Education Building. The free event is open to individuals, families and groups of all ages There will be experts and exhibits on sports injury prevention, safe sleep for babies, driving distractions, fall prevention, Internet safety, alcoho awareness, car seat safety and Dr. Paws Pet Assisted Therapy Information will be available on bike safety with helmets for purchase for \$6. There will also be a tour of a medical transport flight helicopter and the Farmington Hills Fire Department will display its Smoke House. Other activities raffles, food and prizes will be oart of the day.

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eing considered for a temporary special land use permit.

2010 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Malinda Martin and must be received prior to April 30, 2010.



Use Permit for a Farmers Market located within the streets, adjacent to the Mainstreet Development at the corner of Main May 9, 2010 through October 31, 2010 on Sundays from 10:00 AM A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property

This request will be considered at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 3,

Malinda Martin Senior Customer Service Rep.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Police foil drug deal

A 20-year-old man was arrested at 9:37 p.m. on April 8 for possession of marijuana with intent to sell after initially being stopped at Pontiac Trail and Springlake Boulevard for a broken head-

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When the officer approached the car he could smell the odor of fresh marijuana coming from the vehicle and ask the driver if there was anything illegal inside. The driver said no and gave permission for the officer to search the vehicle.

During the search, the officer found several baggies inside containing small pieces of marijuana. He also found a marijuana pipe and another bag containing the drug in the trunk.

Continuing the investigation, the officer watched video from his back seat camera that showed the man talking on the phone and saying to an unknown person, "I will not be able to deliver it. I got pulled over and the cop found it in my trunk. I'm going to be arrested for possession."

He was taken to the Novi Police Department where he was released pending the issuance of a warrant.

Three cars ransacked in Springs

Novi police are conducting extra patrol in the area of Lakeview Court after three vehicles had been rummaged through while parked in the parking lot

overnight on April 11. All three vehicles were unlocked and found with the glove boxes open and the contents strewn about the cars. One had a female night undergarment taken from it, but police later found it. The other two car owners reported no property was stolen.

Wall at Town Center vandalized The brick wall near T.J. Maxx that

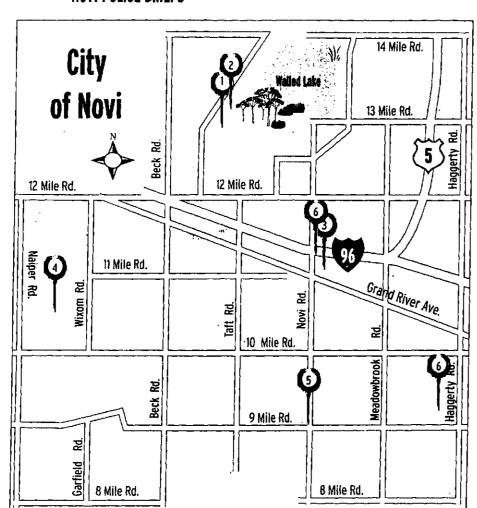
Ifaces Town Center on Crescent Boulevard was spray painted recently by an unknown person. Maintenance workers noticed the dam-

age, despite the wall being hidden being several pine trees, on April 7. The person used black paint and the picture was a face with the letters "SGC." Police have no suspects at this time.

Mustang damaged overnight A Ford Mustang suffered damage to

the convertible top after an unknown

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS



person poured a purple substance, possibly jam, on it overnight on April 3 while it was parked in the driveway of a home on Island Lake Drive

The owner had no idea who could have done it and also told police his house was egged on March 21 by unknown suspects. None of the neighbors in the area saw anything suspicious.

Car keyed at CVS ■A woman had her Toyota keyed while **J**she was inside the CVS Pharmacy on Novi Road at 8:30 p.m. on April 2.

The woman said she pulled into a parking spot when the woman next to her started to complain she parked too close. The two went inside to shop, and while the victim was paying she watched the other woman scratch her vehicle with her keys. When she went outside, the woman was driving off and she was

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unable to get the vehicle's license plate Police have no suspects at this time.

Suspects snatch license plates 6 A pair of vehicle owners had their license plates stolen off their vehicles

on April 3 and 4. The first incident took place overnight on April 3 at Twelve Oaks Mall near JCPenney. The woman had returned from shopping when she noticed her plate was

The second theft happened on April 4 on Summer House Court. The woman said her vehicle was parked in the carport in the afternoon when the play was taken. Both plates were entered into LEIN as stole, but police have no suspects at this

Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

Man charged in torture death of Novi woman

physical or mental pain and

Wolfgang Mueller, an attor-

Mueller said that Dabish

Members of the DeMayo

with obscene telephone calls

The calls began, the family

said, after Dabish and their

daughter were reprimanded

for coming to their home while

apparently intoxicated. After

DeMayo was mortally injured

and family was awaiting word

called asking if she were dead

The family told police they

information. When the fam-

ily questioned her, they said

The reports, released by

redacted, making it impossible

to identify the callers by name

have to go though this. She is

Dabish is expected to be

arraigned today in Detroit

the Novi police, are heavily

Dabish got on the line and

again yelled obscenities.

on her condition, someone

about a week before their

daughter's death.

BY JOE SWICKARD **GANNETT NEWS SERVICE**

ney for Powerhouse Gyms and Diana DeMayo's family sufa family spokesman, said the fered last month when they Dabish family "sends out their learned she was killed, but prayers to the victim's family. their ordeal was all the more This is certainly a senseless cruel because the man charged with torturing and murdering her harassed them with "has never had any involveobscene phone calls, according

ment in running the to Novi police reports. Powerhouse Gyms," co-found-DeMayo died March 11 from ed by Norman Dabish, who multiple blunt force injuries received at an 11th-floor apartdied in 2005. ment in the renovated Fort Shelby Tower in downtown family told Novi police that Dabish started taunting them

Detroit. Peter N. Dabish was taken into custody last Wednesday afternoon by Detroit police on a warrant issued March 31. He is charged with first-degree murder and torture. His late father co-founded Powerhouse Gvms International, a network of training and fitness centers. Dabish's lawyer Domnick Sorise did not return calls Wednesday evening.

"The DeMayo family is and Dabish got on the phone and shouted profanities, the grateful for all the efforts of police agencies," attorney family told police in a report filed March 12. William Swor said on the family's behalf. "They look forward got another call after their to the truth coming out." The DeMayo family described daughter's death from a young woman asking about funeral Dabish as their daughter's

friend. Dabish and DeMayo moved into the downtown apartment together on March 10. The couple attracted attention because they carried their belongings stuffed in black trash bags, according to a resident who declined to be identified. DeMayo, 23, was rushed

the next morning to Detroit Receiving Hospital, where she died of multiple head injuries, police said. Police charged Dabish, 24, vhich carries a mandatory life

sentence without parole. The

torture charge covers "extreme

or their relation to Dabish. Novi Farmers' Market & DeMayo had just graduated International Street Fair from the University of Miami. Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. May 9-"This has been horrible," Swor said. "No family should

> Grand River Avenue and Novi Road Details: An open-air market featur-

Novi Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com. Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be

included in Thursday's newspaper.

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LOCAL EVENTS

Spring Fling Location: at estate home of Fred and Marilyn Ciampa, 20889 Cambridge Drive, Novi (west of 275 on the north side of Eight Mile Rd.) Time/Date: 2-5 p.m. Sunday, April

Details: Fun, food and fundraising, including a silent auction and a live string band, Picks and Sticks. Sponsors State Rep Alma Wheeler Smith, candidate for governor; State Rep Lisa Brown; Oakland County Treasurer Andy Meisner; Pamela Jackson, candidate for State Senate; and Andrew Mutch, Novi City Council. Suggested donation of \$25 per person; \$40 per couple. Pay at the door or online at myDems.info, or send your donation to: Cynthia Churches, CPA. 32969 Hamilton Court, Suite 138, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 Make checks payable to DWOC. Write Spring Fling on the memo/for line of your check.

American Legion Post 19 **Monthly Meeting** Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. on third

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

Location: On the Border pnerick@aol.com. Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of 8 Mile), Novi **Details**: BNI is a structured networking environment for profes-

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

Michigan Representative Hugh Crawford and his wife Novi Councilwoman Kathy Crawford for stopped by Novi Woods Elementary to read to today for

March's Reading Month. The Crawfords were very energetic and excited to talk with the class. After reading their stories, they were willing to field

questions, answering everything from, "What is your favorite place in the world?" to "What do you like most about your job?" The students will see Rep.

of charge. Continental breakfast provided. Contact: For more information, contact Julie Paquette at 248-797 1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com;

www.metronovibni.com. 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 Location: 41875 11 Mile Road. #201,

(248) 349-3743 or www.novicham-

2nd Annual Business & Taste Time/Date: 4-7:30 p.m. Wednesday,

Location: The Baronette Renaissance Hotel Detroit-Novi, 27790 Novi Rd., Novi Details: Presenting Sponsor -Lotus Bank; keynote speaker - Lisa Barry, WNIC Radio; networking, complimentary appetizers and cash bar.Public welcome; \$5 payable at

Business to Business Breakfast Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, April

Location: Michigan Office Solutions, Novi Technology Center, 40000 Grand River, Ste. 500, Novi

Contact: Paulette Alioa, V.P. of Public Relations at greenspace@ mi.rr.com or (248) 756-0907. Novi Rotary Club

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welcome - and bring a friend, Visit

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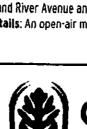
Breakfast & Learn Charity Event Time/Date: 7:45-9 a.m. April 20 Location: DirectBuy Club of Farmington Hills, 33800 W. 9 Mile Road (just west of Farmington

Road), Farmington Details: What would you discover if you became your own "Undercover Boss"? Simple steps to increasing employee/volunteer participation and your bottom line. Can your organization run smoother in a challenging economy? Author, columnist and noted speaker Dr. Lee Meadows will answer these questions and more. Cost is \$20: \$10 of each ticket is a tax deductible donation to Rotary Foundation. All proceeds will benefit the \$200 million Polio Challenge campaign. Contact: Seating is limited; please make your reservations by calling Ginger Barrons at (248) 348-0551 or email reliable@cdnet.net.

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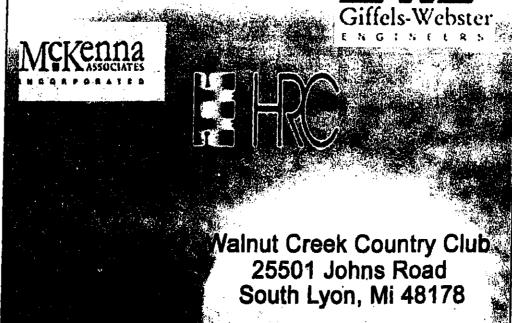
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OUR VIEWS

Pain is necessary to survive crisis

"It's not fair" seems to be a refrain among us all

these days. And we're right. It's not fair that the economy has tanked, that people throughout the Novi/ Northville area have lost their jobs and that the good times are over, for now.

We were all promised rose gardens. Work hard. the rhetoric went, and you'll be even better off than your folks. But roses have thorns and we are bleeding from bad policy in Lansing and else-

There is no way to paint red a rose garden that has left some area residents white with fear. As economic resources have paled for the Novi and Northville municipalities and schools, the bleeding is continuing.

School districts and cities are now in the throes of budget deliberations, with budget approvals coming in May. They won't be pretty, they won't smell sweet. They will reflect the economic times we are in, which are reflected in the loss of property tax revenue. It's that revenue that funds services — and the employees who perform them.

The reality is, regardless of where you live and what schools your children attend, that you will feel the prick of an economic thorn reflected in what services are provided next year. In Novi schools, custodial services were privatized while in Northville, transportation changes were implemented. There is no way that others, such as teachers and administrators, can escape feeling the pain as well.

Likely there will be a lot of folks upset with the decisions that will be made in the near future. It's understandable, and it's not fair. It's also necessary.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

Even though the calendar says it's already here, for you, when does spring officially



"I would say it's when the weather's in the mid-70s and the flowers are

Natalie Grumski



"We gauge it on the kids - when they get loud and when they get antsy and they're looking forward to spring break."

Theresa Ronald

have spring fever now."

"When it feels like I want

to be outside all the time.



"When I can take my shoes and socks off and sit on the front porch and drink a limeade and close my eyes

Jennifer Harvey

LETTERS

Rethink city's drinking policy

I read the article in the April 1 edition of the Novi News pertaining to the Novi City Council allowing alcohol consumption at the Civic Center and the Library and am so sorrily disappointed in their final vote on

Council members Bob Gatt and Kathy Crawford seem to be listening to the peopl by way of their vote, representing the community in lieu of finding ways of generating income at the expense of moral and ethical

To say that this policy is not intended to be a revenue generator is complete bunk. The Civic Center has been booking their rooms for a long time for many events such as showers, birthday parties, meetings, etc. Why the need now to include serving alcohol? Let's be real, it's to book more rooms and make a bigger profit to benefit

the city thus taking away from the existing businesses in our community. What I don't understand is with so many restaurants and halls in the area, let alone in our own city that have the means to handle events where alcohol is served, why would the city take away their business? Shouldn't the city be promoting those businesses rather than take away from them to make a profit for themselves?

And after the \$10,135 million in construction costs of our tax dollars being spent on a brand new library, do we really need to allow alcohol there? Let alone that books, carpet, furniture have the potential of being ruined, why can't there be city buildings where alcohol just isn't served? I know our society is alcohol-obsessed but there should be safe places where alcohol shouldn't be served such as our City Hall

And as stated in the article, there would be a two-drink limit per person. With this policy, as Mr. Gatt stated, it would be hard to enforce. I would go as far as saying impossible to enforce. Do we really want our police to be waiting outside the civic center or library to check for impaired people who may have gone over their twobars and out on our streets protecting our

Let's hope that nothing bad happens from passing this policy, but I ask the City Council members to reconsider this policy after the six-month trial period. Consider what it is we want our city to stand for. Its integrity depends on it.

and her journalism students. The

deadline to have this section com-

plete came right smack in the mid-

last thing on the minds of teachers

and kids is anything remotely relat-

ed to school. But, she and her crew

came back to school every day last

week and made it happen. I even

received an e-mail from Lydia at

dle of spring break, a time when the

and our Library. Acknowledging those whose creative juices flow

he Michigan Palace, 1975. Seventh row for Bruce Springsteen and the E Street

I was 15, and after standing on my seat for three and half hours in disbelief, I became a believer in the power of music. Up until then, sports were my only focus. No one can deny the popularity

and importance of sports in our society. We put athletes on pedestals, pay them insane amounts of money and follow their professional and personal lives with more passion than we do local, state, national and global issues.

I'm not complaining. Growing up with a dad who played pro baseball and boxed, sports were an intricate part of my youth. And I still watch the Tigers religiously, follow the Red Wings and root for the Wolverines football team. Heck, I even watched the Masters tournament two days in

end — and I don't golf!

And this newspaper, like most, dedicates a section each week to covering the local sports scene. Readers, rightly so, Cal Stone demand to know

what's happening with their high school athletes and those who have moved on to the collegiate and professional levels. But there is a whole other world that deserves attention.

Several years ago, our company did a 12-page special section on the music program at Northville High, featuring the school's many musical offerings, instructors and students. Last fall, I met with Novi Band Booster Cheryl Crist about putting together a similar section highlighting Novi High's music

program. Several discussions later, we thought, "Why not expand the tribute to include the entire Novi Creative Arts Collaborative — band, choir, dance, drama/theater, journalism, broadcast/radio and visual

I had assumed, like for the Northville section, that I would use freelance writers and photographers and have our production department design and lay it all out. But I thought I'd check with Lydia Cadena, the journalism teacher at Novi High, to see if any of her students wanted to write a story or

Well, they didn't. Instead, they wanted to do ALL of it! They wanted to write every story, take all the photos, come up

with their own design and place all of it on the pages. I've seen the student newspaper, The Wildcat Roar. so I knew the quality would be top-notch. No worries there. Their paper is the exact same size as ours,

> program (InDesign). But all was not golden. A few days before our advertising deadline, it didn't look like we would have enough ad support to put the section together (yes, we need to sell space to print our products). However, a few phone calls, a couple of personal visits and an e-mail blast to people I can always count on to promote the good things in Novi, and we were out of the red. Then John Lawrence, Novi High principal, called and asked how the

district could help. They contrib-

and to cover the costs of printing

500 extra copies of the section.

uted funds to let us add four pages

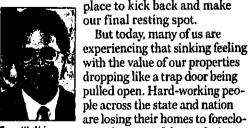
and the school uses the same layout

1:32 a.m. on Thursday to update me on the progress! That is dedication and commitment - something that is standard for ALL the students and staff who make up the Novi Creative Arts Collaborative. So pull out the section inside this week's paper, sit back and enjoy - it's OK to turn the baseball game off for a bit.

Cal Stone is the editor of the Novi News and Northville Record. He can be reached at (248) 437-2011, Ext. 237, or cstone@gannett.com.

Real estate: Land deals that offer a place to die for

e all know that piece of property we are just dying to acquire: A place we spend our entire life working and saving for; a place to kick back and make



with the value of our properties dropping like a trap door being pulled open. Hard-working people across the state and nation are losing their homes to foreclo-Tom Watkins sures because of the implosion of our economy resulting in both job and home losses while values continue to plummet. It truly is a sinking feeling

whether it is happening to you or watching it happen to family and friends. It is just not a good feeling to see home values

drop from between 25-30 percent. You might have noticed that people who have lost their homes have that gaunt, dead-man-walking

Clearly those with a steady job, a decent income and a substantial sum of cash for a down payment might be lucky enough to find a lender, so now might be a good time to buy. My daddy always told me "buy low, sell high." Now property is as

Foreclosures, bank-owned properties, people 'underwater" in their mortgage and walking away from their homes - the sheer number of properties listed today makes it a sad and tragic time for distressed sellers, but also one of the hottest buyers' markets in recent history.

Opportunity is all around us. Although I'm not necessarily in the market to buy new property, this is a heavenly deal, I thought.

As I opened my mailbox recently and pulled out the real estate value of the century, it occurred to me, "This is my lucky day!" Right here in my hands is one hell of a deal - a piece of property to

It was an idyllic plot, a real estate price rolled back to 2001! "It sits on 46 acres of unique, pastoral, park like setting ... a place that "protects family heritage ... and "eternal beauty." The place sounded heavenly! The advertisement lured me further by pointing out: "making decisions together about impor-

tant life events is just plain smart." It went on:

needs, living arrangements and retirement,

makes those inevitable transitions easier and

"Everyone knows that planning for future health

more comfortable." "Sign me up!" I screamed. This was clearly a long-term investment, a piece of property that I would not occupy immediately but would always be there for me, located in the diverse, growing community of Canton and being offered at a bargain basement 2001 price.

A lot that offers peace, serenity and solitude, a community with such a peaceful name: Knollwood Memorial Park Cemetery. Look around your community for one of these everlasting places. Hey, a deal is a deal! An everlasting one at that!

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Library Hours

(September-May).

Contact: (248) 349-0720

Website: www.novilibrary.org

The Novi Public Library will be

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and May in preparation for our

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Students at Deerfield Elementary recently participated in their annual Science fair. Over 100 Deerfield students participated in the event. Additionally, some 30 plus Novi High School and Detroit Catholic Central students volunteered to work at 20 Hands On Museum stations where they showed attendees different science experiments and activities. In typical fashion, Deerfield students were asked to conduct experiments of their choice and complete project boards to display their results along with demonstrations at their assigned tables. Experiments were completed by individual students and/or pairs or groups of kids. Some examples of the exhibits include the ever popular volcanic eruption, wind energy generation, recycling technology, magnetic fields and fossilization. Every student participating received a ribbon for their work. And despite the inclement weather that evening, the event was well attended by Deerfield students, family members and friends. Pictured is Alyssa Sarlund.

the third Wednesday of each month Time/Date: 11-11:45 a.m. at the Novi Civic Center - Council Chambers. The public is welcome. Novi Historical Commission Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday,

Wednesdays: WYLD" Wednesday with Details: The Novi Historical Commission meets the third Fridays: Famous Friday with DJ iMix Wednesday of every month at 7pm. This month's meeting will take place at the MSU Tollgate Center located at 28115 Meadowbrook Road. Monday Evening Book Discussion

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Monday, May 3. Details: Join your Novi neighbors in a great discussion of The Help by Kathryn Stockett. This discussion will take place in the Activities

Room at the Novi Civic Center while the library is closed. **Walled Lake City Library** Location: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake Phone: (248) 624-3772

Details: Unless noted below, all College Préparation - A Family programs take place at the Library. Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, April 27 **Details:** A special event for college-bound teens and their parents. Maureen Gault from "College S.O.S." will present a workshop designed move to the new library building to help students and their parents in June. The library website (www. enhance their "pre-college" skills with novilibrary.org) will continue to be information on choosing a school, available, library programs will be budgeting for college costs, finding conducted at alternative sites, and scholarships, and developing organilibrary services will be available at zational strategies. This event is free, neighboring libraries. Please see Contact: admin@walledlakelibrary. the "Survival Guide" on the library

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Wednesdays Details: Every Wednesday blood

pressure checks are offered. Check

yourself regularly and stay healthy. Your blood pressure record will be on file at the Senior Center so you can track your health. No charge. Panera Bread Time/Date: 8:15-9:30 a.m. Tuesdays Details: With thanks to Panera for a great partnership, every Tuesday

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Rock Financial Showplace Location: 46100 Grand River Contact: (248) 348-5600 Rock Financial Showplace Location: 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi Contact: (248) 348-5600

Great Lakes Art Fair Time/Date: 3-9 p.m. Friday, April 23; 10-6 p.m. Saturday, April 24; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, April 25 Details: Over 200 of the region's finest artists, fashion shows, café dining and on-site spa treatments. Admission is \$7 for adults; free for children under 12. Friday is Andiamo's Ladies Night Out with half off admission, free gifts and prizes. Includes free entry to RM Classic Car Auction Saturday and Sunday. Contact: www.greatlakesartfair. com or (248) 348-5600 **RM Classic Car Auction** Time/Date: Preview Friday April 23 from 3 p.m.-8 p.m. Doors open at 9 a.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 24-25; auction begins at 10:30 a.m. Details: The Midwest's largest

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cosmetic makeover, sample great foods and take in a fashion show. Admission is \$9 for adults; \$5 for ages 6-12; free for children 5 and under with a paying adult. Advance tickets \$7 at Kroger; \$1 off coupons permitted. Tickets for groups of 10 or more are \$7,50 in advance...

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'50s threads and join us at the Hop for strolling dinger, cash bar, award for best '50s coslume, DJ, games, prizes, raffles, silent auction and classic cars on display. Admission is \$50 for ages 13 and older; \$25 for children 12 years and younger. Contact: www.star-kids.org or (313) is \$6 for adults; free to members Scrapbook Mega Meet TIME/ DATE: Thursday May 6, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Friday May 7, 10 a.m.-6

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Mothers Day Brunch Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday.

Details: The annual Mother's Day celebration at the Diamond Center has become one of the venue's most popular events of the year. Presented by award-winning Epoch Catering, this sumptuous brunch is a perfect way to let mom know she is very special to you. Contact: Reservations (248) 348-5600 or www.rockfinancialshow-

Motor City Comic Con Time/Date: 12:30-7 p.m. Friday May 14; 10:30-6 Saturday; 10:30-5 Sunday; May 14-16 Details: 21st Anniversary Motor City Comic Con gathers comic book and multi-media dealers from across the country offering a vast variety of pop culture merchandise, including comics, T-shirts, movie memorabilia, posters, and more. Over 250 comic book creators, writers and artists will be on site at Comic Con, as well as more than

and sci-fi movie industry. Advance ticket holders welcome 30 minutes prior to show open. Contact: www.motorcitycomics. com or (248) 426-8059 Michigan Antique Arms Show Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 15; 9-3 Sunday, May **Details:** Show features antique and collectable firearms from the Revolutionary War to modern times. Offering 500 tables with some of the finest antique arms. swords, knives and accoutrements in the Midwest, Buy, sell and trade. Appraisals are available. Admission and children 12 and under. Contact: www.michiganantiquearms.com or (586) 465-6200 Red Hacker Basketball Event

Time/Date: 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, Location: west parking lot Details: This all-ages Red Hacker Basketball tournament is open to boys and girls ranging from 10 and under all the way up through 18 and over adult men and women. All teams are guaranteed to play three games. Each registered player receives a custom Red Hacker T-shirt and individual trophies are awarded to all players on each first and second place team. Cost \$100 for three-on-three; \$150 for four-on-four; and \$175 for five-on-five Register online or print out team entry form at www.RedHackerUSA. com. Registration postmark deadline is May 9

Contact: Mike Matkin at 1-800-You-Novi Antiques & Appraisal Market Time/Date: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 22; 10-4 Sunday, May 23 Details: Everything is new again at the Novi Antiques Market, Shop for vintage jewelry, sporting collectibles, and militaris. Decorate with furniture and home decor and save up to 50% compared to new retail. Arrive in style with your classic car. and receive preferred parking. Hunt for amazing treasures during the early buyer preview - includes coffee, breakfast breads, and incredible buys. Admission is \$8 for weekend pass; free for ages 18 and younger Visit www.NoviAntiquesMarket.com Contact: (616) 458-4129



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Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads)

Details: Group meet for lunch after-

Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresnville.org Sunday Worship Time: 9:30, 11 a.m. Walking in the Park Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday Location: Meet at the Visitor's

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Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016 Single Place Ministries Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday.

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Details: Informative and entertain-SUNDAY WORSHIP ing programs of interest to singles: \$5 per person. Check Web site for 11 a.m.; (July and August) 8:30 and details singleplace.org. PROJECT FUNDway - A Fashion Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck. Rev. Jeff Sturgeon

Show to benefit Village Banking Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 6 Location: First United Methodist Church of Northville 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville (Beck and Taft) in Fellowship Hall. Details: The women of Bizarre

Bazaar & Radical Joy present Project FUNDway, Fashion show and dessert buffet. Door prizes and store discounts. Fashions by Dress Barn. Hair styling and makeup by Pamela's Salon. Advance ticket sales only through April 25; \$15. All proceeds to benefit Village Banking. Contact: Norma at (248) 207-3731. All proceeds to benefit Village Center of Heritage Park (Farmington

Contact: (248) 349-0565 Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 am. Worship

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Church of Northville Livonia Church of Christ A Stephen Ministry Church Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Livonia

Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www. fumcnorthville.org Times: (September-June) 8, 9:15 and

ner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Road, between Eight and Nine Mile Contact: Rev. Arthur P, Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, Coffee Hour: Sunday at 10:15 a.m. visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@ Healing Service: 4 p.m. First mbccc.org.

Monday of every month Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesday Sermon: Having a Plan for fourth-12th grades Church School: 10-11 a.m. Radical Joy: 6-8 p.m. first and third Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. Thursday for all women Merry Widows Luncheon Men's Club: 8 a.m. the second Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month Career Ministry: 7 p.m. first and Pilgrim Fellowship Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, cor-Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays Northville Christian Assembly Location: 41355 Six Mile Road Contact: (248) 348-9030 Sundays

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9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults Youth / Children 9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium 10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible

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Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www. novijewishcenter.com

Contact: For further information, Novi United Methodist please contact NSO Douglas K. Wells Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit Meadowbrook Congregational umcnovi.com Location: 21355 Meadowbrook

Sunday Worship Time: 9:45 a.m. Healing Service and Holy Communion Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month Peace Vigil

Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month Location: In front of the church Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace. Advent Service Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road. Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday ReNew Life Group Ministries Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every

Details: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning, change from a Christian perspective. Women's Life Groups Ministries Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday Men's Life Groups Ministries Time/Date: 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations For both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact the

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

Preschool/Kids Choir Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Details: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register;

Contact: (734) 453-0326, ext. 221 Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church Location: 770 Thayer, Northville Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olynorthyille.org

Saturday Worship Time: 5 p.m. Sunday Worship Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road,

Plymouth Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fel-

lowship and food after service St. James Catholic Location: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 347-7778 Mass Schedule TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday **Mothers Group** Time/Date: 9:30-11 a.m. monthly, first and third Wednesday through May 19,

Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m.

Location: St. James Parish Hall A Details: We provide mothers with fellowship, support and opportunities to grow their faith in order to nurture their children with confidence and Christian values. Through activities such as article discussion, crafts, and speakers, moms are given the opportunity to connect with other moms in support and friendship. Free childcare is available but children are also welcome to join their mothers during

Contact: Kris Endreszl (248) 946-4080 St. John's Episcopal Church Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road.

St. John Lutheran Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington

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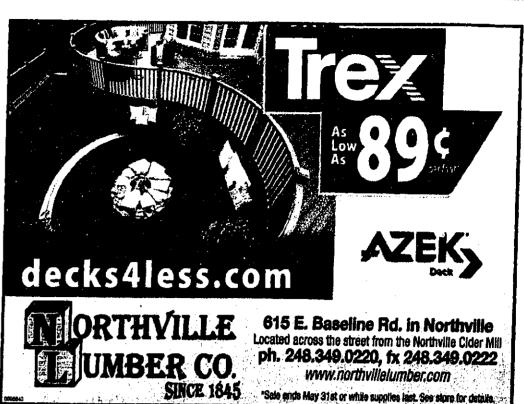
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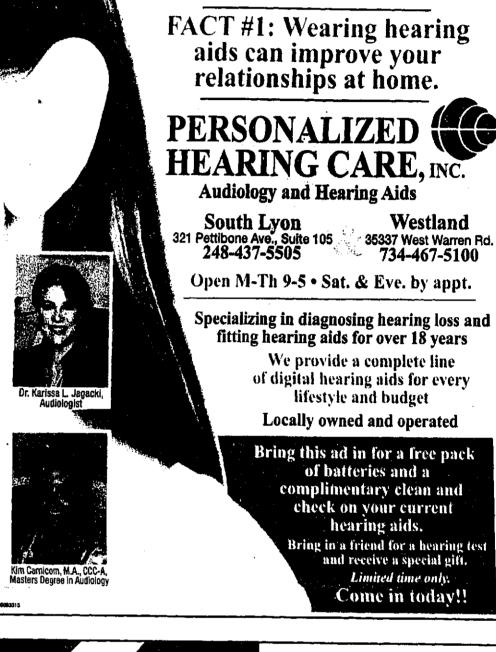
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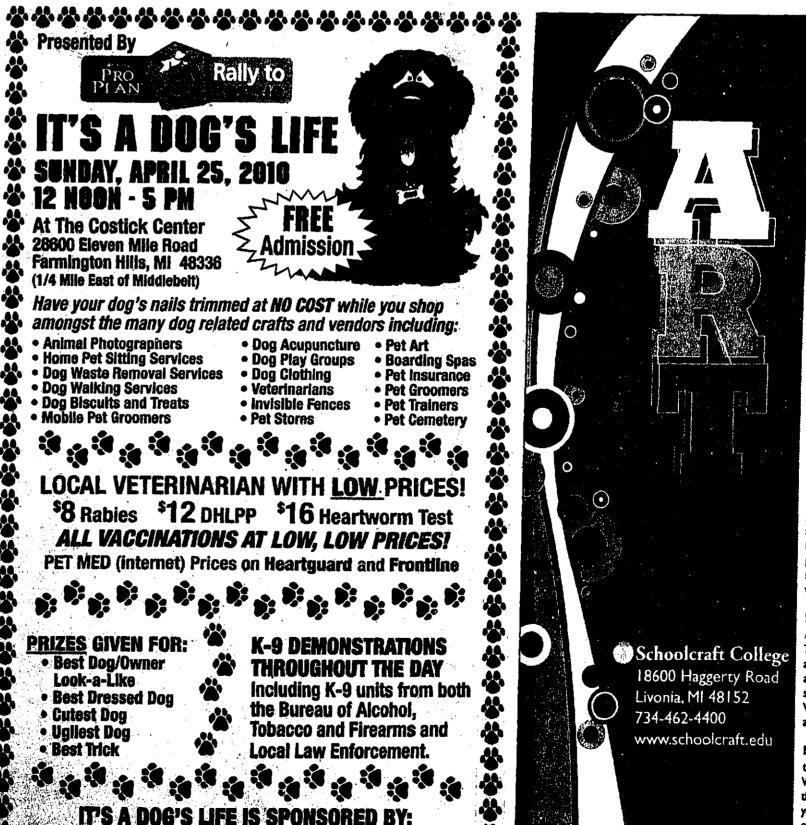
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Scholl & Bylsma perform free concert

Christopher Scholl, tenor, and Kevin Bylsma, plano, will perform in the final concert of the college's 2009-10 Noon Concert Series. The concert is free and will be held in the VisTaTech Center at noon. More information is available at www.schoolcraft.edu/music.

Earth Day events

April 19-22 A number of events are scheduled throughout the week in celebration of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. This is the college's 10th year of participation. This year's theme is "Our Great Lakes." Activities are free and open to the public. A schedule of activities can be found at www.schoolcraft.edu.

James Tocco, pianist, in concert

April 23 A world renowned performer, Tocco will perform as part of the Friday Evening Concert Series at a.m. in the VisTaTech Center. Tickets: \$20 per person (\$10 for students) available at www. schoxoffice.com. More information at www.schookraft.edu/music or 734-462-4403.

Free Spring Jazz Concert

The college's Jazz Band, Synthesizer Ensemble, and Jazz Improvisation Combo will perform a variety of upbeat selections celebrating the season in a free concert at 7:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. More information is available at www.schoolcraft.edu.

Explore your creative side throughout the Spring and Summer Whether you are interested in the visual arts. the performing arts, or the culinary arts; or you want to develop your professional skills or improve your health, the resources of the college's Continuing Education and Professional Development are sure to have what you need. There are new classes starting in May and all throughout the summer months. Visit www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd or call 734-462-4448 for more information.



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Lucy Jane Needham was a A giver of her time. A giver of her efforts. A giver of advice. Needham died Feb. 23 at the age of 90, but her legacy of volunteering lives on through her

four children she raised in her and husband Tom's likeness. "She taught us kids what was right from what is wrong and what is fair and what is not," said daughter Harriett Bialy. "All of us kids do something for charity because she taught us there is always someone who needs something." Tom and Lucy's volunteer efforts began in Novi when they moved to the city in 1956 They were instrumental in constructing the Novi United Methodist Church on 10 Mile Road, where Lucy volunteered as the Sunday school director, worked with the women's club and knitted mittens for orphanages every Christmas. She was a founding member of the Novi Historical Society, was part of the first Novi

what it is today by traveling to Lansing to create the connection with Michigan State University. "She was just a really giving person," Bialy said. "She knew now things were supposed to e done and did them that

Seniors and was an integral

part of making Tollgate Farm

As an employee of Kelly Services, Lucy worked at the Ford Wixom plant, the mall Novi post office that



Longtime Novi resident Lucy Needham died Feb. 23 at the age of 90. Needham was known in the community for her strong leadership and many

was located on Grand River Avenue and the city of Novi. Her volunteer efforts continued when her and Tom moved to Arizona in 1995, as she was heavily involved with the 4-H

One of her favorite activities, however, was working with the Blue Star Mothers after her son, Jim, returned from Vietnam. Bialy said she recently came across a cer-

tificate from the Ann Arbor Veterans Hospital that showed Needham had volunteered over 500 hours there since

Council member and friend Kathy Crawford said she remembers Needham's affection for children and her love "She always had a smile for

everybody," she said. Needham also served in



A young Lucy Needham was active in the Novi community, and continued to help others throughout her life. The Brighton VFW Post gave a 21gun salute and the color guard was on hand Saturday at Oakland Hills Cemetery to honor both Lucy and her husband Tom who will be interred in the Veterans Memorial there.

World War II, working as the secretary for the head commander at Camp Plauche. Several of her stories are part of the Women In Military Service For American Memorial in Washington, D.C.

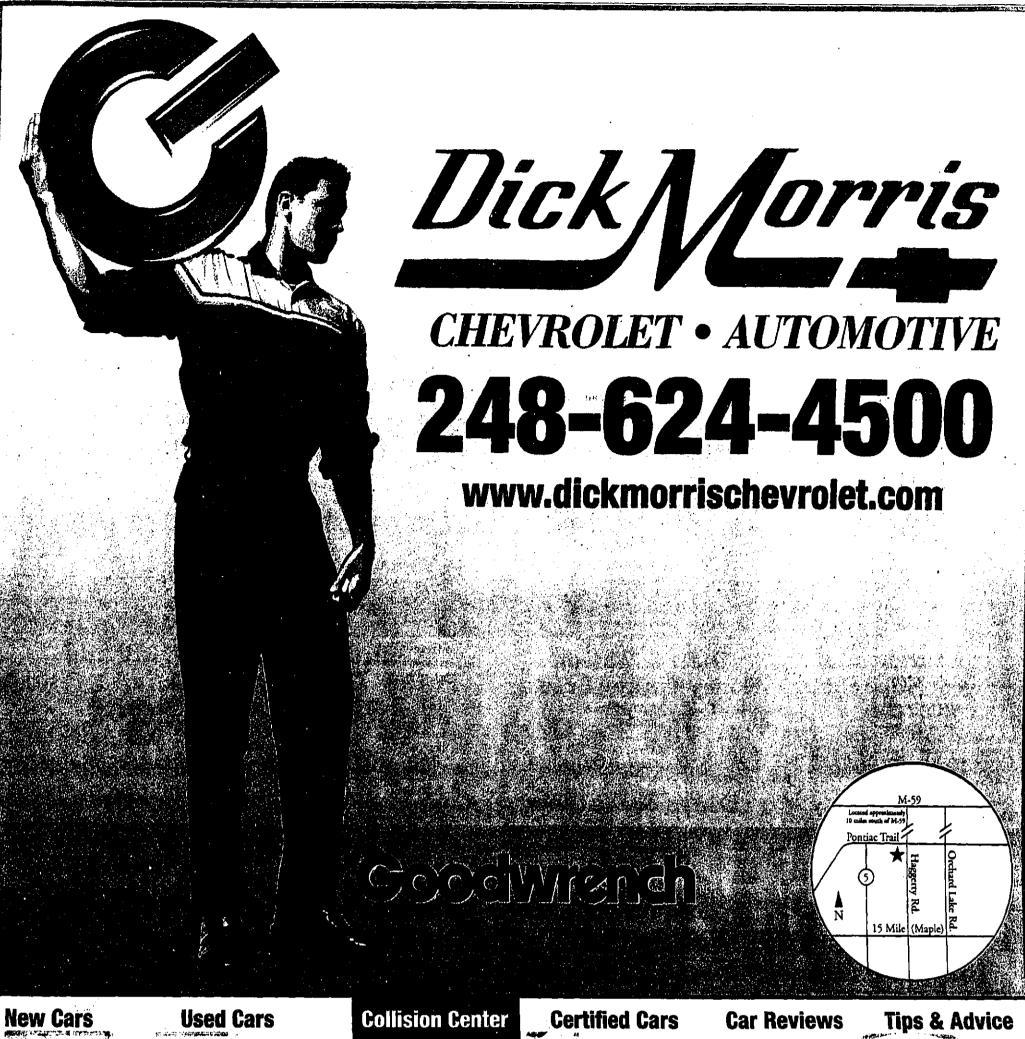
Tom and Lucy were married for 59 years until Tom's death in 2006. Two of their four children attended Northville High School, Jim and Don, while Melinda Gatteri and Bialy went to Novi High School. She has 13 grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter. A memorial service to cel-

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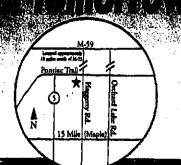
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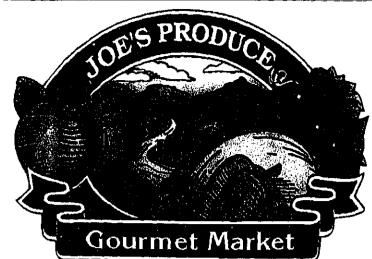
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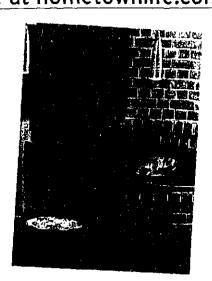




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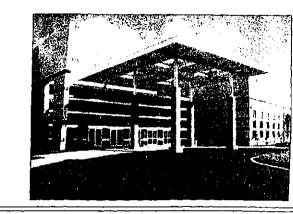
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'Cats sweep Country Day in season-opening doubleheader

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

The Wildcat baseball squad was ready to get their season underway last Saturday when Detroit Country Day came to

Although the Yellowjackets struck first in both contests. Novi was able to pull away for 10-5 and 17-1 victories. "The first game was ugly

for both coaches because of so many walks. We were solid defensively," Novi coach Rick Green said. Country Day got things

going in the first game when the wind helped David Baker's deep hit get over the fence for a grand slam in the first inning. Novi junior pitcher Tyler Root entered the game in the second inning and held the Yellowjackets scoreless and hitless with five strikeouts through the next three innings before Country Day would get their final run on a walk, hit batter and single combination

off Root in the fifth inning. Novi's batters were far from silent during Root's three flawless innings. With two outs in the second inning, Novi got their first two runs of the season off a single from junior Nick Bageris.

Junior Marshall Howard drew a walk, stole second and came home on an RBI single by senior Alex Karas in the third inning to narrow the Wildcats' deficit to 4-3. A stolen base followed a fourth-inning single by senior Ricky Enright before a one-

down groundout by Bageris

Kruse got Novi rolling in the bottom of the first inning after being hit by a pitch, stealing two bases and coming home on a wild throw to third. Following Kruse's speedy display, Karas doubled and came home on a two-out single by the eventual winning senior pitcher, Adam Paulk.

brought Enright home to tie

After Country Day took a

Tim Hartland came in to pitch

the sixth and seventh innings,

"Hartland through a couple

The Yellowjackets' pitchers

didn't hold up well in the later

innings, as Novi picked up

four sixth-inning runs solely

Karas finished the scoring

through walks and hit batters.

with a two-RBI single and the

Wildcats closed out a no-run

top of the seventh for the first

"It came down to who made

fewer mistakes. We had no

errors and they did," Green

Country Day grabbed an

early 1-0 lead in the second

game, but junior Michael

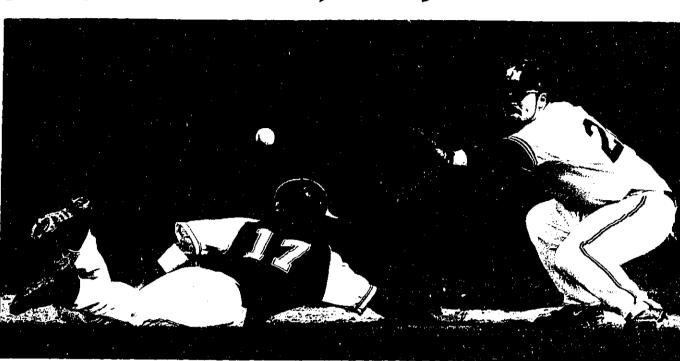
walks, too," Green said.

earning the win with no runs and three strikeouts.

5-4 lead in the fifth, senior

the game.

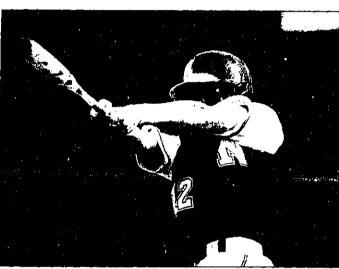
Junior Chris Valade and seniors Masaru Nogami and Chris Slack opened things up in the second inning with three straight singles, which brought Kruse to the plate. He sent a long shot over the fence in right-center field for the first of his two three-run homers of the inning.



Wildcat Chris Slack slides back into first base ahead of a throw from a Wayne Memorial pitcher.



Wildcat infielder Chris Slack fires a ball to first during Novi's April 12 home Wildcat James Eloff takes a cut.



CC's Mooradian pins down top honor again

Make it two state titles in two attempts for Catholic Central ophomore Alec Mooradian. Throw in a team title for the Shamrocks and it's been an amazing first couple of seasons at CC for the sophomore.

pounds and going undefeated as a freshman, the pressure was on for Mooradian as he stepped up a notch to 119. He responded with a 58-1

record and earned another trip to the state finals. He beat Brandon Shuart from Davison 3-1 to finish the year on top

"Alec Mooradian is a gamer," said coach Mitch Hancock. "He trains very hard all year long and therefore has the confidence and ability to win the big "Alec is the epitome of a CC

student athlete. His 3.9 GPA ranks him amongst CC's finest students and he's very active within the school. Alec has an aura about him that makes others want to join him in his journey to be great."

Alec's lone loss of his career came in the Goodrich Tournament, his only runnerup finish. He earned titles at the CC Invite, Oakland County, Holt Invite, Observerland Tournament, districts and

He is 114-1 in two seasons FIRST TEAM

Nick Mudar. Northville senior

Mudar capped off a 58-5 season with a fifth-place finish at 171 pounds at state. He claimed the KLAA title, finished first at Wayne County, had 41 pins and

121 takedowns. "Nick finished his career with 144 victories," said coach Bob Boshoven. "He has had a great four years and his leadership has been a key factor in the growth of our program." Tyler Foley, East junior

Foley made a return trip to

state and earned his second All-State honor with a sixthplace finish at 103 pounds. He finished the season 54-6 and claimed a district title and finished regional runner-up. He led the team in pins, takedowns

and near falls. "I believe Tyler's ability to scramble for the best position and his ability to fight off most opponents scoring efforts makes his wrestling style one hard to beat," said coach Fred Vera. "In addition, his attitude makes him a great tournament wrestler. He welcomes the challenge to wrestle against quality wrestlers and goes into every match with a confident attitude."

Joe Johnson, South Lyon junior Johnson blazed onto the scene at 130 pounds, finishing fourth at states and ending the year 57-3 (School record for

He racked up 32 pins, and finished champion at districts, regionals, the KLAAs, the Lake Orion Invite and the South "Joe had a break-out season."

said coach Brian Wilson. "He was a force to be reckoned with, beating many top-notch opponents include Lopez from Hartland (DI state runner up @ 130 lbs), Joseph from CC (state placer), Koester from Clinton (state placer), as well as the guys in his district and

Ken Bade, CC freshman Bade was one of two state placers for the Shamrocks at

103 pounds with a third-place finish. He went 54-5 on the year, winning titles at Oakland County, CC Invite, Holt Tournament, Observerland, district and regionals.

"Ken is very dedicated and disciplined young man," said Hancock. "He was a key ingredient in us winning the Division 1 team championship. He's a pleasure to work with and will have much success strapping on the blue and white."

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All-Area hockey team heavy in All-State talent

Though it sounds like an oxymoron. choosing an All-Area Hockey team actually gets harder with the more talent an Yes, we want the most talented play-

ers to be on the team. Yes, we want kids

who have made All-State and All-Region and All-District and All-Conference. But imagine trying to pick out of six lifferent schools when wo schools dominate he All-State teams? That's the situation we ran into this year. We're not complaining, we're

just explaining why Novi and Catholic Central have hogged up most of the first-team honors. Quite frankly, they're the best of And the best of those guys? None other

than Detroit Catholic Central's Zack Cisek, a two-time state champion goalie. "He was a team captain, the hardest worker in practice and in the workout room and very humble with his success," noted Catholic Central coach Todd Johnson. "He was motivated to win championships.

Cisek was First-Team All-State, First Team All-MIHL and MIHL Co-Most Valuable Player. His record his senior year was 24-1-1

with four shutouts. These are against teams like Cranbrook, Trenton and top teams from out of state that fill the Shamrocks' schedule. He faced 414 shots and allowed just 33 goals all season, giving him a 91.56 save

Frankly, Cisek is arguably one of the best goalies to have played the game this year and is clearly deserving of the Player of the Year honor.

FIRST TEAM Tyler Perpich, Senior Forward, Novi

If only there could be two Players of the Year. Perpich was deserving, no doubt, having earned himself a place on the Dream Team and First-Team All-State status at the Division II level. He put up some impressive numbers, too, scoring 24 goals and tallying 20 assists this season to lead Novi.

Chris Waterstreet, Senior Forward, CC

While Waterstreet may not have been out putting up insane numbers this year, it was because Catholic Central focused on spreading the wealth and, of course, winning another state championship.

Waterstreet was key in the state title run, bers," said Johnson. "He has a 4.1 GPA scoring key goals when he was called

"Chris a high-end skating power forward with a big wrist shot," said Johnson. "He has developed his game over the past two years to become one of the premier forwards in the state." Waterstreet earned First-Team All-State and First-Team All-MIHL honors He collected 13 goals and 14 assists this

David Middleton, Senior Forward, CC

It sure seemed like a single scoring play didn't go by this year when Middleton wasn't involved. Obviously, that's an exaggeration, but when you're in on as many key plays like this senior forward was, it sure seems like reality to the writers who wrote about you. What is most surprising is that Middleton actually missed six games and still made First-Team All-State in Division I and

First-Team All-MIHL David is an offensive force for a big forward," said Johnson, "He had excellent numbers despite missing six games with a broken hand. He scored two goals in the state championship game with a torn MCL in his left knee." Middleton ended the season with 15

goals, 12 assists and respect from every player and coach who faced him. Cody Beck, Senior Forward, Milford

that can be used about Beck anytime he hits the ice. The senior forward banged out 30 goals this year and added 12 assists. He was named the team's Most Valuable Player after that performance. Nolan Valleau, Junior Defenseman, Novi

Diligent and resourceful are two words

Don't bother trying to get around Valleau if you're moving the puck down the ice. It's just not going to happen. The junior was a wall when it came to blocking out forwards from opposing teams. He honed in and stuck to them like black on a hockey puck. His efforts didn't go unnoticed this year, either, earning himself First-Team All-State for Division II

as well as a selection to the 2010 Dream

Ryan Obuchowski, Senior Defenseman, CC Offense, they say, gets the glory. Defense, especially in the case of Detroit Catholic Central, wins championships. No wonder Obuchowski is a defenseman. The All-State First-Team selection doesn't mind playing a little offense now and then though, chipping in 24 assists this year and four goals.

"Ryan is a tremendous skater who is as good defensively as his offensive numand will be a fantastic junior player and successfully move on to Division I col-

Obuchowski was also an All-MIHI selection this year. Josh Mesclier, Senior Defenseman

lege hockey."

Intangibles can mean as much as statistics when it comes to picking an All-Area team. That's why Mesclier earned a place on this year's All-Area First Team He may not have the most impressive numbers, picking up four goals and eight assists over 23 games, but he brings to the table things you just can't teach: Dedication, determination, intelligence

"He's talented enough to play forward and defense," said his coach Tim Ronayne. "That's very hard to do." Mesclier is a recipient of the Hobey Baker Award, given to the player who exemplifies character, commitment, teamwork, persistence, selflessness, academic excellence and sportsmanship. Mesclier was named as a KLAA

Scholar Athlete this season.

Michael Pesendorfer, Junior Goalie, Novi It's hard to believe Pesendorfer is jus a junior, especially with the poise with which he plays. And it's not just us who noticed, either, as Pesendorfer earned honors across the board, including First-

Team All-State in Division II. And why not? Pessendorfer had an 89.98 stop percentage on shots on goal and recorded two shutouts this year in a highly talented league. He allowed 46 goals all season long, recording a 2.39 goals-against average for the year. He faced 459 shots on goal this season.

Bran Wilhelm, Senior Forward, CC Wilhelm collected First-Team All-State honors in Division I and Second-Team All-MIHL. He collected 33 points with 12 goals and 21 assists this season.

Joey Ferriss, Junior Forward, Novi

Ferriss was noticed by everyone who played against him or watched him. earning First-Team All-State honors in Division II as Novi's second-leading scorer. He had 12 goals and 28 assists

Stefan Kegebein, Senior Forward, Lakeland Kegebein was a captain on his team as well as an All-State Academic, an All-

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His highlights include runner-

up finishes at districts, regionals

and Observerland. He placed

"Miles is our mule," said

Hancock. "He's not flashy or

working individual. He does

everything we ask of him plus

more. Miles started wrestling

as a freshman and has made

Kinville was a captain for

the team state champion and

capped his career with a third-

Mike Kinville, CC senior

ndividual finals.

exciting, he's just a solid, hard-

third at Holt.

Stater."

BASEBALL

"These were my first varsity homers. I was just swinging at good pitches and caught them well. I think the wind helped me a little," Kruse said.

Singles followed from Karas and sophomore Jim Eloff, and senior Brett Jewell provided a two-RBI line drive to right. Two more singles from Nogami and Slack brought Kruse up again and he cleared the 340foot wall in left-center to cap his six-RBI game.

"The wind was blowing in on one, but that thing was a missile," Green said. "We're expecting more good hitting from him. His bat just has a different ring to it."

The Novi sluggers kept it going in the third inning with a leadoff long-ball from Paulk. Jewell singled and Valade walked before Nogami's threerun homer ended the game by mercy rule at 17-1.

"There are many things we can still improve on. We need to cut down on our walks. But, at the end of the day, we came away with two wins and that played baseball game other than a couple lapses." should be good for our confi-

Following their strong performance on opening day, the Wildcats clawed past the Wayne Memorial Zebras 7-4 Monday afternoon to improve to 3-0.

base." Zak said. "It was a team

With the game tied 4-4 afternoon. midway through the sixth Juniors Colleen Kolis, Meaghan Robinson and senior tlers CC has ever seen." inning, Paulk reached base Allyson Hrit had three hits on an error, followed by a sacrifice bunt from sophomore apiece, while senior Stephanie James Eloff and senior Alex Hrit and junior Maddy Sinkovich had each and junior Engebretson and Nogami getting walked. With runners in Kim Powers added one. Junior Rebecca Richter was scoring position, senior Kevin Zak hit a three-run double the winning pitcher, rackthat would go on to win the ing up seven strikeouts while game. Paulk and Nogami had allowing four hits and no two RBIs apiece earlier in the

"Pretty solid game all around by everyone," Novi good pitch in the strike zone, coach Bob Lulek said. "We did and I got one. But credit has to a little bit of everything, bunt, be given to the hitters before hit, hitting runs in. We did a me (Nogami and Engebretsen), pretty good job for the first who did a good job of working the Wayne pitcher and got on

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

WRESTLING

J Fagan, CC sophomore

Fagan was the other force at 103 pounds, finishing fifth at state. His highlights include finishing runner-up at districts and regionals, third at the CC Invite, fourth at Goodrich and fifth at Oakland County. He claimed the title at Observerland.

"TJ is a phenomenal young wrestler with great character and discipline," said Hancock. Wildcat Michael Kruse hustles around "He has made great strides as a wrestler, and I expect him to continue working towards being the state's best. He has had one heck of year in being a part of two state championship teams, wrestling and cross country."

Senior Nick Regnier allowed one run and had three strike-Todd Melick, CC sophomore outs in two innings of relief Melick made a run to the

to earn the win against the Zebras (0-1). state finals at 112 pounds, fin-"I was really happy with out ishing runner-up only to a twodefensive play. Nogami made time champion. a tremendous play in center His 36-3 record included field," Green said. "The defen-

second on his way to third as he

attempts to advance on a fly ball to

Novi's softball squad also

found themselves getting off

to a strong start, as the girls

inning 11-0 victory Monday

wins at district, regionsive plays they made were outals, a second-place finish at Observerland at 119 pounds and standing. It was a really wella third at the CC Invite at 125 pounds. "Todd Melick is the most

dangerous wrestler in the state," said Hancock. "He has an amazing ability to pin and expects six team points each took care of Wayne with a five- time he steps on the line. Todd was the catalyst for this team all year long and will go down as one of the best dual meet wres-

Charlie Joseph, CC senior Joseph (43-21) wrestled his way onto the podium for an eighth-place finish at 125

pounds at the state finals. Highlights included a district title, runner-up finishes at regionals and the Holt Invite and a third at Observerland. "Charlie is very special to this program. "Choo Choo" will forever be remembered as an easy going, humorous, senior who found a way to win big matches

for the team," said Hancock. "There is no doubt in my mind that Charlie will be successful in whatever future endeavor he chooses to pursue." ing a seventh-place finish at 189

Nick Mason, CC sophomore

LOCAL SPORTS

Mason capped off a 45-20 season with a fourth-place finish at 130 pounds at the state finals. His highlights include runner-up finishes at Oakland County and districts; third-place finishes at Observerland and Holt Invite; and a fourth-place finish at

"Nick Mason is the complete package," said Hancock. "He's a fine young man who brings out the best in others. Nick saved his best wrestling for when it counted. He went 3-0 at the team states and scored some major points during our championship Justin Melick, CC junior

Melick was the second of three Shamrocks to be crowned a champion at the individual state finals, his at 135 pounds. He finished 51-7, claiming titles at districts, CC Invite, Holt Invite and Observerland. He was runner-up

at Oakland County and regionals and third at Goodrich. "Justin Melick is one of the toughest young men I've ever seen," said Hancock. "He competes very hard and is an absolute animal when he steps on the mat. Justin Melick is a silent assassin. He doesn't say much or clown around when he's out there. He

just gets the job done." Doug Eldridge, CC senior

Eldridge was the last Shamrocks to wrestle in the individual finals. He beat Andrew Morse from Lowell 6-5 to claim the title and finish 51-8 at 145

His title list includes districts, regionals, Holt and Observerland. He finished runner-up at Goodrich and third at the CC "Doug is an amazing young

man who deserved to win a state title," said Hancock. "His work ethic and willpower were infectious. He came into this school as a young hard-nosed brawler and leaves a champion in every aspect of life. Catholic Central will always be grateful for what he did for this program and school" Miles Trealout, CC junior

His 54-4 record including titles at district, regionals and Observerland, Oakland County and Goodrich. He finished runner-up at Holt and CC invites.

"Kinville is as tough as they

come," said Hancock. "His

work ethic and dedication to this program is second to none. Mike Kinville is the epitome of a leader. He was the bond that held this state championship team together. He took care of our young and guided the old. "We will always be indebted to Michael and his family for what they have given the Shamrock

SECOND TEAM Bobby Lahiff, Northville senior

pounds, finishing the year 51-13. He also was first at the Wayne County Invite and second at the KLAA tournament.

Lahiff qualified for state at 189

Jon Nelson, Northville senior Nelson finished his senior season with a 51-5 record at 152 pounds. He was a two-time state qualifier, won the KLAA title and finished second at Wayne

Josh Wright, Northville senior Wright made it the individual state finals and finished the season 35-16. He was second at the Wayne County Invite and fourth

at the KLAA tournament. Jimmy Schroader, Milford senior Schroader capped a 127-win

career with a 38-15 record at 112

pounds. He did not get pinned all season, while winning 27 of his matches by fall. He finished first at the KLAA tournament, second at the Berkley Invite and third at the Lakeland Invite and

Devin Boria, Milford senior

Boria recorded a win at the state finals at 125 pounds. He finished the year 42-10, winning a title at the Berkley Invite and at great strides in becoming an Allthe Lakeland Invite. He finished second at districts, the KLAAs and at Oakland County. He finishes his Milford career with 151

Nick Burt, Milford senior

place finish at 215 pounds at the Burt went over the century mark in wins with 107. He went to state at 135 pounds and finished the year 32-12. His highlights include a runner-up finish at Lakeland and Berkley, a third at districts and fourthplace finishes at regionals and at Oakland County.

> Brooks O'Brien, South Lyon senior O'Brien overcame a leg injury

to reach the individual states. He finished 21-9, won the South Lyon Invite and placed fifth at

Matt Thompson, CC senior

Thompson qualified for states at 119 pounds. He finished 43-14. His highlights include runner-ups at Holt and districts. He was third at the CC Invite and fourth at regionals.

Gerid Gee, CC senior

Gee capped a 33-30 season with a trip to individual states. He was finished runner-up at Observerland and fourth at districts and regionals at 152

Andrew Erickson, CC junior Erickson capped a 35-26

season with a trip to individual states at 160 pounds. He was second the CC Invite and districts and third at regionals. Andrew Johnson, CC senior

Johnson's 42-13 at 215 pounds included a trip to individual states. He finished second at districts and at regionals.

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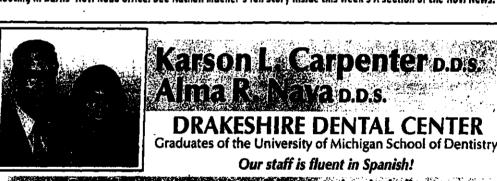
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ing," said Cameron. "Every time I'd visit either

surance, reminders and companionship.

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KLAA selection, the Lakeland Most Valuable Player and a KLAA Scholar Athlete. He picked up 11 goals and eight assists.

Matt Rosiar. Senior Forward, Northville Rosiar, an All-KLAA selection, was a key player in Northville's power play and penalty kill. He was a captain this season, picking up nine goals and 10 assists while earning himself iust four penalty minutes. He's a member of the National Honor Society and is involved heavily

with community service. Jeff Clark, Senior Forward, Milford

Clark was an All-KLAA selection this season who led his team in goals scored with 38. He also added 13 assists to his statistics for 51 total points during his senior campaign. Colin Tittle, Sophomore Defenseman, South Lyon

The youngest member of the 2010 All-Area Hockey Team, Tittle proved the selflessness and a "team first" attitude pay off. He collected five goals in his sophomore season but tallied 25 assists over 26 games.

Jordan Blanzy, Junior Defenseman, Lakeland Leading by example, Blanzy collected just four goals and three assists but played true defense, hanging back to stop any kind of rush on his team's goal. His efforts earned him the team's Most Valuable Defenseman award. Alex Cova. Senior Defenseman, Novi

Cova may have collected just four goals and eight assists this season, but he played defense with an attitude that the only stat that counts is the win-loss record. Cova's efforts paid off, not only getting his team deep into the playoffs, but also earning him Second-Team All-State honors in Division II.

David Ketelhut, Senior Goalie, Northyille

It's not easy playing goalie when your defense is suffering through injuries and setbacks. Ketelhut did his best, managing to help get his team on the right track by the end of the regular season. Their season, unfortunately, ended in the first round of the playoffs when they met eventual state champion Catholic Central.

HONORABLE MENTION

Lakeland: Sean Burnock, Nick Sokoll; South Lyon: Trevor Eckler, Mike Hoy, Danny Diroff, Jared Vincek; Novi: Tyler Manning, Evan Dixon; Catholic Central: Austin Hervey, Ryan Keller, Eric Winkler, Sean Gaffney; Northville: Tyler Marotta, Max McHugh. Stephen Champagne, Mike Scorzo; Milford: Tyler Matreal, Austin Wilson, Alex Gibson and John Luzenski

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Spring has arrived and everything is looking oh so much brighter. With another Michigan winter come and gone, it's time to look forward to the beautiful spring blooming trees and bulbs coming up in gardens all around us. The early warmth this year has the crew at Everything Grows of South Lyon excited about getting outside and getting their hands

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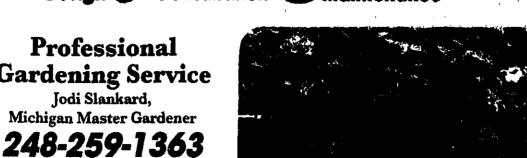
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An invitation to the reader

Teachers who work with students in the Novi Creative Arts Collaborative have the opportunity and privilege to see students develop their creativity, expand their knowledge and grow as indiduals who contribute to the school community.

While not all of our students pursue the arts in college or in their careers, we are confident their experiences in NCAC programs contribute to their success in both places.

Managing time, taking and giving constructive criticism, collaborating with students from a variety of fields, and most importantly, producing and performing for the public, are skills and experiences that set our students apart.

Their work is displayed and evaluated like no other students' homework. The newspaper you hold in your hands is an example of that - and 16 pages of newsprint cannot sufficiently convey the amount of time, work demonstrate throughout the year. To see the work of NCAC students for yourself, please join us at the Spring Festival of the Arts, a free event held at the high

school each year. The program will begin with performances at the Fuerst Park Ampitheatre at the corner of 10 Mile and Taft Roads. Music, theatre and dance pieces are scheduled for the outdoor portion of the event which will coincide with the opening of the sculpture park in the same area.

Afterward, everyone is invited to the main stage performance in Fuerst Autitorium at the high school, where an extensive art display can be viewed in the lobby before the 7 p.m.

Scheduled performances include monologues, photo slide shows, live drawing demonstrations, dances, vocal and instrumental music ensemble selections in a collaborative collage performance featuring students from all NCAC organizations. To see the final schedule of

events for the Spring Festival of the Arts, please check the high school Web site in May. On behalf of all NCAC teach-

ers, I hope you take the opportunity to enjoy an evening with us and our students. - Lydia C. Cadena,

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Vocal Music



there's no puzzle we can't solve

Putting the pieces

together ... together

ovi High School is full of students, but teachers, advisers and parent volunartists, dancers, musicians, hours during "Hell Week," the infamous week journalists, broadcasters, actors before the opening night of a show. Similarly,

the journalism lab during holiday breaks volun-While the organizations they are involved in teering to get extra work done. are separate entities, they are like puzzle pieces - individual units that connect to create a greater certs, it becomes difficult to distinguish between picture of the arts at Novi High.

their true talents lie in their ability to work togeth- Novi choose to blend them together. er throughout the school year.

earning more than \$1,200 last October. Last year, the Dance Company teamed up

with Jazz Band and performed "Channel One Suite," a swanky jazz song accented with bright red ties worn by dancers. And every year, the school musical combines

the efforts of singers, dancers, actors, musicians, tacular spring production.

works of art. Which is why this group of talented and artistic students, along with their teachers, is aptly

dubbed the Novi Creative Arts Collaborative. And even though the talents of each group are vastly different, the students involved in NCAC organizations understand the commitment and dedication necessary in order to be successful. All of the courses related to NCAC programs are electives - students have to choose to take them, meaning they are even more dedi-

cated to their crafts. Time and effort is put in by not only

talented students. They are teers in each organization in order to make NCAC yearbook and newspaper students can be found in

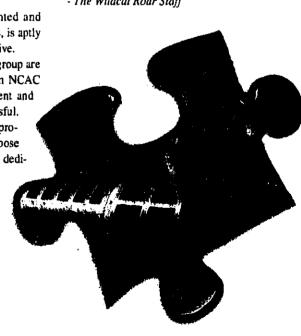
After attending several productions and conthe different programs within NCAC. Although While students shine in their respective fields, each program can function on its own, students at

This crossover is seen in individual students The journalism and drama students, for exam- as many NCAC members belong to more than one ple, began putting on the Haunted Theatre two program, whether it's broadcasting, dance, instruyears ago as a fundraiser for both of the programs, mental music, journalism, theatre, visual arts, or

By combining their efforts, members of NCAC are able to help each other.

And when they do, they create a mosaic that showcases the best talent Novi has to offer. As you look through the pages of this special edition of The Wildcat Roar, please enjoy the stage crew members, broadcasters and publicity- photos and stories that showcase each NCAC minded journalism students to put together a spec- organization. Some of the content has been taken from previous issues of the Roar, while others They collaborate to create multi-dimensional have been created solely for this edition.

- The Wildcat Roar Staff



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This show features students

from the instrumentals class.

things

inspired tea sets for

With clay-crusted hands and aint on their cheeks, the stu-Jents mold their clay at the pottery wheel or at the paint splattered

tables, painting their pieces for the

Mad Hatter Tea Party art gallery. For the eighth year, the

Providence Assarian Cancer Center s hosting the Mad Hatter Tea Party which gives artists the opportunity to display their original artwork in

The center contains galleries, eramics studios and an atrium for

meditation and yoga. Its main goal for everyone in the community o come and enjoy art therapy. This is the place where they come together and just do funthings to relieve their mind and

have fun." Ceramics and Jewelry teacher Erin Harbar said. Taking the artistically beautiil world of Alice in Wonderland and recreating it into something even more pronounced and wonderful is a challenge the

Ceramics and Jewelry II kids

Harbar's fourth block students.

Ceramics and Jewelry II, have

been asked to enter a finished

the art show," Harbar said, "It

has nothing to do with cancer;

riginal tea set, teapot or tea cup.

"This is our sixth year doing

have had all semester to tackle.

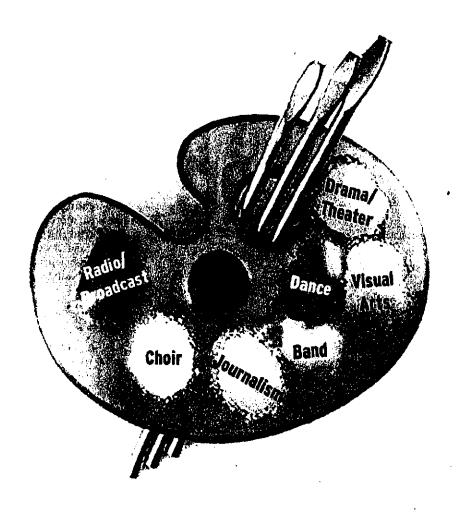
a professional gallery.

Students create Alice in Wonderland

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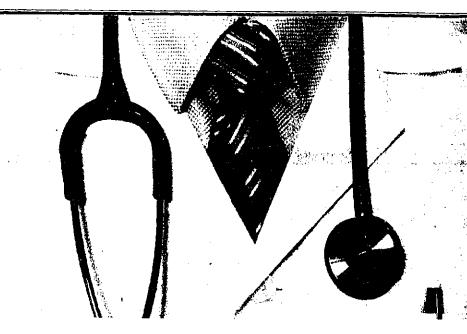
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Thank you to all the "hard working students and teachers who work everyday to better themselves and the art they love."





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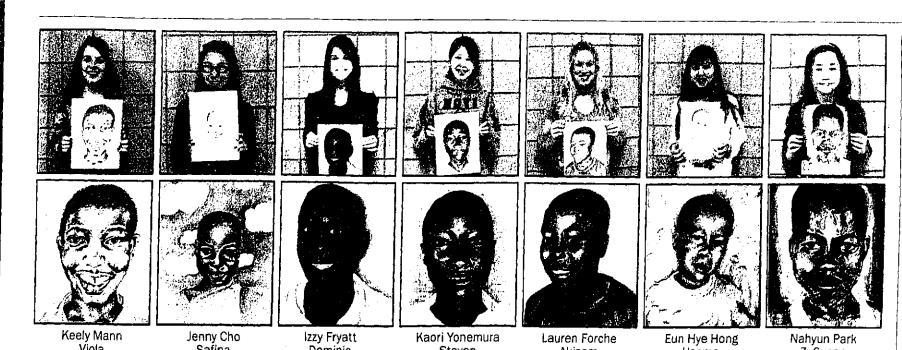
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If a picture paints 1,000 words ... then these artists tell a story

Competition is 'key' to success

The exposure of artwork of local stu-

dents has expanded to a global level. Since 2006, Novi art students first participated in The Memory Project, an ers, who are quite privileged by comorganization founded by Ben Schumaker that, with the help of high school art stu- portraits," teacher Bree Ann Betke said. dents, provides self portraits to kids in

third world countries. "[Schumaker] wanted to teach high plete, and are not a part of the actual class. school students that there are ways to The Memory Project offers no incentives

Students enter artwork, take

away experience

Day after day, students paint- for the rest of their lives.

from Feb. 14 through March 5 the success was Kaori Yonemura, a College of Creative Studies presenior, who earned a gold key giv-

sented the opportunity to show- ing her piece a one way ticket to

Jenny Cho said. "I came home Yonemura said. "I didn't think

school entered their "lives" into petition also awards \$2,500 in

the Scholastic Art and Writing scholarships for students grades

Emily Patterson is a junior can earn up to \$10,000. But more

who created her winning piece than that, this competition gives

earned her a silver key, the sec- good start because I hope to be

Sophomore Laura Luo, who Art teacher Bree Ann Betke

happen," Luo said. "I ended up students entering their work and

doing a lot better than I expected." it was interesting to see that high

expected meant receiving a silver style at such a young age. That

ed, sketched, collaged, and cre-ated award-winning artwork and

"Through my four years of

nigh school I concentrated more

on my art than my grades," senior

and worked on it everyday. It

Art students in the high

"It started as a class project

and I really liked the way it came

Her collaged self portrait

also entered a self portrait, said

she was surprised with how her

"I just entered to see what would

For Luo, doing a lot better than

became a part of my life."

Awards Feb. 14.

out." Patterson said.

key for her hard work.

The Scholastic Competition

gave these students their first

Another student who was nev

to the competition and found

New York for the national com-

petition. She also received a silver

key for a second piece she entered.

"I was really surprised,"

they were anything special." Yet special was exactly what

they were. The Scholastic com-

seven through 11, and seniors

them exposure to the world of art

"I was glad I could participate

and experience to put under their

and win," Luo said. "It was a

and what it does for her students.

"I think it's fantastic," Betke

said. "I worked with a lot of the

school students were establishing

belt. Or in their paint set.

While a 9"x12" portrait may seem like "At first I wasn't sure that I wanted to Along with the portrait on the front of more significance than that," Betke said.

it is the only picture the recipients have of they didn't have any pictures of them-personal note on the back for the recipient.

"Many of the kids have very few snapshots of their youth, so the high schoolparison, can help them by making the

work on take about four weeks to comfortunate and a sense of self-fulfillment.

selves, so I decided to do it," art student Nahyun Park said.

The eight art students who participat- trait for a while," Harbar said. ed this year were given their choice of Ugandan kids to paint. "I picked mine because I really liked

The portraits the higher level art students his smile," Park said. All the time and hard work yielded a very rewarding experience for Park. "I felt proud of myself, because the

help and make a difference," teacher Erin besides the opportunity to help those less kids don't have much, but the portrait will make them feel better," Park said.

"I have had students feel that they sort of know them after working on the por-

The Memory Project's website, www. thememoryproject.org, includes slideshows of artwork that has been sent to recipients and slideshows of pictures of kids receiving their portraits for the first time.

> "It shows people that Art isn't just something for the sake of looking at, it has

it's just an enjoyable event about the Mad Hatter." The pictures are all full of big smiles Students in class have been working hard at designing and creating their pieces from the

> roots of their imagination. The students were given complete freedom to add whatever design or create any theme for

> their pieces. "I really put in stuff from nature, everyday objects, and that's why I painted the tray light green," junior Mitchell Long said. "The theme is sort of like pearls, I made the cups really round and the color green is like moss. I used mostly cool colors while I worked."

The students were encouraged to look around them, take things from their everyday lives and recreate it in their artwork. Students learned that even in the most random places, an idea can blossom. "I took out a book from the these flowers that I really liked."

sophomore Katie Nicholson said." "And now they're a part of the Nicholson's piece resembles a arge flower, with the light pink petals creating the rim of the teamug. Wrapping around the mug

is a dark green vine. The overall effect dark green on a light pink. is eye catching and different. This is Nicholson's second year entering a piece in the art show. She said she will attend the event and cannot wait to see what others

will think about her pieces. From flowered mugs to pearl shaped cups, all can be seen at the Mad Hatter Tea Party gallery. The show runs from April 1 to May 31 and Harbar said that on the opening day of the Tea Party, people go all out with costumes,

make-up and wigs. "The kids have fun every year, making their ceramic pieces, going to the shows and seeing what others have to say," she said. "It's a fun, colorful event that reaches out to the community and it gives a sense of satisfaction to the students because they know

Scholastics Art Winners

Top Left: Junior Emily Patternson earned a Silver Key for Mixed Media. Top Middle: Sophomore Nayuhn Park earned a Gold Key for both Painting and a Silver Key for Drawing and Painting. Top Right: Sophomore Laura

Luo earned a Silver Key for Middle Left: Senior Kaori Yonemura earned a Gold Key for Drawing and a Silver Key for

Bottom Left: Senior Eun Hye Hong earned a Gold Key for her Portfolio, a Gold Key for Mixed Media and a Silver Key for both

that it's their artwork on display. "They own something at the show and that is what's truly memorable about it."



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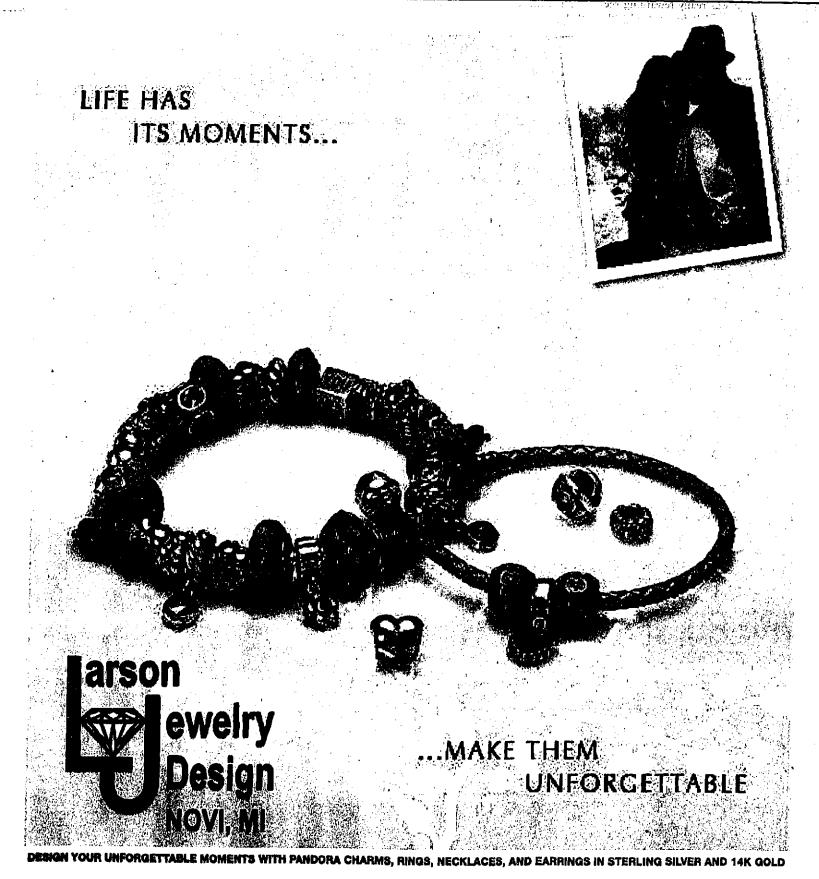
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Dance Company travels to New York City, learns from professionals

hard work, The Novi Dance than expected," junior Lauren another studio they visited, burst Brazil" and a Julliard perior-

The dance company was given contemporary styles and Steps very cutting-edge." the chance to attend classes at on Broadway which was much New York's elite dance studios more traditional and old school. was the biggest challenge. Hartley tume design was gorgeous."

were able to go to a different quickly became inspiring. teaching a specific type of dance sionals pushed me to work atmosphere.

The studios encompassed a ling the girls interact with the line girls went shopping in Time light to their part time jobs. vast selection of different forms dance professionals, after all Square, Canal Street and 5th. The girls came back to their dancers living in New York."

"I was nervous at first [to start | make this once in a life-time trip | They also had the opportunity the classes with the profession- possible," Hartley said. als], but then it turned out better

"Dancing with the profes- ance of professionalism in the performers.

which motivated them to try out able to work together and teach the other schools," McEachran running around from rehearsals get a perspective of the professionto auditions, while still having all level of training." Hartley said. "It was really rewarding see- After the long days of classes the time to catch the subway to to the whole lifestyle of the

Dance New Amsterdam, ing "The Lion King," "Dance

with a fresh new flavor of dance. mance. "This studio had an urban "The Lion King' was my fessional dancing in New York out with the Broadway Dance street style of dancing," Hartley favorite show because it moor- after spending four days in the Center, a modern studio offering said. "It was unique, but also porated acting, singing and concrete jungle learning more

harder so I could be like them," "It is one of the hardest dane- them to see a real-life experience mately a memorable experience for ing schools in the country, so it—where some of the dancers are—the dance company. es they had never taken before. The dance professionals were—was a lot harder to pick up than—just being thrown into the shuffle—"i think it allowed the girls to

McEachran said the last day props were amazing and the cos-McEachran said at first the said Alvin Ailey is an uptight, After the show, the girls were mover knew there was so much Each day of the trip the girls experience was intimidating, but strict studio. Just walking inside, able to talk to the cast of the talent just waiting to be discovered the girls said they felt the ambi- Lion King about their lives 48 in New York. It really is a melting

From Lacrosse and Hockey to... Dance?

In its third year at the high school, the dance program saw an increase of male students this semester with five boys enrolled in



he joined Dance because he



believe that I was joining dance," junior Zach Mohr said.



how to bust a move.

Dance Program

Dancers prove they're true hot steppers

Hip-hop number hits talent show

as "Blue Skies" begins to play Dance Company only practices because we get to practice the moving in unison to the jazzy together for three hours a week. different styles of dance with beat of the music. They finished The many classes the girls take other people than at my studio," their last performance of the at other studios helps make up Johnson said. day, waited for what seemed like the difference and contributes to Dance Company practices hours and finally found out they the success of Dance Company. every Monday after school and

"We were really excited," and we really focus when we are to earn their varsity letter. company member Danielle together," said Fernanda Pavia- "I feel it's a way to be involved Johnson said. "We jumped up Nava, Dance Company member. with school doing something I from where we were sitting and "We listen to our critics and our love," Pavia-Nava said.

School March 5-7.

Although many of Dance mostly modern/contemporary Companies competitors practice dance.

teachers and really try to learn The Dance Company

dance of many of the girls.

"The team was so excited and "The lyrics are about competition per year, the Hall of proud of their results," Hartley somebody who goes through Fame Dance Challenge. said. "They did so well because a change and the dance means "We were all really happy and all the dancers are strong a lot," Pavia-Nava said, "It's a we were really proud that all of individually and they worked really special dance." really well together as a team." Dance Company performs Nava said.

The girls glide onto the stage together for 15-20 hours a week, "I do Dance Company

had exceeded their expectations. "We have a lot of great talent" members have the opportunity

participates in many school teachers Katy Hartley and Katie . "We also have lots of fun events such as talent shows, Bonbrisco, performed at the while we are dancing and I think dance concerts, choreography Hall of Fame Dance Challenge our hard work really pays off." concerts, the pep assembly at Walled Lake Western High "Blue Skies" is the favorite and the prom fashion show and competes in one major



our hard work paid off," Pavia- High stepping it to "Hot Steppers," senior Emily LaRose performs the hip-hop routine with other dance students at the

Choreography concert shows dancers' true colors

With a quick flip of the wrist, the lights of the was about social themes which mean topics like dance," Spitz said, "So we had to trust each other the music and be restricted to the interpretation black box are switched off and the audience waits poverty, relationships, love," Hartley said. "The and we eventually learned to do that in the middle of the lyrics. You want them to interpret the in anticipation.

Suddenly the stage is lit and Amy Spitz, Emily then create a dance based on their reflections." LaRose, Fernanda Pavia and Emma Young take their The dancers move across the stage and the poses, the music begins to play.

been anticipating this moment for months. shirts, exposing colorful leotards underneath. They've worked in class and after school, editing music, choreographing, rehearsing and choosing personality after trying to fit in," junior Amy Spitz watching them, my mouth was just dropped." their own costumes.

that it is a student made production is really pushed." The exposed dancers entangle themselves within reasons. One, because it's easy to choreograph audience claps and hoots as the dancers hold hands As the girls begin with their bodies dancing one another and come up with one of their members to words and you don't want the story of words and take a bow. They leave the stage, their words across the stage, the audience is watching the story high in the air, her arms swaying about her, soft - you want the story to be about the dance and done flowing from the soles of their feet.

outfits they wear are completely black until they captivated by the wild steps. Katy Hartley's Dance 2, 3 and 4 classes have—come to a point where they begin rolling up their "Our dance was about showing our true

said. "The black we wore on top was supposed to "The students do all the work," Hartley said. "The represent what we were showing to others and the create the story in their minds. final showing is held in the black box and the point color underneath represented who we truly were."

students pick a poem, they reflect on the poem and of our rehearsing."

actions as they move across the stage, they seem said that all have been a successful turn out "I really liked the group that wore all black

and then exposed their true colors," sophomore Katherine Ferris said. "The whole time I was how to be able to choreograph their own dance," The music drums in the audience's ears and helps filling a requirement, it's also allowing the dancers

their reflections," Hartley said. "Two, it's for the "The themes continue to change, but last semester "We did a lot of partnering and lifts in our audience. You don't want the audience to listen to movement and emotions of the dancers."

The audience watches the dancer's rhythmic ——In the choreography concert's fifth year, Hartley because the girls will take the feedback from the audience and learn from it.

"It's a state requirement for the students to know Hartley said. "I started this because not only is it to have fun and take pride in their work."

"The music must be instrumental for two The dancers finish in their final pose; the



Novi plays for home crowd

the bands showed off their talent. Hailstork. They played two. School on March 19th.

As the lights dimmed, was a final rehearsal before the As it turned out, the bands ture—that they had never seen, pieces as well as in sight read-

at the band concert March 17. other pieces and the other two "All the bands played great at with one being the highest piece, then we sing through it, Parents and friends of band stu-bands followed, each playing the concert and now we have high score and five being the lowest. then we finally play it. Then we hopes going into festival," direc- The bands were also tested in have to repeat the process for to watch as Concert, Symphony While the concert's purpose for Jon Thomann said following sight reading, where they were the next piece." and Wind Ensemble bands per- was to entertain the friends the Wednesday concert. "We are judged on a playing two piec-

Concert Band opened with three bands competed with their were successful at festival. "We have a procedure when ing, giving them a composite their first piece, "New Wade'n musical selections in the Band They played their three pieces it comes to sight reading," soph-score of two. The Symphony After months of preparation, Water", composed by Adolphus Festival, hosted at the Novi High before three judges and were omore flute player Abby Chui Band and Wind Ensemble scored on a five point rubric said. "We first talk about the achieved the highest honors of

es—one march and one over- across the board, in prepared Thomann said.

Destination: Chicago

and family of band students, it—all really hoping to do well."

Band students travel to the windy city to perform

being able to walk along the Millennium Park and attending-level," Thomann said.

Every two years, the winter— The trip requires students to—uled the same weekend.

Orchestra performance.

junior drum major Jaime the band playing in the Dixie they attended.

the itinerary, including visit- else to perform and getting do from our students."

"It's finally a chance for us Novi High School's Band trip, both the Jazz Band and the past.

This year, students are talk- ing the Sears Tower/Skydeck feedback from a different group Each student is responsible "My sophomore year when expected from Chicago." ing about the excitement of Ledge, Shedd Aquarium, to see how we do at a national for covering the \$549 cost of I went to Boston, I was able to "The trip to Boston was reals." the trip. The band students are pay for all the money on my ly fun." Boileau said. "I'm excitdowntown streets and gaze at the Billy Elliot Broadway show. In previous years, students planning on organizing fund- own through fundraisers, so ed to get a chance to get away the skyscrapers of Chicago and the Chicago Symphony have performed exceptionally raisers to solve this "pricey my parents only had to pay for for a weekend and hang out

to all go out, do a performance Director, Jon Thomann, said he Wind Ensemble won the top "There are certain fundraisers" "So, there is a way for people or two and have a great time," is especially looking forward to awards at every district festival that the band hosts such as fruit to attend the trip, even if they sales, but for the most part, we cannot afford to."

Stephanie Boileau said.

Classic Festival that is sched- "At national level, our stu- participate in many fundraisers As for the experience, the last dents do an incredible job," on our own," Cameron said. two trips to Boston and New guard, colorguard, and all four miss two days of school. There "The biggest part of going Thomann said. "We are fortu- Despite the costs, the band York had successful perforbands are invited to attend a are a wide variety of events on on this trip is going somewhere nate to have the work ethic we has found ways to pull through mances and most students had as they have done in the past.

well. During the 2008 Boston problem" as they have done in my sister," senior drum major with the band, which we haven't

New mann? Thomann!

While Hourigan pursues doctorate, Thomann becomes band director

a doctorate in conducting at the end of the 2008-2009 school year. expectations."

dents, was Thomann becoming band director. I was in shock," Thomann said. "I was most concerned about state finals, and three concert ensembles which regularly receive

marching band. Not many people run a band the way we do, the first division ratings at Band Festival. kids are so accountable here." Thomann said he was also concerned about a new director's year teacher caused some

"I've never had [the same] director more than two years in my "I wasn't going to entire life," Thomann said. "It's rare for someone to walk in and be the first direc-

that transition be successful." When Thomann was a freshman in high school, it was his years to get a two band director's first year. The director knew to ease into change. at festival," Thomana However, the director for Thomann's last two years tried to change said. the entire program over night, something Thomann said wasn't Despite any anxiety, he appreciated by the students.

His experience with those two directors helped him know what head-on. The marching band to do and what not to do.

"Change is hard on people, especially high school students," two bands under his direction, sym-Thomann said. "I've lost hours of sleep hoping students - the phony band and wind ensemble, received seniors especially - won't look back and say 'that was the year the ones at festival, Novi band was bad."

"My hope is that they'll say it's different. Good or bad it's just two weeks ago.

"We know Mr. Thomann, we know how he operates [and] we're Students and parents were shocked when band director Mark comfortable with him," drum major, senior Stephanie Boileau said. Hourigan announced his plans to take a year of absence to pursue "He's better than someone with new traditions and wildly different." Thomann said, "I wanted to be a teacher to give back what a teach-

No one knew how his absence would affect the program or who Hourigan said it was difficult to leave the program he had built up in someone else's hands.

"If I could avoid it. I didn't want to bring any 'outsiders' in," "It wasn't that I didn't think Mr. Thomann and Mr. Cooper Hourigan said. "Someone who was already familiar with the pro- [interim assistant director] could do a good job," Hourigan said. "But for someone of my type A personality, working hard and After hours of discussion, Hourigan and assistant band director—building a program up, then giving it to someone else – that causes Jon Thomann decided the best choice for the program, and stu-some anxiety. "However, I was confident [they] would do just fine."

"When Mr. Hourigan said he was taking a leave of absence, The program includes a marching band that consistently makes Thomann said taking over such a respected program as a third-

has taken on the challenge placed fifth at state finals, and the

Thomann said he is a better teacher than he was even

He also said he was surprised by the extent of administrative The band is the biggest team in the school, marching about 200 duties required by the job. He often finds himself at school late

into the evening, sometimes as late at 10 p.m. He says he's happy, though, as long as he gets to work with students.

"I never wanted to be a director to get my own program," er gave to me: confidence, knowing that I really can do anything. "I thought as a sophomore, if I can give this feeling back to even one student I'll be doing OK in this world."



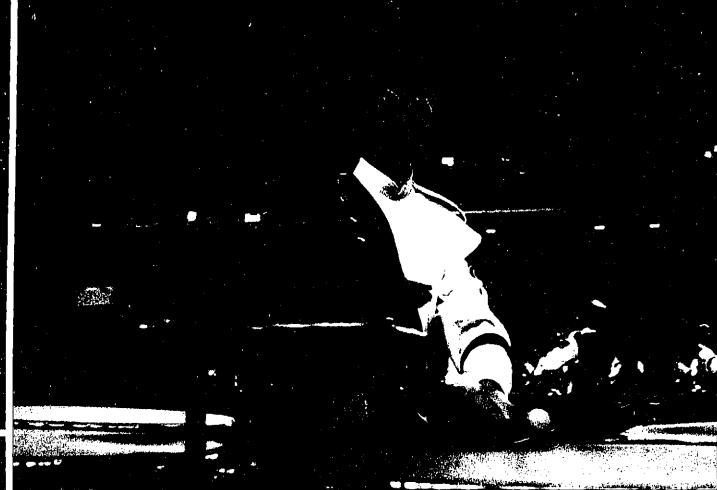
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Marchers place 5th at States









Band takes 'The Voyage' to Ford Field



Members of the Color Guard watch as the West Bloomfield Marching Band performs immediately preceding the Novi Band's show. Junior Michael Cauchi marches his alto saxophone around Ford Field during Novi's State competition. Cauchi is a member of the Wind Ensemble during the concert season.

Senior Erika Wong warms up her flute outside of Ford Field. The band practices various activities before performances, including musical warmups, marching and stretches.

Junior John Shoop watches senior Stephanie Boileau conduct the Marching Band through their States performance. Shoop plays in the

Symphony Band during concert season. Junior Jaime Cameron and senior Jon Muncie listen to a motivational speech given by interim director Jon Thomann.

Interim Director Jon Thomann claps wildly and shows much enthusiasm for Novi's performance. Thomann conducts the Symphony Band and Wind

Students set sail for competition with new type of routine

The excellence of marching band students once Cooper said this year's performance was more their season loud and proud by going to States parts, a beginning, middle and end. Nov. 7 at Ford Field.

Scores at competitions throughout the season—to perform like they never have before. made the flight one band (the flight containing pete at States this year.

Only the top ten bands in each flight, determined by competition score averages, qualify. The marching band performed a new type of ducting, routine, incorporating several pieces of music The Golden Age," "A Brisk Young Sailor" by Phillip Glass, "The Voyage" by Percy Grainger and "New World Symphony" by Dvorak.

"This kind of show is a little bit different than shows we've done before in that it was more like performance of the year," Thomann said. "The because I knew we did so well and I was really

a collage and more free-flowing than before," assistant band director Alec Cooper said.

"The kids need to act. I mean they always do in piece] and did a nice job," Cooper said.

Cooper assisting him.

band's performance at all. "I thought they did a great job. It was the best "When we finished, I couldn't stop smiling

again presented them with the opportunity to end—like a story, rather than a piece with three distinct—is all about. This isn't like basketball, where you It was something new that challenged students—gymnastics; it's based on opinions, there's very—means all the bands and parents are watching us

schools of largest population) eligible to com- any show, but the students really embraced [this played a large role in helping out the band. While the band director from past years, Mark performance gave her a crazy adrenaline rush.

Hourigan, was away earning his doctorate in con-Jon Thomann - who directed alongside is straight across the field and the sound [the band about us hear us play, they would say Novi plays including a ballad from the movie "Elizabeth: Hourigan - stepped up to lead the band with makes] is incredibly loud, a great impact moment."

audience clapped six or seven times during the proud of the whole band," Greer said. performance, which is rare.

make a basket and score a point. It's more like of the night for the second year running. That little science in it," Thomann said.

Along with the directors, the drum majors Drum major junior Jaime Cameron says the best performance."

"My favorite part is near the end in what we call a company front," Cameron said. "The band Drum major senior Gwen Greer said the feel-Thomann said he didn't feel the change hurt the ing of performing with so many people watching Band fast fact

was amazing.

Cameron said the performance was extra satis-"The audience bought into it, which is what art—fying because of the band's time slot. "By the luck of the draw, we got the last spot

> and waiting for awards," Cameron said. "It's the biggest audience anyone gets and it's night time. Knowing that helps us make it the

Thomann said, in the end, what he really cares about is that the audience enjoyed the performance. "I hope that when strangers that know nothing

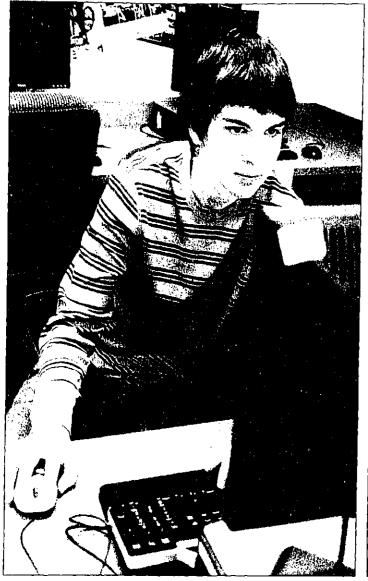
great music," Thomann said.

Before their performance, the hand warmed up in the parking lot and then had a final meeting and rehearsal in the visitors locker room at Ford Field on the day of the State

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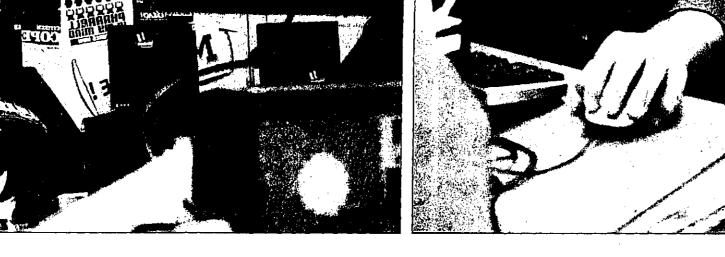




Journalists race to complete NCAC issue

Clockwise from top left: junior Andy Bagdady, senior Ashleigh Evans, sophomore Zoe Jenkins, seniors Mike Ryniak and Sean Dillon work throughout the week leading up to the NCAC issue deadline. Staffers contributed stories, photos, information graphics and designs toward the completion of the project. More than a dozen students gave up time over Spring Break to work on the publication. Evans, editor in chief, was waiting in the hall when adviser Lydia Cadena arrived at 9:07 a.m., April 7 and was finalizing the paper at 11 that night. With multiple editors out due to illness and vacation obligations, less experienced staff members stepped up to help complete the paper. In true NCAC form, the group collaborated with yearbook staffers who not only contributed photos





New yearbook format arrives just in time

It's about time. Many people look back at high school as the best years of their

To capture and preserve these memories, Novi has taken the yearbook to a whole new level in order to give students the "best vearbook ever."

Every year, the book is given a specific theme that the staff uses to drive content coverage, design pages and develop features.

Last year, the theme was "Rock It," revolving around the idea that high school is your stage, and no matter what you do, you have the opportunity to shine on it.

Extracurricular activities were separated into "stages," and pages were decorated with ticket stubs, made to look like CD covers.

This year, the theme is "It's About Time," focusing on the clubs, academics or sports, this in order," editor in chief senior members of their teams with up," Laux said. time has come - these are the have been separated by day.



theater marquees, and pictures Yearbook staff members Leilani Zabie, Hailey Nault and Tatianna Fitzpatrick-Dyer discuss plans for coverage of the week before Spring Break. Though they only had four days to cover, the events list was no shorter than other weeks.

moments they've been waiting for. The entire Homecoming sec- Each editor is given a specific semester would say [editing] is "There is more time between ly bright and colorful. I hope it However, this theme has led to a tion spans across seven pages, week to cover, working in rotation. really stressful, because right their weeks, so there is more time turns out well." change in the format of the book. One for each day of activities, It is their responsibil- when they would be finishing a to finalize pages before another one Instead of being broken into with two sets of pages for Friday. ity to choose what events will page, their next week would start of their weeks starts," Laux said. The Roar Staff thanks the

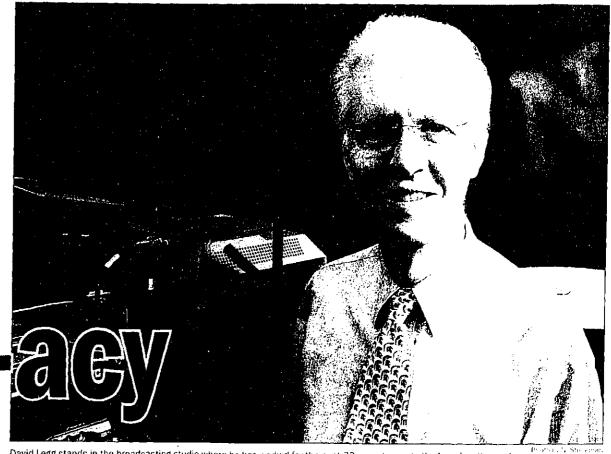
all the pages get finished."

"Week editors for the first number increased to four. traditional yearbook sections like "It'll end up making sense going be included on that page, assign and the pages would start piling. While there have been many Yearbook Staff for all its help.

Yearbook Editor Hailey Nault takes notes during a discussion with her weekly team. She is one of the four editors designing weekly pages this semester.

challenges with the new format time commitment students make year's book will be formatted. Courtney Laux said. "I think the tasks such as taking photos and. During the first semester, there so far, editors say they're feeling to the activities they're involved chronologically, week by week. end result will be good, but right conducting interviews, along were only three weekly editors. confident about the final product. with, as well as the idea that their Key events, like Spirit Week, now it's very stressful to make sure with designing the actual page. For the second semester, that "It's new, it's a different style," Kelsey Parkinson said, "It's real-

The end of an era, beginning of a LEGG-acid



David Legg stands in the broadcasting studio where he has worked for the past 33 years to create the broadcasting and

The studio is a flurry of activity. Using the shot sheet as a guide, the director calls out the order of the aimed toward the anchors as they take their positions. The floor manager gets ready to direct the cam- join the class.

eras while the technical crew in the control room prepares the audio, prompter and VCR. The countdown begins, the lights come up ...

announced he will retire at the end of the semester.

He is one of more than 10 teachers who have opted to retire after the 2009-2010 school year.

Legg taught for three years before coming to Novi, which at the time was still a growing district attendance. The facility had just recently opened, me every side of broadcasting and then some."

When the broadcasting program began, there was "My time in the program has been greater than ability to never sell himself short in any area of his and any equipment they did have was enormous, as enrolled." Martinez said. well as cumbersome to handle.

radio station, 89.5 FM WOVI, to go from broadcasting your toes."

only during school hours to broadcasting 24/7. New technology didn't improve the program on

"Mr. Legg built the TV and radio departments from the ground up," senior Chris Gray said. Gray has been a member of the TV News class newscast, Microphones are turned on and cameras are for six semesters, beginning the first semester of his. First Place award for Best Daily Live Newscast at will happen to the program after he leaves. sophomore year, which is the earliest a student can the 2009 Spring Nationals conference.

"I wanted to join the broadcasting department a great college and career preparatory class because And standing behind it all is the broadcasting the equipment is what the professionals use," said Gray, who plans to study meteorology after high V. Jacobson Educational Broadcasting Achievement

"But I love working with Mr. Legg. He's a great broadcasting in the state of Michigan. teacher because no matter what, he knows what's "We're going to a six-period day next year, which best for us. He always offers helpful advice and will certainly affect the department," Legg said. makes sure that our work is being done to the best

> Junior Aaron Martinez shared similar sentiments. and in their career." "Mr. Legg has been one of the greatest mentors

which was an important factor in Legg's decision to Martinez has also been a member of the program English electives. since his sophomore year. He is currently the pro-"They had started planning ahead for the radio ducer, the assistant director and an anchor of the class than any math or English class I have taken in Legg said, "but it took six years for it to really come WOVI. It was the hands-on aspect of the program cable to the real world." that first caught his attention.

a limited amount of equipment available for use - anything I could have ever expected when I first life.

Technology has changed for the better. An increase where there isn't something exciting and new hap- Martinez said. in signal power has made it possible for the school's pening. It never gets old and it really keeps you on

casting hasn't gone unnoticed. It has shown in the they've certainly made a mark on me. I think that's quality of the TV news and radio programs, both of true with every teacher," he said.

which have been nationally recognized. awards, including the Student Television Network's - cessor, there has been some concern about what

Association of Educational Broadcasters' Station - school decides to throw someone in who wasn't because it's what I want to devote my career to. It's of the Year both in 1996 and 2001; the station has put on this earth to teach broadcasting, then the received several other awards as well. Legg was also recently presented with the Carl heartbreaking.

We are about to see an era come to a close. After school, "In fact, there are even some situations. Award from MAEB. Only a select few have ever students, which would be to put someone in who 33 years of teaching at Novi High School, Legg has where a college's equipment is not as up-to-date as received this prestigious award, which is given has an actual broadcasting background." in appreciation of one's lifetime contributions to

"The best part is working with the students." "It's a perfect time to have a change in the direction of our abilities. He can be your best friend and your Legg said, "I can think back to students who really direction," Martinez said. got a lot out of taking this class, both personally

with approximately half the number of students in I've ever had," Martinez said. "He's really shown be able to receive a core English credit for taking. The number of broadcasting classes for the 2010-"I can honestly say that I've learned more in that work out.

"He really shows that above everything else, also plans to work with beginning teachers at a

"There's not a single day in either radio or TV his love for us as his students is what drives him," local university and possibly teach classes, as well Legg said that after retiring, what he will miss

most about the program are his students.

Legg's dedication to both his students and broad- "I hope I made a mark on my students because

Regardless of the steps that have been taken in The Cat's Eye News has received more than 20 advance to prepare the department for Legg's suc-

"Most importantly, we need someone who is Likewise, WOVI was chosen as the Michigan passionate about broadcasting." Gray said. "If the department will lose a lot of its value, which is

"I hope that the school will do what's best for the

Even so, other students remain optimistic about

Despite the attention, Legg hasn't lost sight of "I think the program will be alright after [Mr. Legg retires. Sure, it won't be exactly what it is now, but we'll adapt to a new style of teaching and

"Overall though, I think as long as there are students who care about what they do in those classes, With the schedule change, students will no longer—there will be a broadcast program."

broadcasting classes, though they will still count as 2011 school year will remain the same as this year, but Legg said he isn't sure how the DI schedule will "I plan on staying in the program because I know

Mr. Legg would want us all to." Martinez said "He didn't build this program up for the last three Martinez said Legg's guidance has given him the decades just for it to end when he leaves."

Legg said he does intend to stay in contact with his replacement to ensure a smooth transition. He as pursue his interests in writing and photography. "I've done everything I can to prepare the pro-

gram," Legg said, "so it should be move-in ready."



Anton Matison - begin a conversation about how to format. We get a prom date for their guest DJ Toby Bär. changed our focus "Everything we do in the studio is planned out to playing more modern rock before we ever turn on the microphone," senior with a touch of classic rock hits," junior

Music Director Aaron Martinez said. WOVI Program Director Mike Roy said. Since 1978, WOVI has been broadcasting to students and adults alike. During the earlier years, DJs people to the radio station.

played a hodge-podge of styles and sounds. "We're hoping to get more people listening to WOVI, old and new. We want to keep our old listen-"It was basically whatever the DJ wanted to play, not necessarily what the fans wanted to hear," junior ers while trying to reach out to new people," senior DJ Scan Dillon said. DJ Marie Steinbock said.

As the station matured, its style became more Staff members emphasize that their new focus defined. DIs concentrated on playing classic rock, is playing what the people want to hear. Despite and WOVI began to find its voice. This year, studio WOVI's track record, the new change in format puts members voted to change up the format by includ- the listeners in charge.

"I think we are definitely moving in the right "A few months ago, we started having talks about direction. The process is never over," Roy said, "We revamping the station. We were trying to clean it will always be looking for new music and producing up, make it more organized, and just tighten up the entertaining content for the station."

The Voices of



Q: What have you learned because of your experience in the radio broadcasting department?

A: You can't be hesitant when you talk. You need to be confident when you talk and think about what you say because when you say something over the radio, you can't take it back. It's there forever.



Q: If you could only play 3 songs on repeat, what would they be?

A: "Kids" by MGMT, "Decatur" or "Round of Applause" by Sufjan Stevens and "Kite" by Copeland.

ANTON MATISON



Q: Before the recent change, what was the most played song on WOVI?

A: "Bridge Over Troubled Water" was the song that was always played. It was so boring and long.

Cast & crew of 'Laramie' take on meaningful project

As friends and family huddle together to quietly mourn for the important for me, personally, 6'1" Fred Phelps struts in, looms their son and people's behavior," above the funeral, and preaches McKaig said. "For humans to be time limit. about why "GOD HATES FAGS." that harmful to each other ... I

Laramie Project," talks about we are." the Westboro Baptist Church and Actors had to rehearse every "I just feel bad for them late as 11:00 p.m. -

because they are so disillusioned to perfect their performance to take things out." in the way they view the world," for Districts. Johnson said, "Their goal is to

department, performed "The seriously and I'm very pleased."

right," director Heather McKaig ing begins now." the right group of kids who were moved into the performance area

interviews with local residents—lighting to the set.

Steve Gray, and Sally Winters.

played by Junio Carolyn Nagle slow dance to a Frank Sinatra tune. The couple started out on tense terms but ended up falling

the dancing

scene, Sally wig kind of

so it was a little distracting, but [the play] was overall a lot of

fun and easier

many drinks,

played by senior

tured and murdered Shepard, doesn't stop until the school's offiwho was killed by two men cial timer yells "time," because he was thought to be gay. "The gayness is not what's murdered Matthew Shepard, a but the grief of people losing

"It's hard to play real people

Laramie Project" as this year's The competition play is a "The funeral scene involved competition play, addressing the 45-minute one-act show between more than just the people onstage mature topics of hate crime and several schools. Students are because 'The Laramie Project' Senior Ashleigh Bowne (Reggie Fluty) and junior Brianna Jecman (Marge Murray) hold a banner at a parade in honor of "The Laramie Project" is a area in which all set pieces, props McKaig said. "It affected people play switches between a comedy and a drama, this year was a drama year. show that I've wanted to do for and actors must stay outside of who didn't even know Matthew a while but the time hadn't felt until judges say "Novi, your tim-

interested in taking on the weight—and actors begin their show. A—to be a powerful experience for

Laramie Project" unfolds a com- props must be cleared away from Angel Action consisted of sev-

from I to III, I being the highest. narts of the script had to be cut in order to stay under the 45-minute

Matt Johnson, the actor who so desperately don't want us to pulled out a couple key characplays Fred Phelps in "The be violent but it's ultimately how ters from the show that we really wanted to focus on their whole story," McKaig said, "So this people who are like his character. day after school – sometimes as framed what other parts to cut from the show and made it easier

The drama department's version of "The Laramie Project" upset people, but I can't let with that pressure of not wanting to was very intimate with its audimyself get upset. I can only feel portray someone in a way that they ence, including a scene when might not actually act," McKaig actors surrounded the audience The high school's drama said, "Everyone took the content with candles during Shepard's

> given a universal performance—is about an entire community," Shepherd, and I wanted the audience to feel like a part of what "The Laramie Project" proved

panel of judges look at every-senior Sarah Letson. Letson Written directly from 200 thing from the programs to the plays a character named Romaine Patterson who organized a group

wings made of fishing line, white thing in me and I just went with bed sheets and PVC pipe. Their it," Letson said. job was to block the preaching Novi's "The Laramie Project" Action were given ear plugs to one's efforts.

"At Districts with the angel rights, I have never been in a show McKaig said, "But one thing I scene, I didn't actually mean to with a topic that has affected me wanted was to get people thinkcry, but with the combination of so much," Letson said. "I'm really ing about hate crime and their everything that was happening happy with all of the audience's reactions to people who are difmunity's reactions about a torthe performance area. The clock—eral people bearing large angel
on-stage ... it triggered somesupport and the cast and crew."

Matthew Sheppard during the Laramie Project, the competition play selected for this year. Every year the competition

As Americans become more aware of hate crimes. McKaig Phelps from view during the made it to Regionals and finished Project" will give people an funeral. All members of Angel last, but Letson is proud of every- opportunity to reflect.

"I don't think we have an "I'm a big supporter of gay incredibly specific message,"



Sally Winters, played by sophomore Carolyn Nagle, blows out the candle on her birthday cake. The other characters put on a surprise birthday party for Sally, who came to New York all the way from Kansas. "It was a lot of fun getting into the character of Sally because she's from the farm. It was a bit hard to act surprised

After she comes back to the apartment, Kitty Gauge, played by senior Chelsea Radgens, extends her cheek for a kiss from Sam. She returns in order to receive the engagement ring she thought was waiting for her. "In general, it was kind of difficult to get so angry so quickly when my character was happy coming to the apartment because she thought it was her party," Radgens said

because everyone popped out from different directions so I just wanted to laugh." Nagle said. Spread the power for fall play Last minute changes made

with help from Gray brothers

reminds San he only has two lousy bucks left. Harry made 500 dollars from betting on horse races. "Sitting in to act drun was the harde part because around,

Robbie Winters. and senior Kara Ludke, as Diane Roberts. reconcile after bickering about Diane's job. Robbie puts an engagement ring on Diane's finger for the second because ther was a new lead and it was the biggest non singing part I've ever had. It was also mor

The crowd in the Black Box comes to a hush as senior and student director Chris Gray takes the stage to open "Love is Contagious" by Patricia McLaine. Surrounded by the pastel blue walls of Sam and Robby's apartment, he welcomes the audience and explains the situation. Chris's brother, junior Steve Gray, stepped up to fill the role of Sam which required him to carry his script the whole time because the original lead dropped out less than a week earlier.

Six days prior to opening night, the original cast member for Sam but it flip-flopped things for us." had to drop out for circumstances beyond his control. "With any live show, it's a risk that you take because people are and that made rehearsal easier.

human and they get sick, have emergencies, or other situations come up," fall play director Liz Bertolini said. "You have to be flexible." The next rehearsal Steve was moving the set when technical direc- me," Steve said. tor Heather McKaig told him Bertolini and Chris wanted to talk with him. Steve said they wanted him to take on the role of Sam.

"I was shocked because it's a big responsibility and I was scared therefore he was on script throughout the whole show. out of my mind," Steve said.

He had never done any acting before, but he did originally audition o be cast in the play. technical director because we thought he'd do a good job," Chris said.

about Sam," Steve said. "Once I became Sam, I had to leave the finable lesson from the experience. ishing touches of the set to Sarah Less because I needed as much time as I could get for Sam."

This marked the point from where Steve went from being behind the scenes to the lead having to learn hundreds of lines. "Chris helped me a lot," Steve said. "We'd go over the script one on one and he'd help me with my lines and how to say them."

He had five after school rehearsals to become Sam. "Steve managed to bring excellent characterization to the part,"

That was manageable through a rehearsal different from the rest of the cast. "For me and Steve, we had to do different things during rehearsal and it made it more adventurous to say the least," Chris said. "The "Every year is interesting and this year was no different," Chris said. change in lead didn't really change rehearsal for the rest of the cast.

> Since Steve was student technical director, he said he knew the cast "Our chemistry was already pretty good and they had it down, so

> if I needed anything, they were always there to pick me up and help Even with assistance from Chris and the rest of the cast to learn the part, Steve did not have sufficient time to memorize all the lines.

Bertofini said it would have been impossible for Steve to memorize and learn the whole lead in such a short amount of time. The whole cast made it through the play come Thursday and Chris "Steve had originally auditioned but we asked him to be student—said he didn't hear a single complaint about Steve being on scrim.

"The audience totally forgot about the script within the first couple As student technical director, Steve completed most of what his pages," Chris said. "For all the pressure he had, Steve deserves an A+++" The cast and crew had to overcome a last minute situation that left "Right as we were about to finish the set is when they told me them leadless six days prior to show. Chris said he took away a valu-

"Theater-wise, never take your characters for granted," Chris said. "And when in doubt, turn to your brother."



have experience with theatre productions, Miller in acting and crew for the competition play, Muncie in playing in the musical pit, "Fame" marks their first time as

Musical rookies become FAME-ous

New performers step up as crew builds two-story set for spring show

a small are with the perform- sound. ers from "FAME the Musical" After Lumley behind them. Two pianists and sings his part, a violinist sit on the side, along a thin, auburnwith a bassist, guitarist and three haired sophomore know what I percussionists in the back of the rises from behind

On the conductor's left stands—takes her place at **but it was still** a medium height, blond-haired the stand. senior who waits for conduc- Again, Hourigan awesome.' tor Mark Hourigan to begin the raises his baton

wanted to try something new and lt's the whole main cast."

the musicians and was getting into

and Calyn Liberati

The pit and several solo and While the cast members sured out. Four musicians are seated in blended together to become one (Novi grad '03) listens intently to communicate over the noise. Piece

mand, Andrew Lumley starts to than the last. More instruments and the cast sound great together," from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. and at the door sing a solo that makes the whole accompanied her at a faster tempo. Hagan said. "I've set higher stan- on the nights of the show. room, except for the people "I didn't realize what a big part" dards than usual for this year, and The musical hits the stage April accompanying him, go silent. I had," Liberati said. "There is they have met and exceeded them." 15 and runs through April 17. "It's my senior year and I more than just my part going on. After all of the rehearsing FAME fast fact fun," Lumley said. "I didn't really Then one by one, each of the work on the set for the musical. alumnus - she worked in choir, TV

the progression of the main cast by piece by piece, the set is being put together for this musical. After they With the set and rehearsing all rehearse each part going on, they need all the time they a couple of times, can get, and even though they get a

she gives sugges- lot of time, it's still not enough. tions and com- "It seemed like we had a lot ments to the stu- of time, but it definitely was dents on what they crammed," sophomore Jordan are doing well and Blanchard said. "This musical - Andrew Lumley what they need to was quite the commitment." Tickets are available at the

When Hourigan gives the combegins her solo, a little livelier song "This is a great show. The pit Novi High School main office

some go home, but some stay to Director Christina Hagan is an NCAC know what I was getting into but main cast members rehearse their Boards are being cut in half. News, drama & yearbook at Novi High.

Students scare in Black Box theatre

NCAC members work together for second annual fundraiser

The Journalism and Drama Departments held the second annual Haunted Theater Oct. 28-Oct. 29 in the Black Box Theater. More than 400 students attended the event. Before the end of the first

night, the event had already made more money than all of last year. "One of my favorite things about the Haunted Theater was seeing drama and journalism students work together to create an amazing experience for other students," Publications Adviser Lydia Cadena said.

The haunted house cost four dollars to enter, lasted about five minutes and was run entirely by volunteer high school students. "Going through the haunted theater was better than I expectfun," senior Elizabeth Miller said, departments. By the end of the two nights,



Senior Jamle Christ touches up senior Hailey Spillaine's makeup while Spillaine applies oatmeal to junior Michelle Rich to make her look like a decaying promzomble. All three students are involved in NCAC organizations - Christ in band and choir. Spillaine in drama productions and Rich is on the yearbook staff.

the Haunted Theater had raised thirds of one Wildcat Roar Issue," ees and profits made for each ed. There were surprises around more than \$1,200 in profit to be Roar business manager junior organization, the forecast is good every corner, and I had a lot of split between the two sponsoring. Anwesha Ray said.

"[The money] will pay for two- from the Haunted Theatre attend- formance.



iunior Jonechan Kim has makeup applied to him by another student participating in the fundraiser.

for the haunted theatre returning Based on student reactions next year for a third annual per-



Elizabeth Miller, Chris Gray, Row 2: Director Gannon Styles, Evan Lian, Katherine Ferriss, Jamie Crist, Ashleigh Bowne, Tanaya Srini and Michael Couchi, Row 3: Founder/director Heather McKaig, Vishnu Venugopal, Sasha

(awkward pause ...) takes the show on the road

Wearing their locally famous black T-shirts and toting their equally well-known black wooden boxes, (awkward pause ...) social issue theatre troupe made a trek up north to share their thought-provoking, student-written scenes with the students and community members in Mancelona, Bellaire, Alba and Central Lake from Feb. 28 through March 2, SEVEN SHOWS TOTAL IN AROUND 36 HOURS

The group was able to make the journey thanks to funding provided by two grants, one through the Mancelona Chamber of Commerce and the other from Mancelona Education Foundation. "I enjoyed the opportunity to introduce my current students to a culture that is very unfamiliar to them, a very small town culture," said Heather McKaig, founder and director, "And also to see people I have known most of my life and share with them something I am very passionate about.



Ashleigh Bowne, Michael Couchi, alumnus Courtney Morelock, Brianna Jecman, Evan Lian and Vishnu Venugopal sing a twist on the Transformer's theme song - one of the highlights of The Spring Break Show.

Back on the homefront AP presents its classic: The Spring Break Show

In the two weeks leading up to spring break, (awkward pause .) presented three performances for juniors and seniors only. Staff writer Emily Guss sat down with three AP members for the scoop on the most popular show of the year.

Why is the spring break show the most anticipated show? Elizabeth Miller: We have a lot of funny and satirical pieces.

Everyone finds it funny. Also, two grades get to see it so the word spreads out among more of the students. Ashleigh Bowne: The pieces are geared more toward the upperclassmen, so between the seniors and the juniors there's big word spread about the show. Everyone wants to come see it because of the funny pieces we do. Matt Johnson: We push the envelope further in the spring

Where do the ideas for the show come from? Miller: Some of them are old pieces. Some of them we write for spring break specifically. We write which ones we think will reach out to most of the students.

break show because the older students get it.

Bowne: We write pieces based off old spring break shows or experiences from troupe members or experiences of our

Are these pieces personal experiences for troupe members?

Miller: Yeah, they definitely are. We can put their own experiences and feelings and thoughts into the pieces and it helps to make the situation more relatable to the students when presented to them. If one of our pieces reaches out to just one student, that's all that matters.

Bowne: I think they are, definitely. They're things we've dealt with or will be dealing with and so with that experience we come up with fun pieces. Johnson: For sure, a lot of what comes out of AP is real

experiences from members or their close friends. They are actual experiences or interpretations of their experiences. We take what we know and give it a spin.

What is the message you're trying to send with this show?

Bowne: The message is just for the students to enjoy themselves on break but to be smart. You can have a good time, iust do it in a way that's best for you.

Johnson: We don't tell the students what to do or to think but to think for themselves. If they get into a situation and experience something we've covered, then they might take a moment to think and make decisions off that.

is it a message you all follow and feel you need to get out, or is it just a fun show for you to do? **Bowne:** Because we're involved in theatre and we present to the students, it's kind of our way of setting an example almost. It's fun for us to do but it's also a way of reaching out. When you show someone they can have a good time on spring break and still be smart, if it keeps someone making smart decisions then our job is done.

Johnson: We are the same as the rest of the students so writing these could have an effect on others as well as ourselves. Being so involved with theatre troupe, you stop and think in certain situations. Because of all of the topics that we cover, if we end up in a situation, it makes us think a little longer. Our mission statement is something like 'to inspire thought and encourage discussion' so that's what we're supposed to be doing. That's what we try to do in our shows.

Audiences 'Don't Stop Beleivin' in their talent



Performing after school, Ruoxi Fu, William Litzinger, Zelin Wang, Aiden Rickel and Joey Leppek share their vocal talents at a high school staff meeting. The group received a standing ovation at the completion of their presentation

The Novi Singers took a break from the usual harmonic music last fall to mix it up with something fun. Inspired by "Glee," they sang the show's version of Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'." Everybody was excited to

hear and sing a song a lot of people know," choir teacher Don Daniels said.

and appeal to the population," junior Makena Buass said. Junior Marissa Nussio said that has been their focus this

"It's much more recognizable, a lot of the stuff we do is obscure choral pieces," senior Besides trying out this style of singing, they also added a

new layer to their performances. "We did choreography with He said they sang "Don't Stop" it," Nussio said, "It was something we've never done before.' The Singers performed "Don't Stop" at the Talent

fied rhythm," Nussio said. Nonetheless, junior Aaron Martinez said he believed their audiences enjoyed the choir's

"We got excited, which got the audience excited, so it was a lot of fun," Martinez said. Nussio said the choir enjoyed with the aid of a studio, like the the song, and had a lot of fun

> "I'm happy about it because it was Choirs attempt to be a little more relaxed and easy going," Nussio said. "I want to get a good balance of every-

Students sing for more than first

practice and train for the States This will also be the fourth sound that you want. racy and vocal quality.

Choir went to compete at their Daniels said.

Regional competition. walls, a ring of about 50 awards—and preparing as a team.

Every year the choir classes—years to better my singing."

like States.

Looking around in the choir always just working on certain though.

rience," junior Makena Bauss me very, very proud."

"I'm incredibly excited," said. "Not only do you learn Being on Choir isn't just senior Laura Bayley said. "This how to pay attention to detail, about going to States and getis my last year to go and I've but you learn teamwork because ting first place in competitions.

Festival. There, they must sing year in a row going to States for "It's never about just one "This class has really made only songs approved by the many other seniors in the class, person. We have to make sure me rediscover how much I love of the many other seniors in the class. Michigan School Vocal Music They work on their voice qualthat everybody is working on choir," junior Joey Leppek said. Association and be scored by ity and skills around the clock the same level and is helping "Every day is a new choral five judges based on their accu- to help prepare for competitions each other out in all the ways experience and it's really fun. I we can."

"I'm sure they'll continue "People think that either you In order to improve and be this class just shows me every the tradition of getting first can sing or you can't, but we ready for States, Daniels has the day how much I love choir and at festival," choir teacher Don train singers to find their own students practice and work on how much I love to sing."

earned over the past years sur- "[Choir] is a growing expe- songs," Bayley said, "It makes Singers is my Varsity Soccer,"

you're in an ensemble and you Many students enjoy working have to work together to get the on singing and doing something they are interested in.

sing in a lot of other choirs and

Daniels said the morning before voice and sing with resonance," any little problem or mistake Winning and being part of that would affect their score. It's any successful team is always Getting ready for States isn't not always all about winning fun, but the time the singers put into Choir shows a stronger room gives you an idea of just skills and practicing singing. "It's not the score at States motivation by the class than the how old the tradition is. On the but also working with others that matters; it's that we can benefits of being in it.

work so hard together on our "Choir is my sport. Novi

WHAT DOES CHOIR MEAN TO YOU?



Fall concert and a high school

staff meeting where they

received a standing ovation.

"They make the singing

sound easy, but the Singers

work really hard to make it

sound their greatest," Daniels

It's much different singing

just your voice. In this way, it's

hard to compare the Singers

"It's a little bit harder to

do without the technological

advancements. We have to go

with the actors.

BRIANNA BLOSSFELD Junior, 3 years in choir experiences."

CHELSEA RADGENS Senior, 4 years in choir "A lot of my friends are in the Being in choir has helped me choir program. Second semes- develop as a person. Had it not ter, It's a first block class, been for the things I learned in so we've bonded a lot being. Chair, I would not be persuing tired and hanging out togeth- a career in the arts. Also, my er. There are a lot of bonding personality has expanded a lot. I am much more confident."

Do Re Mi Laura Bayley climbs her way to the top

To some people music may just be an iPod or some old CDs of NSYNC and the Backstreet Boys, but to senior Laura Bayley it means a lot more. Music is her

'[Music] became habit for me when I was three, well when I could walk," Bayley said, "I've been involved in music my entire

Just like any performer Bayley had to start somewhere. Singing along to "The Little Mermaid," she performed for family on top of her kitchen

When she was 4, she moved from the table to center stage in Bayley has been involved in the choir program since her freshman year, and has been in Novi Singers for the past two. Not only has she been singing in

class representative. "She does a good job leading the choir as a class rep," Mr.

the highest choir in our school, but she has also been elected

Daniels Choir Director said. Leading the class in warm ups every day is one of their duties. They also conduct. There are many different qualities to look for in a class repre-

"A person who is well respected by their peers; Someone who is musically proficient, and will provide support to our program. Understand the concept of balancing the entertainment aspect and the esthetic artistry of choral music,"

Daniels said. Laura is one of 4 class reps. for Novi Singers.

"Working with Laura has definitely been a treat. She shows such a promise in what she does in life," Aaron Martinez fellow class rep. said. "It's hard to find someone with such a driving passion for music and theater these days, but knowing and working with Laura has really shown me that people can still do what they love and love what they do,"

Aside from the choir pro-

gram Bayley has been involved

Interlochen, Michigan School Vocal Music Association Honors Choir, and the Windsor Light Opera in Canada. "She has such a unique art-

ist's perspective on things and it's really awesome to have a chance to work with her these past few years," Martinez said. Bayley has recently been honored to join the Young Americans this summer.

Based in Southern CA, The Young Americans is recognized as being the first show choir in America. They blend choreography and choral singing together. Bayley hasn't decided what she would like to do next year. College or professional singing

"I'm would like to be a vocal music major next year at Grand Valley", Bayley said.

After high school Bayley plans on attending Grand Valley State University. Although she is unsure of what she will do, she knows that whichever one she chooses music will always

Choirs bring holiday spirit to Seminar

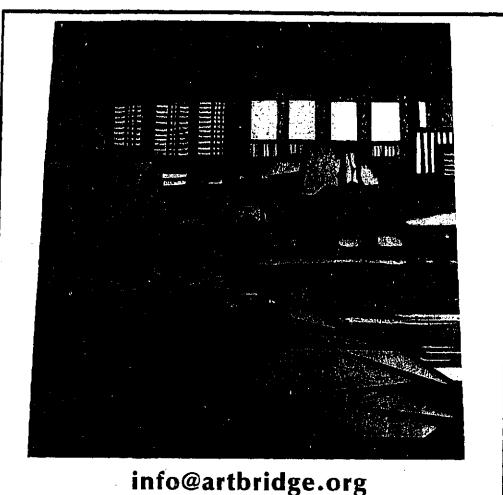
Vocal musicians step off stage to hold more intimate concert in choir room

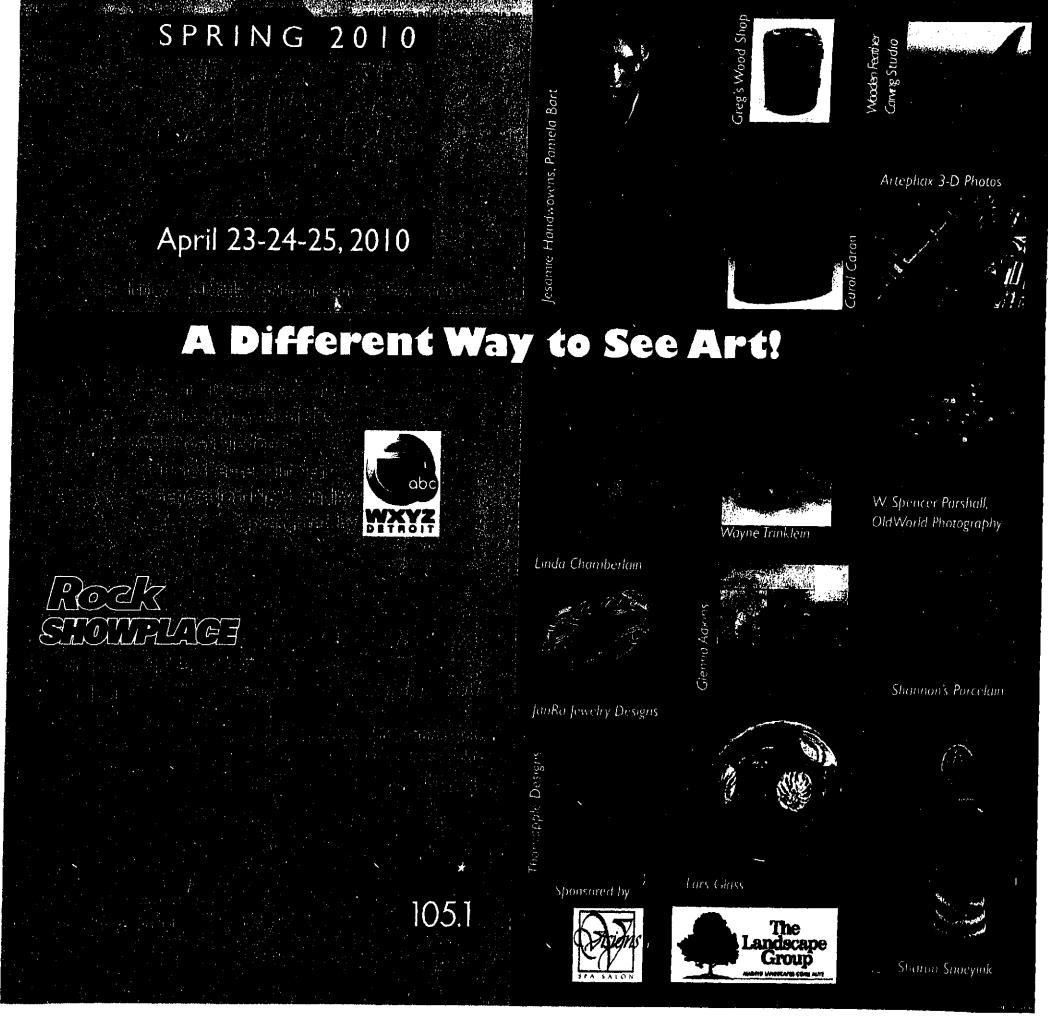


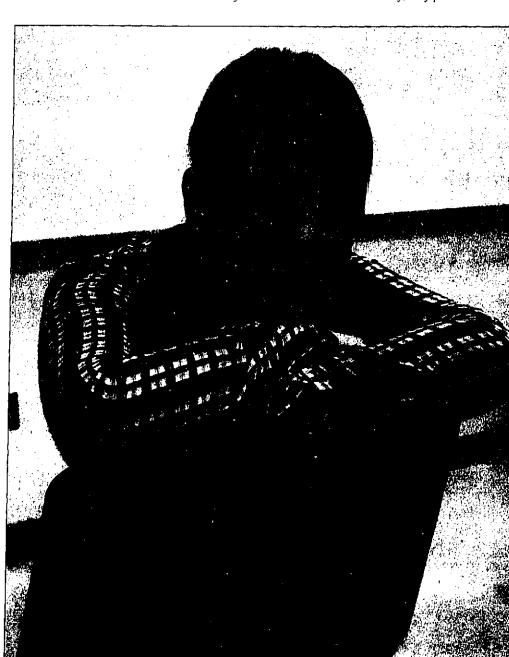
Junior Dewayne Mems performs with The Concert Choir performs "Beautiful December" for students. "The seminar show was a lot of fun," junior Carolyn Nagle said, Juniors Brianna Blossfield and Marissa Nussio, and senior Amelia Angelosanto the Novi Singers during the December because it gave the choirs a chance to show our friends how hard we work at what we love to do." The entire choir was unified by watch Don Daniels waiting for the cue to begin. Over the seminar period, each of the seminar show which promoted their black shirts of their choice and identical blue scaryes.



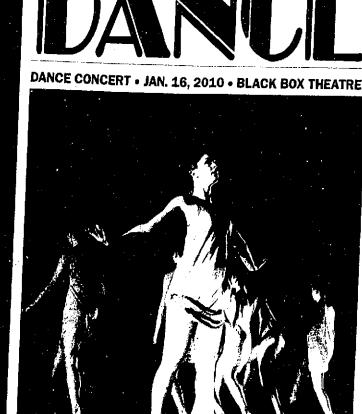








Laura poses with her favorite music assistant, the music stand. The stand helps keep your hands free when it's time to conduct, which Laura does for the Novi Singers as needed.

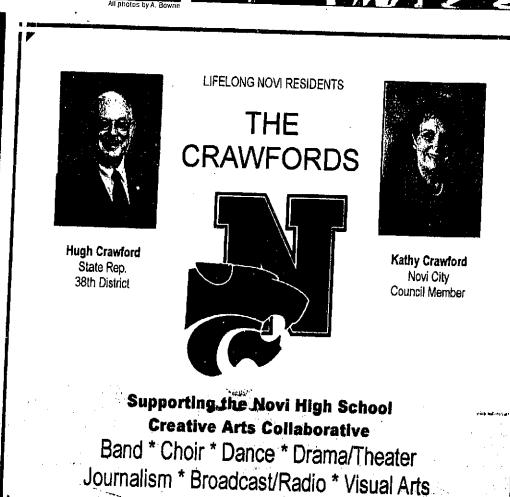


Above: Senior Danielle
Sheppard (center) leans on
other dancers in "Satellite"
during the winter dance concert. "All of our dancers were
in groups, forming circles.
'Satellite' was an upbeat,
contemporary dance,"
Sheppard said.

Above Right: Sophomore Katherine Ferriss performs in "Fear of Fours." "It was one of the longest dances," Ferriss said. "We used all four corners of [the stage] and we had four color costumes. I had a lot of fun on stage and off, overall the concert was really fun."

Right: Junior Emma Young performs in the spot light during the concert Jan. 16.
"Our dance was called '3 a.m.' and I decided to join this dance because I choreographed some if it myself," Young said. "It's different style than the other dances; it's more contemporary."





Brian and Lori Burke, owners of

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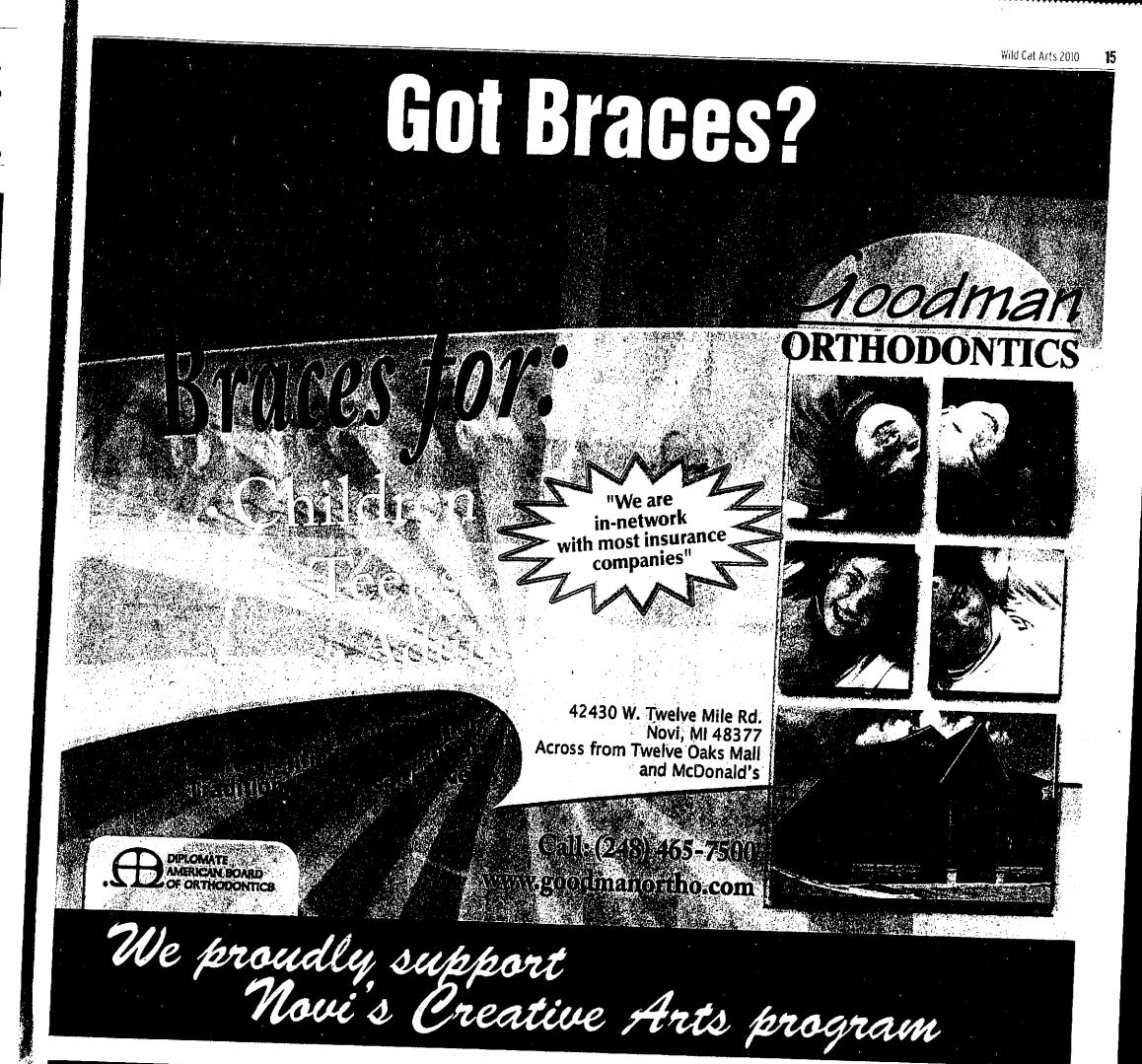
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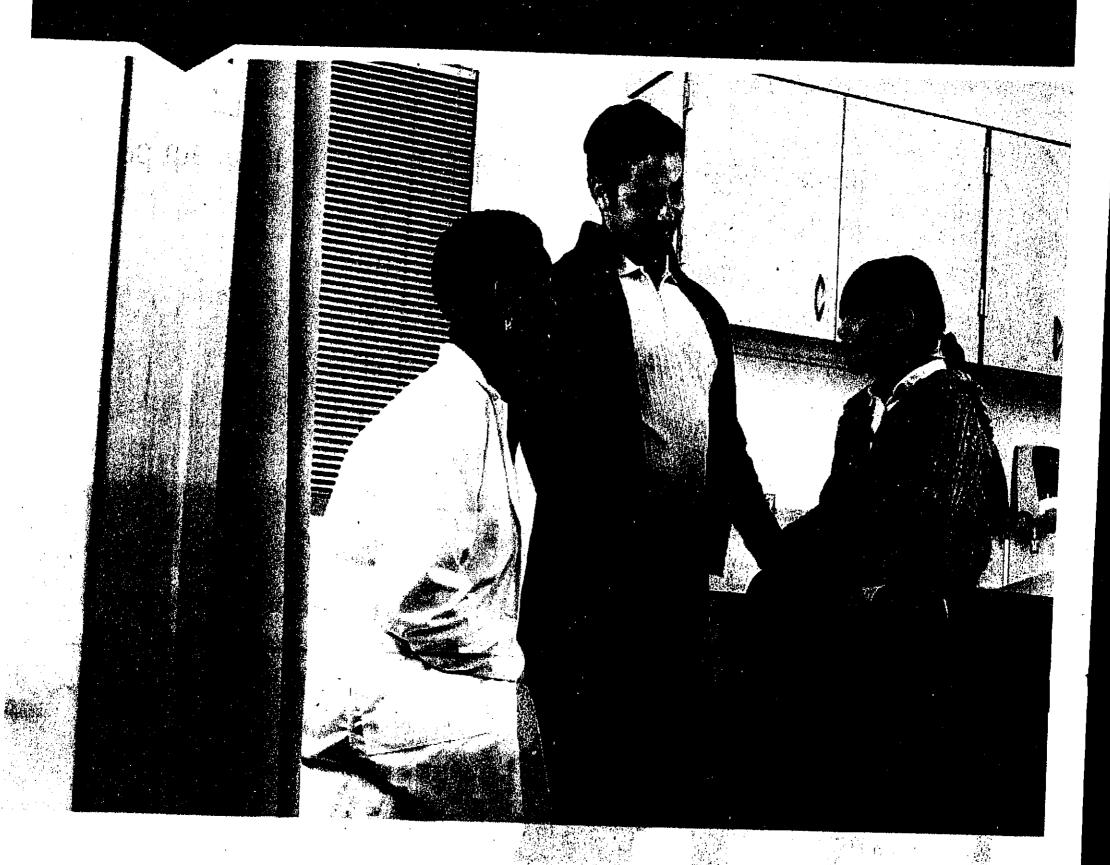
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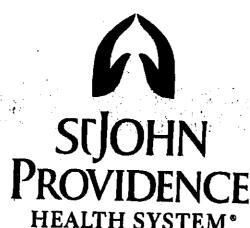
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