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for cancer research and scholarships. Four \$3,000 scholarships are given to a student at South Lyon High School, Novi High School, Novi Catholic Central and at a school in Richmond, Ind., Andrea's hometown.

The scholarships are intended for students who have overcome big obstacles in their lives.

"It's amazing how many heart-warming stories you hear," O'Connell said.

The fund-raising goal for this year's event is \$50,000, and O'Connell said he has been "amazed by the generosity and attitude people have had about giving" over the years.

Two of Andrea's three children, Gabrielle and Olivia, will be participating in the runs, while Tyler will be assisting runners during the event. All three attend South Lyon schools and the Millennium Middle School choir will be singing the National Anthem.

There are five different events people can participate in: the Heroes Run, a 10-mile run, Cheetah Run, a 10K or 5K, Cheetah Walk, a 5K walk, or the Kids' 10-miler, for kids who have logged nine miles before the race and get to run their last mile on race day.

People can register online until the day before the race at www.livelikeandl.org. For more information, call (248) 789-4259.



It's hip to be square

Artists has a fun and interesting new fundraiser called the Squares Project. Local residents and business owners can purchase a square to have their face included with many others to support art in Novi. Purchase a square for \$30 or two for \$50 e-mail a few photos to artsnovi@yahoo.com. Proceeds go to ArtsNovi to help promote local artists, live music, public art and scholarships for Novi art/music students. Contact artsnovi@yahoo.com. Finished artwork will be a large canvas and will be displayed at the Novi Civic Center along with local artists work from Aug. 6-Sept. 20. The Squares will be at the Novi Library and the Fall Great Lakes Art Fair.

BARONETTE
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New artwork adorns the walls, as the hotel features work from 10 Michigan artists. Each artist created sculptures or paintings inspired by Detroit's history.

"You won't find any of this art work anywhere else," said Mike Waun, director of sales.

Wickens said he understands why some people may question the reason behind the "several million dollars" worth of renovations during a struggling time for the hospitality industry, but his answer is simple.

"We thought it was a great time because business was slow and we could put people to work," he said.

Several of the contractors for the project were Michigan-based, and the hotel even added 100 new staff members.

By partnering with Marriott, the once-independent hotel can take advantage of the Internet and its impact on traveling, Wickens said.

Marriott has the seventh-largest revenue producing Web site in the world, and its points program is the largest.

Also upgrades now, Wickens said, better prepares them for when the market turns around.

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The package can be booked by calling (800) 395-9009 or visiting www.marriott.com/dtwn and entering the promotion code "ER5."



Baronette Renaissance co-owners Pete Hinz, left, and Stephen Wickens shake hands in the hotel's new lobby.

SURVEYS
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The survey was taken by students, parents, community members, parents of Novi graduates, teachers, administrators support staff and others.

Questions ranged from the elementary level of staffing issues and school of choice/shared services.

One of the consensus reached on the survey was that people do not want to see class sizes increased at the elementary schools, Novi Meadows or at the middle school.

They were in favor of increasing the class size average at the high school, however, but against increasing the size minimum.

An overwhelming number of people (1,206-340) were in favor of half-day kindergarten, and at the elementary and Meadows level people were slightly in favor of eliminating gym (766-759).

Reworking instructional services at all levels of education was a must, and results also showed that people wanted to eliminate the enrichment and seven-period schedule at the middle school (1,071-431).

At the high school, the popular vote was to restructure department head responsibilities (952-577), but not to increase online learning (893-642).

A hot button issue for many people was transportation, and the majority were against eliminating all buses except for the state mandated ones (1,397-193). People were in favor of eliminating all high school buses though (866-724).

Eliminating or cutting athletics also was not an option for those surveyed. The results were close on increasing pay-to-participate fees to cover 50 percent of fees, but still people did not like the idea.

One area everyone surveyed seem to agree on was in regards to staffing issues. The majority were for reducing staff wages 1-5 percent (1,443-425), reducing benefits (1,428-446), restructuring compensation (1,456-383) and developing furlough days (1,484-376).

People also were against allowing non-residents to attend Novi schools (1,073-535) or allowing them into specialized programs (1,008-568). They were in favor of sharing or consolidating non-instructional services with neighboring districts.

Credit said knowing how bad the economy had deteriorated they wanted to "cast a wider net" to involve more people in the process and expects that to continue in the future. She also is hopeful people have a better understanding of the budget and process.

"We are going to take a hard look at what people's opinions are," Glubzinski said.

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Novi Theatres and Andiamo team up

'Masquerade and Murder' performance begins Friday

The Novi Theatres is again partnering with Andiamo Restaurant and Theatre for a night of dinner, laughs and intrigue with "Masquerade and Murder" - a murder mystery dinner theatre performance.

"Novi Theatres is excited to return to Andiamo for another murder mystery dinner theatre partnership, following last fall's success of 'The Mobfather,'" says Lauren Sorrentino, performing arts coordinator for the City of Novi. "The theatre is perfect for murder mystery dinner theatre.

The performance and dinner will be presented in union in the Andiamo Novi Theatre space, formerly The Second City. "Masquerade and Murder" is the story of a wealthy heiress throwing a weekend party at her estate to display the jewels of an even wealthier heiress. Everyone is a guest at the party and when a murder occurs, no one is safe from suspicion. Attendees will mingle with the accused party guests during dinner and make guesses as to who did it.

Also included in the evening's festivities will be a silent auction hosted by the Friends of Novi Theatres. Before and during dinner bid on prizes including tickets to sporting events, jewelry and artwork. The silent auction winners will be announced at the end of the show.

"Masquerade and Murder" stars Rhonda Engelter, Patty Yikka, Bruce Markham, Alisha Martin, Greg Sorrentino and Megan Wright, all of Novi.



DETAILS

Performances:
 Friday, April 23, 7 p.m., \$35
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 Ticket price includes dinner, soft drinks and show. Cash bar available.

General admission seating. Tickets can be purchased online at cityofnovi.org or at the Novi Parks box office. All performances will be held at the Andiamo Restaurant and Theatre, located at 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi.

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Middle school students put math skills to the test

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Apurva Shrivastava (middle) and Raj Raina (right) stand with Novi Middle School teacher and Math Club leader Lynn Serenson. The two eighth-graders are heading to Orlando, Fla., in May to compete in a national math competition.

Novi Middle School students Raj Raina and Apurva Shrivastava have filled their rooms with trophies and plaques they earned at math competitions throughout the year.

But one trophy, the toughest trophy to win, still is up for grabs.

It's the trophy awarded to the winner of the 2010 Raytheon MATHCOUNTS National Competition in Orlando, Fla., on May 6, where the two teens will compete against some of the top students in the nation.

Both are ramping up their studying efforts as the competition approaches and want to represent their state and school well.

"I'm not going to say I have a goal, but I just don't want to make any stupid mistakes," Shrivastava said.

Mistakes have been rare for the two eighth-graders throughout their run to the national

competition, and teacher/Math Club leader Lynn Serenson noted that their work ethic has been key to their success. The two also are pre-calculus students at Novi High School.

"It's just inspiring to watch them be so excited about math," she said.

The key to winning the competition is not only accuracy but speed. Each round is timed and some rounds allow a calculator while other rounds do not.

"It's really nerve-wracking but a lot of fun," Raina said. "You learn to work through pressure."

Shrivastava said his trip to nationals was "completely unexpected," and says it is "fun competing against other kids who are good in math."

"It feels like you have achieved something," he said. "And I have learned a lot under time pressure and improved my studying skills."

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NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

Novi High School Senior All Night Party

Putting on a Senior All Night Party requires many volunteers and many funds. Organizers still need people to help set up on June 4, work the night of the party June 5 - games, raffle, security, food - and to help tear down and clean up.

Decorations will be moved to the high school on Thursday, June 3 starting in the afternoon at the decorations site. Set-up will begin at 2 p.m. on Friday, June 4. To volunteer, click on the volunteer form at the Senior All Night Party website at www.novi.k12.mi.us/parentscomm/orgs/WebPages/SeniorParty.aspx.

Organizers are also in need of donations for the raffle. If you own a business that is willing to make a monetary donation or a raffle donation, please contact the party chairperson at the Web site listed above. Donations will also be accepted from individual families.

C.A.R.E. now open

Registration for Novi Community Education's Summer Child C.A.R.E. is now open for all Novi residents ages preschool through eighth grade. The program begins Thursday, June 24 and ends Wednesday, August 25.

Hours of operation are 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Students will be placed in age appropriate groups and will participate in crafts, sports, field trips, games and free play. This year's location will be at Village Oaks Elementary School.

Lunch and snack are included (except on field trips days). "Call of the Wild" is the theme of this year's program, and students can look forward to plenty of fun-filled activities including Wildlife safaris, skating, water parks, and arcade games.

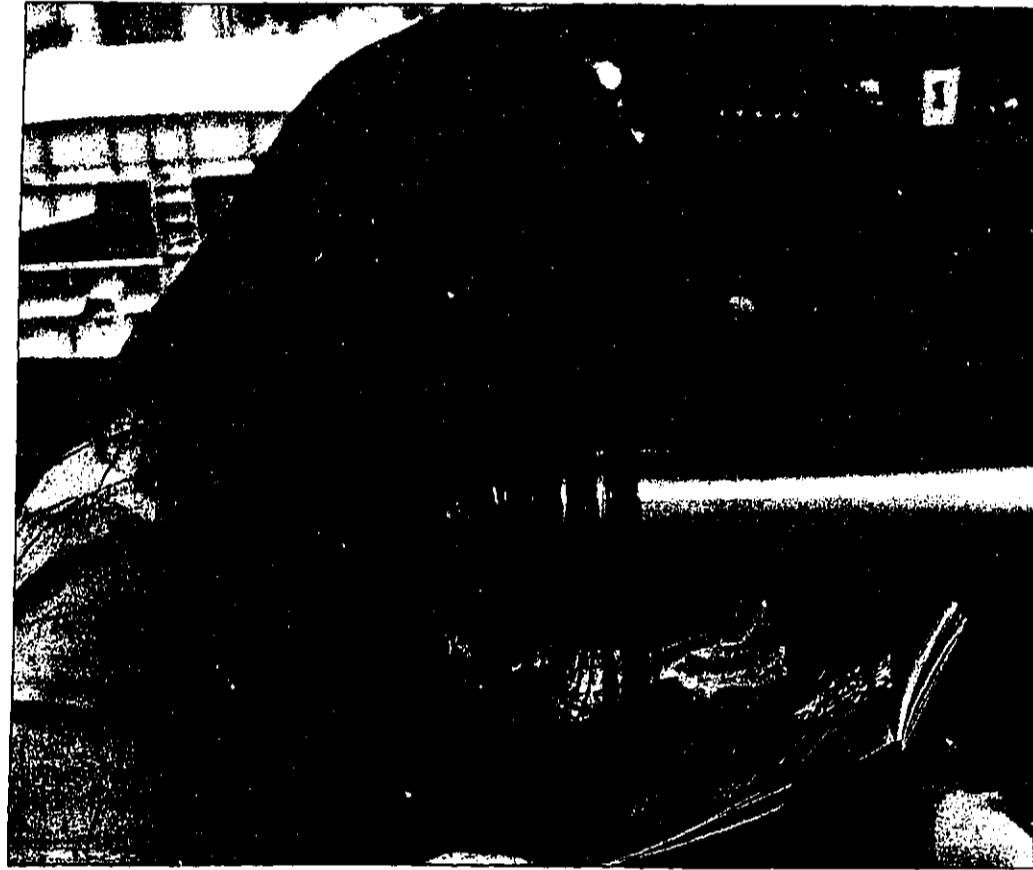
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Reading is fun-damental

Parkview Elementary School student Aiyana Smith (above) takes a look at some reading material during the school's book fair on March 17, as part of its March is Reading Month celebrations. Deerfield Elementary third-grader Elyse Angus (left) takes a look at a book on King Tut during the school's book fair on March 17. Angus said that she was "really into Egyptians" and wished she'd been one because she'd have access to a lot of gold and jewels.



History comes to life

Standing in a box labeled "Froot Loops" Deerfield Elementary student Emma Hixson (left) relates a story about the physician/cereal maker that make Kalamazoo famous: Dr. Harvey Kellogg during the school's March 17th wax museum. David Verellen (right), dressed as Great Lakes' explorer Robert LaSalle, seems lost in thought as he waits for the next time he can relate his informative monologue during Deerfield Elementary's March 17th "wax museum."

Engineering experience

Novi High School students Matt Ao (left) and Trevor Patterson during the fifth annual Engineering/Computer Science Experience competition at UM-Dearborn March 27 inside the campus' Institute for Advanced Vehicle Systems building. The highlight of the day was a competition for scholarships and cash prizes in an engineering, computer programming or Web design competition. The top prize in each category was a \$2,000 partial tuition scholarship to UM-Dearborn's College of Engineering and Computer Science or \$500 cash. In addition, participants met current UM-Dearborn engineering students and alumni, view projects such as award-winning cars and robots, and learn about the university's engineering programs.

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Age 80, passed away peacefully April 18, 2010. Beloved husband of 49 years to Agnes Louise. Loving father of Susan (Andrew) Magic and Karen (John) North. Dear grandfather to Kevin (Lillian) Magic, Kenneth (Mary) Keith Magic, and Sean North. Raymond is also survived by his siblings William (the late Lois) Collins, Mary Jane (the late Joseph) Piskiric, Joann (Alfred) Zaleski and many loving nieces, nephews, and friends. Raymond was co-owner of Collins & Tison Construction for 19 years and owner of Motor City Sign Company in Detroit for 25 years. He was an original member of the Iron Mustang Motorcycle Club from 1945-1951; he loved motorcycles, racers, and airplanes. Visitation will be held Thursday, April 22 from 1-8pm at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 59255 10 Mile Road, South Lyon. The funeral mass will be held Friday, April 23 at 11am, starting at 10:30am at St. Joseph Catholic Church 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48150.

GERALD L. HERRIMAN (JERRY)
Age 82, of White Lake, MI, died Monday, April 12, 2010 at the University of Colorado Hospital in Denver. Jerry was born in Detroit, MI on December 18, 1927, to Clarence J. and Gladys E. (Latham) Herriman. He attended Cass Technical High School in Detroit, leaving after his junior year to enter the US Navy on June 19, 1945. He received training at Great Lakes, IL and was shipped overseas in September 1945. He was stationed at Naval Advance Base Unit 13, Shanghai, China. He was honorably discharged on August 16, 1946. He completed his high school education in 1947 in Tawas City, MI and attended the freshman year at the University of MI. He began work in water treatment as a civilian employee at Wurtsmith AFB in Oscoda in the spring of 1951, and in June he married Joyce Laska. Their first child, Diana, was born in September of 1952. Four years later, the family moved to Chateaufort, France, where Jerry was employed at La Martinerie, a large supply depot for the USAF in Europe. A second daughter, Rebecca, was born on November 6, 1957. The family returned to the US in September 1960. Gerald began classes at Michigan Technological University, and on Christmas Day 2009, Robert was born. After a year, Jerry chose to return to the work force. He found a position at Walker AFB in Rosewell, NM, and the family moved there in the fall of 1961. In 1967, the government closed Walker and Jerry found employment as Superintendent of the City of Warren's Advanced Waste Water Treatment Plant. He worked for the city of Warren until his retirement in 1988. In 1997, Joyce and Jerry relocated to a new home on Midway Lake in White Lake, MI. Jerry was an active member of the Warren and Midford Rotary Clubs; First United Methodist Church of Warren and Presbyterian Church of Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG); and Michigan Water Environment Association (MWEA). Throughout his many years of service to SEMCOG and MWEA, he chaired and served on numerous committees in water quality and wastewater treatment. At the time of his death, he served on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry with the Presbytery of Detroit. In his public life, Jerry was an exemplar of the Rotary motto - "Service Above Self." His natural leadership style was based on good example rather than power of office. From his retirement in the Navy in the mid 1970s to his long service with SEMCOG, his faithful service to the Midford Rotary Club for whom he served as unofficial director of communications by establishing email correspondence and web-based newsletters, Jerry never sought high office or honor. He simply brought his hard work and great abilities to bear on whatever job needed doing next. He was a team player not a grandstander. In his family life he lived by the great commandment of his faith, "Love One Another." Gerald is survived by his wife Joyce (Isola) Herriman, two daughters, Diana (Thomas) and one sister Marjorie (Gene) Morrison of Englewood, FL. Surviving grandchildren are: Elizabeth (Dan) Mathews, Katherine (Joe) Schaefer, Angela (Ryan) Reynolds, Deborah (Chris) Lucksted, and Rachel and Madeline Franchack, along with many cousins, nieces, and nephews and many dear friends and associates who join with Jerry's family in grieving the death of our noble, amiable, very good man and giving thanks to God for his life among them. A Memorial Service will be held at Midford Presbyterian Church, 236 N. Main Street, Milford, on Thursday, April 22nd at 11 AM. The Reverend Deborah V. Kerr will officiate. Memorials may be made to the Midford Rotary Club or Midford Presbyterian Church. For further information please call Lynch & Sons at 248-684-6645 or visit: www.lynychfuneraldirectors.com

JAMES HUBERT FLEMING
Of Highland, April 15, 2010. Veterans Services were held at Lynch & Sons, Milford on Tuesday, April 20, 2010. Memorials may be made in his name to the Highland Twp. Fire Department. For further information please phone: 248-684-6645 or visit: www.lynychfuneraldirectors.com

LARRY GIBSON
Age 68, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Larry passed away April 15, 2010 at home after a hard fought, 14 year battle with prostate cancer. He is survived by his wife Cynthia; his son, Benjamin; his step children, Gabriel and Cecilia; his grandchildren, Olivia, Solbi and Alessio; his brother, Dennis Gibson and Jo Ann Walker. Larry graduated from South Lyon High School and Eastern Michigan University, with a degree in elementary education. He was a substitute teacher before working at the South Lyon Post Office until his retirement. Larry dedicated his life to family and friends. He was brave, strong and compassionate man; his grandchildren adored him (and always will). His humor continued through the trying times of illness, in remembrance of Larry tell a funny joke or story and make someone laugh. In Larry's words, "I had a good run. Memorial Contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society or the Salvation Army. A memorial service for Larry will be held Sunday, April 25, 5pm at Weber's Restaurant, 3050 Jackson Ave., Ann Arbor, MI. www.lynychfuneraldirectors.com

SAMUEL G. HANLEY
April 14, 2010. Age 67. Husband of Jean. Funeral was April 17 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Memorials to Capuchin Soup Kitchen or Michigan Human Society. Online condolences www.obituarieshometownlife.com

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Deadline: Tuesday at 10 am for Thursday obituaries
Obituaries received after these deadlines will be placed in the next available issue.

JEFFREY ALLEN MORRIS
Age 35, passed away April 14, 2010. A funeral service was held on April 19th, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. View online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

FREDERICK HOOPS
April 8, 2010. Age 70. Memorial service April 24 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home. Visitation before the service at 1 pm and after the service until 5 pm. Donations may be made to the Midford Presbyterian Church, 236 N. Main Street, Milford, on Thursday, April 22nd at 11 AM. The Reverend Deborah V. Kerr will officiate. Memorials may be made to the Midford Rotary Club or Midford Presbyterian Church. For further information please call Lynch & Sons at 248-684-6645 or visit: www.lynychfuneraldirectors.com

CHARLES "STAN" MOURIGAN
Age 88, April 17, 2010. Funeral was Wed., April 21 at St. Colette Church, Livonia. Donations may be made to the Father Solanus Guild or St. John Hospice. For online condolences www.obituarieshometownlife.com



The Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America had its annual open house on April 15. Located at off Grand River Avenue in Novi, the group advocates through the state legislature and other governmental bodies to help those who have served in the U.S. armed forces and now have spinal cord injuries or diseases.

Paralyzed veterans thankful for support



Organization eyes continued success

BY NATHAN MULLER
STAFF WRITER
It's rare that the main goal of an organization is to go out of business. But that is exactly what Kevin Elya hopes is going to happen to the Michigan chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America. "Our hope is that one day there will be a cure for spinal cord injuries and diseases and we will not be needed anymore," the chapter president of seven years said. In the meantime, the non-profit organization is going to continue to do what it does best - advocate for veterans and others with spinal cord injuries or diseases and ensure they get the benefits they are entitled to. The chapter has served Michigan for 48 years, including the last 15 from Novi. Membership has increased to more than 550 members, and several were on hand last Thursday for the chapter's annual open house.

The open houses is part of Paralyzed Veterans Awareness Week, celebrating 64 years of service to veterans, and included several vendors showing off some of their newest products. Novi Mayor David Landry talks with Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America executive director Michael Harris, right, and his president Kevin Elya during their annual open house on April 15.



Cheer for the hometown read today's Sports

Novi Mayor David Landry talks with Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America executive director Michael Harris, right, and his president Kevin Elya during their annual open house on April 15.

In Loving Memory

...this Mother's Day

Remember the mother you have lost by placing a special holiday remembrance tribute.

The Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Weekly Newspapers will be publishing a special "In Remembrance" page for Mother's Day 2010. Here's the perfect opportunity to honor the memory and celebrate the life of your beloved mother who holds a special place in your heart.

Prices start at **\$15.00** for a photo "In Remembrance" ad

Publication Dates:
Sunday, May 9th...in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers
Thursday, May 6th...in the Hometown Weekly Newspapers

Deadline for both issues: Friday, April 30th

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Church of the Holy Family
Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamily-novi.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, Sunday, Friday; 7:30 a.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 of 13 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointe-meadows.org
Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.
Bible Study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.
Detroit First Church of the Nazarene
Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-7600 or visit dca-nazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service.

Children's program, Youth Worship Service
Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5, 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study, 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study
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-center.org
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
Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchofthe-holycross.com
Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m.
Worship Service
Alzheimer's Support Group
Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month
Faith Community Presbyterian
Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road
Please see EVENTS, A14

Your Invitation to Worship

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| Brighton LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH 5955 Pleasant Road, Brighton, MI 48114 910-227-3113 9:30 a.m. Communion Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School Rev. Dale Hodball, Pastor www.lordoflife.org | Milford CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH 1333 Oldfield St., Milford, MI 48150 910-227-3113 9:30 a.m. Communion Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School Rev. Dale Hodball, Pastor www.lordoflife.org | Novi GOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 9 Mile & Meadowbrook Windsor Ev. Lutheran Synod Sunday School & Adult Bible Class will resume September 13 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m., Monday 7:00 p.m. Thomas E. Schroeder, Pastor - 348-0565 | Novi NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 4187 W. Ten Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48375 Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m. Rev. John M. Smith, Pastor 248-349-2852 www.umcnovi.org |
| Farmington Hills HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL 6101-231-9199 F. John Riccio, Pastor Weekend Liturgies Saturday 4:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Mass also offered at 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. | Milford FIRST BAPTIST OF MILFORD 1333 Oldfield St., Milford, MI 48150 Pastor Steve Swartz Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Youth & Adult Group: 6:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday 6:45-8:15 p.m. Worship for 3 yrs. old - 12th grade Middle School Church | Novi ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH 46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374 Sunday 8:00 p.m. Saturday 8:00 a.m. Rev. Peter Mendes Parish Office: 347-7775 | Novi CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375 Weekend Hours Saturday 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. Fr. Timothy Hogan, Pastor Rev. Peter Mendes Parish Office: 348-8847 • www.holyfamily-novi.org |
| Highland HIGHLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH 2350 Hurley Lake Rd., (248) 967-4550 Contemporary Service 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., Sunday Men's Bible Study & Breakfast: 1st & 4th Saturdays at 10 a.m. 3rd-5th Grade Youth Sundays 7-8 p.m. Pastor Nick Ruff | Novi WEST HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH 11165 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48330 248-887-1218 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Bible Ministries 11:00 a.m. Wednesday All Ages 7:00 p.m. | Novi FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, MI 48375-2345 Contemporary Worship Service 10:30 a.m. www.faithcommunity-novi.org WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM Children, Youth and Adult Ministries | Novi HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL 40700 W. Ten Mile Rd. • 248-427-1175 Sunday Worship 7:45 am & 10 am Healing Service Wednesday 11:45 am Rev. Ann Webber, Pastor holycrossnovi.org |
| Highland HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 680 W. Livingston Rd. • Highland, MI 48357 248-887-1311 • www.myumc.com Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. Kids Church 8:45 & 10:00 a.m. Youth Night - Wed. 8:45 - 8:00 p.m. Pastor: Dennis Miller 888-7283 or 487-4868 | Novi MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1228 N. Main Street, Milford, MI (248) 684-2805 Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. Nursery Care available 9:00-10:30 a.m. Rev. John Harris, Pastor A heritage of good worship since 1835 | Novi MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 21355 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi MI 48375 248-248-7757 • www.mbccongregational.org Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister | Novi OAK POINTE CHURCH 52000 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi Saturday Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Casual, contemporary service Phone (248) 912-0943 www.oakpointe.org |
| New Hudson NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP 120 Bishop St., Highland off Millard Rd., 2.7 miles N of M-59 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Wed. 7:00 p.m. Pastor: Danny Melton 888-7283 or 487-4868 | Novi NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation 5765 Gray River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48155 Phone 248-419-0108 Sunday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.m. Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister Website: http://www.newhopeuu.org | Novi FELLOWSHIP EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 22200 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon, MI 48178 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Refuel Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Youth at 6:30 p.m. Rev. David Brown, Pastor 248-437-2222 • www.felpebpc.org | Novi CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH 28900 Pontiac Trail just south of Silver Lake Rd. Contemporary Worship, Bible-Based Messages Saturday Service 6:00 PM Sunday Services 9:30 & 11 AM 248-686-4400 • www.crossroadscc.org |
| Northville NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN Expansive Life • Each Week Sunday School - 9:00 am & 10:15 am Sunday School and Children's Programs www.northvillechristian.org 41955 Six Mile Road 248-348-9030 | Novi FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE (248) 349-1144 8 Mile & Toll Roads Worship: 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. Rev. Dr. David Buc www.firchnorthville.org | Novi THE Church of Christ 21800 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178 248-437-2855 • www.churchofchrist.org 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m. Rob Callcott, Pastor | Novi FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 840 S. Lafayette St. • South Lyon, MI 48178 437-6760 Sunday Worship: 8:15 am, and 11:00 am. Sunday School 8:40 a.m. Nursery Provided Reverend Sandra Wilbore southlyonumc.org |
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| White Lake WHITE LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 4002 Highway 16, (between Royal Lk & Howard Hts) (248) 687-4404 Dorothy V. Kerr, Pastor Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Children's Church 10:30 a.m. Single Men Ministry - Thurs, 7:30 p.m. Rev. Dr. David Brown, Pastor *The Friendly Church - Established 1835 | White Lake FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 200 E. Main St. at Howell (248) 349-0111 Worship & Church School: 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Children's Activities at All Services Youth Group: 7:00-9:00 p.m. (ages 12-18) Single Men Ministry - Thurs, 7:30 p.m. Rev. James F. Russell, Associate Pastor Rev. James F. Russell, Associate Pastor | White Lake ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH A small but active and friendly church 674 S. Sheldon Rd. • Plymouth, MI 48170 734-493-0190 Services on Sunday mornings at: 7:30 a.m. (Catholic - traditional liturgical music) 8:00 a.m. (Episcopal - contemporary music) 11:00 a.m. (Ecumenical with traditional music) | White Lake CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH 29500 Wixom Rd., Wixom, MI 48393 8:00 a.m. - Sunday School 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Rev. Kenneth Warren - 248-431-2021 www.cpcnovi.com |
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Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One



Luck of the Irish

Catholic Central Dads' Club congratulates David Gossage of Hillsdale and Maureen King of Livonia as the 2010 winners of the St. Patrick's Day Ireland Raffle. Catholic Central Dads' Club raises money each year by holding the St. Patrick's Day Ireland Raffle. The money is used for supporting the band, athletic teams and purchasing items for the school.

Program to help parents ID drug, alcohol use

Interactive workshop scheduled for St. James Church shows warning signs

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Danielle Bastianelli thought she was being a strict parent by staying on top of everything her child did.

She randomly stopped by school and checked the back room for any indications of drug use.

Still, she missed something. And now the mother of a recovering addict does not want other parents to go through the same experience.

That is why Novi Youth Assistance, which Bastianelli volunteers for, is bringing in St. Joseph Mercy Health

System to give a presentation titled "Drugs 101: What parents need to know" at 6:30 p.m. on April 29 at St. James Catholic Church in Novi. "It's very eye-opening and tells you what to look out for as a parent," she said. "The things we think may be innocuous are things we should be paying attention to."

The 90-minute presentation features the mock bedroom of a teenager with various drug and alcohol related paraphernalia placed throughout the room. Participants will be asked to find the items, and the presenters will explain how some children hide their

drug and alcohol use. Bastianelli said she didn't know she needed to look in ceiling tiles and plumbing pipes, and has found companies on the Internet that create deceptive looking products.

The goal with the presentation is to not only educate parents, but also to hopefully break the stigma that parents cannot talk to other parents. "If we would talk to each other it would help us keep educating each other because it is constantly changing and evolving," Bastianelli said. "I don't think parents are in denial. They do know, but maybe they are afraid to find out what it is they do not know."

The program is being run in partnership with the Novi police and fire departments, and is being paid for

with drug forfeiture funds. Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Molloy said he believes prevention is the best way to combat the problem, and credits the community for getting behind the presentation.

"This is all possible because there is a concerned group of parents in our community that want to educate other parents," he said. "That is a testament to Novi that these people are donating their own time because they have the passion to help and educate."

Parents can pre-register for the program, which ensures they receive an information packet to take home, by calling (734) 398-7318. Non-Novi residents also are invited to attend.

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Art meets autos at Rock this weekend

The art world meets the automotive world in April at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi as the venue plays host to the Great Lakes Art Fair and RM Auctions annual Classic Car Auction of Michigan event Friday-Sunday.

The annual Spring Great Lakes Art Fair offers patrons of the arts a unique opportunity to experience over 200 of the region's finest artists and craftspeople in a single, upscale, indoor location. The Spring Great Lakes Art Fair combines exclusive and desirable works from local, regional and national artists and craftspeople with a charming village marketplace setting, seasonal motif, luxurious on-site spa treatments and café with delicious light fare.

Admission is \$7, parking is free. Details and discount coupons for entry are available at www.greatlakesartfair.com. Saturday and Sunday admission also includes single day entry to RM Classic Car Auction, also at the Rock Financial Showplace.

The R.M. sale, which is regarded as the Midwest's largest indoor automobile auction, will also attract those with a love and appreciation for design - automotive design. Scheduled to kick off with an afternoon preview on Friday, April 23 - followed by two days of auction action on Saturday, April 24 and Sunday, April 25 -- the annual RM sale will present over 300 collector cars. With a strong emphasis on American-built automobiles, this year's offering will

span over 100 years of automotive history with cars from all eras up for bids.

Included in the line-up is an abundance of top quality American classics and Detroit muscle. In addition to the automobiles, the event will also offer a large assortment of vintage memorabilia, sure to enhance any collection of classic cars.

Admission to the auction is \$10 for one-day entry or \$15 for a weekend pass and includes entry to the Great Lakes Art Fair. More information is available at www.rmuctions.com or by calling (734) 647-6200.

"This year's event line-up will again showcase a great range of automotive history, much of which can be traced back to its origins here in the Midwest," says Ken Wallace, car specialist and manager of RM's Ypsilanti Office.

Highlights for the sale include a wonderfully restored 1938 Buick Century Estate Wagon, a 1963 AMC Rambler Coupe, previously owned by former Michigan Governor George Romney, and a striking, one-of-a-kind 1990 Tressaire Hard Top Convertible Concept Car. Powered by a John Lingenfelter Chevrolet V6 with over 400 horsepower, the Tressaire concept was built by Cars & Concepts and displayed at the 1990 North American International Auto Show, as well as "Eyes on Design" held at Edsel and Eleanor Ford House. It remains the only convertible where the glass top can be opened at any speed.



He's got talent

Novi High School sophomore Frankie Mastrangelo was one of 15 finalists in last Saturday's "Got Talent?" competition at Hillford High School Center for Performing Arts. Mastrangelo won the crowd with his performance of his original song, "The Moment," which he said was inspired by his girlfriend. "Anything that changes your life can inspire," Mastrangelo said. He said participating in "Got Talent?" was "really fun," and though he was nervous at first he said "everyone involved in it was really cool." Mastrangelo said he plans to continue writing songs, and "whenever that takes me is where I'll be." "Got Talent?" was open to youth with a tie to the K-12, offering a professional competitive experience. It was presented by the Huron Valley Council for the Arts and Huron Valley Recreation and Community Education. This year's top prize, \$1,000, went to dancer Audrey Beaumarchais of Lakeland High School.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2010-11 BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED CITY 2010-11 BUDGET at the Regular Meeting of Council to be held on MONDAY, MAY 3, 2010. Said hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the same may be reached, at the Novi Civic Center, Council Chamber, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan.

Interested citizens may appear and present written and/or verbal comments on the proposed budget.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

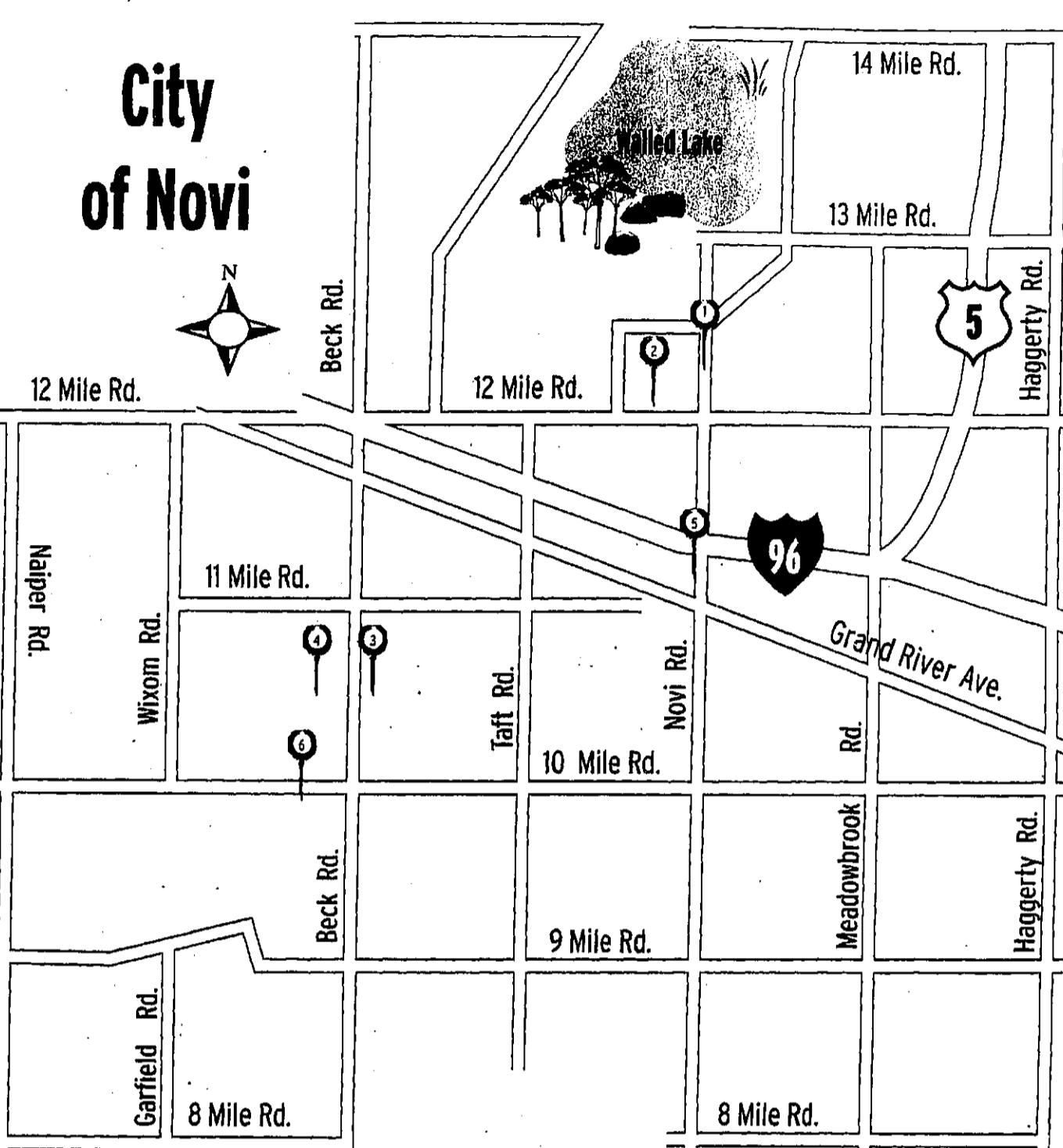
A copy of the proposed 2010-11 budget is currently available at the Novi Civic Center, Office of the City Clerk for public inspection, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

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PUBLIC SAFETY

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS



Drunk driver stopped

A 39-year-old Novi man was arrested at 1:41 a.m. on April 15 for drunk driving after being stopped for speeding on Novi Road, north of Twelve Mile Road.

An officer in the area used his radar device to track the vehicle traveling 51 miles per hour in a 40 mph zone. When he approached the vehicle he could smell a strong odor of intoxicants, and the driver said he had not been drinking but the passenger in the vehicle had been. The officer returned to his patrol car for a routine computer check and when he returned, the suspect changed his story and admitted to having three beers.

He failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .17 percent. The legal limit for drivers in Michigan is .08 percent. The man was arrested, transported to the Novi Police Department and issued a citation for operating while intoxicated. He was released when sober and after posting \$100 bond.

Truck window smashed

A woman had the driver's side front window of her Dodge Ram broken between 7 p.m. and 11:20 p.m. on April 13 while it was parked in the west parking lot of Engine Theater. She said she noticed the damage after work, and nothing appeared to be missing from the truck. She said the subjects may have thought that the empty liquor bottles in the back seat were full. Police have no suspects at this time.

Car broken into overnight

A Novi man had his Saturn broken into overnight on April 18 while it was parked in the driveway of his home on Cider Mill Road.

The driver's side rear window was smashed to gain access to the vehicle, but nothing was taken. The man said he did not notice damage to the car when a guest left that night, and his car alarm was going off following the broken window. He said his car was broken into several months ago and a GPS was

stolen.

A large black bag remained on the passenger seat, filled with books.

Thief snatches iPod

A Novi woman had her Apple i-Touch stolen from a black Monte Carlo overnight on April 18 while it was parked in the driveway of a home on Nantucket Drive. The woman said she did not notice the driver's side window was smashed when she woke up the next morning and the i-Touch was gone. It is valued at \$300.

Man arrested for drunk driving

Novi police arrested a man for operating while intoxicated at 4:18 a.m. on April 18 in the area of Novi Road and Fonda after a police officer observed his vehicle traveling without headlights. According to the police report, the man admitted to having a couple drinks and failed field sobriety tests. A preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .086 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers is .08 percent. While in booking the man told police he had smoked a joint about two hours ago and agreed to take a blood test. The man also had an outstanding warrant out of Wayne County, and he was held at the Novi Police Department until he could be picked up by the Wayne County Sheriff Department.

GPS taken from car

A Novi man had his GPS stolen from his car overnight on April 17 while it was in his driveway on Laywood Drive. He noticed the device was missing when he got into his car in the morning, and does not remember anything suspicious happening overnight. Police have no suspects.

Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

Open burning in Northville township

With the weather warming up, many of us will be outside in our backyards. I really enjoy this time of year, soaking up the sun, grilling and relaxing by a fire pit. I can't think of anything more peaceful than watching a camp fire in the middle of the night. It really makes all of my problems go away, at least for a little while. If you are like me and reside in Northville Township you need to take some preparation before you start using your fire pit.

THE SAFETY ZONE

In a safe manner. This is accomplished through specific codes, guidelines and regulations that the fire department has adopted. In order for you to openly burn outside in Northville Township, you must obtain a "burn permit" from the fire department. Burn permits are available starting April 1st and ending on October 31st. Once a burn permit is obtained, a representative from the fire department will inspect the proposed burning site and the surrounding

area. Only after the inspection and approval from the fire department will you be allowed to burn. Once you are approved this permit can be valid for up to a year. Safety is the primary reason the Northville Township Fire Department issues burn permits. In the past, the fire department has responded to out of control fire caused by open burning. No matter how small an outside fire is, it can be dangerous and become out of control in an instant. Preparation is essential before you burn outside. It is important to have a garden hose available and to only

use dry seasoned wood while burning. Other guidelines are also required for burning as well. For a complete list of guidelines and to obtain an open burn permit, go to Northville Township Fire Headquarters, located at 45745 Six Mile Road (directly across the street from the high school) during normal business hours. If you have questions you can call the fire department at any time at (248) 348-5807. Jason Raschke is a firefighter with Northville Township. He can be contacted at jraschke@twp.northville.mi.us.

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

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

LOCAL EVENTS

Emergency 5k run and 1-mile stroke walk

Time/Date: 9 a.m. Saturday, May 8
Location: Providence Park Hospital Campus in Novi (southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue)

Details: The City of Novi and Providence Park Hospital's first annual fun, healthy event designed for the whole family. Cost for the run is \$25; the walk is \$10 for adults and free for children 13 and under. Make checks payable to City of Novi. Come share a positive, healthy activity with doctors, nurses and associates from Providence Hospital and Providence Park Hospital as well as area police officers, firefighters and EMS personnel.

Contact: cityofnovi.org

Zumba Class

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays

Location: The Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River Avenue, Novi.
Contact: (248) 473-3100
Details: Zumba is a fusion of Latin and International music combined with high-energy, simple to follow, low impact Latin dance moves to create a dynamic, fun and effective workout. These Zumba classes are targeted for beginner to intermediate level. Diane Quigley, a fitness specialist, physical therapist and certified Zumba instructor, teaches both classes. The class is \$2 for Botsford Center for Health Improvement members. Non-members may purchase a punch card for 10 sessions for \$99 or pay a drop-in quest fee of \$15. Registration is not required.

Mother's Day Brunch

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, May 9

Location: Diamond Center at Rock Financial Showplace, Grand River Avenue (between Taft and Beck roads), Novi

Details: Presented by award-winning Epoch Catering. Menu includes a made to order omelet and waffle station, garlic roasted sirloin, chipotle honey tangerine chicken, and Portobello mushroom ravioli with truffle sauce. Plus, Epoch's famous dessert buffet, including many sugar-free treats. Cost is \$27 for adults; \$25 for seniors; \$12 for children ages 4-12; free for toddlers under 3. Free parking; cash bar after noon. Reservations required.
Contact: (248) 348-5600 for reservations or visit www.rockfinancialshowplace.com.

Fourth Annual Southeast Michigan WALK/HEARING

Time/Date: 9 a.m. Saturday, May 15
Location: east boat dock at Kensington Metropark

Details: Sponsored by Hearing Loss Association of Michigan, member of the Hearing Loss Association of America with 14 chapters in state. Refreshments, entertainment, door prizes, information about hearing loss, and beautiful park available for picnic and other activities afterward. All are welcome to walk or just enjoy the other festivities. Minimum donation of \$10 suggested, but not required.
Contact: Go to walk/hearing.org and click on link for SE MI Walk or Audrey Pleasant at (313) 562-5937 or audreypleasant@gmail.com.

American Legion Post 19 Monthly Meeting

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

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

Novi Farmers' Market & International Street Fair

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. May 9-Oct. 31
Location: Main Street, between Grand River Avenue and Novi Road



BEVERLY HATCHER

Bake sale rewards

The first and second grade students who are in the Green House and Tree House at Deerfield Elementary are proudly displaying the items that were purchased for the second grade students who attend the Phoenix Academy in Detroit. The Deerfield students raised money by having a bake sale. The bake sale was the culmination of an economics unit.

Details: An open-air market featuring fresh and tasty produce, gorgeous plants and flowers, yummy baked goods, honey and jam, sensational crafts and works of art. Presented by the Novi Chamber of Commerce, Bright House Networks and the Toasted Oak Grill.
Contact: www.novifarmersmarket.com

BUSINESS

Metro Novi BNI

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

Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of 8 Mile), Novi
Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing

ing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine an "elevator speech," develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.
Contact: For more information, contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metrobninovi.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 charities.
Location: 41875 11 Mile Road, #201, Novi
Contact: For more information, call (248) 349-3743 or www.novichamber.com.

Business to Business Breakfast
Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, April 27

Location: Michigan Office Solutions, Novi Technology Center, 40000 Grand River, Ste. 500, Novi
Details: Networking and a light breakfast; \$5 payable at door.

Novi Toastmasters Club

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

Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375
Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in

day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome - and bring a friend. Visit www.novi.treetahost.us.
Contact: Paulette Alio, V.P. of Public Relations at greenspace@mlr.com or (248) 756-0907.

Novi Rotary Club

Time/Date: Noon every Thursday

Location: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information; novirotary.org.

NIGHTLIFE

Andiamo Novi / Dirty Martini Lounge / Andiamo Theater

Location: 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi
Contact: (248) 348-3838
Andiamo Lounge: local entertainers 8 p.m. Wednesdays; Old Vegas Night 6:30 p.m. and Dave Croon 8:30 p.m. Thursdays; Pete Dimascio 8:30 p.m. Fridays; Laurie Johnson 8:30 p.m. Saturday.
Dirty Martini Lounge: Killer Flamings 10 p.m. Thursday
Liquor Store
Location: Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, 44325 Twelve Mile Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 305.8135

Walled Lake City Library

Location: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake
Phone: (248) 624-3772
College Preparation - A Family Approach
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, April 22

Details: A special event for college-bound teens and their parents. Maureen Gaul from "College S.O.S." will present a workshop designed to help students and their parents enhance their "pre-college" skills with information on choosing a school, budgeting for college costs, finding scholarships, and developing organizational strategies. This event is free.
Contact: admin@walledlakelibrary.org.

EDUCATION

Novi Community Education

Location: 43155 Market Street, Novi
Contact: (248) 344-4044; www.thegrapevineofnovi.com
Live music Fridays and Saturdays: 8:30-midnight
April 23 - Randy Vollen's Hard Ones
April 24 - Greg Nagy
April 30 - RJ's Rhythm Rockers
May 1 - Johnnie Bassett

The Post Bar

Location: 42875 Grand River Avenue, Novi
Contact: (248) 465-9600
Wednesdays: WYLD* Wednesday with DJ Joey "A" & mc Jevon Hollywood
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Mixx Lounge

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

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Library Hours
Location: 45245 W. Ten Mile Road
Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10

a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 a.m.-5 p.m. (September-May).
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Contact: (248) 349-0720
Website: www.novilibrary.org
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Monday Evening Book Discussion Group

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.

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Young adults with a solution

Wonder if your children are taking drugs or abusing alcohol? Want to learn what signs to look for? Want to know what to do if you suspect signs of drug or alcohol abuse. Get advice of who to turn for help if you suspect your child 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. Joseph Catholic Church in Novi.

Learn about Alcoholics Anonymous. Learn what drugs are available to our young adults on the street, at home and how your kids are obtaining them. A short introduction will be followed by a question-and-answer roundtable session led by young adults who have experienced addictive problems and are in recovery.

Hands-on substance abuse education program

Educators from Saint Joseph Mercy Health System will travel to St. James the Greater Catholic Church on Thursday, April 29 to educate parents, grandparents, coaches, teachers and administrators about the various forms of drugs and the peer pressures facing students to use them.

The presentation, titled Drugs 101: What Parents Want to Know, represents a joint partnership with Novi Youth Assistance, the Novi Police Department and the Novi Fire Department. Funding for this program was made possible as a result of the Novi Police Department's drug forfeiture funds.

This 90-minute presentation is held at 6:30 p.m., when participants will enter a mock bedroom of a teenager that has been set up to resemble a teenage drug user's room. Participants are asked to identify drug and alcohol related paraphernalia that have been placed within the room.

Throughout the presentation, more than 70 trendy drug and alcohol indicators will be unveiled to show how some adolescents hide drug and alcohol use.

Signs, symptoms and current trends of alcohol, prescription drugs, marijuana, inhalants, tobacco and several other substances will be presented. The program will include demonstrations to help



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Song in their hearts

John "Jeffery" Hodes (above) leads the group the KiddieDittys in a bunch of fun songs at Novi's Parkview Elementary on March 31. The Dittys, who have recorded an album they describe as a "kids album for adults" also include Dale Orisa on keyboards, bassist Steve King, drummer Rob Emanuel and lead guitarist Frank Marinello. Parkview Elementary School students (below) applaud music from the KiddieDittys during a March 31 concert at their school.



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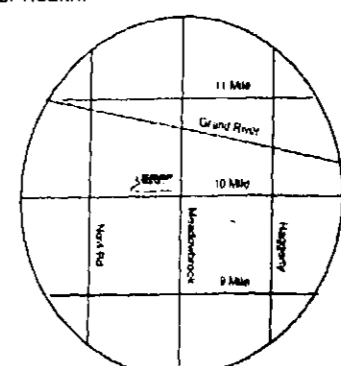
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Honoring Novi's Olympians

The fourth annual Green Gala was a success raising more than 300 people attended the fundraising event for the Novi Educational Foundation, and raised nearly \$43,000. The theme of the event was the Olympics, and four athletes with Novi ties were recognized at the gala. Pictured from left: Kate Mackenzie; 1993 graduate who participated in crew/fencing at the 2004 Melbourne Summer Olympics, Michelle Rzepka; 2001 graduate who participated in the two-person bobsled at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, Jim McKinosh; Novi High School parking lot attendant who won a Silver Medal in crew/fencing at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece, and Superintendent Peter Dion accepted on behalf of Emily Samuelson; 2008 graduate who participated in ice dancing at the 2010 Winter Olympics and could not attend the event because she was competing in Turin, Italy. The commemorative bricks will be placed at the entrance to Wildcat Stadium at the high school.

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OUR VIEWS

Let Earth Day inspire changes

Today marks the 40th year that people in Novi, in Michigan, in the United States and around the world observe Earth Day. What started as a grassroots activity has evolved into a global event, the significance of which is even more important today than the day it was conceived.

We must credit the late Gaylord Nelson, a Democratic senator from Wisconsin, as the principal founder of Earth Day. According to Nelson, the idea evolved over a period of seven years, starting in 1962, when he successfully pitched the idea of a national conservation tour to then-President John F. Kennedy.

The president did a five-day, 11-state conservation tour in September 1963. "For many reasons the tour did not succeed in putting the issue onto the national political agenda. However, it was the germ of the idea that ultimately flowered into Earth Day," Nelson wrote in his article, *How the First Earth Day Came About*.

Nelson borrowed a tactic from anti-Vietnam protesters of organizing a huge grassroots protest over what was happening to the environment. In September 1969, he announced that there would be a nationwide grassroots demonstration on behalf of the environment in the spring of 1970 and invited everyone to participate. The response, he recalled, "was electric."

On Sunday, Nov. 30, 1969, *The New York Times* reported that "rising concern about the environmental crisis is sweeping the nation's campuses with an intensity that may be on its way to eclipsing student discontent over the war in Vietnam." According to Nelson, the first Earth Day worked because of the spontaneous response at the grassroots level.

Forty years later, the environment is very much in the forefront as the global community tries to reach a legally binding agreement on how to reduce greenhouse gases and slow climate change. According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, if global warming emissions continue to rise unabated, we will see growing costs related to climate change — damages to our coasts, health, energy and water resources and agriculture.

These scientists maintain that making the choice to dramatically lower our emissions at least 80 percent from 2005 levels by 2050 will help avoid some of the worst consequences of climate change.

We know climate change is happening, whether it's an early spring, a late fall or a mild winter. What has yet to be agreed to by the scientific community is why. Is it manmade or a fact of nature? But the point is change is happening and we all need to pitch in to help slow the progression. If you aren't doing anything to eliminate your carbon footprint, let Earth Day 2010 be your inspiration.

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We need creative solutions, rather than partisan politics

The most depressing news item I've seen in awhile came in a recent story in *The New York Times* on the announced retirement of the longest-serving current member of the U.S. Supreme Court: Justice John Paul Stevens.

Stevens may be the last justice from a time when ability and independence rather than perceived ideology, were viewed as the crucial qualifications for a seat on the court.

This goes right to the heart of so much that is ailing in our present political culture. Sadly, whether in Washington or in Lansing, Michigan, ideological infighting tests now trump ability and independence.

Here's a current example. Michigan has experienced a chronic, built-in budget imbalance of around \$1 billion for nearly 10 years — regardless of how well the economy is doing. Every year, people in Lansing rush around, crying "the sky is falling" — and it is.

And every year, lawmakers and the governor conspire in adopting a "balanced budget," as demanded by the Constitution, with "balancing" achieved either by using various accounting gimmicks and one-time fixes or by resorting to a draconian "cuts only" budget, which is what happened last year.

This year, we again face a deficit in the state's General Fund — this time, one estimated at \$1.8 billion. And this year, the politi-

cal parties are arguing fiercely, but pointlessly, with each other about how to balance the budget. The Senate Republicans call for big cuts, including several hundred dollars per pupil in our schools.

Democrats, more softly, urge "revenue neutral tax reform," and propose to reduce the state sales tax from 6 percent to 5.5 percent. They'd do that by extending the tax to most services, not including education, health care, and business-to-business transactions.

State Rep. Tim Melton, D-Auburn Hills, chair of the school finance committee and one of the tougher-minded and better-informed House members, jumped into the firefight last month at an Action Group meeting on education sponsored by The Center for Michigan, the nonprofit institution I chair.

Calling the financial pressure on the schools "unsustainable," Melton noted projected health care cost increases this year of 15.6 percent and pension benefits increasing from 17 to 19.4 percent — at a time when state tax revenues have declined significantly.

Melton called it "ridiculous" for Senate Republicans to have signed no-tax pledges at a time when dozens of Michigan school districts are on the edge of the "Kalkaska option," i.e. shutting their doors before the end of the school year.

GUEST COLUMN

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to agree to the obvious sensible compromise — significant cuts in government costs at all levels coupled with tax reform. So Melton called for a public vote on whether the state should choose between deep and damaging cuts to schools, or sales tax changes that would produce more money.

And that wasn't just rhetoric. Last week, Melton said he'd spoken to the Republican Senate leadership about what kinds of government cost reforms — reductions in health care and pension costs for public employees, for example — they'd want in exchange for a vote on sales tax reform. That seemed to me an excellent start.

But so far, no takers. "I haven't heard a squeak from (Senate Majority Leader Mike) Bishop," R-Rochester, Melton told the MINS news service, sounding (at best) a little disgruntled.

He says June 3 is the last deadline for the legislature to pass a proposal that would

appear on the August primary ballot. Bishop finally responded by saying house Democrats had not suggested specific reforms. "We have some amorphous reforms, cuts and their tax increases. ... They have to step up. Their credibility of being able to get something done over there is questionable."

Bishop also indicated that he considered Melton's proposal a tax increase vote, which gave him a chance to begin waving the Republican anti-tax flag.

In other words, for him it's tit for tat; business as usual.

Meanwhile, Business Leaders for Michigan CEO Doug Rothwell says his group is losing hope that any comprehensive budget deal will pass the legislature this year.

His group took a poll last month which Rothwell said indicated that 69 percent of voters asked feel a combination of tax AND spending reforms are necessary to balance the budget.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

How do you think the Detroit Red Wings will do in this year's hockey playoffs?



"I wouldn't be surprised if they go all the way - but they've got to get past Phoenix."
Jeff Harding
Novi



"I think they'll make the conference finals."
Kevin Farris
Novi



"I think they'll do good."
Chad Stewart
Novi



"I think they're going to do awesome."
Maria Elkin
Novi Meadows fifth-grader

Looking at China, Michigan is off track

I am traveling in China and seeing two futures for Michigan and America: one where we rush to play catch-up and the other where we fall even further behind.

China has a public transportation system that works — with trains, 4,000 miles of high speed rail, bus and even public bikes. America seems to be using training wheels and Michigan's transportation system has never gotten on track!

China is on a mission to continue reshaping its rice paddies, steppe and the mountains around a rail service that will do for the country what President Eisenhower's interstate highway system did for America in the 1950s. There are plans to construct a 16,000-mile high-speed network by 2020. China's efforts are now driving the country forward, facilitating mobility and creating economic and technology development.

Today, China, with the world's largest high speed rail network, is reportedly planning to spend in excess of \$1 trillion dollars (U.S.) on expanding its railway system. This is juxtaposed to the U.S. hope to build our first high-speed rail line by 2014, less than 85 miles linking Tampa and Orlando, Fla. Our efforts are "Mickey Mouse" effort in comparison.

The Chinese are notorious for traveling the world and studying best practices then returning to China to put these ideas to work. We would do well to emulate this practice.

Michigan and America need a massive

public works strategy, backed up with extensive investment, to ride the rails to increasing prosperity.

Crossing China on the 48-hour Beijing-Lhasa (Tibet) high speed rail in 2007, I had a front seat to the extensive infrastructure investments China is making in rail, tunnels, bridges, roads and train stations that seem to dot the landscape.

There are two modern train stations in Shanghai. And the high-speed Shanghai Maglev Train shoots you from the airport to the congested central city, a distance of 19 miles, in slightly more than seven minutes at speeds that top 268 mph. Most people in Michigan have never heard of Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan province, Mianyang, Xian, Chongqing, or Changsha. Yet a rail system exists, connecting these one-isolated provinces and Chinese cities.

Detroit is one of the only major metropolitan areas in the U.S. and indeed, the world, without a mass transit system. It is not only an embarrassment but it is holding our region and state back economically. Michigan needs to join the 21st century and develop a sensible, affordable and effective mass transportation system.

The lack of a mass transit system is an anchor, pulling down our ability to climb out of the economic pit in which we find ourselves.

From New York to Washington, D.C., to the Beijing-Lhasa (Tibet) train, intra-city mass transit and express railroads not only move people, but also accelerate

the movement of ideas and economies. If works were rails, we would be competing with China for the most comprehensive intra-country train system. There's a "whole lotta talk" going on — just not much action here in the Motor City.

On April 19-21, The High Speed Rail World USA was to hold its conference in Washington, D.C., to bring together high speed train operators, innovators, engineers and government leaders to discuss ways to tap the \$8 billion in federal dollars earmarked for bringing high-speed rail to the U.S.

It is ironic that for the past three decades Michigan's powerful political and business leaders drive to the land of "No motorized vehicles" — Mackinac Island — to discuss the need for a modern mass transit system only to produce zip, nada — nothing?

In June, the Detroit Regional Chamber (www.detroitregionalchamber.com) will once again host its annual Mackinac Policy Conference, ironically marketed as "30 years of Moving Michigan Forward," even as outgoing Chamber President Dick Blouse laments that his greatest disappointment in his 16 years in Detroit was a one-word answer: "Transit."

We could build the rails and the trains right here in Michigan, indeed helping to "move us forward" on two fronts. The question remains — will we?

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New restaurant prides itself on being unique

Toasted Oak Grill and Market opens adjacent to Baronette Renaissance

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

There is not much about the new Toasted Oak Grill and Market that's original. And that is exactly how Theodore Oresky II, director of operations food and beverage, and executive chef Steven Grostic want it to be.

From the inviting restaurant atmosphere featuring a menu created by Grostic, to the hustle and bustle of the old-school market and fresh-cut gardens outside, the establishment has a something for everyone.

"We want to create a dining experience," Grostic said. "People are going to walk in here and say 'wow!'"

The restaurant, developed

by Sage Restaurant Group and located adjacent to the newly renovated Baronette Renaissance, has a strong Michigan focus. Many of the foods on the menu and the wines and charcuteries in the market come from Michigan-based businesses.

"I like to take care of the people who take care of us," Oresky said.

The Michigan ties extend to Grostic, who was born in Michigan and worked as an executive chef at the Five Lakes Grill in Milford and Table 6 in Northville.

Both he and Oresky exude passion for the restaurant business and want Toasted Oak to be a destination place, whether it's for a nice dinner or just stopping by to pick up food and

wine from the market on the way home. The market includes house-made charcuteries, cheeses, fruits and vegetables, gourmet sandwiches, fresh flowers and more.

"We want to be that neighborhood restaurant," Grostic said.

Oresky said he wants people to "feel like they have been here before" and promises the managerial staff and chefs will be on the floor interacting with patrons.

The restaurant also features a pair of outdoor patios and a private dining room for special occasions. It is located at 27790 Novi Road. Visit www.toastedoak.com for more information.



Theodore Oresky II, right, talks with executive chef Steven Grostic at the already-opened Toasted Oak Grill and Market adjacent to the Baronette Renaissance.

CALENDAR

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those cards filled up. A great way to socialize and meet new people. Price: \$50 per card at the door.

Rock Financial Showplace
Location: 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi
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Great Lakes Art Fair

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 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 indoor classic automobile auction. Over 300 collector cars, many without reserve, will be offered over two days. Sale features top quality American classics and Detroit muscle cars. Admission is \$10 for one-day entry or \$15 for a weekend pass, and includes admission to the Great Lakes Art Fair.

Contact: www.rmuctions.com or (734) 547-2400

International Women's Show
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, April 29; 10-9 Friday; 10-8 Saturday; 11-5 Sunday, April 29-May 2

Details: Four days of food, fashion and fun! Shop for great jewelry and fun handbags, include in a 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.



A life of art

Mrs. Iside Sarnecki (left, with first grade teacher Brenda Benn), art teacher at Novi Woods Elementary School, was recently lauded by staff and building administration. On April 16, a gallery of Mrs. Sarnecki's lifelong artwork was displayed for all to enjoy. Surrounded by colleagues, friends and peers, Mrs. Sarnecki wowed the crowd with her exceptional talent. As an art teacher at Novi Woods for the past 10 years, all of her students can attest to her talent, high standards and love for art. The hallways at Novi Woods are always full of student samples, creating a gallery unto itself. Take a moment to view Mrs. Sarnecki's portfolio for yourself at: www.isidesarnecki.com.

Advance tickets \$7 at Kroger; \$1 off coupons can be printed online. Strippers are permitted. Tickets for groups of 10 or more are \$7.50 in advance.

Contact: www.star-kids.org or (313) 384-3232

Scrapbook Mega Meet
TIME/DATE: Thursday May 6, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday May 7, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday May 8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Details: STARS' annual fundraiser is presenting "STARS-Kids Scrap Hop" (raising funds for Hydrocephalus and Shunt Improvement). Put on your best '80s threads and join us at the Hop for strolling dinner, cash bar, award

for best '80s costume, DJ, games, prizes, raffles, silent auction and classic cars on display. Admission is \$50 for ages 13 and older; \$25 for children 12 and younger.

Contact: www.star-kids.org or (313) 384-3232

Scrapbook Mega Meet
TIME/DATE: Thursday May 6, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday May 7, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday May 8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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.

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the advanced scrapper! All this, and over 75 vendors to shop on the show floor!

Contact: www.megameet.com, 248-583-7133

Mothers Day Brunch
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, May 9

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.

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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 40 actors from the film, television and sci-fi movie industry.

Advance ticket holders welcome 30 minutes prior to show open.

Contact: www.motorcitycomics.com

com or (248) 426-8059

Michigan Antique Arms Show
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 15; 9-3 Sunday, May 16

Details: Show features antique and collectible 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 is \$6 for adults; free to members 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, May 22

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-Yu-Dunk

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 militaria. 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 catering, and incredible buys. Admission is \$8 for weekend pass; free for ages 18 and younger. Visit www.NoviAntiquesMarket.com to print a \$2 coupon.

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EVENTS

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First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
 Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org
 Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.
 Family Worship: 11 a.m.
 Bible Study: 6 p.m.
 Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main St.
 Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresnville.org
 Sunday Worship: 9:30, 11 a.m.
 Walking in the Park: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday

Location: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads)

Details: Group meet for lunch afterwards.
 Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016
 Single Place Ministries
 Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time;

7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday.
 Details: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org.

PROJECT FUNDway - A Fashion Show to benefit Village Banking

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 Banking.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
 Contact: (248) 949-0565
 Sundays
 Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

Lakes Baptist Church

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake
 National Day of Prayer Service
 Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 5

Livonia Church of Christ

Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia
 Contact: For further information, please contact NSO Douglas K. Wells at (313) 964-6595.
 Meadowbrook Congregational
 Location: 21355 Meadowbrook

and 10 a.m.
 Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, Rev. Jeff Sturgeon
 Coffee Hour: Sunday at 10:15 a.m.
 Healing Service: 4 p.m. First Monday of every month
 Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesday for fourth-12th grades.
 Radical Joy: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday for all women
 Men's Club: 8 a.m. the second Saturday
 Career Ministry: 7 p.m. first and third Monday

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile Road
 Contact: (248) 348-9030
 Sundays
 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children
 9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium
 10-11 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's supper church on the second level (208/210)

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

8:45-10:30 a.m. (café)
 Wednesday Family Night
 7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high student ministries; children's programs (M-Fact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care, preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

Orchard Hills Baptist Church

Location: 23455 Novi Road
 Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665
 Preschool/Kids Choir
 Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday
 Details: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
 Contact: (734) 453-0326, ext. 221

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

Location: 770 Thayer, Northville
 Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olnorthville.org

Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads
 Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.

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, Novi
 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 Monday
 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.

St. John's Episcopal Church

Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth
 St. John Lutheran
 Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills
 Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjoh-lutheran.com

Saturday Worship

Time: 5:30 p.m.
 Sunday Worship
 Time: 9, 11:15 a.m.
 Sunday School
 Time: 10:15 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Location: 201 Elm St., Northville
 Contact: (248) 349-3140
 Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m.
 Blended: 11 a.m. Contemporary; 11:30 a.m. Traditional

Details: In addition to the Bike Blessing, the church is hosting the Michigan Mason's Child Identification (MI CHIP) program.

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MATHCOUNTS

The State Contest for MATHCOUNTS was held at Grand Valley State University on March 20. Hundreds of students from all over Michigan competed for the honor of representing the state at the National level. The National MATHCOUNTS Competition is to math what the National Spelling Bee competition is to spelling. Four students will be representing Michigan in Orlando, Fla. May 6-9 for the 2010 Raytheon MATHCOUNTS National Competition. Two of the four students are from Novi Middle School, Raj Raina, left, and Apurva Shrivastva, right, shown with Mrs. Sersen, Novi Middle School Math Club coach.

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Meadowbrook's Ritter celebrates 25th anniversary of ordination

Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Senior Minister Art Ritter on Sunday, April 25, during the 10 a.m. worship service. A reception in Fellowship Hall will immediately follow the service. All are welcome to attend.

Reverend Ritter, who was installed as Meadowbrook's senior minister in November 2007, was ordained in 1985 at his home church (Traditional Congregational Church of Stanton, Mich.) following graduation from the United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities and the Congregational Foundation for Theological Studies. He received a bachelor's degree from Alma College and a master's degree from Central Michigan University.

Before coming to Meadowbrook, Ritter served nine years as senior minister of First Congregational Church in Salt Lake City, Utah. It is the only Congregational



Senior Minister Art Ritter, of Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi, will be honored for his 25th year of ordination on Sunday.

church in Utah, and was the first non-Latter-day Saints church in the state. A Michigan native, Ritter also served Congregational churches in Toulon, Ill., and West

Bloomfield.

In addition to his involvement in local clergy organizations, Ritter is a member of state and national Congregational associations. He served as chairperson of the Congregational Church Development Division of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches, a national fellowship of approximately 450 Congregational churches. He previously chaired the Church and Pastoral Relations Committee and was former Moderator of the Southeast Michigan Association.

Ritter, and his wife, Laura, have two daughters, Maren and Amelia. They reside in Novi. Meadowbrook Congregational Church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine roads in Novi. For further information, contact the church office at (248) 348-7757 or visit the church website at www.mbcc.org.

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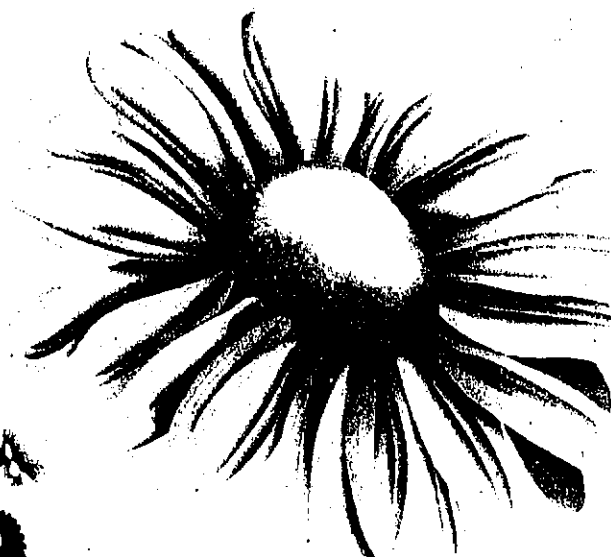
Christopher M. Williams
Marine Corps Pfc. Christopher M. Williams, son of Gale L. and David C. Williams of Novi, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. Designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally, Williams and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a. m. by running three miles and performing

calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Williams spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training. Williams and other recruits

also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values—honor, courage and commitment, and what the core values mean in guiding personal and professional conduct. Williams and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

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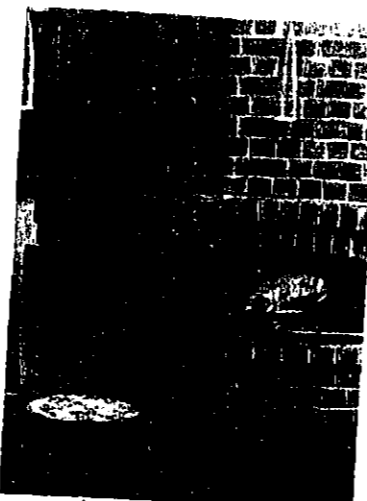
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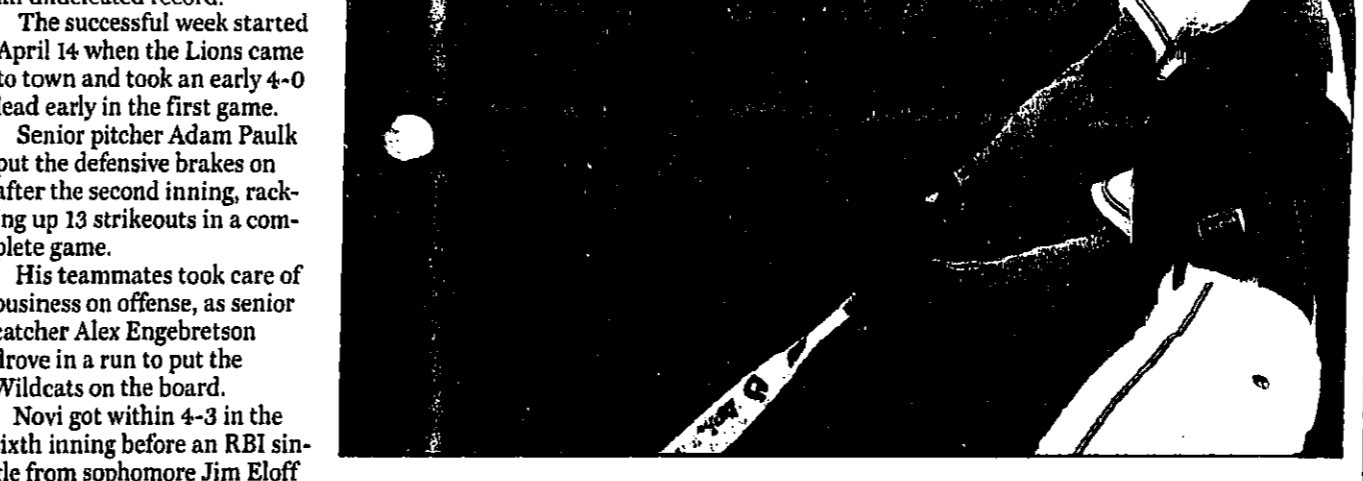


Wildcat infielder Chris Slack fires a ball to first during Novi's April 12 home game.

Wildcats sweep doubleheaders

Undefeated baseball squad shaping up behind senior leadership

Following a pair of victories over both South Lyon and Milford last week, Novi's baseball squad is on top of the KLA Central Division with an undefeated record. The successful week started April 14 when the Lions came to town and took an early 4-0 lead early in the first game. Senior pitcher Adam Paulk put the defensive brakes on after the second inning, racking up 13 strikeouts in a complete game. His teammates took care of business on offense, as senior catcher Alan Engelbreitson drove in a run to put the Wildcats on the board. Novi got within 4-3 in the sixth inning before an RBI single from sophomore Jim Eloff and a two-run double from senior Masaru Nogami put the Wildcats ahead 6-4. Paulk got the first three South Lyon batters out in the top of the seventh inning to earn the victory. "After Coach (Rick Green) noticed I was rotating too much on my delivery, I was able to adjust and regain some consistency," Paulk said. "The guys really battled and helped me out." Both teams scored early in the second game to set up a 2-2 game. Junior Mike Kruse's two-run home run got Novi started off right before South Lyon (3-3, 0-2 Central) got two



Novi High varsity baseball athlete Nick Regnier takes a swing at the plate on April 12.

off senior pitcher Nick Regnier. Pitching a four-strikeout shutout the rest of the way, Regnier contributed some offense for the Wildcats as well, combining with seniors Kevin Zak and Ricky Enright to bring in five sixth-inning runs to grab a 7-2 victory. That was just the start of a busy week for Novi. The Wildcats are back in KLA action with a home game against Plymouth (3-4, 0-2 South) 4 p.m. Monday and a doubleheader against baseline rival Northville (4-3, 1-1 Central) starting 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Jarvis' lone goal tops Stevenson

Novi's Jessica Jarvis got the game's only goal... and it was a big one - as the Wildcats opened KLA Central Division girls soccer play Monday night with a 1-0 victory at Livonia Stevenson. "It doesn't matter if it's good, or ugly, but whatever happens," said Novi coach Brian O'Leary, whose team is 4-1-1 overall. "You score a goal and win on the road - especially in our league - we have to play Northville twice, we got to play Salem twice and Stevenson twice. You can be a good team and go 0-6 in those games. To pick up a road victory in your first one is a good way to start the league play." The Wildcats came out strong and initiated the action, but could only get one shot past Stevenson junior goalkeeper Michelle Krawczyk. "I thought our best soccer was the first 20 minutes of the game," O'Leary said. "I thought we could have scored more. I thought we missed two other golden opportunities. It kind of got us in trouble because if we had scored one of them, it would have been 2-0 and the end wouldn't had been so tense there. The fact that we could only capitalize on one of the three chances made the game interesting later." Stevenson, meanwhile, had several adjustments in his lineup. "The girls who came into that position were doing such a good job," he said. "We had to move to three forwards up the last 15 minutes to put a little more pressure on their back (line). Emily Chrzasz kind of went in there where Shannon was, but a little higher up on the field to put a little more pressure on them. We ended the game in a 3-3-4 and we threw everything we could at them. I was pleased with everything we did except putting

First-ever All-Area cheer squad features talented athletes

It's been a long-time in the making, but it's finally here: The First-Ever Hometown All-Area Competitive Cheer team. Like with other sports, the writers who cover Novi, Northville, Milford, South Lyon, Lakeland and South Lyon East took nominations for the coaches of those respective schools and sat down to determine which athletes would help create the best squad around. The choices weren't easy, especially considering the commitment and dedication each and every cheerleader has to have before even making the varsity squad. In the end, however, we're extremely happy with our choices. Each All-Area team also have one athlete who stands out among their peers for various reasons. That athlete becomes our selection for Player of the Year. For the 2010 All-Area Competitive Cheerleading squad, the Player of the Year is none other than Novi's Robyn Hurt. Hurt, a senior with the Wildcats, has been a member of the varsity squad for the past four years. She is one of just two members of the All-Area team to have ever competed in a state championship tournament. She and fellow Wildcat Lauren Forche are the only cheerleaders with that bragging right this year.

Hurt has been an outstanding cheerleader her entire career and continued to make a noticeable impact this year. Hurt collected First-Team All-District honors as well as a nod for a selection onto the Second-Team All-Regional list. In addition, she collected All-Kensington Lakes Activities Association honors and earned the Coaches Award from her team. The Novi Wildcats didn't have captains in name this year, but Hurt was definitely a leader on her team. She is expecting to attend Eastern Michigan University in the fall and will likely try out for the school's cheer team. Brooke Eisele Some cheerleaders just come by their abilities naturally. Others work hard to be a part of their squad. And others, like Eisele, work harder than everyone else and become one of the best. "Brooke stepped up as a leader on the team and continued to push her teammates to improve daily," said Milford coach Chelsey Corazza. "She lives and breathes cheerleader and is not only a spectacular cheerleader, but a scholar athlete and a wonderful asset to the Milford High School student body."

Novi runners succeed at Oxford Relays

'Cats speeding toward strong division showing

Novi's boys and girls track and field teams had a solid past week as the weather warmed up on the rubber raceway. Novi's girls track team defeated South Lyon East 114-33-22.67 on the road April 13 to improve to 2-0 on the season. The squad followed the showing last Saturday with a first-place finish at the Oxford Relays, beating out Oxford 97.5-95 in a field of 12 teams. Junior Rachel Staudt took third in shot put with a 31-foot, 7.5-inch toss. Senior Katlyn Shelar won the pole vault with a 9-foot-6 jump as junior Allison Jones tied for fourth with a 7-foot-6 jump. Shelar also took fifth in the long jump with a 15-foot-4 distance heave to lead Novi's field events. The short events saw plenty of success as well. Sophomore Kelly McCloskey took first in the 200 hurdles in 49.50 seconds, while senior Regina Barbosa took fifth in 54.35 seconds. Barbosa also took fifth in the 100 hurdles in 17.32 seconds. Sophomore Jasmine Ward took second in the 100 dash in 12.92 seconds and third in the 200 dash in 27.55 seconds. Senior Amanda Pastoor took third in the 400 dash in 1:06.14. Freshman Jackie Mullins came up strong in the distance events, taking fifth in the 1,600 run in 5:39.52 and fifth in the 3,200 run in 12:10.10. In the relays, Novi took

second in the 1,600 relay in 4:33.39 and third in both the 800 relay (1:53.63) and 400 relay (54.12 seconds). Behind 91.5 points, the boys squad took third at the Oxford Relays. Walled Lake Central won with 121.5 points and Holly had 113. Novi's relays dominated, finishing in the top three at all four distances. The Wildcats took first in the 3,200 relay (8:30.2), second in the 400 relay (45.97 seconds), third in the 800 relay (1:36.60) and third in the 1,600 relay in 3:43.89. The rest of the meet was all about seniors and sophomores for Novi. Senior Dan Egner took first in the 800 run in 2:02.13 and senior Mike Blaszyk took third in the 3,200 run in 10:00.20. Senior Brett Kuhn took third in the 100 dash in 11.47 seconds while also claiming first in the long jump with a 20-foot-8 distance. Also in field events, sophomore Derek Cingel tied for fifth in the high jump with Central's Louis Nelson on a 5-foot-6 jump. A trio of sophomores wrapped up the scoring for Novi, as Zach Maseranti took second in the 400 dash in 54.23 seconds. Lance Joseph Lilla took fourth in the 300 hurdles in 44.44 seconds and Mike Jozz took fifth in the 200 dash in 23.50 seconds. Chris Jaccetti is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Novi Godaiko chef Mario Guerrero displays two of the restaurant's most notable sushi dishes: the Princess Roll (at left with lobster) and the River Dragon (with its grilled eel).

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Do you have a funny tidbit or story about your experience as a small business owner to share with our readers?

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One of my peers sarcastically commented that the only business worse than auto business was the restaurant business. Times are tough, but Michigan is home. We are not going anywhere! Any advice for business owners? Do something you love and want to do. Don't lose money doing it. It's pretty simple. What's in store for the future of your business?

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Ernest Katali, MBA, of Novi has been appointed chairman, CEO and president of Grede Holdings LLC, formed in February by the combination of substantially all the assets of the former Milwaukee-based Grede Foundries, Inc. and Citation Corp., headquartered in Novi. Grimm was instrumental in the formation of the new company.

Grimm is a 26-year industry veteran, having served as president and CEO of Citation Corporation from 2008-2010 prior to the Grede appointment. In addition, Grimm previously served as a vice president for Visteon, Metaldyne and Dana, heading various functions including sales, purchasing, quality and operations, along with restructuring and integration efforts. Grimm began his career at Chrysler Corporation where he served in several management roles within the Procurement and Supply Office.

Jeff Duneske an Associate Broker with Remerick United Realty was awarded with 2009 Top Selling Agent at his office. This month he also celebrates his 10th anniversary in the profession. He was a Novi firefighter for 10 years and also completed the Eagle Scout Award. Duneske currently lives in Novi, where he has been a lifelong resident, with

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his wife, Joy, and two daughters, Kayla and Khloe.

Michael Shaw, owner of several Häagen-Dazs Shops located in Florida, Michigan and Alabama was recently awarded the Reuben Mattus Award by Häagen-Dazs during the company's annual conference at Walt Disney World March 7-9.

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Jim Stafford, Premier Relocations, LLC, Novi, was honored with Mayflower Transit's Masters Club Award at Mayflower's national sales and operations conference, held recently in St. Louis. Premier Relocations, LLC is an agent of the worldwide household goods transportation company. Mayflower's Masters Club is a reward and recognition program for agency sales representatives for exceptional sales achievement during the past year in five business segment categories.

Katie Evarian, of Novi,

earned top honors with Lia Sophia for its Excellent Beginnings Program Achievers for her outstanding sales accomplishments and professionalism. Having just joined the fashion jewelry business, Evarian has earned this prestigious accomplishment in the first 15 weeks by attaining certain sales levels and by sharing Lia Sophia with other new Advisors.

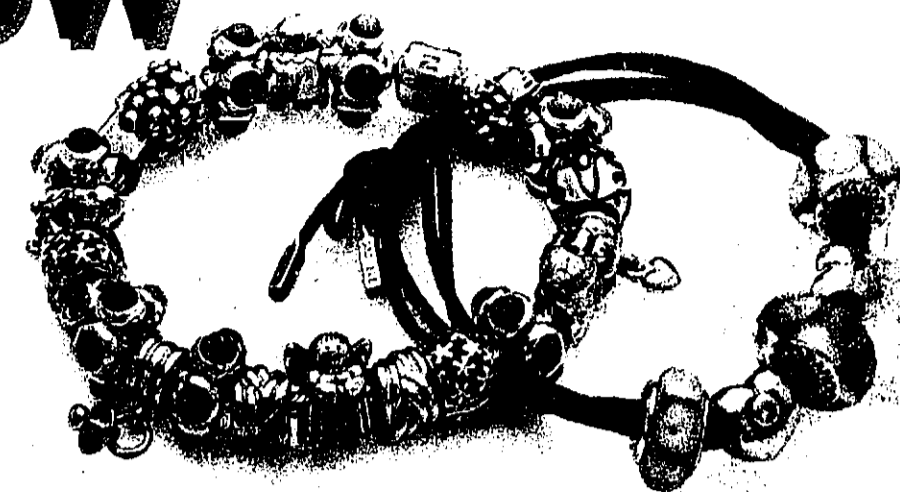
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Dana Fortier, Fortier Virtual (<http://fortiervirtual.wordpress.com>) of Novi, joined the International Virtual Assistants Association's Board of Directors as the director of Research and Development. Fortier also currently serves as the Live Summit Planning Committee co-chair (2011) and has previously served as the VAC (Virtual Assistant Connection) coordinator. Fortier Virtual specializes in virtual business management and virtual operations management, and their clients consist of speakers, coaches, attorneys, financial planners and various other entrepreneurs.

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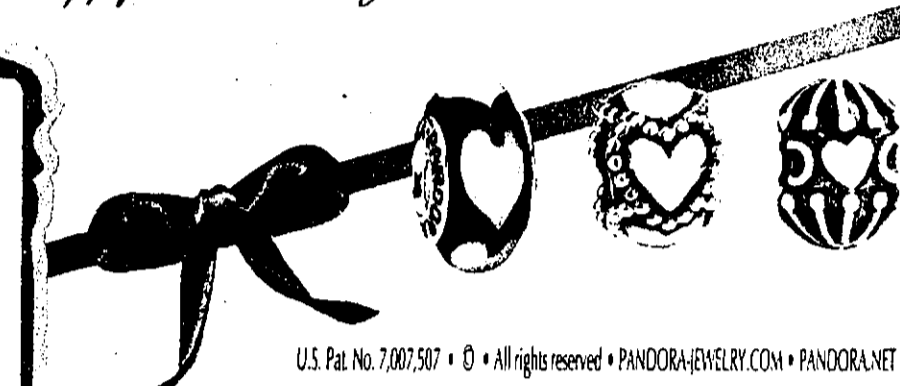
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Better Health Market contest

Better Health Market will give one lucky customer a home cleaning products makeover kit to celebrate Earth Day. Customers can enter the contest by filling out an entry form at Better Health in Novi, at 42875 Grand River. The contest runs through the end of April with the winner being announced on Monday, May 3.

The kit is a reusable shopping bag of safe, Earth-friendly household cleaning products and things like recycled paper towel, bathroom paper, tissue paper and more.

Better Health has a host of Earth Day recognition events, including a nutritional blood analysis from noon-6 p.m. on Friday, April 23. For a fee of only \$49 and in as little as 30 minutes, people will be able to learn about their body's ability to digest food, whether or not they have an iron or vitamin deficiency, how well people are digesting proteins and more.

Also on Friday, Rachel Pitt from the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County will set up a display with information about local recycling options including curbside pick-up and drop-offs, plus information about Household Hazardous Waste events, composting, and more. The group is an intergovernmental, municipal solid waste authority created in 1989 by the member communities of Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi, South Lyon, Southfield, Walled Lake and Wixom.

Starting at noon on Saturday, April 24, there is a free cooking class with international food writer Annelise Cohen. She is the co-author of the book, "Eating For Acid Reflux: A Handbook and Cookbook for Those with Heartburn." Also on Saturday is a free yoga intro class that discusses postures on your yoga mat to postures in every day life, as well as learning the transfor-

mative power of practice. Seating for Saturday's events is limited and reservations are strongly suggested; call (248) 735-8100 to guarantee seating.

Oakland offers business workshops

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars offered at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For location specifics and pre-registration, visit www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar or call (248) 858-0783.

- Future Workshops**
 (AM) Morning Class 9 a.m.-12/12:30 p.m.
 (PM) Evening Class 6 p.m. 9/9:30 p.m.
- April 22: Fundamentals of Starting a Business (PM)
 - 23: Oakland County CRA Small Business Money Smart Forum
 - 27: Legal & Financial Basics for Small Business
 - 28: Sales II: Is Following Up Your Best Sales Strategy?
 - 29: Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (PM)
 - May 5: WBE Certification Orientation
 - 11: Pre-Business Research Workshop (AM)
 - 12: Team SBA Financing Roundtable
 - 13: Fundamentals of Starting a Business (AM)
 - 20: Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (AM)
 - 27: Small Business Loan Workshop
 - June 1: Pre-Business Research Workshop (PM)
 - 9: Fiscal Fitness for the Growing Business
 - 16: Sales I: Effective Networking

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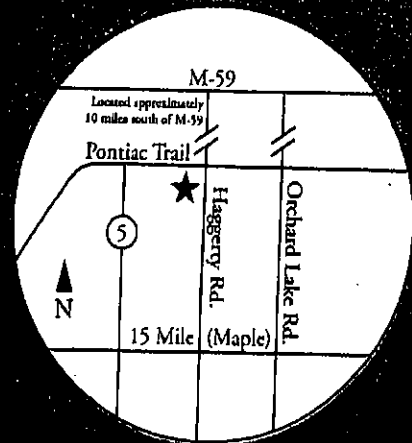
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