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A Social Affair

In the April edition of Hometown Weeklies' Inspire, a monthly publication dedicated to living your best life in and outside of your home, an incorrect phone number for A Social Affair was listed on page 18. In our continuous charge to provide accurate information, we would like our readers to know they can contact the event and fund-raising planning business by calling (248) 974-3121.

Friends' Ball

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

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

The evening will feature a champagne raffle, a chance to have your photo taken in a photo booth and dancing to the sounds of the Simone Vitale Band. The co-chairs for the event are Julie Curry and Charlotte Walker.

Band Fest

The Novi Concert Band and the Ypsilanti Community Band will present a free combined-band concert of favorite wind ensemble music at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 2 at the Novi Civic Center; 45175 W. Ten Mile Road at Taft Road, Novi. Both bands will perform a short concert and then join forces to play together in a grand finale., Michigan. Admission and parking are free.

Surveys taken under advisement

Comments help school officials learn what people value

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Officials in the Novi Community School District wanted the stakeholders to give their input prior to heading into budget time.

And they got it — a lot of it.

Not only did 1,914 people complete
the "Focus On Our Future" community survey, but they also weighed
in with their individual comments
regarding certain issues.

Gail Credit, assistant superintendent for business and operations, said she was not surprised by the

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GAIL CREDIT, Novi schools assistant superintendent for business and operations

response, and every administrator is reviewing all of the feedback.

online at hometownlife.com

"I know how much this community values education," she said. "Their priorities are of interest to us, and the survey is one more piece of information we will look at as we make our recommendations."

Novi Board of Education President Ann Glubzinski said she was glad to see so many people share their comments because it shows they are "engaged and care about Novi and Novi's future."

"It has given us a lot of food for thought," she said. "...And those comments tell us more than what is checked on a box about what is important to people and what they are thinking about Novi and what they value."

The results came back in early April, and Credit said they will use the data as they evaluate their recommendations for revenue enhancements and expense reductions. Those recommendations will first be viewed by the board of education at a Committee of the Whole meeting on April 29.

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Undergoing a 'Renaissance'

Baronette shows off renovated hotel

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

The 20-year-old Hotel Baronette was long overdue for an upgrade. But slapping some paint on the walls and buying new furniture was not going to suffice.

What the hotel needed was a top-to-bottom face lift that co-owner Stephen Wickens couldn't do alone. So in 2008 when Wickens was approached by Marriott International Inc., and hired Sage Hospitality Group to manage the property, he knew it was an opportunity too good to pass up.

The yearlong vision became a reality last Friday when the hotel, located near Twelve Oaks Mall, revealed its new digs and new name — the Baronette Renaissance Detroit-Novi

Hotel.

"It's very rewarding and gives us a sense of accomplishment and pride," Wickens said while sitting in the state-of-the-art lobby a few hours before an employee rally on Friday.

"We would have renovated, but definitely not to this extent."

The changes are noticeable the second a guest walks in the door, from the revamped check-in kiosks to the fireplace and furniture that make it feel more northern Michigan than busy metropolitan area.

There are plenty of chairs and couches for guests to relax in, and even a small library and table for group meetings.

"You don't have to sit in your room to work," said Jim Mikula, general manager. "We are here to make conducting business easy for our guests." All 155 guest rooms, including six



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The lobby of the Baronette Renaissance has been completely re-designed, complete with floor lighting at the front desk (above). Renovations near completion at the 155-room Baronette Renaissance Hotel (top) in Novi off Novi Road near Twelve Oaks Mall.

suites, also underwent major changes as they were stripped down to con-

crete and drywall before being redone.
Gone are bathtubs in the rooms,
with the exception of select ones that
cater to Asian guests, replaced by

large walk-in showers. Each room also features a flat-screen television, iPod docking station and access to

fiber optic high-speed Internet.

The pool also was removed and replaced with a Wellness Center and

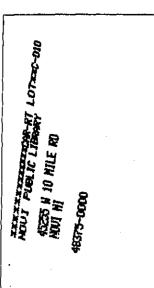
massage therapy room.

"The quality of our rooms and public space will be second to none,"

Wickens said

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Celebrating heroes

Live Like Andi event continues to build on success

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Mike O'Connell knows it's one thing to ask people to donate money to a cause, and another to actually show their money at

So when the third annual
Live Like Andi Walk and Fun
kicks off on May 1, more than 16
families featuring adenoid cystic
carcinoma patients and survivors
will stand on the Novi Catholic
Central High School track and

be recognized.

The patients are coming from all over the United States to be part of an event that has grown from 500 participants in its first year to more than 1,500.

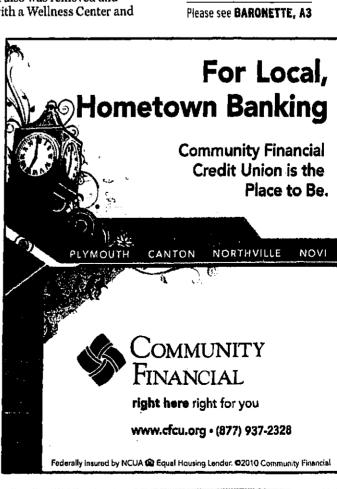
"We want those who come to run and support the event to see what they are doing is benefiting real people and helping real people," he said.

The theme of the event, "Who is your hero?," is being carried on from last year, with the main hero being Andrea O'Connell. Andrea was diagnosed with ACC when she was 19 years old, and after a 21-year fight with the disease died in 2007.

Participants will receive a bracelet they can put a picture of their hero in every time they run or walk, Mike O'Connell said.

or walk, Mike O'Connell said. In two years, the foundation has raised more than \$200,000

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HEROES

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

"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 Kid's 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 up until the day before the race at www.livelikeandi.org. For more information, call (248) 789-4259.



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from Aug. 6-Sept. 20. The Squares will then be at the Novi Library and the Fall

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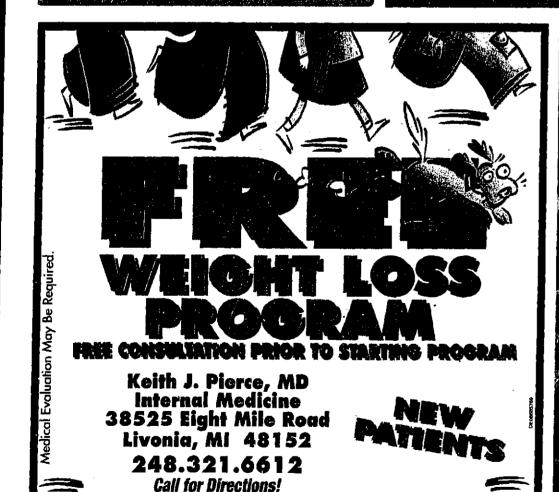
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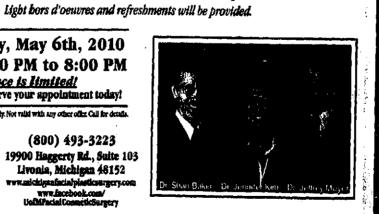
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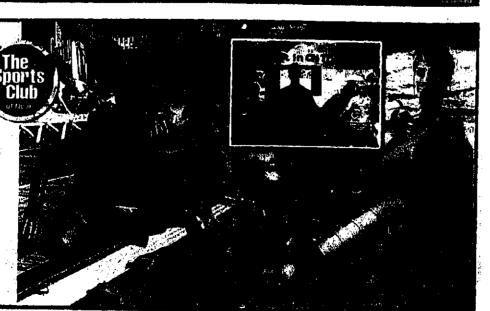
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New artwork adorns the walls, as the hotel features work from 10 Michigan artists. Each artist created sculptures or paintings inspired by Detroit's history.

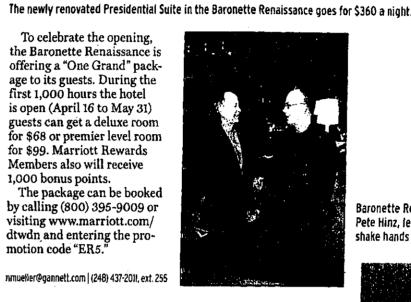
"You won't find any of this art work anywhere else," said Mike Waun, director of sales. Wickens said he understands why some people may question the reason behind the 'several million dollars" worth of renovations during a struggling time for the hospitality ndustry, but his answer is

"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. "We will have the best product in the marketplace," ĥe said. "We think business and leisure travelers want this style

and experience."



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

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 to staffing issues and school of choice/ shared services.

One of the consensuses 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 PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER (STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER favor of half-day kindergarten, and at the elementary and Meadows level people were slightly in favor of eliminating gym (766-759). Reworking instructional ser-

vices 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). vote was to restructure depart-

At the high school, the popular ment head responsibilities (952-577), but not to increase online learning (893-642). A hot button issue for many

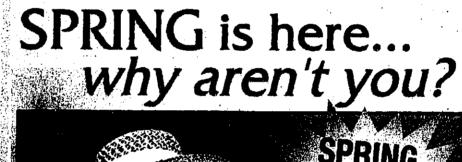
people was transportation. and the majority were against eliminating all buses except for the state mandated ones (1,397-193). People were infavor of climinating all high school buses though (866-724). Eliminating or cutting athletics also was not an option for those surveyed. The results were close on increasing payto-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 nonnstructional 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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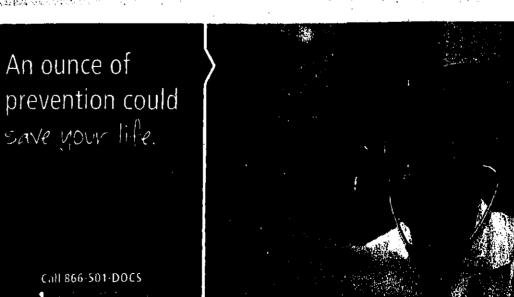
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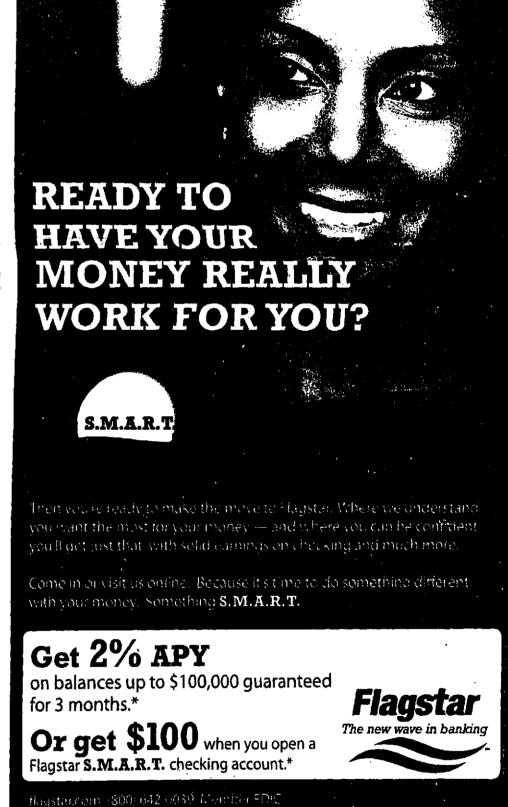
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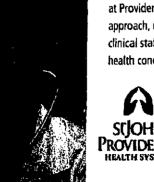
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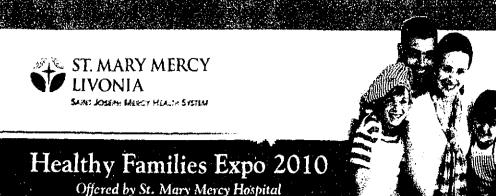
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Novi Theatres and Andiamo team up

'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 unison 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.

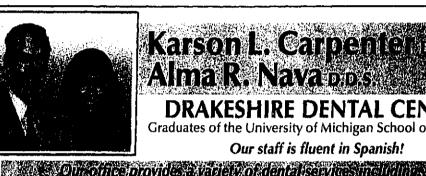
Also included in the evening's festivities will be a silent auction hosted by the Friends of Novi Theatres. Before and during dinner bid on prizes including tickets to sporting events, jewelry and artwork. The silent auction winners will be announced at the end of the show.

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



Performances: Friday, April 23, 7 p.m., \$35 Saturday, April 24, 5:30 and 8:30 p.m., \$35 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. For more information about Masquerade and Murder, please contact Novi Parks Office at (248) 347-0400 or visit cityofnovi.org.



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EDUCATION

Middle school students put math skills to the test



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Apurva Shrivastava (middle) and Raj Rajna (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. graders throughout their run to the national

Pair to compete for top honors in Orlando

BY NATHAN MUELLER

Novi Middle School students Raj Rajna 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 ust don't want to make any stupid mistakes," Shrivastava said.

Mistakes have been rare for the two eighth-

competition, and teacher/Math Club leader Lynn Serenson noted that their work ethic has been key to their success. The two also are precalculus students at Novi High School. "It's just inspiring to watch them be so excited about math," she said.

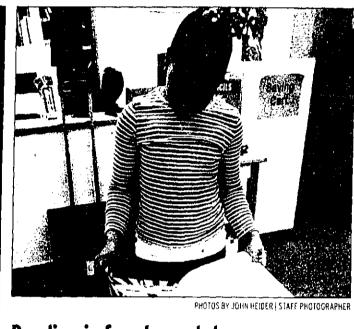
The key to winning the competition is not only accuracy but speed. Each round is timed and some rounds allow a calculator while other rounds do not.

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

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

"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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Reading is fun-damental

Parkview Elementary School student Alayna Smith (above) takes a look at some reading material during the school's book fair on March 17, as part of sion fees are available on the Novi its March is Reading Month celebrations. Deerfield Elementary third-grader School District Web site at www. ie 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 Education - C.A.R.E. or call (248) d she'd been one because she'd have access to a lot of gold and jewels. 449-1713 for more information.

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 areade games. Registration and weekly ses-

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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 wait for the next time he can relate his informative monolque during Deerfield Elementary's March 17th "wax museum."

(left) and Trevor Patterson during the

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

fifth annual Engineering/Computer



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RAYMOND E. COLLINS

Age 80, passed away peacefully April 18, 2010. Beloved husband of 59 Age 82, of White Lake, MI, died years to Agnes Louise. Loving father Monday, April 12, 2010 at the of Susan (Andrew) Magic and Karen University of Colorado Hospital in (John) North. Dear grandfather to Denver. Jerry was born in Detroit, MI Kevin (Jillian) Magic, Kenneth Magic, on December 18, 1927, to Clarence J. Keith Magic, and Sean North. and Gladys E. (Latham) Herriman. Rd., Livonia, Mi 48154.

JAMES HUBERT FLEMING Of Highland, April 16, 2010, Funeral Memorials may be made in his Robert was born. After a year, Jerry name to the Highland Twp. Fire chose to return to the work force. He Department. For further information please phone

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248-684-6645 or visit:

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 Cecelia; his grandchildren. Olivia, Soleil and Alessio; his brother, Dennis Gibson and many nieces and rephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Daisy Gibson: brother, Mitch Gibson; sis-Larry Graduated from South Lyon High School and Eastern Michigan niversity, with a degree in elemen tary 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 dren adored him (and always will). His humor continued through the trying times of illness. In remeembrance of Larry tell a funny joke or

April 25, 6pm at Weber's Restaurant

3050 Jackson Ave., Ann Arbor, Mi.

Jean. Funeral was April 17 at Holy Family Church, Novi, Memorials to Capuchin Soup Kitchen or Michigan Human Society. Online condolences

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GERALD L. HERRIMAN

(JERRY)

Raymond is also survived by his sib- He attended Cass Technical High lings William (the late Lois) Collins. School in Detroit, leaving after his Mary Jane (the late Joseph) Piskuric, junior year to enter the US Navy on Joann (Alfred) Zaleski and many lov- June 19, 1945. He received training ing nieces, nephews, and friends. at Great Lakes, IL and was shipped Raymond was co-owner of Collins & overseas in September 1945. He was Age 85, passed away April 15, 2010 Tison Construction for 19 years and stationed at Naval Advance Base Unit She was born on October 22, 1924 owner of Motor City Sign Company 13, Shanghai, China. He was honor- in Detroit, to the late Richard and in Detroit for 25 years. He was an ably discharged on August 16, 1946. Frances (Laskowski) Eagleton. Betty original member of the Iron Mustang He completed his high school educa- is survived by her children: Carol Ann Motorcycle Club from 1945-1951; he tion in 1947 in Tawas City, MI and (James) Myers, William G. (Susan) loved motorcycles, racecars, and air- attended the freshman year at the Juranek; 5 grandchildren and 2 greatplanes. Visitation will be held University of MI. He began work in grandchildren. Visitation was held on Thursday, April 22 from 1-8pm at water treatment as a civilian employ-Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 59255 ee at Wurtsmith AFB in Oscoda in the FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon, A O Mile Road, South Lyon. The spring of 1951, and in June he marfuneral service was held on Monday. funeral mass will be held Friday, ried Joyce Isola. Their first child, April 19 at the First United Methodist April 24 at 11am, instate at 10:30am Diana, was born in September of Church, South Lyon. Online at St. Joseph Catholic Church 830 S. 1952. Four years later, the family guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com Lafayette, South Lyon. In lieu of moved to Chateauroux, France, flowers, contributions may be made where Jerry was employed at La to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh 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 Sentember Services were held at Lynch & Sons, Michigan Technological University, 1960. Gerald began classes at Milford on Tuesday, April 20, 2010. and on Christmas Day their son

found a position at Walker AFB in

Roswell, NM, and the family moved

there in the fall of 1961. In 1967, the

government closed Walker and Jerry

employment



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BETTY JANE JURANEK

(NEE CUTLAN) KIMBALL

Superintendent of the City of Age 76 of Milford, and St. Warren's Advanced Waste Water Petersburg, FL died unexpectedly at Treatment Plant. He worked for the her home in St. Petersburg on April 15, 2010. She is survived by John E. city of Warren until his retirement in 1988. In 1997, Joyce and Jerry relo- Kimball, her beloved husband of fiftycated to a new home on McWithy seven years; daughter, Deana (Larry) Williams; son, John F. (Joanne) Lake in White Lake, MI. Jerry was an Kimball; grandchildren, Lesley active member of the Warren and Millord Rotary Clubs; First United Williams, Lauren (Joe) Lafferty, Methodist Church of Warren and Andrew Kimball, Joel Ficzner, Aaron Cutlan, A Funeral Service will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, 620 General Motors Rd., Milford, on Wednesday, April 21, at 11AM with Pastor Richard Pape officiating. Burial Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Tuesday 1-9PM and Wednesday from 10AM until the time Church or Grace Lutheran Church, 4301 16th St. North, St. Petersburg,

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associates who join with Jerry's fam- band of Lynda. Funeral was Friday, ily in grieving the death of an honor- April 16 at St. James Church, Novi able, amiable, very good man and Donations made to Haiti Outreach giving thanks to God for his life Mission. For online condolences

FRANK J. SOAVE

officiate. Memorials may be made to Frank is survived by his beloved the Milford Rotary Club or Milford wife, Loretta; loving sons, Ton-(Kate), John (Sue) and Frank (Ruth Ànn): dear grandchildren, Ryan, Alexandra, Christina and Francesca. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends. Frank was a Veteran of the U.S. Army, a business owner in Livingston and Oakland to officiate. Burial with Military Honors will follow at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 Wed., April 21 at St. Colette Church, 9 PM, Memorials may be made to Livonia. Donations may be made to American Diabetes Association. the Father Solanus Gulid or St John For further information please

call 248-684-6645 or



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



executive director Michael Harris, right, and its president Kevin Elya during their annual open house on April 15.



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Organization eyes continued success

> BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

It's rare that the main goal of an organization is to go out of

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 vears 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 band las

Thursday for the chapter's The open house 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.

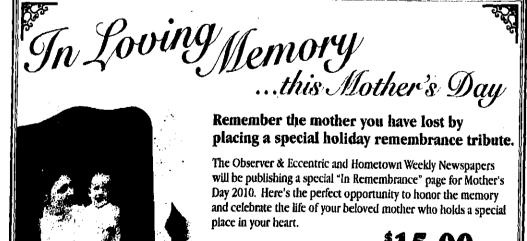
Novi Mayor David Landry stopped by for a visit. Executive Director Michael Harris praised Landry and the city saying they "couldn't have asked for a better partner" because the city has embraced them from day one.

The organization works with the city and businesses to help the disabled get better access to buildings. One of the highlights for Elya was getting Michigan Stadium to make changes to let people in wheelchairs watch games.

"We are a voice for not only the disabled veterans but also for the disabled community," Harris said.

Elya was overwhelmed by the number of people who showed up Wednesday and says it speaks to the importance of the organization.

"It makes you feel like you are on cloud nine," he said. For more information about the MPVA or to donate, visit www.michiganpva.org.



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Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Church Events/Northville-Novi, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

Church of the Holy Family Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfami-Mass Schedule

p.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday. Thursday Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15

Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south

of 13 Mile Road Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org. Sunday Worship: 1615 a.m.

Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience. Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

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

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

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

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

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 churchoftheholycross.com Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service Alzheimer's Support Group

Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of Faith Community Presbyterian

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every month Rummage Sale Time/Date: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. April 22; 9-noon April 23 bag sale

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Milford Presbyterian Church; Ficzner; sister, Donna Robertson, and Southeast Michigan Council of many dear friends. She was preced-Governments (SEMCOG); and ed in death by her parents, Fred and Michigan Water Environment Adene Cuttan and a brother, Charles Association (MWEA). Throughout his thirty years of service to SEMCOG and MWEA, he chaired and served on numerous committees in water quality and authored a book dealing with water 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." of service. Memorials may be made His natural leadership style was in her name to Christ Lutheran based on good example rather than power of office. From his enlistment in the Navy in the midst of WWII to FL 33703. For further information Larry's words, "I had a good run." his long service with SEMCOG, his please phone 248-684-6645 or visit Memorial Contributions can be made faithful service to his church, and his www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com to the American Cancer Society or longstanding service to the Milford the Salvation Army. A memorial Rotary Club for whom he served as service for Larry will be held Sunday. unofficial director of communications by establishing email correspon-

SAMUEL G. HANLEY

April 14, 2010, Age 67. Husband of April 14, 2010, Age 67. Husband of April 14, 2010, Age 67. Husband of Work and great abilities to bear on Whatever to be needed doing need to the needed doing needed to the needed doing needed to the needed doing needed to the needed to the needed doing needed to the needed to th whatever job needed doing next. He (Robert) Schulz, William R. (Allie), was a team player not a grand-Dennis James (Theresa) & Jeffery stander. In his family life he lived by (Angela). Proud Grandfather of 8 and the great commandment of his faith, great-grandfather of 4. Funeral servto "Love One Another." Gerald is sur- ice was Tuesday, April 20 at the vived by his wife Joyce (Isola) O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Herriman; two daughters, Diana Donations may be made to the (Thomas) Paonessa of Sterling Veteran Hospital Online condolences Heights, and Rebecca (Michael) www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

Franchock of Milford: and son Robert Herriman of Royal Oak; one brother . Arthur (Marian) Herriman of Ceresco, Mi, and one sister Marion Age 35, passed away April 14, 2010. (Gene) Morrison of Englewood, FL. A funeral service was held on April Surviving grandchildren are; 19th, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, Elizabeth (Dan) Mathews, Katherine South Lyon. View online guestbook (Joe) Schaeffer, Angela (Ryan) at www.phillipsfuneral.com Reynolds, Deborah (Chris) Lucksted, and Rachel and Madeline Franchock. along with many cousins, nieces, and nephews and many dear friends and April 11, 2010, Age 68. Beloved hus-

among them. A Memorial Service will www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com Church, 238 N. Main Street, Milford, on Thursday, April 22nd at 11 AM The Reverend Deborah V. Kerr will Age 84 of Milford, April 16, 2010

> April 8, 2010, Age 70. Memorial service April 24 at O'Brien/Sullivan

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www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

Lynch & Sons at 248-684-6645 or Joseph (Aislynn), Lauren, Jennifer, visit: LynchFuneralDirectors.com Funeral Home. Visitation before the Counties, and above all, a family service at 1 pm & also after the service until 3 pm. Donations made to St. Mary Catholic Church, 1955 East Arbor Hospice. Online condolences Commerce Rd, Milford, Friday, April www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com 23 at 11 AM. Father Ron Anderson Age 88, April 17, 2010. Funeral was East Liberty St, Milford, Thursday 3



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

A large black bag remained

on the passenger seat, filled

Police have no suspects.

A Novi woman had her

Apple i-Touch stolen from

a black Monte Carlo overnigh

on April 18 while it was parked

in the driveway of a home on

The woman said she did

was smashed when she woke

up the next morning and the

iTouch was gone. It is valued at

There were six other related

larcenies in the area but police

have no suspects at this time.

Man arrested for drunk

Novi police arrested a man

If or operating while intoxicat

ed 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

According to the police

report, the man admitted to

having a couple drinks and

failed field sobriety tests. A pre

liminary breath test registered

a blood alcohol content of .086

percent. The legal limit for adult

While in booking the mar

told police he had smoked a

agreed to take a blood test.

joint about two hours ago and

The man also had an out-

standing warrant out of Wayne

Novi Police Department until he

could be picked up by the Wayne

The case has been forwarded

to the city attorney for possible

charges pending blood test

A Novi man had his GPS

Ustolen from his car overnight

He noticed the device was

missing when he got into his car

on April 17 while it was in his

driveway on Lynwood Drive.

in the morning, and does not

Police have no suspects.

happening overnight.

remember anything suspicious

- Compiled by staff

writer Nathan Mueller

GPS taken from car

County, and he was held at the

County Sheriff Department.

drivers is .08 percent.

headlights on.

noticed the driver's side window

Nantucket Drive.

Thief snatches iPod

with books.



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. First place includes a trip to Ireland, round trip airfare for two, and ground transportation. Second place is \$1,500. Mr. Gossage stated, "Catholic Central is a great school and the Dads' Club is a great organization to help inspire our youth to become great citizens and to be able to offer a faith based education," said Gossage. King, a mother of two recent Catholic Central graduates stated, 'I really appreciate all the Dads' Club does for the young men of Catholic Central." Pictured (I to r) are Jason King, general manager of The Claddagh Irish Pub of Livonia; Aengus McIntosh, Claddagh director; David Gossage; and raffle co-chairs Rick Bloomfield and Jim Govan.

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 aer child did. She randomly stopped by

school and checked the beds

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

45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider

System to give a presentation titled "Drugs 101: What parents want 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 deceptive looking products. a parent," she said. "The things The goal with the presenwe think may be innocuous. are things we should be paying attention to.

The 90-minute presentation cannot talk to other parents. 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

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

drug and alcohol use.

Bastianelli said she didn't

know she needed to look in

ceiling tiles and plumbing

pipes, and has found compa-

tation is to not only educate

parents, but also to hopefully

break the stigma that parents

"If we would talk to each

other it would help us keep

educating each other because

The program is being run in partnership with the Novi police and fire depart-

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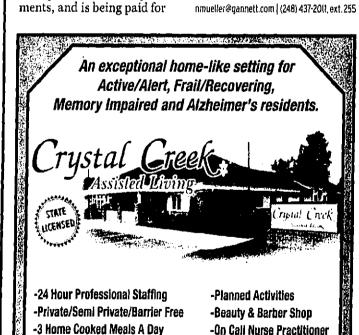
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with drug forfeiture funds. Director of Public Safety/ Chief of Police David Molloy said he believes prevention is the best way to combat the nies on the Internet that create problem, and credits the com-

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."

People can pre-register for the program, which ensures they receive an information packet to take home, by calling (734) 398-7518. Non-Novi residents also are invited to attend.

-Medication Management



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vehicle (s) in the front yard of an existing storage facility. The property is zoned I-1 and is south of Nine Mile Road and east of Case No. 10-011 27475 Huron Cir Singh Development, LLC representing Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks is requesting renewal of a variance to allow continued placement of a 41 square foot temporary leasing sign, 11 feet in height located at

City of Novi

Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals

for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 11,

2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center

HCP Land, LLC is requesting a variance to allow an extension of

ZBA08-066 for a 32 SF leasing sign for MacKenzie North

Technology Centre. The property is zoned OST and is located west

The petitioner is requesting set back variances to permit

construction of parking lot improvements and expansion of the

parking lot located in the front yard of four existing retail buildings

located at 43025 to 43043 Grand River Avenue. The property is

zoned TC-1, Town Center, and located on the south side of Grand

River Avenue between Sixth Gate Road and Main Street. Various

The petitioner is requesting variances from Article 24 and Section 2505 (2) of the Zoning Ordinance and 28-10 (b)(11)(a) 3 & 4 of the

sign ordinance to allow pick up and drop off parking of rental

Case No. 10-009 MacKenzie North Technology Centre

of Haggerty Road and north of Thirteen Mile Road

Case No. 09-042 43025-43043 Grand River Ave

retail tenants currently occupy the buildings.

Case No. 10-010 21650 Novi Rd

27475 Huron Circle -Waltonwood. The property is zoned RM-1 and is located south of Twelve Mile Road and east of Novi Road. Case No. 10-012 22960 Venture Dr SunGlo Services is requesting a variance to locate an accessory

structure in the interior side yard of the property located at 22960 Venture Drive. The property is zoned I-1 and is located north of Nine Mile Road between Novi and Meadowbrouk Roads. Case No. 10-013 25928 Sierra Dr The petitioner is requesting a variance to allow construction of a single story addition and deck to the rear of the existing home located at 25928 Sierra Drive. Property is zoned R-A and is located

south of Eleven Mile Road and east of Beck Road. REQUIRED MINIMUM REAR YARD SETBACK 50 FEET existing 48') PROPOSED MINIMUM REAR YARD SETBACK 33 FEET 17 FEET

VARIANCE REQUEST REQUIRED MINIMUM REAR YARD SETBACK 32 FEET PROPOSED MINIMUM REAR YARD SETBACK 23 FEET 9 FEET

VARIANCE REQUESTED Case No. 10-014 41370 Bridge St

The petitioner is requesting a variance to install an additional real estate leasing sign of 24 SF adjacent to I-96 for 41370 Bridge St. The property is zoned I-1 and is located east of Meadowbrook Road

Case No. 10-015 43700 Expo Center Dr The petitioner is requesting a variance to install an oversize and over height real estate leasing sign of 100 SF and 13 feet in height property is zoned EXPO and is located west of Novi Road and south of I-96.

Publish: April 22, 2010

Art meets autos at Rock this weekend span over 100 years of automo-

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-

The annual Spring Great Lakes Art Fair offers patrons of the arts a unique opportunity to experience over 200 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 s 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 RM 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, will present over 300 collector on American-built automobiles, this year's offering will

tive 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 clas-

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. rmauctions.com or by calling (734) 547-6200 "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 Tresaire Hard Top Convertible Concept Car. Powered by a John Lingenfelter Chevrolet V6 with over 400 horsepower, the Tresaire concept was built by Cars & Concepts and displayed at the 1990 North American International Auto Show, as well as "Eyes and Eleanor Ford House. It 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 Milford High School Center for Performing Arts. Mastrangelo wowed 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 falent?' was "really fun." and though he was nervous at first he said "everyone involved in it was really cool." Mastrangelo said he plans o continue writing songs, and "wherever that takes me is where I'll be." 'Got Talent?' was open to youth with a tie to the KLAA, offering a professionals 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 8 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.

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.

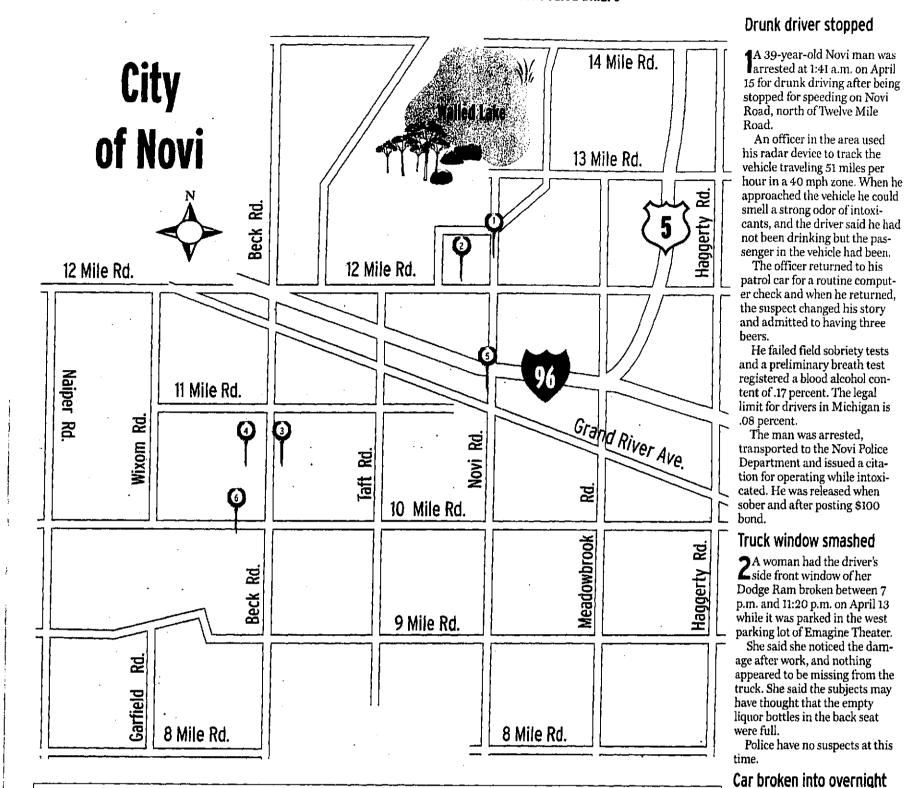
A copy of the proposed 2010-11 budget is currently available at the Novi Civic Center, Office of the City Clerk for public inspection, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk Publish: April 22, 2010

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■ ■ith the weather warming up, many of us will be outside in our backyards. I really enjoy this time in a safe manner. This is of year, soaking up the sun, accomplished through spegrilling and relaxing by a fire cific codes, guidelines and 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

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tion and approval from the burning. Other guidelines fire department will you be allowed to burn. Once you

are approved this permit can of guidelines and to obtain be valid for up to a year. Safety is the primary reason the Northville Township Fire Department issues burn 45745 Six Mile road (directly permits. In the past, the fire across the street from the department has responded to high school) during normal out of control fire caused by business hours. If you have open burning. No matter how questions you can call the small an outside fire is, it can fire department at any time be dangerous and become out of control in an instant. Preparation in essential from the fire department will before you burn outside. It is Northville Township. He can be conimportant to have a garden

at (248) 348-5807. Jason Raschke is a firefighter with

are also required for burning

as well. For a complete list

an open burn permit, go to

Northville Township Fire

Headquarters, located at

tacted at jraschke@twp.northville.

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help if you suspect your child

advice of where to turn for

Novi Police Chief David

Molloy and Kim T. Capello

will host a roundtable discus-

sion for parents with questions

about drugs, alcohol and their

children at 7 p.m. Thursday,

May 6 in the multi-purpose

room of St. James Catholic

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 intro-

duction will be followed by a

question-and-answer round-

adults who have experienced

addictive problems and are in

Educators from Saint Joseph

table session led by young

Hands-on substance

Mercy. Health System will

travel to St. James the Greater

Catholic Church on Thursday,

April 29 to educate parents.

grandparents, coaches, teach-

ers and administrators about

the various forms of drugs and

the peer pressures facing stu-

The presentation, titled

dents to use them.

abuse education

program

has a problem.

Church in Novi.

to look for? Want to know

More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com. Submit: Send calendar submissions Details: Presented by award-winby fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, station, garlic roasted sirloin,

included in Thursday's newspaper. Emergency 5k run and 1-mile

received by noon on Monday to be

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 per-

Contact: cityofnovi.org Zumba Class Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Mondays and

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 pnerick@aol.com. 10 sessions for \$99 or pay a drop-in

required. Nother's Day Brunch Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday,

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

via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; ning Epoch Catering. Menu includes a made to order omelel and waffle South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be 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.rockfinan-

cialshowplace.com. Fourth Annual Southeast Michigan WALK4HEARING

Kensington Metropark for picnic and other activities

Minimum donation of \$10 suggested, but not required. or audreypleasant@gmail.org).

Monthly Meeting Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. on third Location: Rock Financial Showplace, Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck roads

maintain and grow the Post. Contact: Commander Dennis Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193 or

guest fee of \$15. Registration is not Novi Farmers' Market & International Street Fair Location: Main Street, between

Grand River Avenue and Novi Road

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

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 afterward. All are welcome to walk or just enjoy the other festivities Contact: Go to walk4hearing.org and click on link for SE MI Walk or Audrey Pleasant at (313) 562-5937

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sale was the culmination of an economics unit. **Details**: An open-air market featuring bona fide referrals to each and refine an 'elevator speech,' develop a broad network of other sensational crafts and works of art. business professionals in the com-Presented by the Novi Chamber of munity and receive training/educa-Commerce, Bright House Networks tion on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast Contact: www.novifarmersmarket. provided.

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

The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, educational programs, an enhanced Web Location: 41875 11 Mile Road, #201, members are committed to provid-

Contact: For more information, call (248) 349-3743 or www.novicham-Business to Business Breakfast

Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, April Location: Michigan Office Solutions, Novi Technology Center, 40000 Grand River, Ste. 500, Novi 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

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> Public Relations at greenspace@ mi.rr.com or (248) 756-0907. Novi Rotary Club Time/Date: Noon every Thursday Location: Novi Methodist Church. 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. conducted at alternative sites, and Visitors welcome. Check Web site library services will be available at for speaker information; novirotary. neighboring libraries. Please see

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 Flamingos 10 p.m. Thursday

Phone: (248) 624-3772 College Preparation - A Family Approach Liquor Store Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, April Location: Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, 44325 Twelve Mile Details: A special event for college-bound teens and their parents. Contact: (248) 305.8135

Location: Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, 44325 Twelve Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 374-3420

Road, Novi

Bar Louie Location: Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, 44375 12 Mile Road, Contact: (248) 662-1100 The Grapevine of Novi

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

Location: 25075 Meadowbrook The Post Bar Road, Novi Contact: (248) 347-0414 Location: 42875 Grand River Blood Pressure Checks Avenue, Novi Time/Date: 11-11:45 a.m. Contact: (248) 465-9600 Wednesdays Wednesdays: WYLD" Wednesday Details: Every Wednesday blood with DJ Joey "A" & mc Jevon pressure checks are offered. Check Hollywood yourself regularly and stay healthy. Thursdays: DJ Tommy Holiday Fridays: Famous Friday with DJ iMix Your blood pressure record will be on file at the Senior Center so you & mc Jevon Hollywood

can track your health. No charge, Mixx Lounge Panera Bread Location: 43155 Main Street, Novi Time/Date: 8:15-9:30 a.m. Tuesdays Contact: (248) 347-6499 or mixx-Details: With thanks to Panera for novi.com a great partnership, every Tuesday Thursday-Saturday: DJ is Panera Bread Day, Enjoy bagels.

Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10

a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10

rolls, bread, sweets, coffee and con-LIBRARY LINES versation. No charge. Novi Public Library Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and Library Hours Location: 45245 W. Ten Mile Road Details: Try your luck and get

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

the "Survival Guide" on the library

Monday Evening Book Discussion

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Monday. May 3.

Details: Join your Novi heighbors

in a great discussion of The Help

by Kathryn Stockett. This discus-

sion will take place in the Activities

Room at the Novi Civic Center while

Location: 1499 E. West Maple Road,

Maureen Gault from "College S.O.S."

will present a workshop designed

to help students and their parents

enhance their "pre-college" skills

school, budgeting for college costs

finding scholarships, and develop-

ing organizational strategies. This

Contact: admin@walledlakelibrary.

event is free.

EDUCATION

Novi Community Education

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

Please see CALENDAR, A13

Contact: (248) 449-1206

communityeducation

SENIORS

Novi Senior Center

with information on choosing a

the library is closed.

Walled Lake

Walled Lake City Library

website for more details.

Drugs 101: What Parents Want programs take place at the Library. to Know, represents a joint partnership with Novi Youth Assistance, the Novi Police Website: www.novilibrary.org Department and the Novi Fire The Novi Public Library will be Department. Funding for this closed for the months of April program was made possible and May in preparation for our as a result of the Novi Police move to the new library building Department's drug forfeiture in June. The library website (www. This 90-minute presentanovilibrary.org) will continue to be tion starts at 6:30 p.m., when available, library programs will be

> 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 Throughout the presentation, more than 70 trendy drug and alcohol indicators will be

participants will enter a mock

Song in their hearts

unveiled to show how some adolescents hide drug and alcohol use. Signs, symptoms and curscription drugs, marijuana, eral other substances will be presented. The program will

John "Jeffery" Hodes (above) leads the group the KiddieDittys in a bunch of fun songs at Novi's Parkview

include Dale Orisa on keyboads, bassist Steve King, drummer Rob Emanuel and lead guitarist Frank Marinello.

Elementary on March 31. The Dittys, who have recorded an album they describe as a "kids album for adults" also

Parkview Elementary School students (below) applaud music from the KiddieDittys during a March 31 concert at

with add include demonstrations to help

The goal of this program is

adults initiate conversations

the knowledge they need to spot warning signs of drug abuse in time to intervene and/or prevent it. Any adult who resides in the

Novi community can register for the program by contacting (734) 398-7518 or online at www.sjmercyhealth.org; click on St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor; then click on Classes and Events. Any group interested in hosting a "Drugs 101: What

Parents Need to Know" program for the parents of their school, district or community, can call 734-398-7518 or email healthed@trinity-health.org. Camp Invention 2010

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

PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Children will create exciting new games and transform ordinary household items into extraordinary inventions during this weeklong summer adventure for those currently in grades K-5. Children will participate daily in five activity-oriented, hands-on modules focused on science literacy, math, history and the arts. There is also a heavy emphasis on the STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Registration for this camp

s limited to 110 children, so egister early. Contact Seth Furlow, Camp Director, at (248) 449-1600 or sfurlow@ novi.k12.mi.us for more information. You may also visit Camp Invention's Web site at www.campinvention.org to find out more.

Run, it's an emergency!

The City of Novi and the Novi Police and Fire Departments, in partnership with Providence Park Hospital and Running Fit, announce the first annual Emergency Run. This 5k (3.1 mile) run/1mile walk event will take place Saturday, May 8 on the Campus (Grand River and

Beck roads). In addition to the to empower participants with race, a health, wellness and recreation fair will be open to all community members and offer informational booths. displays, interactive offerings, a children's section, and

refreshments. Registration and the fair begin at 8 a.m. with the start of the run/walk beginning at 9 a.m. The pre-registration fee for the run is \$25 and the walk is \$10. Registration at the event is \$30. Those who pre-register are guaranteed an event T-shirt. Awards and opportunities to win door-

prizes are included. Registration forms are available for download at cityofnovi.org and at the Novi Civic Center, Novi Police Department, Providence Park Hospital and Running Fit-Novi. Proceeds from the event will benefit health and safety initiatives for the Novi com-

For more information regarding the Emergency Run. contact Robin Working at (248) 735-5628 or visit cityof-

novi.org. **Botsford Hospital Fair**

Botsford Hospital is hosting its third annual Safety and Injury Prevention Fair on Saturday, May 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Community Room of Botsford Hospital's Zieger Administration & Education Building. The free event is open to individuals, families and groups of all

There will be experts and exhibits on sports injury prevention, safe sleep for babies, driving distractions, fall prevention, Internet safety, alcohol awareness, car seat safety and Dr. Paws Pet Assisted Therapy. Information will be available on bike safety with helmets for purchase for \$6. There will also be a tour of a medical transport flight helicopter and the Farmington Hills Fire Department will display its Smoke House. Other activities, raffles, food and prizes will be part of the

For questions about this fair, please contact Barbara Smith, RN, Botsford's Trauma Program Manager, at (248 888-2575.

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Honoring Novi's Olympians

The fourth annual Green Gala was a rousing success as 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/rowing at the 2004 Melbourne Summer Olympics, Michelle Rzepka; 2001 graduate who participated in the twoperson bobsled at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, Jim McIntosh; Novi High School parking lot attendant who won a Silver Medal in crew/rowing at the 1956 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece, and Superintendent Pete 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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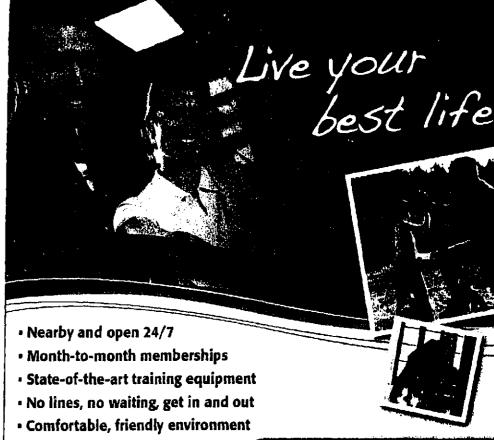
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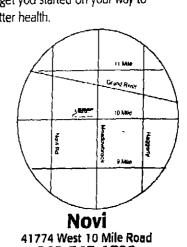
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New restaurant prides itself on being unique

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"We want to be that neigh-

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Oresky said he wants people

to "feel like they have been

managerial staff and chefs

here before" and promises the

will be on the floor interacting

The restaurant also features

a pair of outdoor patios and a

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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 protestors 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,

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 grass-

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 gasses and slow climate change. According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, if nal 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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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



"I think they'll make the conference finals."



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



"I think they're going to do

Maria Elkin Novi Meadows fifth-grader

Looking at China, Michigan is off track

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

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 and train stations that seem to dot the Michigan's transportation

China is on a mission to continue reshaping its

rice paddies, steppes 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 highspeed 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 longest 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.

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

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 once-iso-

lated 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 transpor-

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

From New York to Washington, D.C., to the Beijing-Lhasa (Tibet) train, intracity mass transit and express railways Michigan and America need a massive not only move people, but also accelerate

the movement of ideas and economies. If words 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

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 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 modsauction begins at 10:30 a.m. ern mass transit system only to produce zip, nada - nothing?

In June, the Detroit Regional Chamber (mpc.detroitchamber.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 with a one-word answer: "Transit."

We could build the rails and the trains right here in Michigan, indeed helping Contact: www.rmauctions.com or to 'move us forward' on two fronts. The (734) 547-2400 question remains - will we? Tom Watkins is a business and educational

29-May 2 2001-05, and president and CEO of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, Fla., 1996 to 2001.

is \$50 for ages 13 and older; \$25 for children 12 years and younger. Contact: www.star-kids.org or (313) 384-3232

for strolling dinner, cash bar, award classes, for the beginner-through

Stars Kids Annual Dinner Dance Time/Date: 6-11 p.m. Friday, April

show floor! 248-583-7133

Scrapbook Mega Meet TIME/ DATE: Thursday May 6, 10 p.m., Saturday May 8, 10am - 5 p.m. has become one of the venue's

Details: \$8.00 Pre-Registration Daily Admission \$10 Walk in Admission. Let your Creativity Take Mega Meet Scrapbook Convention! Spread your Wings in our awe-'50s threads and join us at the Hop some class lineup, offering all new

the advanced scrapper! All this, and over 75 vendors to shop on the Time/Date: 12:30-7 p.m. Friday. Contact: www.megameet.com,

Mothers Day Brunch Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Details: The annual Mother's Day

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

Theodore Oresky II, right, talks with executive chef Steven Grostick at the already-opened Toasted Oak Grill and nmueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255 Market adjacent to the Baronette Renaissance.

CALENDAR

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BY NATHAN MUELLER

STAFF WRITER

There is not much about the

new Toasted Oak Grill and

And that is exactly how

Theodore Oresky II, director

of operations food and bever-

age, and executive chef Steven

From the inviting restaurant

atmosphere featuring a menu

created by Grostick, to the

hustle and bustle of the old-

school market and fresh-cut

gardens outside, the estab-

ishment has a something for

"We want to create a din-

ing experience," Grostick said

"People are going to walk in

The restaurant, developed

Market that's original.

Grostick want it to be.

Toasted Oak Grill and Market opens adjacent to Baronette Renaissance

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-

"I like to take care of the

people who take care of us,"

The Michigan ties extend

to Grostick, who was born

in Michigan and worked as

an executive chef at the Five

Lakes Grill in Milford and

Both he and Oresky exude

passion for the restaurant busi-

ness and want Toasted Oak to

be a destination place, whether

it's for a nice dinner or just

Table 5 in Northville.

based businesses.

Oresky said.

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 Contact: (248) 348-5600 Rock Financial Showplace Location: 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi Contact: (248) 348-5600 Great Lakes Art Fair Time/Date: 3-9 p.m. Friday, April 23; 10-6 p.m. Saturday, April 24; 10

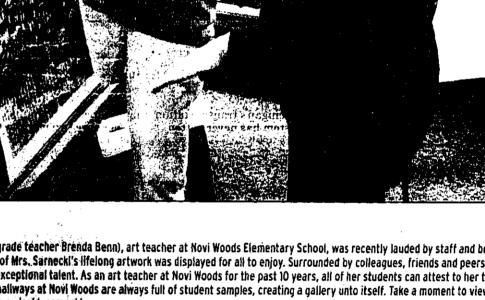
a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, April 25 Details: Over 200 of the region's finest artists, fashion shows, café dining and on-site spa treatments Admission is \$7 for adults; free for children under 12. Friday is Andiamo's Ladies Night Out with shalf off admission, free gifts and prizes. Includes free entry to RM Classic Car Auction Saturday and

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;

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 admisision to the Great Lakes Art Fair.

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

Details: Four days full of food, Ifashion and fun! Shop for great gjeweiry and fun handbags, indulge 🚓 in a cosmetic makeover, sample foreat 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.



Mrs. Isolde 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.isoldesarnecki.com. Advance tickets \$7 at Kroger; \$1 for best '50s costume, DJ, games, off coupons can be printed online. prizes, raffles, silent auction and classic cars on display. Admission

Strollers are permitted, Tickets for groups of 10 or more are \$7.50 in advance. CONTACT www.

InternationalWomenShow.com (704) 376-6594 Ext. 107 and Sock Hop

Details: STARS-Kids annual fundraiser is presenting "STARS-Kids Sock Hop!" (raising funds for Hydrocephalus and Shunt Improvement). Put on your best

a.m. - 6 p.m., Friday May 7, 10 a.m.-6 celebration at the Diamond Center

most popular events of the year. Presented by award-winning Epoch Catering, this sumptuous brunch is Wing at our 11th annual Great Lakes a perfect way to let mom know she Contact: Reservations (248) 348-5600 or www.rockfinancialshow-

minutes prior to show open. Contact: www.motorcitycomics. com or (248) 426-8059 Michigan Antique Arms Show Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 15; 9-3 Sunday, May **Details:** Show features antique and collectable firearms from the Revolutionary War to modern times. Offering 500 tables with some of the finest antique arms, swords, knives and accoutrements in the Midwest. Buy, sell and trade. Appraisals are available. Admission is \$6 for adults; free to members and children 12 and under. Contact: www.michiganan-

tiquearms.com or (586) 465-6200 Red Hacker Basketball Event Time/Date: 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday. Location: west parking lot Details: This all-ages Red Hacker Basketball tournament is open and under all the way up through

to boys and girls ranging from 10 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 individua trophies are awarded to all players on each first and second place team. Cost \$100 for threeon-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

Contact: Mike Matkin at 1-800-You Novi Antiques & Appraisal

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 22; 10-4 Sunday, May 23 Details: Everything is new again at the Novi Antiques Market. Shop for vintage jewelry, sporting collectibles, and militaris. Decorate with furniture and home decor and save up to 50% compared to new retail. Arrive in style with your classic car and receive preferred parking. Hunt for amazing treasures during the early buyer preview includes coffee, breakfast breads, and incredible buys. Admission s \$8 for weekend pass; free for

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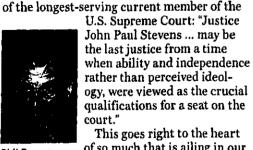
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We need creative solutions, rather than partisan politics

he most depressing news item I've seen in awhile came in a recent story in The New York Times on the announced retirement



of so much that is ailing in our Phil Power present political culture. Sadly, whether in Washington or in Michigan, ideological litmus tests now trump ability and independence. Here's a current example

Michigan has experienced a chronic, builtin 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-

GUEST COLUMN

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 neu-

tral 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, to agree to the obvious sensible compromise 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 Clearly, neither political party is willing

their elected representatives. The tragedy is that far too many of our so-called leaders prefer to cling to ideology and play partisan games in a time when their state desperately needs creative solutions.

Once more, the people are far, far ahead of

- 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 ar excellent start.

But so far, no takers. "I haven't heard a squeak from (Senate Majority Leader Mike) Bishop," R-Rochester, Melton told the MIRS 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 began waving the Republican anti-tax flag.

consultant in the U.S. and China. He served as

Michigan's state superintendent of schools.

He can be reached at: tdwatkins@aol.com.

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

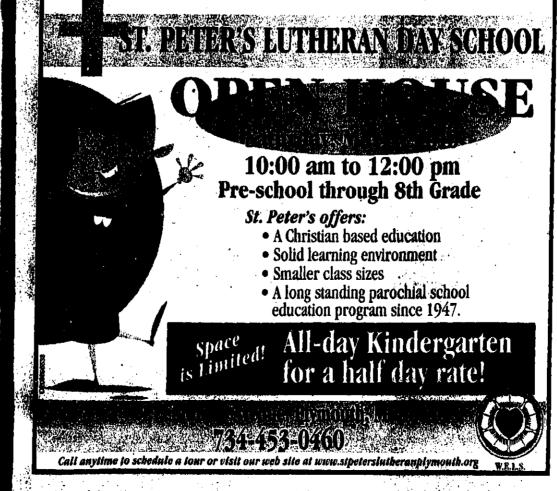
His group took a poll last month which Rothwell said indicated that 69 percent of voters asked feel a combination of tax AND spending reforms are necessary to balance Once more, the people are far, far ahead

prefer to cling to ideology and play partisan games in a time when their state desperately needs creative solutions. Phil Power is a longtime observer of Michigan politics and economics and the founder and president of The Center for Michigan, a bipartisan centrist think-and-do

tank. He welcomes your comments at ppower@thecen-

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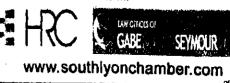
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First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated

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.

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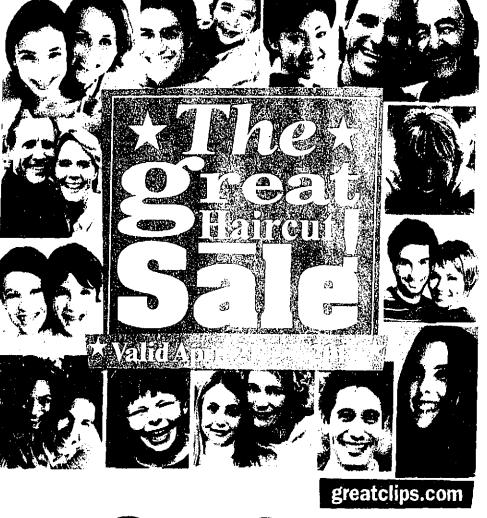
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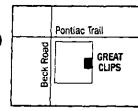


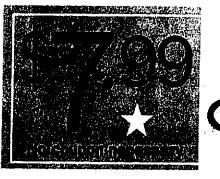
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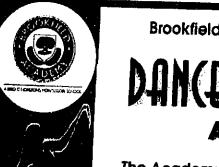




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Meadowbrook's Ritter celebrates 25th anniversary of ordination

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

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

Meadowbrook, Ritter served

First Congregational Church

in Salt Lake City, Utah. It

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nine years as senior minister of

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Before coming to

Senior Minister Art Ritter, of

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

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

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

7757 or visit the church website at www.mbccc.org.

and Amelia. They reside in 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-

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

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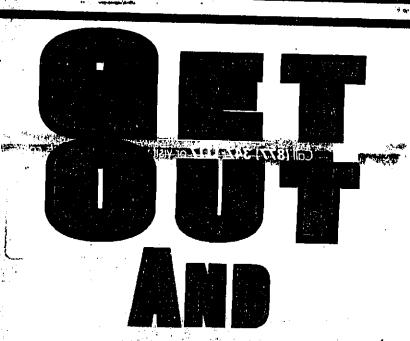
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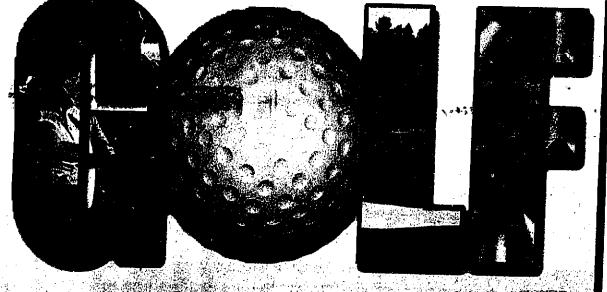
the physical conditioning program, Williams spent and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close

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calisthenics. In addition to also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values--honor, courage and commitnumerous hours in classroom ment, and what the core values order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training. Williams and other recruits

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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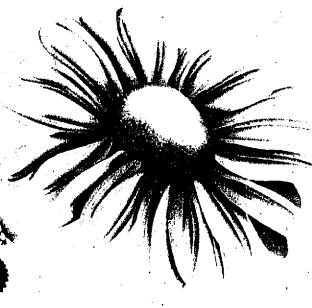
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Serving up Japanese food for

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

CORRESPONDENT

Following a pair of victories over both South Lyon and Milford last week, Novi's baseball squad is on top of the KLAA 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, rack-

ing up 13 strikeouts in a complete game. His teammates took care of business on offense, as senior catcher Alex Engebretson 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 "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 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

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. A single by Nogami and doubles from Regnier and Enright led to a quick 4-0 lead

in the first inning of Novi's

Please see BASEBALL, B3

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

Novi's baseball squad (8-0, 2-0 Central) continued their road trip with a doubleheader at South Lyon East (4-2, 1-1 Central) last night and now gears up for Saline (2-0), ranked second in Division I, at 10 a.m.

"I'm looking forward to that. We've never played Saline in all the years I've been with the program. It's going to be a challenge," Novi coach Rick Green said. "It's going to tell us what kind of team we really are and where we stand,"

The Wildcats are back in KLAA 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.

First-ever All-Area cheer squad features talented athletes

CORRESPONDENT

It's been a long-time in the naking, 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 Award from her the coaches of those respective schools and sat down to deter-

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. one athlete who stands out among their peers for various reasons. That athlete becomes our selection for Player of the

For the 2010 All-Area Competitive Cheerleading

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 heerleaders 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

mine which athletes would help have captains in name this year, but Hurt was definitely a eader 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.

Each All-Area team also have

squad, the Player of the Year is none other than Novi's Robyn

Brooke Eisele

Some cheerleaders just come y their abilities fairly naturally. Others work hard to be a part of their squad. And others, like Eisele, work harder than everyone else and become one

"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."

Please see CHEER, B2

Novi runners succeed at Oxford Relays

'Cats speeding toward strong division showing

> BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Novi's boys and girls track and field teams had a solid past 800 relay (1:53.63) and 400 week as the weather warmed up relay (54.12 seconds). on the rubber raceway.

GIRLS TRACK 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

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 7foot-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 300 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 23.56 seconds. run in 5:39.52 and fifth in the 3,200 run in 12:10.10. In the relays, Novi took

The 'Cats will visit the North Farmington Raider Invite tomorrow and the Balawadjer Relays Saturday before visiting South Lyon for a 4 p.m. Tuesday meet

second in the 1,600 relay in 4:33.39 and third in both the

BOYS TRACK Behind 91.5 points, the boys squad took third at the Oxford Relays. Walled Lake Central won with 121.5 points and Holly

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

Senior Dan Egner took first in the 800 run in 2:02.13 and senior Mike Blaszczyk 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, sopho more Derek Cingel tied for fifth in the high jump with Central's

A trio of sophomores wrapped up the scoring for Novi, as Zach Masserant 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 Jocz took fifth in the 200 dash in

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

Jarvis' lone goal tops Stevenson said. "I thought we could have scored

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Novi's Jessica Jarvis got the game's only goal, - and it was a big one - as the Wildcats opened KLAA Central "It doesn't matter if it's good, or ugly, bad, 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 Stevenson senior midfielder Shannon

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 Division girls soccer play Monday night there. The fact that we could only capiwith a 1-0 victory at Livonia Stevenson. talize on one of the three chances made the game interesting later." Stevenson, meanwhile, had several

> The Spartans' best opportunity came with three minutes left in the first half when Kim Griffith's header glanced off

"Anytime the ball is bouncing in the box like that, anything can happen," said Stevenson first-year coach Chris Grodzicki, whose team is 2-1-2 overall. "To put ourselves in that situation as many times as we did is a good sign. You just hope it bounces your way and tonight it didn't."

With 9:47 remaining in the first half,

"It wasn't anything malicious by any

stretch," Grodzicki said. "She pulled the ball back and the (Novi) girl went to pull it away. She got clipped on the ankle and that was it for the night. talize on one of the three chances made Hopefully she's get back in the starting lineup soon. That forced Grodzicki to make

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 were 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 every-

thing we could at them. I was pleased

with everything we did except putting

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level and part of it is getting com-

did some great work on defense

Gauruder made most of her 13 saves

in the second half to earn her third

"In the second half, the game was

Novi tries to increase their inten-

even for the first 20 minutes, but

it was all Stevenson for the last 20

sity for tonight's contest at South

Lyon (5-2-1). The 'Cats then visit

South Lyon East Tuesday and host

a baseline rivalry match. All three

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Tthought she did a real good job

on number 23 (Boudreau), who is

a fantastic player for them. She's

strong, she's fast, she can score at

her she did a great job of contain-

The Spartans applied heavy

"I don't expect us to play a per-

fect 80 minutes," Grodzicki said.

"We're not there yet and it's not

the time of season where I should

be expecting that. We started out

flat. Mistakes will happen and

the ball will go into the back of

the net sometimes. But when it

happened, it showed we weren't

adjusting to it. It was a mistake

on our part, but it was a heck of a

finish by that girl (Jarvis) to stay

with it, get a toe on it and get it

wasn't pure luck on their part or

no luck on ours. That was a tal-

The rematch between the

Central Division rivals will be

"A team like Novi, we've got

goal," Grodzicki said. "We can't

expect to shut them out. We

know we have to score two or

three goals to win in this divi-

for us, but I'm not expecting

need to score goals."

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sion. It's too good of a division.

If we're lucky to get out 1-0, good

any shutouts with the Big Three

- Northville, Novi, Salem - but we

to be happy holding them to one

Thursday, May 6 at Novi.

ented goal."

back across the face of goal. It

was the third time the same thing

pressure late in the game, but

couldn't overcome the goal by

any time. When Hoover was on

the whole deal for them. She's

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Want to learn how the Novi

Northville (4-0-0) next Thursday in

while junior goalkeeper Gabby

Senior Morgan Haffey and Hoover

fortable with each other."

shutout of the season.

minutes," O'Leary said.

games kick off at 7 p.m.

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT Novi Baseball Alum

Madonna University senior first basemen Zach Flavin, a Novi High alum, was recently named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference player of the week after batting .381 with three home runs. a double and 12 RBIs in six games, all which Madonna won as the Crusaders improved to 26-6 overall. He averaged 1.3 hits, 2.0 RBIs and was walked twice for a .435 on-base percentage. Flavin also had 32 putouts and three assists on defense.

CC Baseball Alum

Kalamazoo College sophomore first baseman Jake Hansen, a Detroit Catholic Central alum from Northville, was named Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association player of the week last week after batting 11-for-17 (.647) in five games the week prior.

Girls Soccer

A pair of shutouts in the past week helped the Wildcats' soccer team improve to 3-1-1 on the season. The squad started with a 5-0 home stand April 14 against Walled Lake Western and continued with a 8:30 a.m.-noon June 21-25 at Novi 1-0 road victory Monday at Livonia Stevenson in the KLAA Central Division opener.

Novi sophomore Jessica Jarvis knocked in a cross from senior Taylor Hoover 15 minutes into the contest before the Wildcats sat back

and cruised to the final whistle. "We played our best soccer of the season for the first 20 minutes of the receive a t-shirt and outdoor basgame. We were moving the ball with ketball. Awards and trophies will be speed, accuracy and making good decisions. We put a lot of pressure on petitions. Teams and competitions their goal and could have scored a will be separated by grades (2-5 and few more, while they didn't have any 6-9), with the younger group using pressure on us," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "After the first 20 minutes, we played average for the rest of the game. It was as if our intensity Athletics Web site and the ticket died down and we were happy to be tracker program at www.novi.k12. winning 1-0. That type of attitude will hurt us later in the season if we don't fix it. We need to be able to play with great intensity and speed, while making good decisions for the **Chris Jackett** is a freelance writer and for entire game. Part of it is our fitness mer Novi News staff writer.

the ball in the net."

strategy was simplified.

Meanwhile, Novi's second-half

"The main thing we talked

about at halftime was that we

were doing things too slow,"

O'Leary said. "We had people

open. We also had a lot of switch

field options open, but the girls

would take four touches in some-

were taking too long to do it. It

thing that should take only one

touch. The first half were play-

ing the first 20 minutes so much

faster. That's what you want to

do. You want to keep the pressure

on and the pressure on. Once you

slow down, then you get yourself

O'Leary was encouraged by the

goalkeeper Gabby Gauruder post-

play from his defenders as junior

"I thought Morgan Haffey

defender," the Novi coach said.

played fantastic, my center

"Last year she was my lead-

ing scorer, had the most goals

and most assists, and started

every game at forward. I graduated my whole defense. I needed

defenders. Before she was playing

midfield and now she's playing

The Wildcats' backline also

contained Stevenson's dangerous

striker Renee Boudreau, a senior.

"Stevenson has a lot of tal-

ented forwards that can put a lot of pressure on you with a lot

of speed," O'Leary said. "She

(Haffey) did a real good job of

that can play any position."

defense. She's a real talented kid

ed the shutout.

CHEER

Courtney Buescher Junior, Milford

Lots of little girls have the dream of growing up and being a cheerleader. Not as many actually grow up and do it. Buescher did. She's been cheerleading since she was very young, and it's clear each and every day that cheer is one of her greatest passions.

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"Courtney works very hard both on and off the cheer mat," said Corazza. "Courtney's positive attitude is a huge asset to the team and she has a great way of encouraging her teammates and improving herself as well as those

Kassi Meister

Junior. South Lyon

The future is bright at South Lyon with Meister expected to be back as a captain next year. The junior, who was a captain this year, was voted the team's Most Valuable Cheerleader in 2009-10. Along the way, she also earned recognition from the coaches and the judges who watched her in action, taking a First-Team All-District nod and an honorable mention All-Region selection.

Holli Sweet Senior, South Lyon

A leader both in the gym and out of it, Sweet was the type of captain that showed it takes more than a pretty smile to earned All-District honors. Sweet was not only a team captain in her senior season, but also an outstanding student athlete, too. She collected honors this year on the academic front as well as on the cheerleading mat.

Nikki Zachar Senior, South Lyon

Talk about making your last season your best. Zachar, a senior captain for the Lions, helped lead her team to their first-ever District Championship thanks to her hard work and dedication to the sport. It wasn't just the coaches who noticed—though she did receive the team's Coaches Award this year—but also her opponents and judges: Zachar was awarded First-Team All-District honors as well as being selected to the Second-Team www.www.com.goes for Taylor Hoover back there..... . All-Region squad...

Erin Detavernier

Sophomore, South Lyon East As a sophomore, Detayernier is the youngest gymnast selected to this year's All-Area team—she may also be the most widely-witnessed cheerleader on the squad, too. Detavernier is a former gymnast who decided to try her hand at competitive cheer. It was a move that has paid off for the sophomore, earning her selection to the National Cheerleaders Association's Top All-American team. Because of the honor, and her tumbling abilities, Detavernier appeared in on-screen interviews and events with the popular Jonas Brothers throughout this

"Erin is one of the area's top athletes because, though all of the recognition she has received, she has staved humble and true to herself." said South Lyon East coach Tracie

Jessica Oakley Junior, South Lyon East

Oakley is the kind of cheerleader every team wants. Since the time she was a freshman, she has pushed herself to be better each and every year. It's a dedication that has paid off, earning her a place on the National Cheerleaders Association's All-American team this past season as well as MHSAA All-District honorable mention honors.

"She is a hard worker and a great leader," said Hovarter. "(She has) goals of continuing on to coach cheer after graduation from high school. She motivates others around her

to work as hard as she does and, in doing so, makes the whole team better with her efforts."

Paige Burnia Junior, South Lyon East

Talk about a jack of all trades. Burnia is not only a honor-receiving cheerleader, but also an MHSAA Scholar Athlete and a member of the student council, the National Honor Society, the school's track and field team and part of the choir. "Paige has proven to be one of the top athletes in the area because of her

heart and love for the sport of cheer," said Hovarter. Burnia was recognized as a member of the National Cheerleaders Association's All-American team.

to improve because of her amazing

Kaitlyn Meagher Junior, South Lyon East

An All-KLAA selection this season, Meagher has been a driving force behind the building of South Lyon East's program since it began. She came aboard as a freshman and has pushed herself to be her best each and every step of the way. "She is an extremely fast learner

and will continue to achieve top honors in cheer due to her dedication to the sport," noted Hovarter. She is also a member of the student council and the track team at East

and earned academic honors this

Morgan Breault Junior, Northville

Few people on the All-Area team are as competitive as Breault, a team captain for the Mustangs this season. No matter what she's doing—be it in cheer or in the classroom—Breault pushes herself to be the best. "Morgan is an intense competitor," said Northville coach Mindy Gentz.

"She is a positive leader on the team. Morgan is self motivated and committed to doing her best for the team." And that kind of dedication to her squad has earned Breault recognition. The junior was named to the All-KLAA team, the First-Team All-District squad, the Second Team All-Region team as well as earning the Mustang Spirit Award and being named as a KLAA Scholar Athlete.

Katie Steinberg Junior, Northville

They say that hard work pays off, and no one embodies that on the All-Area team as well as Steinberg. The junior captain earned a slew of accolades this season. Why? Beyond being intelligent and athletically talented, Steinberg is constantly working at improving. "Katie pushes herself everyday to be at the top of her game," said Gentz. "She is committed to continuous improvement. Katie has earned the respect of her teammates through her dedication to being her best and helping others to be at their best." This season, Steinberg earned All-KLAA, All-District First Team, All-Region Honorable Mention, the Junior of the Year Award, KLAA Scholar Athlete, Mustangs Scholar Athlete and Academic All-State with a 3.8333 grade-point average.

Melissa Scott Senior, Northville

Being a cheerleader-like any athlete—is about more than just perfecting routines or showing up at practice. It's about pushing through the easy times and the tough times and coming out better because of it. Scott is one of those kinds of athletes, and her teammates recognized that all season long, naming her a captain at the beginning of the season and following her lead. "Melissa has overcome tremendous obstacles and worked through significant personal stresses over the last two years," said Gentz. "In that time, she has grown into an outstanding leader

and athlete." Outstanding indeed: Scott, who was a member of all three rounds of competition for the Mustangs, earned

All-KLAA honors this year and was named to the All-District First Team. In addition, Scott was also named the Senior of the Year for the Mustangs, as well as earning herself KLAA Scholar Athlete honors.

Allie Hartnagel Junior, Northville

Experience counts for everything when it comes to being a varsity athlete. Someone can have all the natural talent in the world and yet have no idea what to do in game-time situations. Hartnagel doesn't ever have to worry discipline and maturity and continues about that. As a three-year varsity member of the Northville cheerleading team, Hartnagel knows the ins and outs of her team. "Allie is the girl you can always count

> "She does not accept anything but the best from herself, and from her teammates." Hartnagel earned herself All-KLAA

on to get the job done," said Gentz.

and First-Team All-District honors this year, as well as the team's Dedication

Sophomore, Novi It's hard to make an impact on a varsity cheer team as a sophomore, but Kolis is the kind of athlete that isn't going to let something as trivial as her

Sarah Kolis

grade get in the way. Kolis earned honors across the board this year, getting a nod for the First-Team All-District squad as well as All-Region Honorable Mention. In addition, she earned All-KLAA honors and was named as a KLAA Scholar Athlete this year. Kolis was also given the Hardest Working award by her team.

Allie Jones Junior, Novi

A lot of hard work went a long way for Jones this season. The junior notched herself a wide variety of honors, including those that show how capable she is at balancing her competitive cheerleading season with her scholastic studies.

This season Jones earned All-KLAA honors and was selected to the All-District First-Team. And if that weren't enough, she was recognized as a KLAA Scholar Athlete and earned herself a place on the All-State Academic Team.

Senior, Novi

Certain athletes just embody the exact definition of teamwork and sportsmanship. Ortiz is this year's All-Area selection that does exactly that. The senior, who will likely attend Michigan State University this fall to study business and Spanish, not only earned All-District Second-Team honors and an All-Conference selection in the KLAA, she was also recognized by her team for her hard work toward her team and for the way she handled herself in each and every competition. Ortiz was awarded the Novi Teamwork Award as well as the team's Sportsmanship Award this year. And she's more than just a great sportsman and teammate-she's a whiz in the classroom, too, earning KLAA Scholar Athlete and All-State Academic Team honors in her senior season.

Lauren Forche Senior, Novi

Looking back over her four-year varsity career at Novi High School. Forche has a lot to be proud of. As a freshman, she and her teammates qualified for the state championship tournament—a feat that only her teammate Robyn Hurt enjoyed out of all of this year's All-Area honorees. Though the Wildcats didn't have captains this year, coach Emily

Forche would have been one. This season, Forche earned All-District Second-Team honors as well as All-KLAA. She was also named as a KLAA Scholar Athlete.

Pohlonski said that had there been

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Novi shortstop Kevin Zak scoops up a groundball during the Wildcats' April 12 home,game.

five in the third."

shortened contest.

Junior pitcher Tyler Root got

three strikeouts and allowed

first three innings in the sec-

ond game of the doubleheader

to earn a win after Zak held

and fifth innings of another

A leadoff triple from

one walk and three runs in the

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next doubleheader, a chilly and windy affair last Friday against Milford. A bunt single from Nogami and a two-run triple by Zak put the Wildcats ahead 6-0 by the end of the second inning.

ond inning without a hit and four more in the third inning The Mavericks got two runs with singles from Zak, senior off senior pitcher Alex Karas Chris Slack and a two-run and the Wildcats in the fourth double from Regnier to put the inning to cut the lead to 6-2, Wildcats ahead 6-0. but Novi pulled away in the bottom of the inning with two sophomore Logan Regnier, more runs after Regnier's sacdoubles from Slack and senior rifice fly brought junior Nick Garrett Jewell, and hits from

Bageris and Nogami (3-for-3) Engebretsen and Nick Regnier drove in eight fourth-inning Singles by Enright, Regnier, runs to cap a 14-3 win over the Zak and senior Brett Jewell Mavericks (3-8, 0-3 West). combined with some timely In their toughest contest to walks and good baserunning date, the Wildcats went on to visit No. 15 Canton Monday to bring in five more runs to pull ahead 13-2. Senior relief afternoon for a showdown pitcher Tim Hartland closed between the two division leadout Milford to maintain the ers in the KLAA Kensington five-inning Wildcat victory for Conference.

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The Chiefs got an early run off Paulk in the second inning, "Our game plan was to get but used a powerful third as many runners on base (as we could). It got colder and inning to take the lead for colder out there," Green said. "We got two in the second and

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third inning and loaded the bases and Kruse hit a bomb, Green said. With the bases loaded,

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Kruse knocked one over the center field fence 385-feet away for a grand slam to give Milford scoreless in the fourth the Wildcats a 4-1 lead. A fifth-inning double from Nick Regnier brought in Novi got two runs in the sectwo more runs. Sixth-inning singles from Eloff and Logan Regnier - who played left field and batted ninth - brought in the last two runs in the 9-1

> "I'm really happy to see Logan Regnier coming along in his first varsity start," Green said. "It really was a great game. Other than a baserunning mistake, we were really

Paulk pitched all seven innings in the win over Canton $(8-2, \bar{2}-0 \text{ South})$, allowing six hits, two walks and one run

while striking out six. In addition to the grand slam by Kruse and the RBI hits by the Regnier brothers Nogami and Eloff each had two hits to combine for three RBIs as Novi improved to 8-0 (2-0 Central).

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer "We were down 1-0 in the and former Novi News staff writer.

South Lyon snatches pair of extra-inning wins from Novi

Wildcat pitchers starting season strong

After hitting the road last night

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

for a doubleheader against a It took extra innings to young South Lyon East (0-1) letermine a winner in both games of Novi and South team, Novi (1-3, 0-2 Central) will compete in Saturday's Stacey yon's softball doubleheader April 14. Unfortunately for the Shaieb tournament before host-Wildcats, the Lions came out ing Plymouth (6-1, 2-0 South) 4 on top in the eighth inning of p.m. Monday and then a doubleheader against Northville (4-1, 1-1 Central) Wednesday starting at

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both games. "This was the first quality team we saw. I was pleased with our play even though we did not win," Novi coach Bob Lulek said.

Last season's sophomorealways hit it right at someone," filled squad is a year older and ready to make the jump Lulek said. "We had a runner from the middle of the KLAA in scoring position in the sev-Central Division to the top. Novi's offense gave the

A strong pitching core between junior Rebecca Wildcats a better chance to get Richter and sophomore Taylor the win in the second game, Scott will help the Wildcats earning nine hits. (1-3, 0-2 Central) go far this Junior Colleen Kolis had a single and a triple, junior season, but they'll have to get some help from the rest of the Katie Marra had a double and division in knocking off a tal-Sinkovich had two doubles for ented South Lyon (11-3, 2-0 an RBI while Scott (two RBI) and Hrit had two hits apiece to Central) squad. spur Novi's offense.

"I was pretty pleased with my two pitchers," Lulek said. "We're so far ahead of last year it's pitiful, its solid." In the first game of the

doubleheader, Richter pitched all eight innings, striking out seven and walking just two while allowing eight hits and two unearned runs in the top of the eighth inning that wound up being the final score in a 2-0 loss. The Wildcats had four

extra inning. hits in the game. Two came from senior Allyson Hrit, and junior Maddy Sinkovich and real good," Lulek said. Kimberly Powers had one each. Novi's coach credited a few of his fielders with outstanding play in the second game of the doubleheader.

"Katie Marra, my catcher, threw out three runners and picked off two runners trying to score," Lulek said. Senior "Stephanie Hrit made an outstanding play in the outfield the second game, saved a couple runs."

Novi had a tough matchup Monday at South Division powerhouse Canton (3-0, 2-0 South), who was ranked sixth in the state. The Wildcats led "We hit the ball hard, but we 2-0 heading into the seventh inning, but couldn't hold on as the Chiefs came from behind to

> "We started the bottom of the seventh with an error and they hit the ball hard after

that," Lulek said. Richter, who allowed five hits, four walks and no strikeouts, left two on base when Scott took the mound with no outs in the seventh inning After an intentional walk loaded the bases, the Chiefs got three straight hits to earn the "Bases loaded with one out win, including a controversial and we just couldn't push a run no-out play at the plate to tie the game. Canton had seven

The Wildcats' defense was hits on the afternoon. strong as well, led by Scott, On offense, Richter had a who had six strikeouts and double, while Sinkovich and Marra each had singles for the innings. Three of South Lyon's Wildcats. four runs were unearned, as "The two teams we just

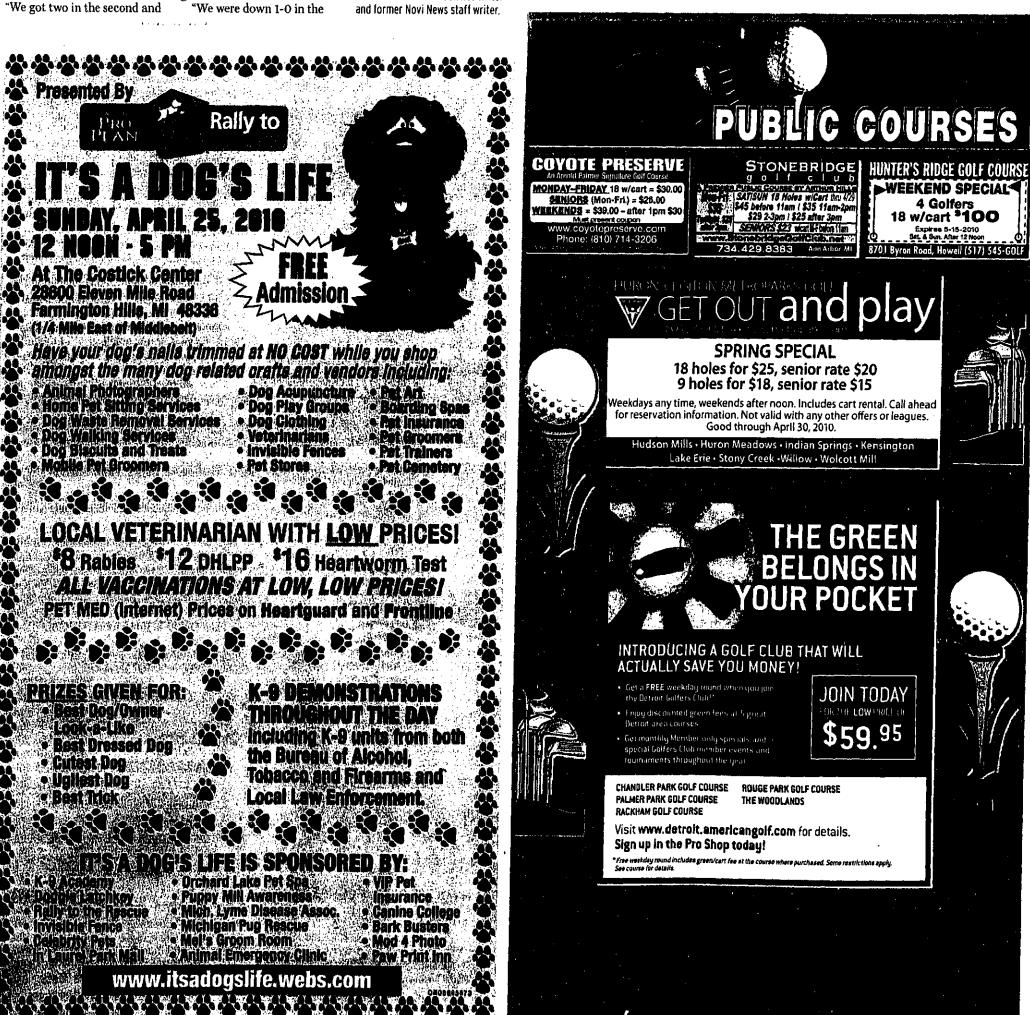
the Novi fielders had four played, South Lyon and errors in the contest and the Canton, are very good. They're Lions won a 4-3 decision in the going to be at the top," Lulek said. "We've got to start win-"They made a few mistakes ning somewhere." too. They're a real solid tearn,

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across," Lulek said.

gave up five hits in eight



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Douglas J. Grimm 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 com-

Grimm is a 26-year industry veteran, having served s president and CEO of Citation Corporation from 2008-2010 prior to the Grede ppointment. In addition, Frimm previously served as 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 roles within the Procurement

Jeff Duncske an Associate Broker with Remerica 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

ters, 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 ence at Walt Disney World lia sophia with other new

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According to Bonni Davis, vice president of lia sophia, "This immediate success is a result of Katie's hard work and dedication. lia sophia is fortunate to have this individual as part of our team and we look forward to celebrating future successes.'

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Virtual (http://fortiervirtual.

wordpress.com) of Novi, joined the International Virtual Assistants Association's Board of Directors as the director of Research and Development. as the Live Summit Planning Committee co-chair (2011) and has previously served as the VAC (Virtual Assistant Connection) coordinator. virtual business management agement, and their clients consist of speakers, coaches, attorneys, financial planners and

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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 Pit 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

Starting at noon on Saturday, April 24, there is a free cooking class with international food writer Annabel 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-

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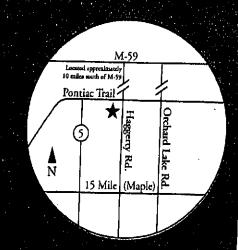


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