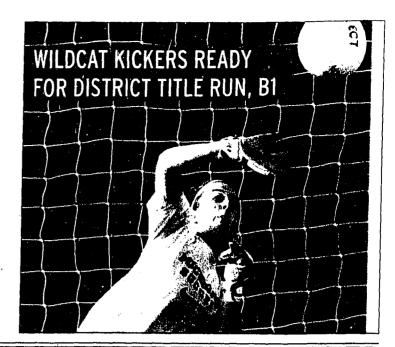
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Fuerst Park art opens Tuesday

The City of Novi announces the opening of the Public Sculpture Exhibit at no cost to residents. Six sculptures will be on display; five along the walking paths of Fuerst Park, and one outside the Civic Center through April 2011. The pieces, chosen by a jury of local art professionals, are interpretive, abstract, and meant to evoke different reactions from those who view the exhibit.

To celebrate the new exhibit, the City of Novi will host a free opening celebration on Wednesday, June 2 to coincide with the opening of the Sizzling Summer Arts Series and Novi High School's Festival of the Arts. The event begins at 6 p.m. at Fuerst Park. There will be live jazz music (Paul Keller Trio), a community art project docent tours.

The sculptures were installed by Midwest Sculpture Initiative, a sculptural art organization that gathers professional artists from across the Midwest to display their work in their many exhibits in Michigan and Ohio. Novi's 2010-2011 Public Sculpture Exhibit is possible due to donations and sponsorships from local businesses including Emagine Theatres Novi.

In addition to the Public Sculpture Exhibit, an art display area has been added in the Atrium of the Novi Civic Center. This public gallery provides local artists to display their work. Exhibits will be monthly or bimonthly and can be viewed anytime the Civic Center is open.

For more information regarding the art exhibits, or for donating to future exhibits, please contact Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services at (248) 347-0400.

"Providing public art adds beauty to our community while instilling civic pride and citizen engagement. This exhibit enhances the space and will encourage people to enjoy the art along with the many events and programs at Fuerst Park, including the Sizzling Summer Arts Series, offered throughout the summer." says Randy Auler, Director, Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

School district finds \$1.8 million



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE

Novi Community School District Board President Ann Glubzinski takes input from fellow board members on May 20 as they began the process of figuring out what revenue enhancements or reductions would be needed to balance the budget.

Funds will save programs, staff

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

The Novi Board of Education has been searching for ways to save programs and jobs

They polled the public, contemplated making unpopular decisions and pleaded with staff members to consider taking wage concessions to help manage the \$6.7 million deficit the district faced.

However, it still appeared the board was being left with no choice but to move forward with cuts that many feared would drastically impact the quality of education in Novi. That is until board president Ann Glubzinski

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asked the administration to scour the finance

books one more time, hoping they would find

money somewhere. Low and behold, they did.

An additional \$1.8 million was found after the administration looked more closely at areas such as early retirement incentives, transportation savings, decreasing health insurance, a tax abatement and substitute teacher, utilities and fuel costs among other areas. The majority of the savings they found, however, was with layoffs, as they projected to save an additional \$1 million because the average teacher salary of those being cut was higher than they initially projected.

Public to get first look at new library Tuesday

Grand opening celebration scheduled for June 26

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

The countdown to the opening of the new Novi Public Library has dwindled to five days.

And while most of the major work seen completed, the library staff is continuing to work on ironing out the small details to ensure expectations are exceeded when the stateof-the-art facility welcomes the public at 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

Library Director Julie Farkas said last Wednesday they were "about 98 percent complete," and stressed that they have been fortunate the project has progressed with few issues.

"It's been a wonderful process," she said.

The two-story, 55,000-squarefoot building is much more modern in feel and features more advanced technology than the previous library that once stood next door.

It starts at the entrance which has lockers for people to pick up books after hours, and with the drive-up area that includes a drop-off box that automatically checks in and sorts books and a window where people can pick up books and pay fines.

The amount of computers in the library have more than doubled, with 104 computers throughout the building, and two SMART Tables, which are multi-user, multi-touch interactive learning centers, have

been put in the youth area. Farkas said the first floor is the more active of the two as it includes the Read-A-Latte Cafe, the Friend's Book Nook, the youth department, large group meeting rooms and the check-out area.



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Novi Public Library Director Julie Farkas stands in the new building's second floor May 20. The facility is set to open to the public June 1.

In the back corner of the first floor is the children's area where the Novi Special race car is on display, surrounded by a mural titled "Reading Through Time."

Head up to the second floor and there will be a noticeable difference. Says Farkas: "If you really want to get something done I suggest you come up here."

The majority of the computers and books are on the second floor as well as the teen area, which has books and Playstation 3 and Xbox 360

gaming systems.

A quiet study room sits in the middle of the floor, and several other rooms also are available for studying or meetings. There even is a living room-type area complete with couches and chairs for people to relax.

"We wanted it to be an extension of their home," Farkas said. For people who want to sit outside, they can do so on the 2,000-

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PARKING INFORMATION

Starting June 1, people must park in the north end of the Novi High School parking lot located off 10 Mile Road. There will be a sidewalk from the lot to the entrance. After June 18, when school is out for the summer, patrons can park in the south high school lot off Taft Road. The new parking lot, which is the site of the old library, is expected to be completed by the fall.

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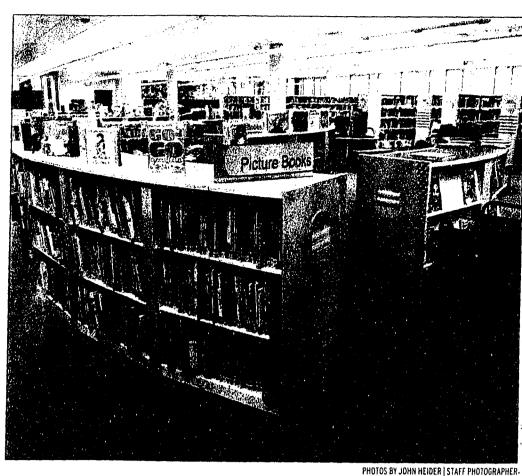




Squeeze in a day at the market

It's time to check out the Novi Farmers Market. The market is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Sunday on Main Street near Grand River Avenue and Novi Road and will run through Oct. 31. Pictured is Bill Besso of Advanced Concessions who is making fresh lemonade for a customer.



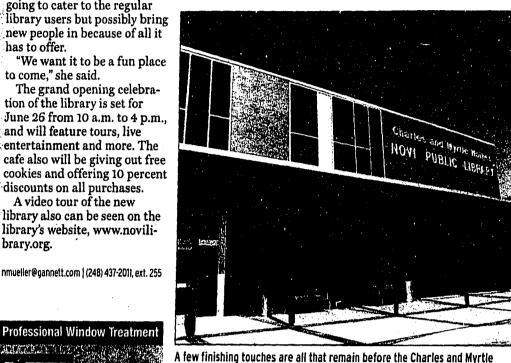


The first floor of the new Novi Public Library — its shelves already full of books waiting for readers.





Painter Stacy Schwartz works on a mural in the children's section of the new Novi Public Library. The mural sketches the history of transportation, through reading - and it's called "Reading Through Time."



Walker Novi Public Library opens to the public on Tuesday.

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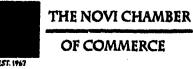
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The deficit facing the district was now down to roughly \$5 million, and

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as a result, many programs and positions that were on the cut list ended up being saved and the fund equity remained at 10 percent. "We think we brought back some important programs for kids, and programs are the reason why people

move to Novi," said Superintendent

CLASS SIZE INCREASING

Peter Dion.

DISTRICT

The major area of savings for the district comes from increasing the number of students in the classroom. Initially, the proposal was to increase class size by an average of four students across the board, but that was changed last Thursday to a 2-4-6 model, meaning an increase of two at the elementary level, four at the middle school and six at the high As a result, 33 teachers will be laid

off for a savings of \$2,159,586. "This issue of class size... it's an exercise of prioritization," said treasurer Dennis O'Connor. "It is very clear that programs, choices for parents, flexibility and opportunity for students are what is most important to parents. If we raise class size a little higher, we can ensure Novi stays Novi -- the unique, developingthe-whole-child community that has been the foundation of what we are all about.

"The higher we raise class size and the more programs we keep, while it's a lose-lose decision either way, I would argue it's more important to

As a packed room watches on behind them, school board treasurer Dennis O'Connor, left, and Novi Community School District Superintendent Peter Dion listen as they begin to work on the 2010-11 budget balancing recommendations.

keep those programs alive." The decision to change to the 2-4-6 model was made because the board felt it was important to keep class sizes lower at the younger levels. "At the elementary level, managing that classroom is challenging and to go to 2-4-6 makes more sense to me from an education standpoint," said secretary Bobbie Murphy, who also

ing districts. **BACK TO WORK** The first budget reduction recommendations called for the reduction of 75 staff members, but the additional money has reduced that number

noted that average class size at the

high school is lower than surround-

Returning to the schools will five

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literacy specialists, when 11 were on the chopping block; two counselors, one still will not be rehired; a media specialist that will work at Novi Meadows and the middle school; two K-6 specials teachers; and a support secretary among a few others.

Glubzinski said the literacy specialists will be going to a coaching model, working with paraprofessionals and faculty to improve literacy. She also reiterated that the English Language Learners program was never going away because it is mandated by the state.

Tom Brenner, Novi Education Association president and high school teacher, said he was still confused as to how the district found the additional savings but was happy

He also said he has been meeting with the administration about possible concessions to save more jobs. "We will keep meeting until we figure something out," he said.

PROGRAMS RESTORED Throughout the budget reduction process, many people in the community were vocal about select programs that were on the reduction list. A main one was the full-day kindergarten program.

The board chose to reinstate the

nine teachers and the program, but trustee George Kortlandt expressed concern that it could be on the chopping block again next year. He said the real success comes from small class sizes, not necessarily a full-day program, and in these economic times parents should help

"I think if we are doing this because people say they will leave us, because of marketing, because it will attract... At some point we have to say are we just trying to bring in revenue or are we trying to educate the child to the best of our ability?" he said. Heather Kirby, a parent of an incoming kindergartner, said she was amazed that the program was

with funding crisis. "I am extremely excited for the opportunity for my child," she said. "But at the same time it is also a time to step into action, and I hope the momentum we gained from this gets more people involved that way."

restored and vowed to stay involved

Two other programs that had the public concerned, the Novi Meadows band and the Strings program, also were brought back. The life manage ment program at the high school was nmueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255

partially restored, with only one position being eliminated.

A revenue enhancement option from the administration was offering schools of choice to International Baccalaureate students and K-4 stu-

The community survey showed that the public was opposed to those options, which could have raised more than \$500,000 for the district, and the board acted accordingly.

LOOK TO THE FUTURE

While the district appears on schedule to balance its budget by the June 30 deadline, a lot can still change before and after that date. Dion noted that the School Aid Fund is projected to be \$292 million higher than projections from January's revenue-estimating conference, and that enrollment is currently projected to go down 57 but that too could change.

There also could be wage concessions that would allow for more teachers to be called back. "There are still several unknowns,"

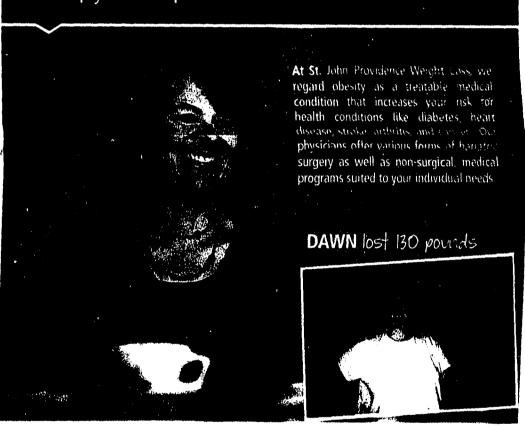
Dion said. Brenner said what really needs to

happen is the state needs to align its budget with the schools so districts don't have to base their budgets on predictions. He also urges the public to get involved because that is the only way change is going to happen. "It would be nice if the pressure from the public could be placed on the legislators more directly so they

to all communities," he said.

realize how terribly unsettling this is

"Weight loss was my biggest gain."



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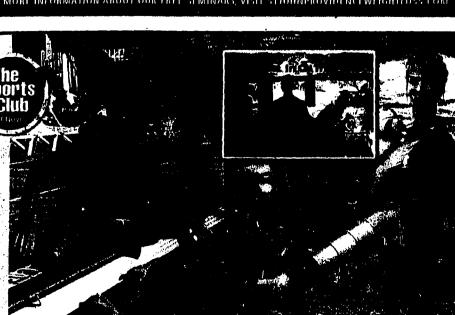
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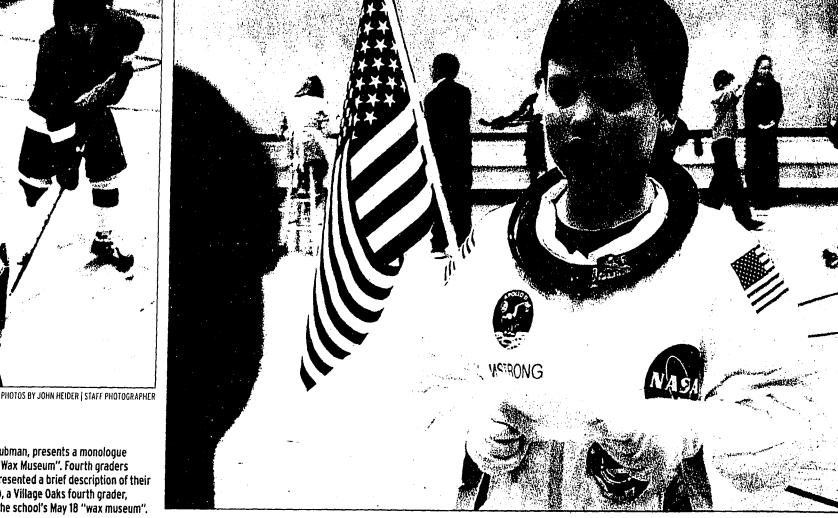
Naujai James (above), portraying Harriet Tubman, presents a monologue during Village Oak Elementary's May 18th "Wax Museum". Fourth graders dressed up as historical figures and then presented a brief description of their accomplishments. Jimmy Kowalczyk (right), a Village Oaks fourth grader, portrays astronaut Neil Armstrong during the school's May 18 "wax museum".

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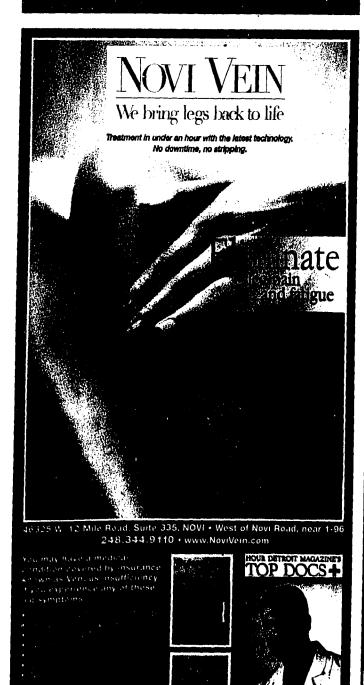


alumni Kathleen Kosmatka and Michael Semanco. Other executive committee volunteers included Walsh alumni Crystal Arcicovich, Lena Carlile, Paul Glantz, Arthur Kelly, David Petoskey, Hannah Thoms; Walsh Trustee A. Mark Zeffiro, and friends Jennifer McQueen and Jon Reesman. Guests were treated to wine tasting from the private collections of Walsh Trustee Van Conway and long-time Gala supporter Bob Cummings. A.H.D. Vintners and Great Lakes Wine & Spirits also donated wine. The event also featured a strolling dinner, martini bar, cigar room, a raffle, and silent auction. Pictured is Bob Cummings of Northville (with Kathy Kosmatka), a long-time private collection wine provider and supporter of the Wine Gala.



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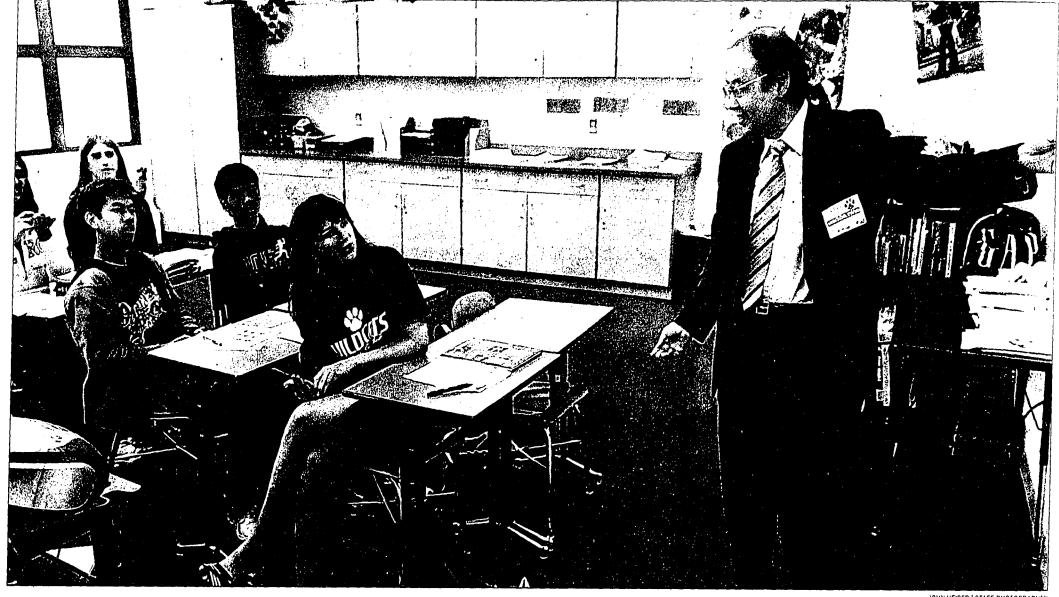
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Hiroshi Sasaki, executive director of the Japan Local Government Center in New York, talks with Novi High School Japanese language students on May 14 as he and others from the Council of Local Authorities for International Relations makes a visit to the city of Novi. Sasaki was pointing out that when he first came to the U.S., he had problems understanding the phrase "for here or to go" when he ordered food at restaurants.

Catholic girls school picks Father Elmer

St. Catherine of Siena Academy Foundation Board recently announced the school's first principal, Rev Richard J Elmer, CSB, effective July 1. He has more than 40

years of experience working in Catholic education. "I am convinced that the health and energy I have is meant to serve our Lord's Church in the area of education," said Elmer. "The word 'retirement' is not in my personal vocabulary at the present time. My first task will be to identify a Congregation of Sisters to staff the school." Elmer is retiring this June

from the presidency of Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi. His first position at the school was from 1952 to 1954 as an English/social studies teacher. He returned from 1960 to 1978 as the director of Guidance, director of Athletics and then prin-

counseling degree from the University of Detroit. Elmer has been involved with St. Catherine of Siena Academy, located in Wixom, since the beginning. He Convention believes in the philosoph and Exposition of the school to teach young out of Washington, D.C. women to understand and embrace the "Truth" that

He then became the Dean of Student Services at the is Jesus, and the late Pope University of St.Thomas in John Paul II's concept of the Houston, Texas from 1986 "Feminine Genius". to 1990. Once again, he returned to Catholic Central as the director of Alumni and Development, and, more recently, the president. Elmer graduated from Detroit Catholic Central in 1946 and entered the Basilian Fathers Community in 1947, making his Final Profession of Vows in 1952, the same year he graduated from the University of Toronto with a BA degree.

Class of 2010 Party The parents of the Class of 2010 have been working for months on the Senior All Night Party. Come over and see how the school will be transformed for graduating seniors at a walk-through from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday,

degree. In 1968, he received

a master of guidance and

June 5 at Novi High School. Please enter through the high school auditorium entrance off Ten Mile Road. To keep the element of surprise for future seniors, no

NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

one under the age of 19 will be allowed to enter. 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

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

grade. The program begins

be at Village Oaks Elementary School. Registration and weekly session fees are available on the Novi School District Web site at www.novi. k12.mi.us under Community Education - C.A.R.E., or call (248) 449-1713 for more infor-



He was ordained a priest in

1957, the same year he earned

a bachelor of sacred theology

Quiz Bowl

A pair of Novi High School teams posted strong showings at the Michigan Japan Quiz Bowl and the Japan Festival on May 8. About 40 students from Novi competed, including some from Novi Middle School, with the division four team from the high school capturing first place and the division one team finishing in second. (Pictured is the winning team) Grace Hong, Shannon Liu, Kenneth Hanson, teacher Noriko Rosen and Christina Johnson.

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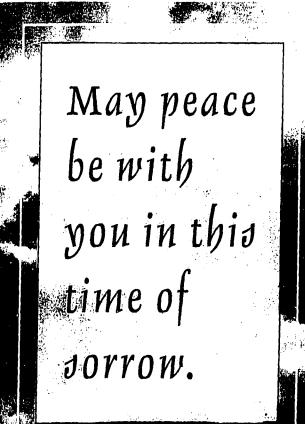
graduate from high school and then COLTHURST Monteith and the birth of a great- Passed away on May 17, 2010 at grandson, Matthew in 2007 and a Brighton Gardens in Northville, great-granddaughter, Madelyn Emily Michigan. Roberta was born in early this year filled her heart with Ashkum, IL on March 29, 1917 to joy. Margaret is survived by her son, Harry and Elizabeth Cheadle. She was Craio W., her daughter, Barbara predeceased by her husband Eldon in (David) Baker Blanden; granddaugh- 1999 and a son Barton in 2007. ter, Brooke (Chad) Baker Monteith; Roberta is survived by a son Howard great-grandchildren, Matthew Baker (Patricia) of Saginaw, a daughter-in-Monteith, Madelyn Emily Monteith; law-Lynn Colthurst of South Lyon, a sister, Betty Lou (Edmond) Porter- daughter Linda (Norman) Sunstad of Harben, and many loving extended Sedona, AZ, a son Eric (Susan) of family members and dear friends. Northville, five grandchildren and She was preceded in death by her four great grandchildren. Roberta husband, Robert W. Baker (d. 1990); resided in the South Lyon area for the sister, Wilma Harriet Porter-Aponte past 30 years and was a beautician. and parents William & Florence (nee A private committal service has taken Foote) Porter. A Funeral Service was place. Arrangements were handled held Monday, May 24, 12 PM at by Phillips Funeral Home in South

Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 Lyon, Michigan. Online questbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com OBITUARY POLICY e-mail your obit to: HTWObits@hometownlife.com

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Passed away on Friday, May 21, 2010
KARL GUNNAR BJORKMAN LAURA VIVIAN DEVEREAUX Arbor, surrounded by family. She Age 62, of South Lyon, passed away Age 91, of South Lyon, passed away Age 96, a longtime resident of was 87 years old. Born in Milford on May 8, 2010. He was born December May 22, 2010. She was born on April Northville, passed away peacefully July 1, 1922, she was the daughter of 25, 1947 to Einar and Majken 10, 1919, in Ann Arbor, to the late on May 21, 2010. She was born on William and Florence (Foote) Porter (Andersson) Bjorkman in Hatuna, Robert and Laura (Ehnis) Golden. April 12, 1914 in Salem, MI; daughand remained a resident of Milford all Sweden. He was united in marriage She married John Devereaux on ter of Charles J. and Emma (Sockow) her life. She graduated from the old to Carolynn Johnson on January 23, June 3, 1939 who preceded her in Fleischman. She was united in mar-Milford High School on Hickory 1981 and they spent 29 loving years death. Vivian leaves behind to cherriage to Arnold E. Hix on September Street and attended Michigan State together until his death. He moved to ish her memory, her children: Robert 29, 1934; they spent 75 loving years University and the University of South Lyon in 1988, he was formerly (Deborah) Devereaux and Marilyn together until his death. Helen, a Grand Rapids (later Davenport of Sweden, Gunnar was the owner of (Stephen) Harrington; her grandchil- 1932 graduate of Northville High University) where she studied CG Technologies, Inc. for the past 10 dren: Paul (Sarah Walsh) Devereaux School, retired from Burroughs and Pharmacy. Unbeknownst to her par- years. He was a member of Salem and Robert Nathan Devereaux. She is was also a homemaker. Her family ents, she made a trip down to Bible Church and was affiliated with also survived by her nephews. Mark was very special to her. She enjoyed Pensacola, Florida to visit a young Northridge Church. He was also a Golden and Alvan Golden Jr.; her traveling all over Michigan with Navy man from Clyde who was sta- member of the Swedish Club in niece Mary (Ken) Culp; her niece-in- them; especially to watch harness tioned there during World War II. Farmington Hills. Gunnar enjoyed law Phyllis (Frank) Havelka and her racing with her daughter. She was She and Robert W. Baker were mar- working on cars; fixing them up and nephews-in-law: Tom (Dorothy), proud and happy when her family ried on August 27, 1943. With the tinkering with them, He cherished the David (Pat) and Peter Anda. She was with her, Helen is survived by

Degree at the University of Toledo his sister Kristina Rojdeby. He was Medical Records Clerk. Vivian was great-great grandchildren. She was where she graduated in 1964 and preceded in death by his father. A most proud of her husband's octa- preceded in death by her parents, her passed her board exams in both Ohio Memorial Service will be held gon house which she lived in until husband, and her sister Mabel Jones and Michigan. She worked with her Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at 1 p.m. at her death. The "Nathan B. Devereaux A funeral service was held Tuesday father who owned Porter's Rexall Salem Bible Church, 9481 Six Mile Octagon House" was listed on the May 25, 2010 at Casterline Funeral Drugstore on Main Street (on the east Rd., Salem. Pastor Lance Rubringer National Register of Historic Places Home, Inc. Pastor James N. McGuire side next to For Feets Sake, which will officiate the service. In lieu of on April 2, 2003. A special thank you with Fellowship Presbyterian Church was then the old post office) and flowers the family would appreciate to Ethel Cunningham, Vivian's main officiated the service. Mrs. Hix was remained in the store after her father memorial contributions to Salem caregiver for the past 6 years. A laid to rest at Cadillac Memorial sold it to Ed Foster. Later on she Bible Church or Northridge Church. thank you also to Dr. M. Skalski and Gardens West in Westland, Michigan became assistant manager for Perry Arrangements entrusted to Casterline his medical assistant Linda Connolly Contributions would be appreciated Drugs in Fenton until she traded the Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon. for their exceptional medical care. to the Great Lakes Hospice, 900 Vivian was a wonderful mother, men- Cooper Street, Jackson, MI 49202

Union Street and her gardens and Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com conducted on May 27,Thursday, at Southfield. Interment Holy Sep-11 a.m. at the First United Methodist ulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Don-Church of South Lyon, 640 S. ations: Michigan Humane Society of Lafayette, South Lyon. Memorial American Cancer Society. Online contributions may be made to The condolences: www.obriensullivanfu-

South Lyon. Online Guestbook at:

First United Methodist Church of

hockey team. He was united in mar-

riage to Jeanne Decker in 1947 and

they spent 62 loving years together

Eagle Data. He was a member of St.

Bunyan Club, Plymouth Elks,

Son's of Norway. He was an avid

fisherman and golfer. He enjoyed

cooking and appreciated all aspects

of Culinary Arts. He also enjoyed

Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville.

ELLEN MARIE HARLAND

Survived by Tim (Annemarie) Neff,

Robert (Connie), & Nicole (Charles).

A funeral service was held on May

24 at Phillips Funeral Home, South

www.phillipsfuneral.com

Lyon. Online guestbook:

FRANCES E. KRITCH Age 88, of Howell, passed away May 22, 2010. Loving mother of Doosie (Jerry) Cole, Joseph (Sandra), and Ed (Candace); sister of Mary (David) Biery and Norman Byrne; grandmother of 7; great grandmother of 5; and great-great grandmother of 1. A service was held Tues. 5/25/2010 at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

Herbert J. "Jim" FROGNER

MARY CAROLYN LEE Age 85, a longtime resident of Northville, passed away May 22, 2010. He was born Age 71, died May 18, 2010. Funeral service was held on May 20 at Fellowship Baptist Church, Whit-May 26, 1924 in Detroit, Michigan to more Lake. Arrangements by: Herbert N. and Annamae (Perry) Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Frogner. Jim proudly served his Online Guestbook at: country as an Aviation Cadet in the Army Air Corps during WWII. He received a Bachelor of Science in Mineralogy from the University of Michigan, where he played on the

ANNE ELIZABETH

SHIRLEY ANN KATKIC

neralhome.com

. MCKENNA May 20, 2010, Age 50. Beloved wife until his death. Jim was the CEO of of Robert for 28 years. Funeral was Industrial Sound Control and later May 24 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Paul's Lutheran Church in Northville. He was also a member of The Paul Memorials to The Capacitino, Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, M1 48207. Memorials to The Capuchins, 1820 Online condolences: Northville Gourmet Club, and the

ROBERT LEWIS

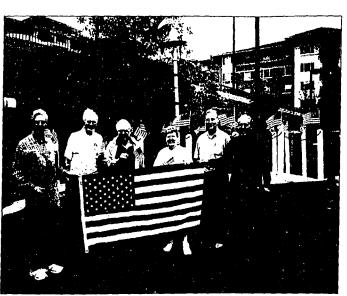
vegetable gardening. Jim had a great sense of humor and loved story-OPPENHEIM telling and sharing. He was an ama-Age 65, died on May 15, 2010 after a 35 year battle with cancer. Beloved teur inventor and had applied for patents for his inventions. He is surhusband of Beth nee Filosa, Loving vived by his loving wife Jeanne father of Jeffrey Brian (Amy). Frogner; his children Kristine Adoring grandfather of Cameron (Stephen Marsden) Frogner, Charles Edward. Bob graduated from Drexel Frogner, Jim (Ellen) Frogner, David University in 1967 with a degree in (Laurel) Frogner, and Ann (Russ) mechanical engineering. He received Kelly; and his grandchildren his MBA from the Wharton School of Adrienne, Joran, Erica, Madeline, the University of Pennsylvania, He Sara, Kristen, and Jim. He was prewas employed by Ingersoll-Rand Co. ceded in death by his parents, and his brother Charles Frogner. A controlled by his parents, and for 42 years and concluded his brother charles frogner. A capture of the parents of the p career as global vice-president of morial Service will be held today, marketing. He was a devoted hus-St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 201 Elm Street, Northville. Pastor Thomas Lubeck will officiate the service. The family would appreciate the service and triend. He dearly loved his wife, son, and cherished his grandson Cameron. Visitation is paid of the control of the co family would appreciate memorial Funeral Service at St. Paul's Lutheran contributions to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Northville. Burial will take Church or Salvation Army. place in Littlestown, PA. Please share Arrangements entrusted to Casterline a memory with the family at

www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com Age 63, passed away May 19, 2010. DOROTHY M. WAKEFIELD Age 97, of Hartland, formerly of Dearborn, passed away May 19, 2010. Funeral Service held Wed., 5/26/2010 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. Contributions to Alzheimer's Association appreciated

InvestNovi.org can also sign their electronic mailbox. a "fan" of Novi Economic

the opportunity to become Development on Facebook (http://www.facebook.com/ Economic Development on Twitter (http://ww.twitter. com/investnovi). With the popularity of these social media sites, it makes great marketing sense for Novi to engage interested commuin this free communication venue. Information shared highlights business notes of interest, including new openings, educational opportuni-

nership accolades. "The City of Novi takes great pride in its hands on approach to interacting and communicating with the business community," said Ara Topouzian, Novi's Economic Development director. "The refreshed InvestNovi. org will serve as a great business attraction site and the Facebook and Twitter venues provide an opportunity for those to receive instant updates on what it is happening in the Novi business community."



A group of Fox Run Village residents stand in front of their float that will be in the Novi Memorial Day Parade on Monday. (Pictured from left) George Butcher, Harry Hodge, Dick Miles, Bobbie Chirio, Ivan Kittel and Paul Benivegna.

Annual Memorial Day parade to feature more than 50 veterans

PARADE INFORMATION

The parade starts at 10 a.m. at

and people wishing to be in the

parade should arrive early to

line up. It will end at the Novi

Civic Center with a short cer-

emony. Children are encouraged

to decorate and ride their bikes

walking or riding in cars or

decorate their bikes and ride

them in the parade with the

meaning of the holiday.

hope of educating them on the

She also invites children to

in the parade.

floats.

10 Mile and Karim Boulevard,

BY NATHAN MUELLER

Rick Anderson knows many people view Memorial Day as the beginning of summer and the chance to fire up the grill for the first time.

But he also hopes that people will take a break from heir day and reflect on the real meaning of the holiday remembering veterans who

Anderson, who is the director of the Great Lakes National in the United States Army from ing Novi's Memorial Day Parade on Monday.

"We want people to under-"I really want Memorial Day stand what being an American means and what our veterans had to do for us to make it that way," she said. "It didn't just come naturally, but at the sacrifice of our veterans. And we need to honor them for the freedom they gave us." Richard O'Donohue, a Novi

resident of nearly 20 years and World War II veteran, will be walking in the Novi parade for the first time He attended the Milford

Memorial Day parade last year, calling the event "pretty awesome" and he looks forward to talking with his fellow veterans and sharing stories. O'Donohue also is eager to see the crowd that gathers

"I just hope people remember the sacrifices a lot of people made back in those to forget sometimes just how lucky we are."

After the ceremony, there and their families only. For more information.

more than 50 veterans will be nmueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255 Novi enhances economic development efforts

The City of Novi has aunched several new Economic Development initiatives using a variety of electronic facets in the past several months to help showcase its strengths and why businesses searching for a community partner would want to estab-

lish roots in Novi. Headlining this marketing strategy is the refreshed economic development website InvestNovi.org. The recently enhanced site is geared toward national and international businesses and site selectors. InvestNovi.org was developed using elements from popular global economic development sites, incorporating feedback from other strategic partners and site selectors. The homepage displays an animated map showing the exact location of Novi, Michigan, USA and

• An Available Commercial Properties Database powered by Catalyst, the same provider which hosts the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and Oakland County database Easier navigation and searching of information.

• New pages, such as

Incentives, Business Sectors.

Small Business Visitors to

up to receive a monthly e-Biz newsletter delivered right to The refreshed site also offers investnovi) and to follow Novi

nity and businesses members ties, local headlines, and part-

NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

online at hometownlife.com

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. Lafavette. 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 holyfamilynovi.org Mass Schedule

TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday. Thursday Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Crosspointe Meadows Church

Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appoint-

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org. Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages **Details**: Nursery and older children programs available. resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

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.

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile

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 Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do Women of the Word

> 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 Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.newhopecenter. Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com

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

Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship

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Alzheimer's Support Group Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Salurday of month

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Faith Community Presbyterian Location: 44400 W, 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-nogr Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Festival of Faith and the Arts Time/Date: 4-8 p.m. May 14; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. May 15 (concert at 4 p.m.) Vacation Bible School Date: June 21-25

First Baptist Church of Northville Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: (248) 348-1020

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STAFF WRITER

Cemetery in Holly, Mich., served 1964-1984, and will be the guest speaker at the ceremony follow-

to be a day for us to step back as a nation and remember the freedoms we have today are because of the sacrifices of those that gave part of their lives to assure we were not overcome," he said. "And it's a great responsibility we have as veterans still living to make sure the next generation remembers what we all

stood for and what those we are remembering on Memorial Day stood for." The annual Novi Memorial Day parade kicks off at 10 a.m. at 10 Mile and Karim Boulevard and travels west

along 10 Mile to the Novi Civic Center. There will be a ceremony following the parade featuring

Rachel Zagaroli, senior services manager for the city of Novi and parade organizer, said she expects several different groups in the parade and

the releasing of doves and the national anthem sung by Novi student Tanaz Naterwala, as well as speeches from Mayor David Landry and Anderson. The Harmony Town Chorus also will be singing.

days," he said. "I think we tend will be a luncheon for veterans

contact Zagaroli at (248) 347-

LOCAL NEWS

Rd

11 Mile Rd.

8 Mile Rd.

Women arrested with weed

1 A 29-year-old woman and a 34-year-

on May 22 for possession of marijuana

after initially being stopped for a defec-

tive brake light and Grand River Avenue

According to the report, when the

she had smoked recently of if any was

to have a K-9 unit search the car and the

woman obliged because she said there

was nothing inside. The passenger also

while he was calling for the K-9 he saw

the woman moving around in the seats.

of 19 grams of the drug in three places,

and the driver indicated her "friend"

was theirs and as a result both were

When the K-9 arrived it found a total

had borrowed her car and may have "left

something in it" but would not name the

Both continued to deny that the drug

denied the drug being in the car, and

in the car. The woman said no to both

old woman were arrested at 9:59 p.m.

City

of Novi

12 Mile Rd.

14 Mile Rd.

13 Mile Rd.

Ghand River Ave.

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Lake improvement board still mulling over assessment roll

New proposal would increase back lot benefit to 0.2 units

BY NATHAN MUELLER

It's going to take at least one more meeting for the Walled Lake Improvement Board to finalize its fiveyear Special Assessment Roll to control weeds in Walled Lake.

The board hoped to complete the process at its meeting on May 20, but additional parcels are still being included on the roll and there was some discussion about increasing the assessment on back lot owners from .1 units of benefit to .2 units.

Brian Coburn, secretary, treasurer of the board and city of Novi senior civil engineer, said the project still has the same total cost of \$619,000, but could be split differently if the board chooses to increase the assessment on the back lot

"The more parcels we add and the more we allocate to the back lot, the cheaper it will get for the lakefront owners," he said.

The lake board is looking at a completing a project that includes mechanical weed harvesting and chemical treatments for weeds. Prior to the May 20 meeting, the roll included 1,367

parcels, 651 in Novi and 716 in Walled Lake. The city of Novi also is contributing \$30,000 for the property it owns on the lake.

Jeff Potter, Oakland County Board of Commissioner's representative, said he is hopeful the board will be able to act

approval is needed from the state to conduct chemical treatments, and approval could take months to hap-

on June 17 because license

The assessment roll presented to the board on May 20 called for:

* single family homes with up to 96 feet of lake frontage to receive 1.0 unit of benefit at a cost of \$213.53 annually: * a single family with more than 96 feet gets 1.5

* commercial riparian receives 3.0 units at a cost of \$640.59; back lot parcels and lake access parcels, condominiums with indirect access will see .1 unit at a cost of

units at a cost of \$320.30;

* waterfront condominium parcels to see .75 units at a cost of \$160.15. Some residents in Walled Lake and Novi have expressed their displeasure with the assessment, saying its not fair to everyone, that there is no problem in the

lake and that the assessment is being pushed through. "It has been anything but rushed," Potter said. "I think it has been discussed for a couple years, the public has been amply noticed and the various people have had a chance to state their

aims," he said. The board is expected to meet at 7 p.m. on June 17 in the Novi Council Chambers to further discuss the

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arrested and taken to the Novi Police Department. They were issued citations for posses-**GREAT LAKES DERMATOLOGY** sion and released after posting bond. MICHAEL R. COHEN, D.O.

Faulty light leads to drunk drivina stop

A 31-year-old man was arrested at 1:42 a.m. on May 23 for drunk driving after he was stopped for a burned out brake light at Grand River Avenue near

The officer smelled a strong odor of intoxicants when he approached the car and the man admitted to drinking.

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

12 Mile Rd.

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10 Mile Rd.

9 Mile Rd.

Walled Lake

He failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .17 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08

officer approached the vehicle he could smell marijuana and asked the driver if Drunk driver causes minor The officer then told her he was going.

> **n** Novi police arrested a woman for 3 drunk driving after bumped into the rear end of a vehicle that was stopped at a red light on Eight Mile Road east of

The victim said the impact inched her car forward slightly and she got out of her car to tell the woman to pull into a nearby parking lot. She said when she approached the car the woman appeared to be intoxicated. When police arrived, the woman said

she was changing a CD when she felt her car bump the one in front of her. Her speech was slurred when talking and she admitted to drinking at a bar in She failed field sobriety tests and a

preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .15 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

She was arrested for operating while intoxicated and transported to the Novi Police Department. Neither vehicle suffered damage from the collision.

Purse stolen at Total Sports

8 Mile Rd.

A 18-year-old Novi woman had her purse stolen around 8 p.m. on May 20 while she was playing soccer at Total

She said she put her purse on a bench near the field and that it was sitting next The driver was transported to the Novi to her brother's black duffel bag. When Police Department where he was issued she finished playing, she could not find a citation for operating while intoxicated the purse and employees said no one had

The purse contained her car keys, driver's license and \$5 cash. An employee at Total Sports said the fields were covered by CCTV cameras that were operating at the time of the theft and they are going to review them. The case has been forwarded to the detective's bureau and there are no sus-

pects at this time. Unlocked car broken into

A Nissan Altima was broken into overnight on May 22 while it was parked in the driveway of a noon Mayfair

The woman said she didn't notice anything out of the ordinary until she heard that other vehicles in the subdivision had been broken into recently, and found her car in the morning with the door

partially open. She thought she didn't close the door the night before but then saw her Garmin GPS and garage door opener

The vehicle was unlocked at the time of the theft and police have no suspects

- Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

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churchofnovi.org Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main St. Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresn-Sunday Worship Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.

Walking in the Park Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday **Location**: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads) **Details:** Group meet for lunch afterwards.

Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016 Single Place Ministries Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday. Details: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org.

First United Methodist Church of Northville A Stephen Ministry Church

Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd. Contact: 248-349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org **SUNDAY WORSHIP** Times: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. Sept.-May; 8:30

and 10 a.m. Memorial Day-Labor Day Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, Senior Pastor; Rev. Jeff Sturgeon, Associate Pastor Coffee Hour: 10: 15 a.m. Sunday Sept-May; 9:30 a.m. Memorial Day-Labor Day Healing Service: 4 p.m. first Mondays of every month

Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesday fo fourth-12th grade Oct.-April Men's Club: 8 a.m. second Saturdays

Career Ministry: 7 p.m. first and third

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi Contact: (248) 349-0565 Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible

Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia Contact: For further information, please contact NSO Douglas K. Wells at (313) 964-

Meadowbrook Congregational Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org. Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Sermon: Having a Plan Church School: 10-11 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m. **Merry Widows Luncheon**

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month Pilgrim Fellowship Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays Asking Questions adult education class Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays

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

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

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

Summer Vespers Time/Dates: 7:30 p.m. June 20, July 18 and August 22

Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life

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

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

Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every **Location**: In front of the church **Details**: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

Advent Service Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday Oak Pointe Church Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi

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

Details: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning, change from a Christian per-Women's Life Groups Ministries Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday

Men's Life Groups Ministries Time/Date: 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations For both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact the church office. Orchard Hills Baptist Church

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

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road,

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Saturday Worship Time: 5 p.m. Sunday Worship Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. Our Shepherd

Presbyterian Church Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891 Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

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

a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday St. John's Episcopal Church Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

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

Time: 5:30 p.m. **Sunday Worship** Time: 9, 11:15 a.m. **Sunday School** Time: 10:15 a.m. St. Paul's Lutheran Church Location: 201 Elm St., Northville Contact: (248) 349-3140

Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Blended; 11 a.m. Contemporary; 11:30 a.m. Traditional **Unitarian Universalist** Church of Farmington

Location: 25301 Halstead Road, Farmington Contact: www.uufarmington.org Time/Date: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays **Details:** This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. The UUCF Interfaith Journey

Universalism philosophy of individual worth and the power of community with a study of the World Religions that are practiced around the globe. This program compliments the mission of UUCF Religious Education of teaching youth inclusion, compassion and peace and provides the environment to live and learn in a culturally diverse community Classes are grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age specific education materials

Contact: Jennifer Teed at 248/478-7272 or dre@uufarmington.org Lifelong Learning Forum Time/Date: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays Details: Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance regis tration necessary; a \$5 donation suggested Drop in and pick the class that interests you

Contact: (248) 478-7272 or uufarmington. org/uucf/re-lifespan

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church Location: 40000 Six Mile Road Contact: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978 Time: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Traditional; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Contemporary. Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. Service Broadcast

Details: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDT-AM 560, The WMUZ Word Station. Single Point Ministries (45 and older) Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday for fellowship and

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LOCAL EVENTS Deerfield Elementary 10th Anniversary Celebration Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Friday, June

18 (Celebratory Program at 6:15 **Location**: Deerfield Elementary **Details**: Looking for current and former students, parents, teach-

ers, and staff to come celebrate Deerfield's 10th Anniversary. **Contact**: DeerfieldTenYearCelebra tion@hotmail.com to RSVP by June 6. Please include family name and number attending in your RSVP. Northville-Novi Garden Walk **Time/Date**: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, June 26

Details: The Gardeners of Northville & Novi (No-No's) present "Beauty and Bounty", a self-guided tour of seven exceptional gardens in Novi; rain or shine. Tickets are \$10 (cash or check) and will be available on the day of the tour at the main venue, Novi Civic Center, 45000 W. 10 Mile Road. This year's gardens were selected for their outstanding blend of flowers, shrubs and water features combined with a section devoted to vegetables and/or herbs. The gardens featured will also participate in the state-wide "Yellow Ribbon Garden" program to honor and support our military men and women - a tradition dating back to 1945 to pay tribute for their service high-quality selection at the lowand sacrifice to our country. Contact: For advance ticket purchase information see www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org.

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June-August. **Location**: at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountainwalk in the center roundabout by Lucky Strike **Details**: Free concerts and art. ArtsNovi will have 4 artists selling work and doing demonstrations each week. Bring a chair! Bands for June: 5 - Gia Warner Duo; 12 - Bon Temp Roulle; 19 - Catfish Mafia; 26 -Michael May and the Messarounds. Contact: Twelve Mile Crossing (248) 348-8762

Sunset Jazz @ Fuerst Park Time/date: 7-9:30 p.m. first Wednesdays of June, July and

Location: Fuerst Park, southeast corner of Taft and 10 Mile roads details: Free live jazz -- bring a picnic basket and make it a date night. The June 2 kick-off features The Paul Keller Trio Tribute to Nat King Cole. July 7 - Don Swindell Quartet; August 4 - Royal Garden Quartet; September 1 - Sheila Landis & Rick

Contact: ArtsNovi@yahoo.com or Facebook ArtsNovi Rock Financial Showplace Location: 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi

Contact: (248) 348-5600 Gem & Jewelry Show TIME/DATE: noon-6 p.m. Friday, June 25; 10-6 Saturday, June 26; 11-5 Sunday June 27 **DETAILS**: A fabulous jewelry exhibition that gathers hundreds of designers and manufacturers together to offer buyers the best est price. Admission is \$8; parking

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Location: Rock Financial Showplace, Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck roads Details: Comrades and fellow veterans, please join these monthly meetings; attendance is needed to maintain and grow the Post. Contact: Commander Dennis Strikulis (248) 378-7841 or dstriku-

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Location: The Botsford Center for

Health Improvement, 39750 Grand

Registration is not required. **MSU Extension** Location: MSU Extension Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi Contact: (248) 858-0887, email smithlin@oakgov.com or visit www. msue.msu.edu/oakland

Evening in the Gardens -Hydrangeas: Classic Beauty Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 3 **Details**: course for all gardeners interested in learning how to get that perfect pink or beautiful blue, planting, pruning and plant selection to make the most of these supberb performers in your garden. Instructor is long time metropolitan Detroit resident and owner of Black Cat Pottery, Cheryl English. The cost is \$20 per person.

Evening in the Gardens -Small Fruit Production Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 10 Details: Ever wish you could grow your own strawberries, raspberries, grapes, blueberries or other

small fruit? Join MSU Extension District Fruit Educator, Bob Tritten, as he helps explore all of the aspects of producing your own delicious healthy, fruit. Plant selection, matching the plant to your site, training and pest manwill be covered. The cost is \$20

BUSINESS Metro Novi BNI Time/Date: 7-8:30 a.m. every Wednesday

Location: On the Border

Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of 8 Mile), Novi **Details**: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine an 'elevator speech,' develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental

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

Novi Chamber of Commerce The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, educational programs, an enhanced Web site, and involvement with local Location: 41875 11 Mile Road. #201,

Contact: For more information, call (248) 349-3743 or www.novichamber.com. Business to Business Breakfast Tiime/Date: 8:30-10 a.m.

Wednesday, June 2 Location: Tanglewood Golf Course, 53503 W. 10 Mile Rd., South Lyon **Details**: Join for this special combined networking breakfast with the South Lyon Chamber of Commerce: \$5 payable at door Networking Luncheon Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Tuesday

Location: Bonefish Grill, 4330411 Mile Rd., Novi **Details:** Guest speaker will be Kathy Tosian, an engaging and experienced trainer from Dale Carnegie, speaking on "Working A Room". Learn an easy way to generate conversations that will help you leave a lasting impression. Discover communication do's and don'ts when working a room. \$20 per person. Pre-registration required by 4 p.m. Monday, June 14.

Novi Farmers' Market & International Street Fair Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Suridays, through Oct. 31 Location: Main Street, between

Grand River Avenue and Novi Road Details: An open-air market featuring fresh and tasty produce, gorgeous plants and flowers, yummy baked goods, honey and jam, sensational crafts and works of art. Presented by the Novi Chamber of Commerce, Bright House Networks and the Toasted Oak Grill. List of vendors available at www.novifamrersmarket.com

May 30 Market Day featuring: Asparagus, rhubarb, tomatoes, onions, spinach, mushrooms, fresh eggs, bedding plants, flower baskets, herbs baked goods, coffee, jams, flavored butters, pickles, sandwiches, and other concessions Entertainment: Petal Shop Garden Walk and Dinner Tour tickets will be available Face painting and artisans List of vendors available at www. novifarmersmarket.com Novi Toastmasters Club

Notice to Bright House Networks Cable Customers From time to time our agreements with cable channels and television stations

be no loss or interruption in service, we also need to protect our company and

our loyal customers from unreasonable demands which would cause the cost of our service to rise excessively. Our agreements with indiePlex, RetroPlex,

MoviePlex, Encore, Encore Action, Encore Drama, Encore Love, Encore Mystery,

Encore WAM, Lifetime, Encore Westerns, El, Style, Starz, Starz Cinema,

Starz Comedy, Starz Edge, Starz in Black, Starz Kids & Family, Zee TV, TruTV,

and Weather Channel remain in effect on a month to month basis, but we may

have to cease carriage in all formats if our authority to continue is withheld. As

well, our agreement with BBC America expires on July 12, 2010, and we may

have to cease carriage in all formats if our authority to continue is withheld. We are working diligently at this time to try to come to acceptable and fair

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terms with all of these channels.

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375 Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome - and bring a friend. Visit

mi.rr.com or (248) 756-0907. Novi Rotary Club Time/Date: Noon every Thursday Location: Novi Methodist Church. 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information; novirotary.org.

www.novi.freetoathost.us.

Contact: Paulette Alioa, V.P. of

Public Relations at greenspace@

NIGHTLIFE Andiamo Novi / Dirty Martini Lounge / Andiamo Theater Location: 42705 Grand River

Avenue, Novi Contact: (248) 348-3838 Andiamo Lounge: local entertainers 8 p.m. Wednesdays; Old Vegas Night 6:30 p.m. and Dave Croon 8:30 p.m. Thursdays; Pete Dimascio 8:30 p.m. Fridays; Laurie Johnson 8:30 p.m. Saturday. Dirty Martini Lounge: Killer Flamingos 10 p.m. Thursday

Liquor Store Location: Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, 44325 Twelve Mile

Contact: (248) 305.8135 Location: Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, 44325 Twelve Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 374-3420 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 blues Fridays and Saturdays: 8:30-midnight May 28 - The Pleasuretones The Post Bar

Location: 42875 Grand River Avenue, Novi Contact: (248) 465-9600 Wednesdays: WYLD" Wednesday with DJ Joey "A" & mc Jevon Thursdays: DJ Tommy Holiday

Fridays: Famous Friday with DJ iMix & mc Jevon Hollywood Location: 43155 Main Street, Novi Contact: (248) 347-6499 or mixx-

Thursday-Saturday: DJ LIBRARY LINES

(September-May)

Details: Unless noted below, all

programs take place at the Library.

Contact: (248) 349-0720

Website: www.novilibrary.org

The Novi Public Library will be

closed for the months of April

and May in preparation for our

move to the new library building

Please see CALENDAR, A13

Novi Public Library Library Hours Location: 45245 W. Ten Mile Road Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 Thomas J. Neuner, DC a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 a.m.-5: p.m.





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meeting, an agreement with the City

of Farmington Hills to provide con-

struction staking and inspections for

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vided by an engineering consultant.

Farmington Hills to supplement City

of Novi engineering staff, the savings

will be approximately \$6,100. This is

the first time Novi has entered this

type of agreement and it may lead to

but by using staff from the City of

the 2010 Pathway Gap Construction

camaraderie and fun".

cityofnovi.org.

partnering

to the start of this production, "I

online at hometownlife.com

Farmers market From 10 a.m.-2 p.m. every Sunday through Oct. 31 on Main Street (east of Novi Road, south of Grand River Avenue), Novi's open-air market will feature over 40 vendors with in-season fruits, vegetables, plants, flowers, arts and crafts, jams, and sauces all grown or made in Michigan. Vendors will offer warm breakfast, pastries, sandwiches, sushi, kettle corn, fudge, toffee, and biscotti, and you can enjoy live music while you eat and shop. For more information, visit www. novifarmersmarket.com or call the Novi Chamber of Commerce at (248)

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.

Senior variety series rehearsals

If you are 50ish or better, love to sing, dance, or be just be a part of a group, you are invited to be part of the Senior Variety Series: Thanks for The Memories: A USO Tribute Show. No auditions required; there are great parts for everyone.

The first rehearsal is June 4 and registration is \$50 (fee includes the cost of costumes, music, instruction, and set construction). Rehearsals are 12:30-2:30 p.m., Mondays and Fridays through Sept. 9 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, between Taft and Novi roads. This year's show is a tribute to the music and performers who have entertained our troops for over 60 years. Help us remember the Andrews Sisters, Danny Kaye, Bing Crosby, Betty Grable, and, of course,

Venecia Alvarez-Jarcia joined many others in volunteering on May 15 at the Novi Civic Center to spruce up its landscaping and spread some mulch around the trees. Called "Give a Grand, Get a Night," those who volunteered to help out that day received a free night's stay similar collaborations in the future," said Rob Hayes, director of Public

Services/City Engineer. Novi has demonstrated considerable proactive efforts associated with establishing collaborative arrangements with other communities and partners. Novi is currently engaged in over 100 shared service arrangements. Examples include:

· Using resources from the State ible and the production features six of Michigan, such as: purchasing performances, Sept. 9-19. For more agreements, the Michigan Criminal information about the Senior Variety Justice Information Network (MiCJIN), Michigan Department of Transportation resources and the State Police.

> Taking advantage of services offered from Oakland County, such as: Access Oakland CLEMIS, personal property auditing, elections, various fire department resources, and joint purchasing

 Sharing services with neighboring communities, such as: school elections, Fire Department training, GIS, senior services, youth assistance, and various police services.

Clerk's mobile office visiting The Mobile Office for the Oakland County Clerk and Register of Deeds Office is heading to the Farmington Community Library on Thursday,

May 27, announced Oakland County Clerk Ruth Johnson. Anyone who lives in the area or surrounding communities is welcome. The Mobile Office will be wailable from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road in

Farmington Hills The Mobile Office is a no-frills operation. Employees set up shop in borrowed space with laptop computers and printers so they can provide customers with on-the-spot copies of birth certificates, death certificates or other public records. Normal copy fees apply. The pilot project, modeled after a successful program in Macomb County, will offer many

Upcoming Mobile Office visits include 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19 at the new Novi Public Library, 10 Mile Road and Taft.:

Staying active with arthritics

Learn how to best manage your arthritis at the free "Staying Active with Arthritis" seminars hosted by Providence Hospital and Providence Park Hospital during the month of June. Hear about the symptoms and causes of arthritis, as well as diagnosis and various treatment strategies. Light refreshments will be served. To RSVP, please call 1-888-501-DOCS

These free seminars will take place 2-4 p.m. June 8 at Providence Hospital, Southfield (Nine Mile and Greenield), Fisher Center; 3-5 p.m. June 14 at Providence Park Hospital, Novi (Grand River Avenue and Beck Road), Conference Rooms A, B and C; and 2-4 p.m. June 16 at Providence Medical Center, Livonia (7 Mile and Newburgh), Classroom Lower Level.

Art on the Grand

Art on the Grand is breaking new ground for 2010 by becoming its own event - complete with a new date and location. The artists will be placed down the middle of Grand River in the newly streetscaped downtown Farmington. This creates a new, expanded fine art show the first weekend in June in Downtown Farmington.

The dates for Art on the Grand are June 4 from 5-8 p.m. for the Pre-Glow, June 5 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and June 6 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Art on the Grand is a collaborative effort with the Farmington DDA and the City of Farmington Hills

Department of Special Services.

each day. The same concepts and curriculum will be covered in each For more information on events in Downtown Farmington, visit www.

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OUR VIEWS

Honor nation's fallen soldiers this weekend

For many, this weekend will be the unofficial start to summer, three days in which to reopen cottages and swimming pools and gather with family and friends for picnics.

But Memorial Day is also a time to honor our war dead, those brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our coun-

Novi residents can honor the memory of our fallen heros by attending the annual Memorial Day parade at 10 a.m. on Monday. It starts at Karim Boulevard and heads west on Ten Mile Road to the Novi Civic Center, where a ceremonial presentation honoring veterans will take place.

died since our country was founded defending the ideals of our democracy. Memorial Day is meant as a time for our nation

More than

one million

soldiers have

to be grateful for and to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms

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Attending the service is one way we can honor our service personnel. We can also

A few minutes of our time is not too much to give for those who sacrificed their lives on the battlefields.

We bill ourselves as the "land of the free and the home of the brave." Let's remember why we can say that. So, turn off the lawn mower and the TV. Close the cover on the grill. Take the time, even if it is only for a moment, to honor our veterans and fallen

We must remember, we must keep the traditions alive, lest we lose those freedoms our war dead preserved for us.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

Why are you volunteering today?

(Asked of those helping out with grounds improvements at the Novi Civic Center on May 15.)



"It's a wonderful thing to do for the community. It's great to help out - and look how everything's turning

Eva Drafta



community. I like it.'



"I do a lot of charity work, and I think everyone should Theresa Drafta help their community - whatever we can do to make our state prettier is great.

Plus, it beats doing laundry." Venecia Alvarez-Jarcia



"Because I live in Novi and I love to volunteer - and getting the city and community together is

LETTERS

Cancer survivor inspires

My name is Larry Gambotto and I was featured on the front page of your paper on Thursday, June 21, 2001 Novi News. The article titled "Novi man to share personal cancer battle" featured a photo of my mother, my caregiver, and me. The article came about a year after my bone marrow transolant and shortly thereafter, I was able to talk to my bone marrow donor, a New York City firefighter, and he and I met in February 2002. My life has changed greatly since that time, but I still remember my battle with cancer and how it has brought me to where I am at today. Now, I am a husband, father of three, a firefighter/paramedic with the Rochester Hills Fire Dept.

and a 10-year cancer survivor. I have shared my story of cancer survival many times with many people and look forward to continuing to do the same. On June 5, we will be celebrating my 10th anniversary of my bone marrow transplant and cancer survivorship at Lakeshore Park in Novi. Many of my friends and family that helped with fund-raisers during my cancer battle will be there to celebrate with us. My bone marrow donor, Joseph Mayer, of Islip Terrance, NY, will also be there to celebrate

Mr. Mayer, now retired from FDNY, will be able to make the trip due to a donation from My Friends Care Cancer Fund. MFC is an organization that helps families facing cancers organize and do fund-raisers for expenses that are not covered by insurance. I have been a client of My Friends Care since 1999. I have sat on their Board

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Web: www.hometownlife.com Mail: Letters to the Editor, Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette St., South Lyon, MI 48178.

Fax: (248) 437-3386. E-mail: cstone@gannett.com. **Blog**: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at hometownlife.com. Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m.

sharing, with other families facing cancer, the services My Friends Care Cancer Fund offers (www.myfriendscare.org). Lastly, I will continue to live life and enjoy it. Thank

Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

tax base and schools. I think we need to take a hard look at our city counsel members during the next elec-

of Directors and made donations to help other families. We look forward to shar-

ing our day with the current MFC Board of Directors and appreciate all the help we have received from their organization over the past 11 years.

I hope my cancer survivorship can be an inspiration to others. I look forward to

Why flower tents?

Is our city that desperate for money that we are issuing permits for flower tents like the one at 10 Mile and Meadowbrook roads? What is next, tents by the mall selling velvet Elvis paintings? We already have two garden denters, both of whom pay taxes and have always given back to our schools and organizations. Is this now you thank them? I would think twice if I were them next time a Novi organization comes looking for a donation. Maybe the city can kick back the huge dollars they got for issuing a tent permit to our schools and organizations. I moved to Novi to get away from unsightly road side stands and vendors. Not to mention, every business owner

in Novi will gladly explain how stringent our building ordinances are. We are also known to be one of the most costly towns to open a business in because the Novi planning commission tries very hard to keep our infrastructure attractive -- Yet now we just hand out permits for people to sell out of tents? I'm sorry, but the city owes Dinser's and Glenda's a public apology. During these difficult times we need to be even more supportive of our local businesses and not add unfair competition by gypsy companies who contribute nothing to our

Mackinac gathering a good idea, but results should follow

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general, secretary of state and nearly

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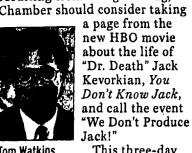
ful strategy. We have arrived

unthinkable has become inevi-

electing a new governor, attorney

Choose wisely.

or the 30th year (June 2-4), the Detroit Regional Chamber hosts its annual public policy conference on Mackinac Island. Given the tangible outcomes resulting from this gathering, the



This three-day event draws up to

1,700 of Michigan's top civic, business, labor, education, foundation, and religious leaders. Most of Michigan's "movers and shakers" and the elected leader "wanna-be's" will make an

This year, the conference focus will be on the 2010 election. education, and its importance in rebuilding the American economy and job creation.

For 30 years, our top leaders have been gathering on the island of fudge and road apples (aka horse poop) for conversation, what end? What has been accomplished? I do not think I am being unkind to say it borders on -

This is not a slam at the Detroit Regional Chamber who is to be commended for creating a forum for discussion of issues impacting Michigan. Everyone who attends, however, needs to pull out a mirror and take a look - everyone shares the blame for the lack of tangible accomplishments.

If government, education, and the nonprofit services community had hosted a 30-year gathering, the business community would be quick with their ridicule and scorn for the lack of results. Part of the problem in Michigan is a cultural unwillingness to say disappearing as a thought-

the "emperor has no clothes." So let's stop pretending and worrying about offending some one. We need bold leadership, action and positive results.

The governor, House Speaker Andy Dillon and Senate Majority The failure to act is most obvious in how the governor and Leader Mike Bishop deserve cred-Legislature have "balanced" the it for recently pushing through state's books over the last seven years, using the pretend and which will help redirect hundreds of millions to the classroom. This

is a good beginning at reform, but much more needs to be accommillennium gets under way, Michigan As the second decade of the November, Michigan voters have two

new millennium gets under way, Michigan is the candidate most in need of transformational change. This November, Michigan voters have two bites at the change apple. We will be electing a new governor, attorney general, secretary of state and nearly two-thirds of the Michigan

Legislature. Choose wisely. Second, voters get to decide f we should elect a citizen body to rewrite our Michigan Constitution. Every 16 years, we get a chance to decide if our constitution needs to be revised - this is the year.

we always have is not the sensible If I were a Lansing protector of solution. The status quo is quickly the status quo, I would be afraid very afraid. at a time in Michigan when the A palpable frustration border-

ing on anger exists in Michigan's electorate today. This is a rare opportunity for voters to take their frustration and future in their own hands to rewrite the document that sets the parameters under which we are governed. (See www.energizemichigan.com for more information on

Clearly the special interests and polar opposites, ranging from the State Chamber of Commerce to the Michigan Education Association, afraid the others side's "reforms" would get adopted in a constitutional rewrite, may join forces in an unholy alliance under the banner "The devil

we know is better than what we might get" in opening up a constitutional rewrite can of worms. Change is avoidable - until it can be avoided no longer. That day is quickly approaching. Leaders make things happen. They produce results. Will this

So, Michigan leader: As you pack for the conference, don't forget your mirror and think of the tangible, positive results that might be produced. We expect more than just a box

be the year when the Mackinac Policy Conference does "Produce

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of fudge.

online at hometownlife.com

Oakland taxpayers cannot afford to cover 'free' State Police anymore

accidents on

local streets,

more serious

incidents, for

and show up at

his week the General Government Committee [or "a policy Committee"] of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution objecting to the continuation of "free" local police services offered by the Michigan State Police to select communities. You thought these acclaimed professionals' iob was to patrol our freeways and support local and county law enforcement with specialized services? Investigate high-end corruption cases, arson, organized crime? Detect and track serial criminals, assist smaller departments in murder investiga-

If you live in Brighton, Genoa, Groveland, or even in Salem, to name but a few, try throwing a too-loud party which annoys the neighbors. Yes, your state cops will 'roll on it'. In fact, for a select few, determined by some reason nobody can account for, explain, or even remember, our Michigan State Police, and their \$125,000 Troopers (all costs, salaries and benefits included) will also write traffic tickets, respond to

in June. The library website (www.

novilibrary.org) will continue to be

tions, lie-detector exams and

the like? Think again.

CALENDAR

Lanise Bartley

Why are "free" Michigan from the State Police. State Police services an issue What is unsettling or trouthe public.

> Walled Lake Phone: (248) 624-3772

Location: 1499 E. West Maple Road.

Walled Lake City Library

will be considered by the full

Oakland County Board of

Commissioners next week.

the rest of us.

available, library programs will be **EDUCATION** conducted at alternative sites, and library services will be available at Novi Community Education neighboring libraries. Please see Contact: (248) 449-1206

the "Survival Guide" on the library Web: www.novi.k12.mi.us/district website for more details. communityeducation Story Times: Please see the Ballroom/Social Dance Library website or story time bro-Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays chure for details. through June 9 **New Library Opens** Location: Novi Meadows 5th Grade Time/Date: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday,

Details: Learn the basic steps and Details: After years of planning turn combinations to the Waltz, and months of construction, the Single Time Swing, and Triple Time new Novi Public Library will open to Swing. Fee is \$94 per couple.

Cafeteria

for Oakland taxpayers? These income transfers are not merely incidental; they are

massive. They inflict a silent and property toll in 'sprawl'. As an example, values would I could sell my home in South make taxpay-Lyon, and purchase a home ers in average towns jealous right next door in Brighton So when the average tax-Township costing over payer gets done paying his city \$12,000 more, with the same or township the 40-60 percent total payment, based only on of their taxes used to support this tax penalty. This effect is redoubled when it comes to jobs and

local police or a sheriff's contract, he can turn around and 'punch back in', paying police tax base. A few years back. costs for select, well-heeled a major supplier plant with neighbors in prosperous, onceover 300 jobs and a planned rural communities, through a build-out over \$30 million. bolted from the table at Lyon declining state tax system so strapped it can scarcely afford Township, to pick a site in to continue basic services for Livingston, leaving Oakland economic development officials scratching their heads. Resolution #10116, cosponsored by myself and The reasons were complex, Commissioner David Coulter but the initial reason offered D-Ferndale, which asks that was that Lyon Township offithis subsidy for local police cials would not immediately services be "progressively and agree on tax abatements they permanently eliminated."

felt they could ill afford. Lyon Township pays over \$1 million in police costs; Brighton Township gets "free" services

ours, is especially unfair for older, inner-ring suburbs like Royal Oak, Ferndale or Clawson, and ruinous to cities like Pontiac and Southfield, struggling to hold onto their

LOCAL NEWS

businesses or residents in an environment superheated with competition over costs. New industry is marooned far out into suburban hinterlands beyond the range of many Oakland commuters, and highways are jammed. I also predicted these exactions to increase, leaving more of our Oakland tax dollars taking the 'off-ramp' on their

way back from Lansing. This year the state has targeted over \$2 million in funding for secondary road patrols. These funds, collected directly from Oakland traffic fines, will result in layoffs of Oakland deputies available to all, while these subsidies endure. But what is even worse, has been the 'thinning out' of specialized State Police services available to all Michigan

residents, while these local patrols continue for but a few. So far, 14 arson investigators have been eliminated, leaving a depleted force of just seven.

Notice to Bright House Networks Cable Customers

Bright House Networks has launched a new digital video delivery technology known as **Switched Digital Video (SDV).** SDV is a robust bandwidth-management system that makes it possible to offer more digital video programming services than before including new HD channels. To be able to offer more new video services, Bright House Networks will also be moving some existing programming services to the SDV current.

Beginning June 30, 2010, the following services will be delivered on the SDV system:

Military History Channel on channel 145 (New Channel Jaunching on Digital Basi

The Word Network on channel 172 (New Channel launching on Digital Basic)

These services will not be available on uni-directional retail devices as of the

date(s) noted above. If you want to subscribe to these services, you will need

a digital set-top box or similar bi-directional (two-way) equipment from Bright House Networks. Customers may continue to use their uni-directional retail device and CableCARD to receive video programming other than the programming

delivered on the SDV system. Customers will be notified in advance of any other

In addition, on June 30, 2010 Fox Movie Channel will move from the Digital Basic

For more information on Bright House Networks programming, please cal 1-866-898-9101 or visit our website at www.brighthouse.com.

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Fox Movie Channel on channel 578 (Moving to Digital Movie Tier)

Major cuts to the MSP polygraph unit means the suspect identified by your local police has an eight-week head start, to get his story straight, get a lawyer, or get out of town. The MSP have also pulled out of the Southeast Oakland Crime Suppression Task Force, and a DNA sample c wait almost a year on the shelf, while a suspect may roam free, inflicting mayhem on your

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In fact, in one notorious example, an Oakland resident endured a second unspeakable assault, while the assailant's DNA languished at the State Police Lab. Faced with these inconsis-

neighbors.

tencies, each year at budget time our Lansing legislators can only seem to nervously shrug, repeating platitudes about 'support for law enforcement'. Or how these areas are "rural," lacking in tax base. In truth, Brighton-area townships have over \$2 billion in taxable values, and income, per-capita taxable values, and home ownership rates in the top fifth of our region. Finally, Groveland-area folks have claimed in the

past that having a lot of state

paid) somehow earns them an exemption from responsibility for police costs. In truth, every community in Michigan has some special circumstance which could be converted into a claim for "conscientious objector" status. Many have, instead, major universities, tax-free hospital complexes, or even homeless shelters impacting their budgets. Having a lot of tax-free state land attracting higher-income residents would be a cross most commu

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Novi resident Kevin Rowe is one of 14 cadets and midshipmen from the U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy. U.S. Air Force Academy, and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy chosen by the Auschwitz Jewish Center Foundation (AJCF) to participate in the Center's American Service Academies Program. Through participating in the program, Kevin will learn how to examine history, become an ambassador of ethical behavior, and take responsibility for upholding these values as a future leader. Kevin is earning an undergraduate degree in aeronautical engi-

neering from the United States Air Force Academy. Cadets and midshipmen will begin orientation in Washington, D.C. and will visit the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. On May 26. students will arrive in New York City and attend additional training at the Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust

before going on to Poland for two weeks. During this intensive preparation, cadets will learn about the Holocaust and contemporary moral and ethical matters, meet with historians and staff members from the two museums, take part in workshops on military leadership, hear survivor testimony, and tour the institutions.

While in Poland, the participants will learn first-hand about the rich, vibrant life of Jews in pre-war Poland, especially the town of Owicim (Auschwitz). Each student will meet with Polish and American leaders, visit historic Jewish sites, attend workshops with Holocaust survivors, and historians, and visit and attend seminars at the Auschwitz-Birkenau camps, among

other activities. The intensive program in Owicim will help future military leaders understand what can happen in the absence of open and democratic governance, the ongoing relevance of the Holocaust to their work, and inspire and empower them to share their insights and understanding with others.



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Novi Girl Scout receives Gold Award

Bridget Dunn of Novi received the Girl Scout Gold Award at a ceremony held May 16 at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center in Ypsilanti She was honored by Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan for her significant leadership and dedication

to community service. The Girl Scout Gold Award, awarded by Girl Scouts of the USA, is earned by only three percent of Girl Scouts,

across the country. This highest achievement in Girl Scouting calls upon each girl to develop a

Karen and Pat Dunn, organized the first-ever Youth Hope Convention in April, 2009, with the help of the City of Novi Youth Council. Two hundred students gathered to hear speakers, visit more than 20 community

organizations and participate n discussions regarding teen depression. Bridget developed the program, organized student participation from Northville High School, facilitated discussion groups and created the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. He is convention's evaluation. Bridget currently the retail buyer for Overton's and lives is a Girl Scout Juliette (independent of a troop).

Carr to Anthony Hall. The couple plans to wed on Sept. 4 at the United Methodist Church of Jenny is a 2003 graduate of Northville High School and a 2007 graduate of Hope College.

Carr & Hall

David and Constance Carr of Novi announce

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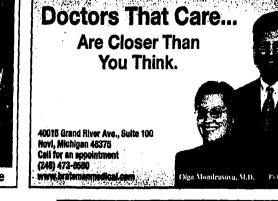
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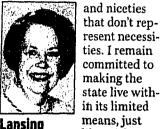
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Understanding the economic and fiscal realities our residents and the state are facing, Senate Republicans balanced an expected \$1.3 billion shortfall for Fiscal Year 2011 by cutting spending and mak-

During my tenure in the Senate, I have worked with my Senate Republican colleagues to reduce the size, scope and cost of government. Continuing to spend like the state has in the past is unsustainable. And increasing taxes on hard-working Michigan workers and job providers struggling to stay afloat in today's economy is irresponsible and just makes things

ing structural reforms.

The time has come to take a very strong approach to removing spending earmarks



Nancy Cassis

making the state live within its limited means, just like Michigan families have done for years.

The Senate-

passed budget

is \$237 million less than the governor's recommendation and uses existing funds to secure \$475 million in federal transportation funds. This important funding is critical to repair our roads and was left on the table in the governor's budget plan. A key component to achiev-

ing this balanced budget was the recent enactment of public school employee retirement reforms that will help schools save more than \$650 million next year and \$3.1 billion over the next decade. By contributing 3 percent of their salaries educators will be able to secure their future pensions, save teacher jobs and allow

'Isabela's Law" introduced to help prevent child deaths

every two weeks. Senate Bill 1338 is called of Isabela Grace Nagara, of

for Oakland County's 15th District: latest information and updates on

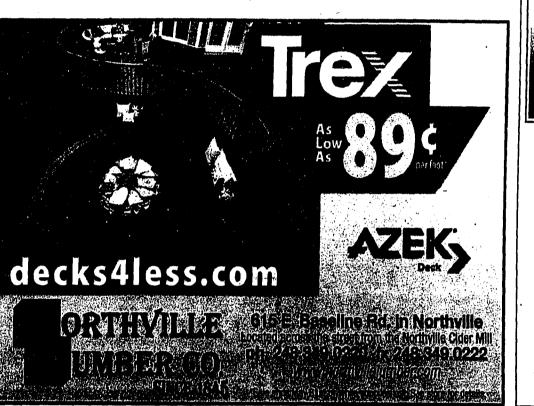
I recently sponsored legisla-tion in the Michigan Senate that would help prevent children from being caught in window blind cords, which are estimated to kill one child

"Isabela's Law" in remembrance Commerce Township, who was accidentally strangled by a window blind cord in June 2009 while taking a nap. Nancy Cassis is the state senator

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Jim and Sachiko Parks dance to a live band on recently at the Novi Senior Center. The center hosts a dance on the fourth Tuesday of each month.





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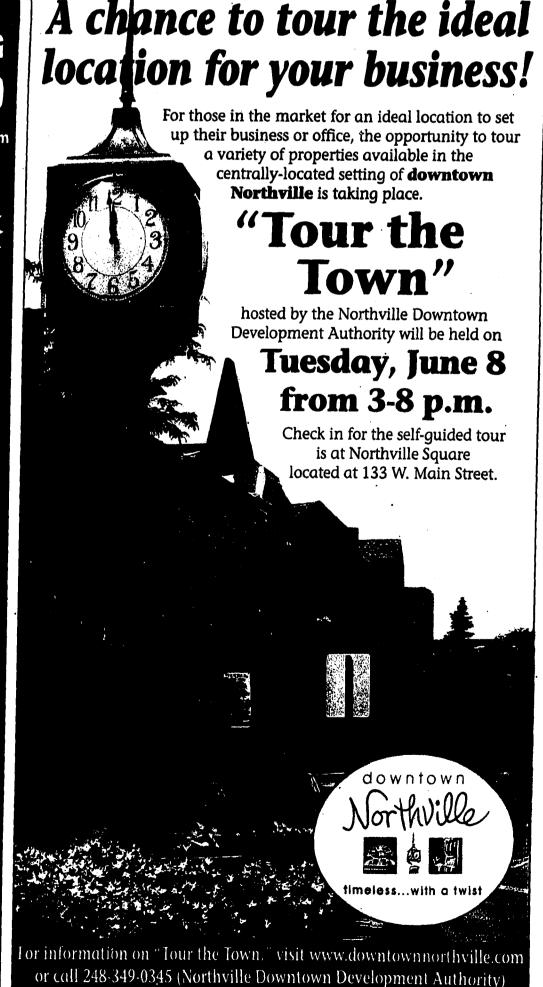
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Novi earns green award

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The City of Novi has long been a proponent of sustainability and eco-friendly initiatives and demonstrates this in a number of ways:

• In 2007, the Novi City Council established a strategy to allow and encourage green building and development. City Council passed resolutions to encourage new private developments to be energy-efficient and environmentally sustainable. Following the strategy, the design and construction of the new Novi Public Library (opening June 1) includes sustainable measures to limit impact on the natural environment, reduce operating costs, and maximize user comfort, providing an environmentally friendly and healthy space for

• In 2009, the Master Plan update offered additional goals related to Green Building and sustainable design best management practices, non-motorized transportation, rapid transportation, and includes a Green Infrastructure Map, (created in partnership with Oakland County's Green Infrastructure program).

• The City of Novi recently updated the woodland and wetland protection ordinances in place since the mid-1980's. The City has also adopted new ordinances that provide standards to permit wind turbines and solar panels at certain locations throughout the City.

• The City of Novi has an on-going street tree and park tree planting and maintenance program, with 6500 trees planted by the City over the last five years. Nearly 35,000 street and park trees have been mentally friendly practices.

inventoried, with the subdivision street trees estimated to have a value of over 9.7 million

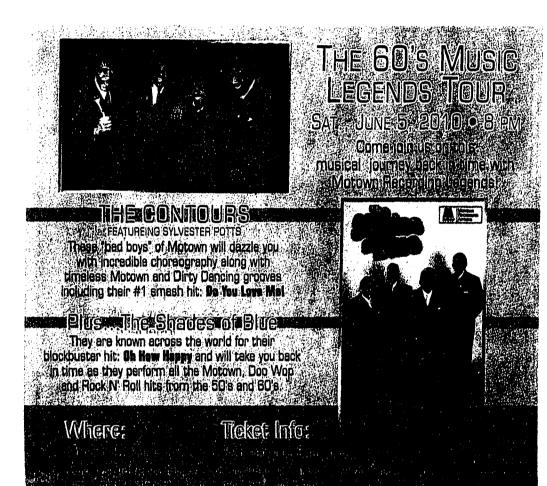
• The City of Novi is a recipient of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) in the amount of \$533,100 from the Department of Energy. The majority of the EECBG grant funds will be used to implement energy-reducing projects at City facilities.

• A Walkable Novi Committee was formed to encourage walking, biking and other nonmotorized transportation in the City. Since 2006 an inventory of "missing links" in the bike path and sidewalk network is updated each year, with new priorities identified for consideration and inclusion in the Capital Improvement Program.

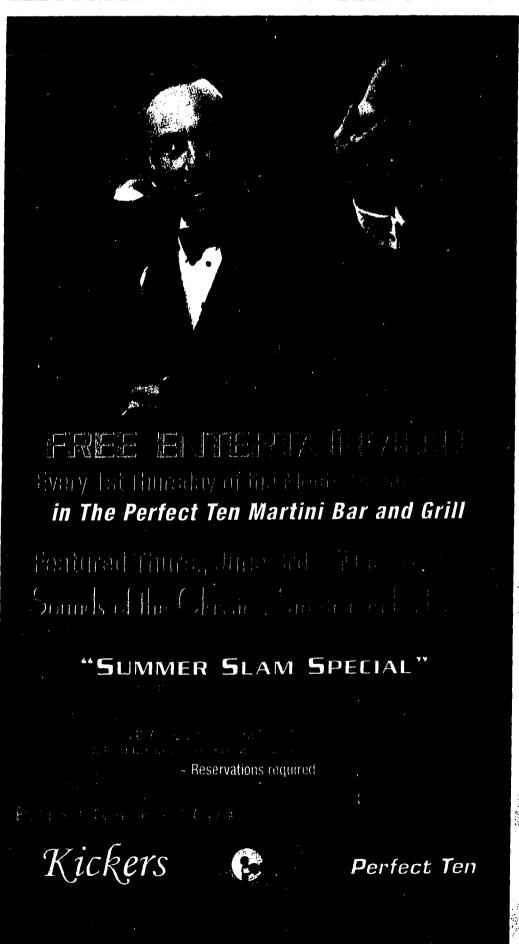
 Green pages were recently launched on cityofnovi.org. These pages highlight coconscious tips for homes and businesses as well as ways for citizens to engage in environ-

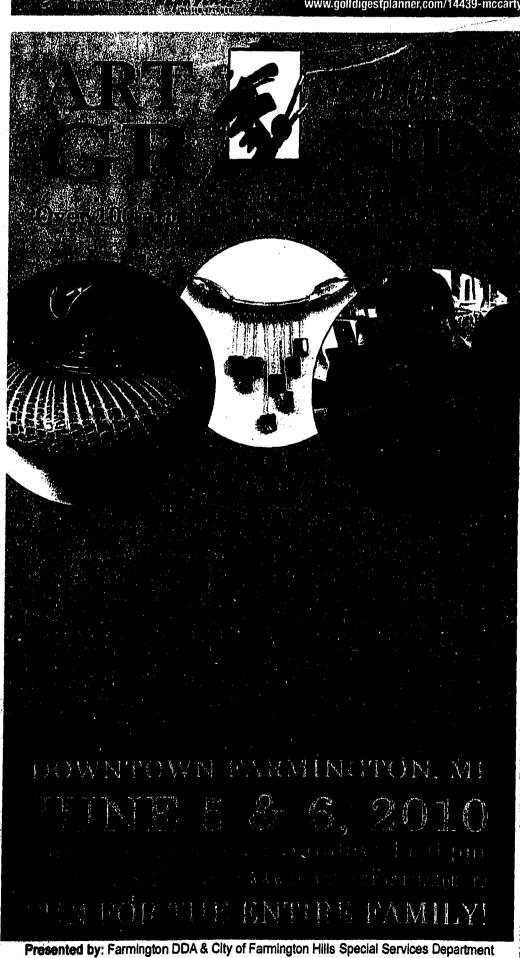


Sherry Williams opted to leave big business and turn her 25-year passion for cake design into Commerce Township's newest and sweetest new business. With a grand opening and ribbon cutting May 11, Dream Cakes is officially open for business and serving up sweet treats and custom confections at its location at 1050 Benstein Road, Suite 8 in Commerce Township, just north of Maple in the Benstein Plaza. Specializing in one-of-a-kind wedding and special occasion cakes, Dream Cakes is already making its mark with its Ace of Cakes-style cake sculptures and custom cookie favors at affordable prices. Rounding out their offerings are daily fresh cookies and bars. And look forward to their drive thru offering fresh cookies, muffins and coffee opening in the near future. With more than 20 years as a corporate vice president, a Certificate in Baking and Pastry Arts at the acclaimed Schoolcraft College Culinary Program and numerous awards and accommodations, Williams mixes her business acumen with her passion for pastry. Dream Cakes is open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. Design consultation appointments available seven days a week. Contact Sherry Williams directly at (248) 669.9800; visit www.dreamcakesllc.com.









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Don Hieftje, left, gets into a song during the May 12 sing-along with George and Caroline Giese at the Novi Senior Center.

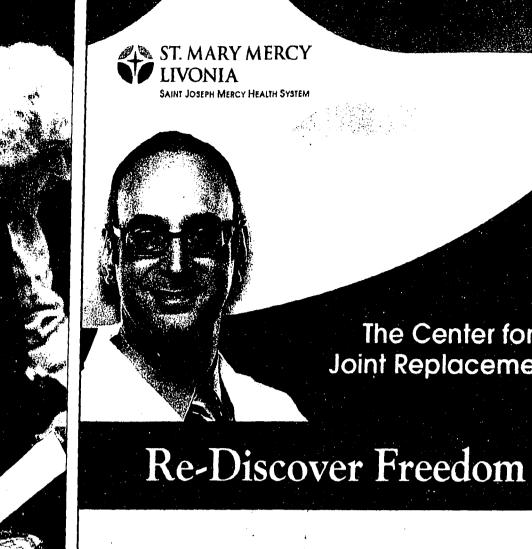
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session. Parents are asked to attend a 15-minute orientation on the first day. Children should bring a snack or lunch whatever is appropriate for the time they are attending. They will also need to bring a helmet. Students must be 4 by the start date of class. Cost is \$95 per session. Call 248-449-1206 for dates and locations. Camp Invention 2010

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



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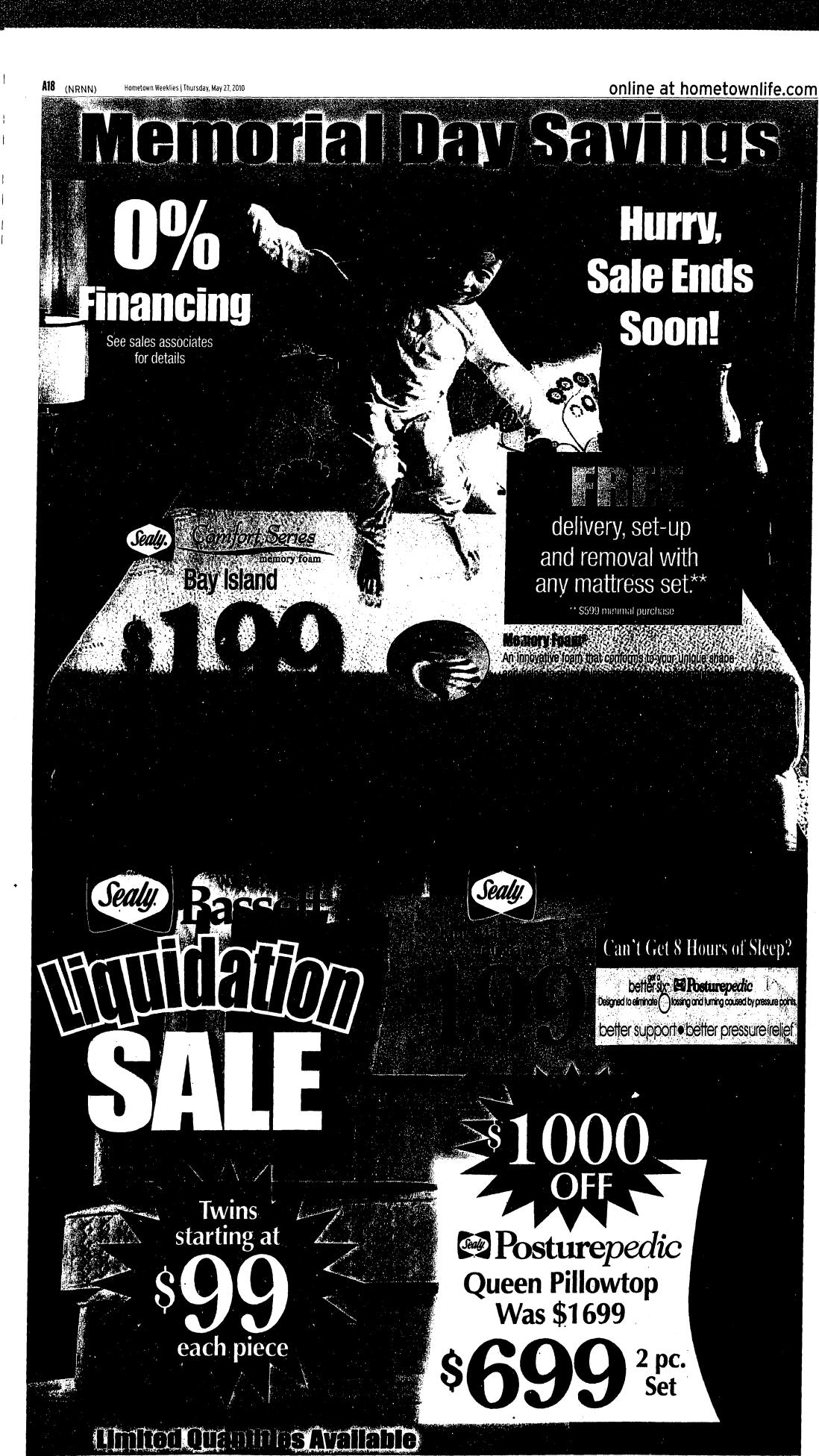
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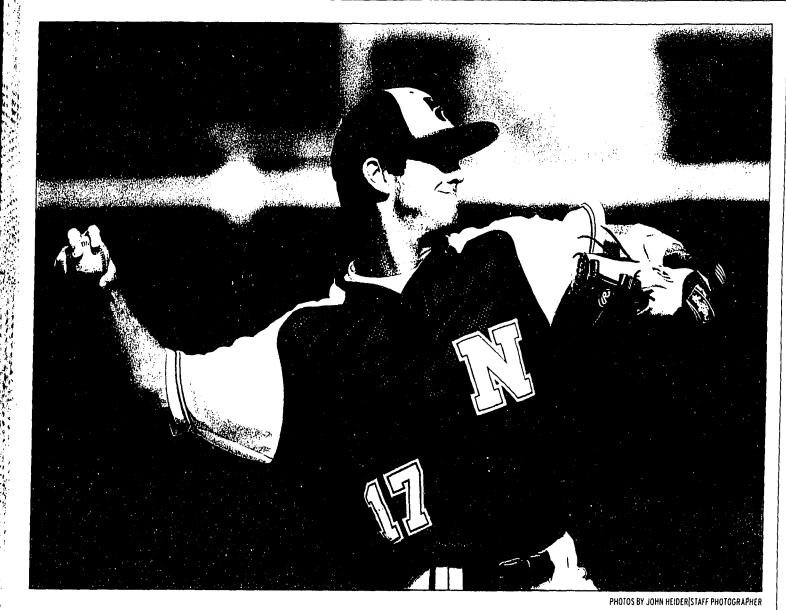
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Wildcat infielder Chris Slack fires a ball to first during Novi's April 12 home game.

Novi sluggers continue to win tight contests

Ranked No. 8 in Division I, Novi (26-5, 13-3 KLAA Central) was scheduled to face White Lake Lakeland (17-10, 10-6 place in the KLAA before kicking off District 31-action -4 p.m. Tuesday in Northville. A win would advance the Wildcats into a potential semifinal next Thursday and district title game June 5. "Speaking of the playoffs, we're looking forward to the challenge of playing in a what I think will be a very competitive district with the likes of CC, Northville, Farmington and North Farmington. It should be a very exciting playoff," Novi coach Rick Green said. Farmington Hills Harrison is

the district's sixth team.

'Cats ready

BY CHRIS JACKET CORRESPONDENT

The Wildcats' baseball team got some bittersweet satisfaction last week. After tying Northville and Livonia Stevenson for the KLAA Central Division title with identical 13-3 records in conference play the week championship game went to Northville on head-to-head run differential between the

up in a battle with Livonia Churchill (14-15, 8-8 South) May 19 and came away with Things didn't go so well for

No. 8 Novi (26-5) ended

the division co-champs, how-ever. Northville (18-9) lost the conference title in a 2-1 game at No. 6 Canton (21-4, 14-2 South) and No. 4 Stevenson (23-5) lost the fifth-place game at Plymouth (13-11, 7-8 South) in a 7-5 slug out Additionally, Novi was the only Central Division team to

over contest, which all took place at the South Division's "Even though we didn't get a chance to play in the conference championship game, I'm very proud of our team prior, the tiebreaker for a spot for finishing as co-champions in the Kensington Conference of our division. It was a very tough league this season with

> The Wildcats' contest with Churchill saw senior Masaru Nogami lead off with a firstinning double. Senior Chris Slack singled to put two on

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win their conference crossnot much room for margin of error," Novi coach Rick Green

Wildcat Michael Kruse hustles around second on his way to third as he attempts to advance on a fly ball to

Novi golfers fall short in duals, shine in county

Fifth in Oakland, Manning third individually

With the season quickly coming to a close, Novi's colfers had a strong showing at the Oakland County Championship at Pontiac Country Club on May 19. Behind a 318-stroke performance, the Wildcats finished fifth of 25 teams. Birmingham Brother Rice won with 303, followed by Clarkston and

Milford with 310 apiece and Detroit Catholic Central was fourth with 314.

Senior Tyler Manning led Next on the schedthe Wildcats with a 73 on the ule was the KLAA scorecard, tied with North conference cross-Farmington's Max Kollin over last Tuesday for second behind Milford's at Pheasant Run Chris Cunningham, who scored a par 72. Golf Course in

"We played well but I was Canton and then surprised the scores were a MHSAA District 7 little high across the board action today at than in years past. I think Tyrone Hilles Golf the pin placements were a Course in Fenton. A little more difficult." Novi solid finish would coach Brad Huss said. The 'Cats followed the qualify the 'Cats for

a Region 3 contest

next Thursday at

impressive county showing with two very, very close division dual meet losses to Farmington Hills Golf Plymouth Salem (5-4) and Northville (9-0).

Novi (3-6) dropped a 162-163 decision to Salem later the same day as the Oakland County meet.

Junior Kyle Edwards led the way with a 39, followed by seniors Tommy Goers (40). Steve Raikovic (41) and junior Alex Willson (44). The Rock's high scorer was Brandon Duprey with a 36.

The Wildcats then went on to tie Northville 154-154 last Thursday, but lost on the 40-43 fifth-man tiebreaker score. Manning shot a 35, followed by sophomore Johnny Walker and freshman Brad Kozinski (38 each) and Edwards (43). Eric Goebel led the Mustangs with a 37, while Trevor Grigg, Alex Bernstein and Mike Walton each hit a 39. Edwards hit in the fifth slot for Novi, while Brandon Cameron hit a 40 in the fifth spot for Northville.

"We have played them twice and are 0-2 by a total of two shots. The good thing is it proves we can compete with the best teams and beat them on any day. This is not always the case," Huss said. "We are starting two freshmen, a sophomore, a junior and a senior so we are young but getting the experience necessary to succeed."

Northville had defeated Novi 155-157 on April 29

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff

Wildcat kickers ready for district title run



Wildcat goalie Gabby Gauruder leaps to make a punch save during warmups to Novi's April 20 game at Livonia Stevenson. On that night, Gauruder didn't allow a goal in Novi's 1-0 victory.

Novi falls to Northville, defeats Salem, Plymouth

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

After one of their toughest weeks of competition this season, Novi's girls soccer team find themselves on the wrong end of the battle for a division

After tying Northville 1-1 at home April 29, the Wildcats visited the Mustangs May 18 in a battle that would determine the KLAA Central Division

The first 15 minutes looked similar to the first half of the first contest, where both teams played evenly. Novi had two opportunities with corner kicks, but Northville's size helped the Mustangs win loose balls and control play the final 25 minutes of the half. A strong Wildcat defense kept the score 0-0 headed into the halftime break. Northville sophomore Mallory Weber found herself wide open in front of the net and settled a

Mustangs ahead 1-0 with 25 minutes to go in the game. "Most disappointing to me is Please see SOCCER, B4

cross for a nice finish to put the

ON TAP After claiming third place in the KLAA Kensington Conference last Monday, Novi (13-2-2, 8-1-1 KLAA Central) is scheduled to

face Walled Lake Western (10-5-0, 8-2-0 North) at 7 p.m. on the road tonight for fifth place in the association. The 'Cats defeated the Warriors 5-0 on April Next up is the District 9

opener at home against Walled Lake Northern (9-4-3, 8-1-1 North) at 6 p.m. Tuesday. The 'Cats defeated the Knights 2-1 on

The winner of Tuesday's game will play the winner of Farmington/Lakeland next Thursday and that winner will face Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western, North Farmington or farmington Hills Mercy for the district title June 5 at Farmington



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Novi's Nikki Greenhalgh is pushed to the side by a Spartan during a mad scramble in front of Livonia Stevenson's goal.

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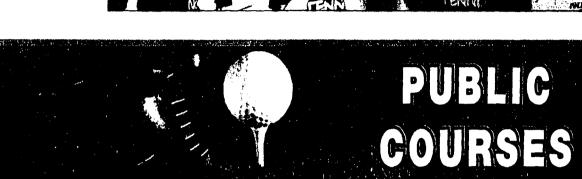
Double champs

The Novi Varsity Tennis team won the Regional title May 21. They also took the KLAA Conference title on May 15. Pictured (I to r, front) are Meng Meng Jie (4 Doubles), Sara Carlson (3 Singles), Ashley Aljadah (3 Doubles); (second row) Andrea Lollo (2 Doubles), Meggie Riegel (2 Doubles), Lauren Felcher (4 Singles), Abby Wang (2 Singles), Ori Nagasaka (3 Doubles); (third row) Julia Thomas (1 Doubles) Amanda Border (1 Singles), Jenna Snyder (1 Doubles), Emily Kwederis (4 Doubles); (row four) Asst. Coach Dan Lowes and Head Coach Jim Hanson.



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Novi nets association, regional championships

'Cats tennis squad edges out Mustangs, Bobcats

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Just six days after clipping Northville 31-30 for the KLAA Kensington Conference title, Novi squeaked out another big win with a 28-point showing at last Friday's Regional meet. Again, one point more than the Mustangs earned.

The Wildcats saw regional champions crowned at one, two and three singles, as well as at one doubles. Four singles and two, three and four doubles were all finalists defeated by Northville in their championship flights.

Although both squads came away with four flight championships of the eight available, Northville was knocked out of the one singles semifinal by Livonia Franklin's Angelica Woods, giving Novi a 4-3 edge in second-place finishes, which led to the single point differential in the final score.

"It's a fine line between winning and losing sometimes. There's really not that much difference between the two teams," Novi coach Jim Hanson said of the baseline rivals. "We had a good week of tennis. Our strength in the top three singles and at one doubles came

through." Scheduled to take place at Novi's middle and high schools, wet-weathered conditions sent most of the matches indoors to the Farmington Tennis Club and Sports Club of Novi.

Weather wasn't an issue for senior Amanda Border, though. She was a dominant leader at one singles for the Wildcats, defeating Woods 6-0, 6-0 for the regional title after besting Livonia Churchill 6-0, 6-0 and Walled Lake Central 6-1, 6-2.

well. She's steadily improved every year in our program and she's one of the better players in the state," Hanson said. "She makes everybody else better." Just as dominant at two singles was sophomore Abby

Wang, who won her title with a 6-3, 6-0 victory over Northville. It was the conclusion to a day that saw Wang earn two 6-0, 6-0 victories over Howell and

Senior Sara Carlson netted the Wildcats' third-straight sinover Northville. She defeated Hartland 6-1, 6-0 and Churchill 6-0, 6-0 in the earlier rounds. Seeded as second in her regional flight, senior Lauren

Felcher finished second after a 6-3, 6-0 finals loss to Northville in the four singles championship. She had defeated Walled Lake Western 6-0, 6-1 and Brighton 6-1, 6-1 earlier in the

One doubles saw another

Novi champion, as junior Jenna

I thought we played a good match. One doubles was the Snyder and senior Julia Thomas first loss Pioneer had all year defeated Northville 7-6(1), 6-3 after taking 6-2, 3-6, 6-0 and 6- Pioneers, while also acknowl-2, 6-0 decisions against Walled Lake Central and Howell,

"One doubles continues to lay extremely well. They've had several close matches this year, but continue to pull it out," Hanson said. The Mustangs'were able to stop Novi the rest of the way,

After 6-2, 6-1 and 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 two-doubles victories over Livonia Stevenson and Hartland, senior Andrea Lollo and junior Meggie Riegel were upended 7-6(4), 6-4 in the regional final by Northville.

ON TAP

The regional championship advances No. 5 Novi (11-3, 4-1 KLAA Central) to the Division I state tournament June 4-5 at Midland Tennis Center, where they will likely run into No. 2 Saline, No. 3 Ann Arbor Pioneer and co-No. 5 Northville again. Those three squads handed the Wildcats their three dual meet

"The state tournament is where you have all the top teams together. There's a lot of parity in girls tennis this year. No one dominant team, but several good teams," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "There are kids who aren't going to get seeded at the state tournament who are very good

Junior Ashley Aljadah and sophomore Ori Nagasaka had a similar fate at three doubles. After defeating Plymouth 6-1, 6-3 and Brighton 6-0, 6-1, the pair lost a very close 6-1, 6-7(5), 7-5 decision to the Mustangs. "Everybody had to contribute We held our seeds. Two and three doubles played extremely well against Northville,"

After defeating Howell 6-1, 7-6(1) and Brighton 6-2, 6-1, the four doubles tandem of junior Meng Meng Jie and sophomore Emily Kwederis lost a 6-0, 7-5 final to Northville. The regional title came three

days after Novi defeated Grand Blanc 7-2 for the KLAA overall association championship. "They're a very good team, so that was a good win for us,"

Hanson said. singles flights. Border won 6-0, 6-0; Wang won 6-2, 7-6(3); Carlson won 6-3, 6-0 and Felcher won 6-1, 6-2. Novi took three of five

doubles flights to secure the association title. Snyder and Thomas won one doubles 6-3, 6-4; Lollo and Riegel won two doubles 6-3, 6-3 and Aljadah and Nagasaka won three doubles 6-4, 6-2. Jie and Kwederis lost a 6-2, 6-4 decision at four doubles and seniors Lindsey Johnson and Shannon Maturi gles title with a 6-4, 6-2 victory lost a tough 6-3, 7-5 decision at

Ranked No. 5 in Division I, Novi had two other dual meets last week, earning a 7-O rain-shortened victory over Plymouth in the Kensington Conference battle of division runners-up on May 17 and then fell 5-3 in a tough match at No. 3 Ann Arbor Pioneer on May

"They're a quality team, so long," Hanson said of the edging Carlson was handed her first loss of the year at three singles. "That was a good outing for us and I think that helped a little bit in the regional." The Wildcats' dual meet record is now 11-3 overall, with the other two losses coming

Northville. Novi was scheduled to scrimmage Division III No. 1 Detroit Country Day earlier this week in preparation for next weekend's Division I state meet.

to No. 2 Saline and co-No. 5

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and



NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

Wildcat Colleen Kolis takes a swing.

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Track

Novi's boys and girls track and field teams had strong showings at the Milford-hosted Region 8 meet last Friday and Saturday.

The girls squad finished second behind Northville and had several student-atheltes qualify for the June 5 state meet in Rockford. Seniors Kaitlyn Shelar (pole vault), D'Mya Davis (100 dash), sophomore Jasmine Ward (200 dash), freshman Jackie Mullins (3,200 run), sophomore Kelly McCloskey (100 hurdles, 300 hurdles) and the 4x100 relay team of Davis, Ward, senior Courtney Milon and freshman Janee Hood are all Rockford-

"Other great performances in the 100-meter dash, Lina man. Nicole Hill and Alyssa Armiak had personal best jumps in the high jump at five feet. Brooke McMahan also ran a personal best of 2:23 in the 800-meter," Novi girls coach Marsha Reid said. "The rain postponed things for us on

Friday and we came back to the meet on Saturday. I think this definitely helped us get more girls to the state meet as it was much more windy on Friday." their side of things, too. Senior Brett Kuhn (long jump for the second-straight

year), junior Derek Kim (110 high hurdles), senor Dan Egner (800 run), senior Mike two spots to No. 26 at 8-6-Blaszczyk (3,200 run for the third-straight year) and the 4x200 relay team of Kuhn, Kim and senior Justin Hopton and sophomore Mike Jocz qualified for the state meet. "Overall, we finished third as a team. A great step in the

right direction for Novi track," things around in tonight's Novi boys coach Chris Payton playoff opener, which Novi said. "We had some guys who hosts at 6 p.m. The contest were very, very close to quali- will also serve as Lacrosse fying, but the competition was Community Appreciation Day, extremely tough and we came where admission to the game up a bit short." middle school student accom-Milford hosted the KLAA panied by a paying adult. meet last Tuesday and hosts

2 p.m. tomorrow before the June 5 state meet in Rockford.

Softball The Wildcats' softball squad

pushed their winning streak to eight with an 11-0 victory over Westland John Glenn in May 19's KLAA battle for ninth in the Kensington Conference. Two days after defeating the Rockets 4-2, Novi's return trip was much more one sided and ended after five innings.

Sophomore Abby Robinson juniors Colleen Kolis, Rebecca Richter and Meaghan Robinson had a single apiece, while seniors Kristin Blonde and Stephanie Hrit each had a single and an RBI, junior Kimberly Powers had a single and two RBIs, senior Allyson Hrit had two singles and an RBI, and junior Katie Marra had three singles for three RBIs. Richter struck out three and allowed three hits in the

Wildcat Emily Bielski.

"First inning, we had a Davis in the 300-meter hurdles triple play, which was the first noon June 21-25 at Novi High - both of these ladies are fresh- I can remember in my coaching history," Novi coach Bob Lulek said. "The girls are play- dribbling, shooting, passing, ing real well."

The 'Cats battle for 17th in the KLAA against Pinckney on the road 4 p.m. Wednesday before kicking off District 31

action June 1 at Northville.

In their KLAA finale, the No. 24 Wildcats tied at No. The boys squad fared well on 28 Hartland 5-5 May 19 in the battle for third place in the KLAA. The 'Cats followed the tie with a 19-1 loss May 20 at No. 9 Orchard Lake St. Marv's. The games dropped Novi

> 1 (5-1 Kensington), while Hartland moved up three spots to No. 25 at 13-3-1 (6-1 Lakes) and St. Mary's stayed at No. 9 with a 9-8 record. In the midst of an 0-3-1 streak, Novi hopes to turn is free for any elementary or

the Oakland County meet Girls Youth Basketball

Want to learn how the Novi Wildcats' girls basketball program got so good? Join head coach Bill Kelp at the team's

summer camp 8:30 a.m.mi.us/athletics. School. The camp will teach The VolleyKids camp is all game phases, including pivoting, faking, rebounding,

team play, sportsmanship and an introduction to the Wildcats' offensive and defensive schemes. Gym Clothes and shoes are

required. All participants will receive a t-shirt and outdoor basketball. Awards and trophies will be given for individual and team competitions. Teams and competitions will be separated by grades (2-5 and 6-9), with the younger

group using 8-foot baskets. Cost is \$120 and all registration will be done online at the Novi Athletics Web site and the ticket tracker program at www.novi.k12.mi.us/ athletics up until the first day of camp. Contact Kelp at bkelp@novi.k12.mi.us for more information.

Volleyball Camp

Looking to learn all the volleyball skills you need to lead your team? There are four different options for young volleyball players.

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can be done at www.novi.k12.

available for three different one-week sessions for boys and girls grades first through fourth. It will use lighter volleyballs and lighter nets for sessions starting July 12. Cost is \$60 and each week has a different start time for the 90minute sessions.

Those in grades sixth through eight can sign up for the Defense/Hitter/Setter Camp to work on those three skill sets, plus serving. Cost is \$50 and runs 9-10:30 a.m.

June 29-July 1. The third group camp is July 26-30 in the high school performance gym for grades fifth through ninth. An allencompassing camp, grades fifth through seventh will have camp 8:45-11 a.m. and eighth and ninth grades will have camp 11:45 a.m.-2 p.m. Cost is \$110 for each.

Summer Camps

Visit www.novi.k12.mi.us/ athletics for details on the 2010 Novi Wildcats Summer Sports Camps and Clinics. There are camps for youth interested in cheer, pom pon, volleyball, girls basketball and boys basketball. Age offerings vary by sport, but range from kindergarten through ninth grade. Registration is done online and is open until the first day of camp. All camps begin June 21 or later.

and former Novi News staff writer.

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Twelve seats are open to students entering 3rd or 4th grade in fall 2010. Limited Registration window: May 24-June 7, 2010 Livonia Public Schools is opening its Alternative Classrooms for the Academically Talented (ACAT)

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BASEBALL

nd senior captain Kevin Zak pelted the first of his two doubles to put Novi ahead 2-0. A third-inning leadoff single and two stolen bases by sophomore Logan Regnier turned into a run following an error. The Chargers got a thirdinning run and four thirdinning runs to take a 5-3 lead. Novi battled back with two fifth-inning runs, but a fourthinning run and two more in the fifth inning put Churchill ahead 8-5 after five innings. Zak allowed one hit and no runs in a sixth inning relief showing, setting the scale for an intense seventh inning.

Logan Regnier (3-for-3, three runs) hit his third lead off single of the day before Nogami (3-for-4, three runs) and Slack (2-for-4, two runs, two RBIs) also singled to load the bases. Zak (2-for-4, two runs, two doubles, six RBIs) came through with his second long double of the day, clearing the bases and tying the game

at 8-8. Senior Nick Regnier (2-for-4, home run, three RBI) broke the tie with a booming home PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDERISTAFF PHOTOGRAPHER run to deep left center, scoring Zak. Up 10-8, sophomore Jim Eloff singled, stole a base and came home on a single from senior Brett Jewell, capping a six-run inning.

Nick Regnier pitched a 1-2-3 bottom of the seventh for the save, Zak got the win and the Wildcats earned a hard-fought

"This team has been fighting from behind all season, sometimes by eight or nine runs, and has been coming from behind to win games in the late innings," Green said. "That's a sign of a team that plays with a lot of heart and character and I'm sure you will see that in the state playoffs." Novi wrapped up their regular season with a doubleheader against Marysville last Saturday. A pair of 11-7 and 4-3 victories had the Wildcats on a six-game winning streak head-

ing into last night's association The Senior Day contest against the Vikings got a late start because of the bogged down field conditions, but things got rolling on the scoreboard soon after both teams

took the field. Nogami started with a single and Slack followed with a double before sacrifice flies from Zak and Nick Regnier brought them home for an early 2-0 lead.

ond inning with leadoff double and eventually scored on a wild

The Vikings and Wildcats traded runs before Marysville put three runs on the board in the top of the fourth inning to tie the game 4-4.

A walk to Brett Jewell and singles from senior Alex Engebretson, Logan Regnier and Nogami in the fourth inning put Novi ahead 6-4 and then 8-4 in the fifth with a walk to Garrett Jewell, a double from Brett Jewell (2-for-3, two doubles, three runs, walk, RBI) and a two-run single from Logan Regnier (2-for-3, two

Sixth-inning singles from Slack, Zak and Nick Regnier eventually led to all three scoring. Marysville got two sixthinning runs and one in the seventh from Zak, but he put the Vikings away for an 11-7 win in three innings of relief. Senior Alex Karas was solid

in allowing a persistent Vikings squad just two hits, three runs and four walks over five Novi had just one single by senior Ricky Enright until

the bottom of the third when Nogami singled and scored on a hit by Zak. Garrett Jewell doubled in the fourth, advanced to third on a single by Brett Jewell and scored on a suicide squeeze bunt from Slack, tying the score 2-2 heading into the

A hit batter in the sixth ended Karas' day and the Vikings took a brief 3-2 lead before a walk to Enright, a fielder's choice and an RBI single from Nogami (2-for-3, run, RBI) tied things up.

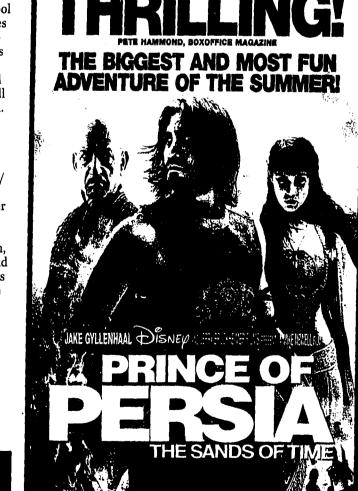
"Nogami has been so consistent all season and really has been a great table setter for big hitters. He has been relentless on doing whatever it takes to get on base and wearing down opposing pitchers and has been unreal in centerfield," Green said. "He has played through several nagging injuries this season and, like a lot of our kids, he has been sucking it up and has played through so much pain all season." Nick Regnier pitched relief in the sixth and seventh innings. A hit batter, walk and intentional walk loaded the bases, but he struck out a batter and then got a ground ball to second base for a senior Tim Hartland-to-Zak-to-Jewell

inning-ending double play. a double from Zak (2-for-3, RBI) and a single from Nick

Regnier nearly scored Zak, but a relay from center field got him out. Logan Regnier walked and Garrett Jewell (2-for-4, double, RBI) brought the final run in with a game-winning single to Brett Jewell opened the secgive Novi a 4-3 victory.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer

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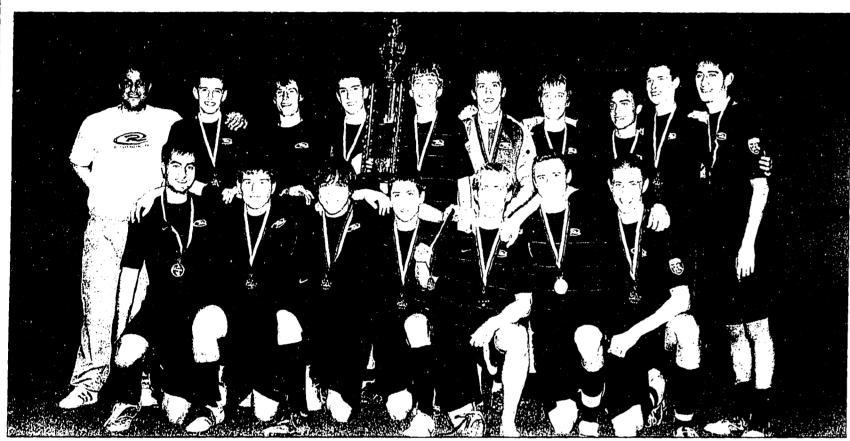
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he Northville Rush U17 boys recently won the U19 Division at the Novi Jags Tournament. Pictures (I to r, back) are Coach Firas Al-Samarraie, Mich O'Connor, Brendon Burdette, Brian Wildey, Brett Kusch, Austin Lightner, lan St. Pierre, Garrett Maximiuk, Mario Konja; (front) Joe Flanagan, Andrew Gregg, Colin Chimento, Ryan Kaiser, Nick Dembicki, Josh Gage, and Ryan Trotter. Kevin Courtney not pictured.

NOVI SPORTS BRIEFS

Novi lacrosse camp

Novi High School will be hosting their lacrosse camp for students entering grades fourth-eighth on July 12-15 from 1-5 p.m. The camp will be directed by Novi High School Varsity Coach Tom Stephanoff who has led his teams to the KVC and KLAA championships as well as regional playoff finalists in his first two years as coach. The camp will consists of skill fundamentals and techniques, daily

scrimmages as well as a festival day of lacrosse games, vendor exhibits, concessions and raffles. The fee is \$85 and includes a camp jersey. For more information

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Small to be a Purple Eagle

BY SAM EGGLESTON

There's a statistic floating around in the world somewhere that indicates just one percent of high school athletes get the chance to play at the collegiate level on a scholarship. Brady Small, a swimmer from Detroit Catholic Central, has never been exactly part of the other 99 percent anyway. The standout recently signed a National Letter of Intent to swim for the Purple Eagles of Niagara

Small, an All-State and All-Catholic League swimmer in his senior season, selected the eastern university over St. Louis University, Lasalle University and Bonaventure University. The Purple eagles compete in the Metro

Atlantic Athletic Conference and is a Division I program. This season, Small swam for the Shamrocks in the state finals in the 200yard freestyle, the 100-yard freestyle, the 200 freestyle relay and the 400 freestyle relay. The Purple Eagles men's swimming



Catholic Central's Brady Small signed a National Letter of Intent to swim for Niagara University.

and diving team finished eighth in their Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference championships and 15th in the Eastern College Athletic Conference championships.

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the way we reacted. It was as if all was lost just because we got scored on. Because of this, they scored again just 40 seconds later," Novi coach Brian O'Leary

Weber was double teamed along the baseline just moments later, but she beat both defenders and found an open teammate in front of the goal to give Northville a 2-0 lead.

"We struggled all game with their combination of size, speed and skill. In particular, sophomore Mallory Weber gave us fits and she ended up getting a goal and an assist," O'Leary said. "We stopped her plenty of times, but she just keeps coming and coming and coming. She has great resolve and is a fantastic player, probably the best player I have

seen this year on any team." Pushing to get back into the game, senior Courtney Laux got a shot into the back of the net after a scum in front of the goal resulting from a Lindsey Pehrson cross with seven min-

Despite pressuring for the final minutes, Novi couldn't get the equalizer and the Mustangs (13-1-2, 8-1-1 Central) won the

division title in a 2-1 matchup. The 'Cats wrapped up division play with a contest at Plymouth Salem (8-5-3, 4-4-2 Central) last Thursday. Determined to bounce back from their second loss of the season, Novi came out of the gates with three first-

half goals Junior Nicki Caruso took a cross from senior Alli Howard, calmly settled the ball and slipped it by the charging Salem goalie to put the Wildcats ahead 1-0 about 15 minutes into the

Sophomore Katie Seelenbinder knocked in a Morgan Haffey corner kick five minutes later and then senior Katie Barry one timed a Nikki Greenhalgh cross into the upper corner seven minutes before the

The 3-0 lead would be the final score as junior netminder Gabby Gauruder earned her 11th

Northville lost a 2-1 decision at Livonia Stevenson last Friday, but owns the head-tohead tiebreaker against Novi to maintain sole possession of the division title.

The second-place division finish put the Wildcats into a battle for third place in the Kensington Conference with Plymouth last Monday.

Novi couldn't get a goal with the wind's help in the first half, but it only took one minute against the wind in the second half to get the lone goal in a 1-0

The kickers connected five passes in a row leading up to Caruso getting a semi-breakaway and, when the Plymouth goalie came charging out, Caruso slipped the ball to a wide open and charging Greenhalgh who one-timed the ball into the

"In the first half we had the wind, we applied a ton of pressure, but could not score. The Plymouth goalie made some good saves," O'Leary said. Gauruder had four saves for her 12th shutout as Novi improved to 13-2-2 (8-1-1 KLAA Central)

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automobile dealership that has

Address: 39300 W. 10 Mile Road. Farmington Hills, MI 48335 Your Name/Title: Constance Holzer/owner and president Your Hometown: Farmington **Business Opened When:** June

Number of Employees: 100 Hours of Operation: 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday and Thursday: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

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Tom Holzer Ford. How has it changed since you Our business is constantly changing and evolving. We look at it as a "continuous

open his own Ford dealership. What makes your business unique? When customers walk into our showroom they feel relaxed by the appealing look. They deal with friendly sales consultants who ask and listen to what the customers' needs are. They work together to find the right vehicle for them without any pressure. Our affected your business? goal is to make sure that our

economy has affected every business in the area. Fortunately, for Tom Holzer Ford, we have actually experienced steady growth over the past several years. We believe that a combination

us. Additionally, The Ford also find that many people

Focus will all be arriving soon. To a certain extent, the But wait ... that's not all!

customers enjoy their selling and servicing experience at

improvement project". We pride ourselves on keeping up with current trends and technologies. We are also very focused on the quality of our customers' experience in all departments. We believe that all departments benefit from a total "team effort". How has the recent economy

of factors have worked in our favor. We have laid a solid foundation of good business practices over many the site knows all about their years. We support our local communities and they support

Motor Company has turned its fortunes around by producing site typically knows your age, top quality products that our customers want to buy. We appreciate that Ford did not take any bail-out money from the federal government. As a result we are seeing more and more new customers every day. What's in store for the future of

your business? We are very optimistic. We anticipate continued growth and we have hired additional staff members in various departments. We have added sales and support offices and are planning to add additiona parking spaces for customers and inventory. This is a very exciting time for Tom Holzer Ford and the Ford Motor Company. Ford has multiple new products and innovations in the pipeline. The new Fiesta, Edge, Explorer and

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Novi orthdontists expanding Spillane and Reynolds Orthodontics celebrated their grand opening of their new stateof-the-art location with an open house May 20. The new office is located at 1202 Walton Blvd. Suite 200 in Rochester Hills (close to Rochester

High School). Drs. Spillane and Reynolds believe in staying on the cutting edge of orthodontics to give their patients the highest quality treatment possible. They will offer the Damon System Braces along with Invisalign treatment at their new location. Call (248) 651-8860 for a complimentary orthodontic consultation.

Oakland workshops offered

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months. Seminars are held in the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road (west of Telegraph), Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit oakgov.com/peds/calendar, or call (248) 858-0783. **Future Workshops**

(AM) Morning Class 9 a.m.-12/12:30 p.m. (PM) Evening Class 6 p.m. to 9/9:30 p.m.

Pre-Business Research - Are you thinking of starting your own business and want to research your business idea? Are you a business owner who wants to understand which research sources to use for your business plan and where to find the information you need? Presented by The Oakland County Business Center, The Entrepreneur's Source, Oakland County Market Research Department, and a Business Reference Librarian.

Tuesday, June 1, from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is Working for Yourself: The Ins and Outs

THE CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY of Becoming a Consultant, a Contractor, or other Service Provider - Are you an experienced professional with valuable-defined skill

sets, looking for a new career avenue? Think about taking your expertise and becoming an independent consultant, a contractor, or a service provider. Explore the steps to form your business (LLC or other), market yourself and your services, create an action-oriented business plan, and define your client engagement. Take away from your experience, a 1-2 page actionbusiness plan to help you start, build and sustain a successful service-oriented business.

Speaker: Meri Dembrow Thursday, June 3, from 9 a.m.-noon The fee is \$40; no refunds.

Fiscal Fitness for the Growing Business - Fiscal Management Tools for the Nonfinancial Manager. This workshop provides the business owner an in-depth look at the essentials of using financial information to make effective decisions about improving their business performance. Topics include Ways to improve your company's cash flow, How to use the balance sheet and income statement to diagnose business problems and opportunities, how breakeven analysis helps you make better pricing and business decisions and How to insure you have enough working capital to support growth.

Wednesday, June 9, from 8 a.m.-noon The fee is \$25; no refunds.

Sales I: Effective Networking - You're up and running, right? And still busting your butt, but not getting the results you want? You're asking yourself, "Is this it? What am I missing? Learn the secrets and skills that will give you a tremendous competitive edge and dramatically improve your income! Learn how to give an effective 60 second elevator pitch, learn valuable networking tips and how to network effectively and get Invited In! Presented by Denise Roberts, Sales Partners-Trov.

Wednesday, June 16, from 9 a.m.-noon The fee is \$40, which includes all materials: no refunds.

Social networking games: Modern Moneychangers

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over the last year or so. Many of the people playing computer games no longer buy computer games and install them on their computers. Many people have switched to play-Takin' Care ng computer games that are of Business accessed through their social networking sites. Millions of people play games like Mafia

computer-based gaming

has been subtly changing

generation of game producers

enue from selling their games.

The companies that produce

are not generating their rev-

social-networking games are

making money off advertis-

ing and selling add-ons to

the games that players can

purchase using credit cards

or game cards purchased at

local retailers. The advertis-

is selling because the social-

network sites can target ads

to very specific markets. The

social networks can provide

advertisers with extremely

targeted advertising because

audience. Consider how much

information you provide a

social networking site like

Facebook or MySpace. The

state of residence, occupation,

ing on social networking sites

the ads. Livermore The world of simulation and gaming has introduced the concept of virtual currency. This currency works in Second Life, FarmVille, Mafia Wars

and many other online games. The virtual currency can typically be earned by performing tasks within the game or using a credit or game card. Some of the unique and premium items within these games are only available by purchasing game cards or reward points. For example, in Social City it is virtually impossible to obtain some of the city buildings without purchasing them with a credit card. This is a tremendous business model when the game company can sell virtual commodities that

cost nothing to produce. Whenever computers and credit cards mix there is a risk of abuse. There are occasional stories of abuse where a minor gets hold of their parent's credit card and spends an unbelievable amount of money purchasing virtual currency

for their computer gaming.

of education, ber and often given an excesand interests. sive amount of media coverage. Being able to

> Virtually all of the virtual currency purchases are legitimate and leave a satisfied customer and company. So many game cards are purchased that they are now available in most convenience stores and gas stations. I was checking out the display in my preferred gas station and was surprised to count several dozen different games selling cards. This gas station has a carousel right by the front door to catch the

impulse buyers. Unfortunately the exchange of currency only goes one way. I can pour all of the real cash I want into my virtual farm but I cannot cash out any the virtual currency I earn from performing tasks. Even though I earn a lot of gold coins and game dollars I cannot convert them into U.S. currency. That would be a huge change in the gaming market if the players could actually get paid for playing but I do not expect to see that happen in my lifetime.

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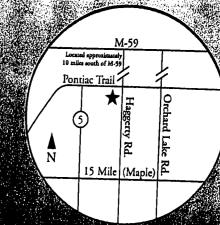
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