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### **NOVI-NOW**

special board meeting

A special meeting of the Novi Board of Education to discuss a proposed reduction of athletic participation fees will be held at 7 p.m. tonight in the Educational Service Building, 25345 Taft

The board's committee off the whole meeting will follow.

Wixom garage sale

**Ridgewood Community** Church will hold its first annual garage sale from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20 and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Aug. 21 at Total Sports Executive Building, 31060 Old Wixom Road, Wixom.

Proceeds will benefit Operation Christmas Child: the goal is \$1,000.

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#### Summer taxes due

2010 summer property tax bills have been mailed. Taxes are due and payable through Aug. 31 without penalty. New this tax season, informational copies of tax bills will not be mailed if you have an escrow account established with your lending institution. Property tax information is available on the City of Novi website at www.cityofnovi.org.

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A line of brass players march on the field during Novi's band camp last week. The marching band will perform for the first time on Aug. 27 at the Wildcats' first football game.

# Fresh faces

### Incoming band members face steep learning curve

BY NATHAN MUELLER

The days are 12 hours long.

The 10 to 15 minutes worth of music is hard to memorize. And coordinating movements with nearly 200 others seems

That, in a nutshell, is the life of a freshman on the Novi High

**KEY BAND PERSONNEL** 

**Director:** Mark Hourigan Asst. director: Jon Thomann Colorguard director: Betsy Pilon Drum majors: Jaime Cameron, Jordan Blanchard and Katalina Faraon

School Marching Band. "It's a completely new set of skills," said director Mark Hourigan. "It's hard enough to play in a chair, let alone do

it while marching."
Band camp kicked off last week at the high school, and for the 45 freshmen who stepped on the field for the first time it was an eye-open-

ing experience.

Kyle Kilponen has been playing the trombone for five years, so that part is easy, but doing it while moving with 167 others has been difficult.

"It's a lot of hard work," he said. "Especially working on drills and remembering your steps. The upperclassmen have been a big help and have taught us a lot of tricks." One of those upperclassmen is senior Matt Thimm. The four-

year band member said it took him until his sophomore year to be completely comfortable, and reinforces to the younger mem-

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Novi High School freshman Laura Baumgarten talks about the challenges of being in marching band.

# **Board to decide** on pay-to-play amount tonight

Proposal flat fee of \$285 at high school, \$165 middle school

BY NATHAN MUELLER

A decision is expected tonight regarding pay-to-play costs for students in the Novi Community School District.

Administration is recommending charging a flat fee of \$285 at the high school and a fee of \$165 at the middle school.

The cost currently in the budget for a student to play a sport this school year at the high school is \$350 annually and \$225 at the middle school. The family cap of \$700 remains unchanged from last year.

Treasurer Dennis O'Connor said at the board's last meeting on Aug. 5 that he would like to see the fees remain the same as the 2009-2010 school year: \$175 per sport at the high school, with a cap of \$350, and \$75 per sport at the middle school, capping out at \$225.

"I personally think given our new situation that going back to the 2009-2010 model is more than equitable," he said.

Athletic director Curt Ellis said Tuesday since football is the only sport to have started practice, he is unable to gauge the impact the increase in fees is having. He also said that 40 percent of the high school athletes compete in two or more sports, so the proposed rates would actually be a decrease for them.

Changes to the pay-to-play fees was one of 12 expense restorations the board of education took action on last Thursday. Ten of the 12 items were approved, with the board requesting more information about pay-to-play fees and restoring K-4 special teachers.

The restorations were the result of district officials being able to estimate the district was going to have \$3,426,000 in excess fund equity.

The board set its fund equity parameter at 10 percent, and the approved budget came in at 13 percent (or \$2 million over). An additional \$670,000 is coming back to the district thanks to 25 teachers taking the state's retirement incentive; \$136,000 more will return as the result of an \$11 reduction by the state of a \$265 cut and a \$100 budgeted state aid reduction also is being factored in at \$620,000.

The restoration recommendations total an estimated \$1,449,571, leaving the district with \$1.9 million in excess of the 10-percent fund equity required. "We were conscious of the things we added back into the budget being things

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### Voter turnout higher than expected

Clerk expects November general election to draw 50 percent

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Voters in Novi made their voices heard as nearly 24 percent of registered voters cast ballots in the Aug. 3 primary election.

Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius said voter turnout for primary elections is usually in the 17 to 23 percent range, with an average of 20 percent



the reason for the higher turnout was a strong interest in local races, includ-

over the last

She said

she believes

20 years.

ing the 15th District state Senate and 9th District County Commission seats, as well as

the gubernatorial election. "We were very pleased with the turnout," she said.

A total of 8,699 registered voters cast ballots, with 73 percent of them voting for the Republican Party. Precinct 10 posted the highest voter turnout at 58 percent, while precinct 12 had the lowest at 8 percent.

Election night also was not

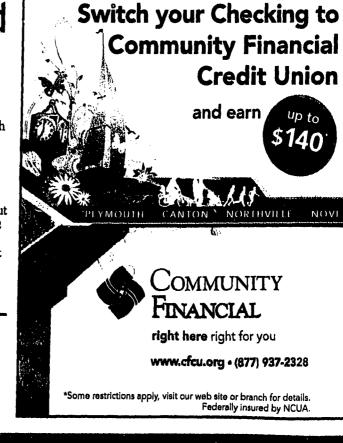
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without a few kinks as high humidity caused problems with the absentee ballots getting caught in the tabulator, and some precincts were having trouble connecting to the Oakland County server. Novi was not alone in reporting

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official results late, however, and Cornelius expects few issues at the November general election. For that election, she is expecting voter turnout to be

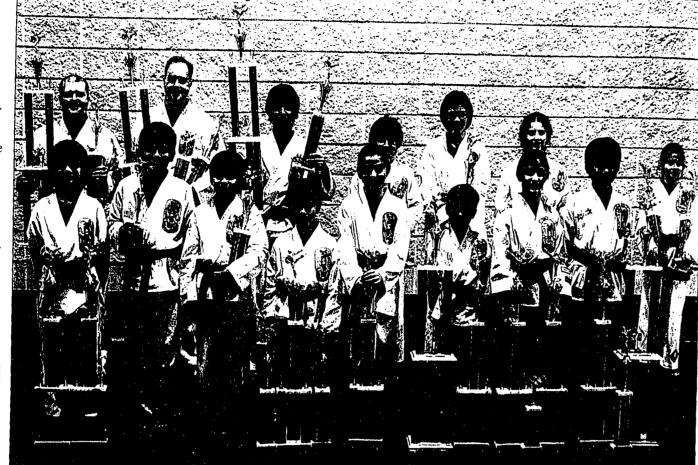
around 50 percent "because of the turnout at the primary." Cornelius also said she heard from residents who did not get their absentee mailed to their

a change in the Michigan Election Law does not allow the clerk's office to voluntarily send absentee voter applications to people 60 years and older like they have in the past. If people wish to receive a application in the mail, they must call their local clerk's office prior to the election or write a letter to request to be put on the Permanent Absent Voter List.

houses and that is because

needed for November, with a heavy emphasis being put on local college or high school students who can work a full day. For more information about becoming a worker or to get on the Permanent Absent Voter List, call (248) 347-0456.

Election workers also are



### **Karate honors**

Family Self Defense Center (FSDC), in partnership with Novi Parks, received record-setting national recognition as one of the top Isshinryu Karate programs in the country at the National Isshinryu Hall of Fame Awards and Tournament in Knoxville, Tenn. Thirty-one trophies were earned by the 15 FSDC competitors, with six National Champions crowned. Winners include: Devon DeCaire - first, second, fourth; Joshua Huang - first, second; Mitchell Huang first, second, third; Tom Pospeshil - first, third; Alex Raeon - first, second, fourth; Mark Swanson - first, third, fourth; Tanaz Naterwala - second (2); Andrew Pospeshil - second, third (2); Annabel Spencer - second; Cyd Spencer - second; Andrew Swanson - second; Ryan Swanson - third (2); James Takeshita - third; and Noah D'Arcy - fourth.

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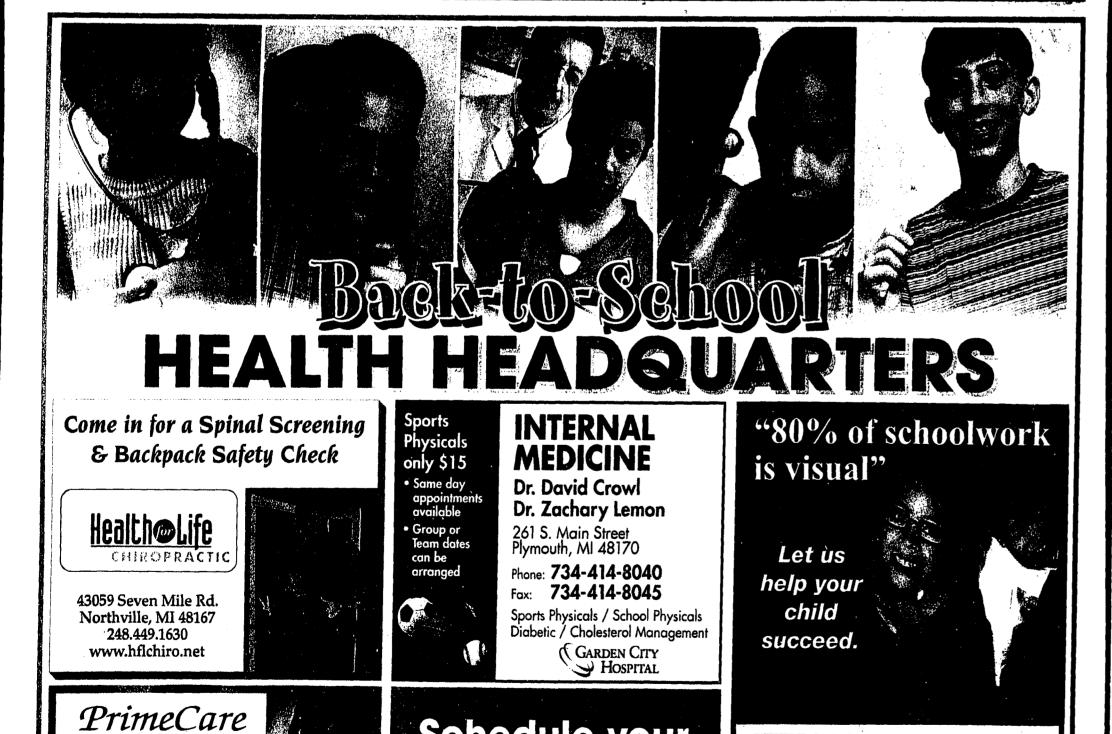
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that are directly impacting students," said board president Ann Glubzinski.

She also said the board might not be done yet as enrollment plays a large factor in the district's funding. One of the items that was

approved but drew some discussion from board members was a 1-percent increase for non-union staff. **Board Vice President Bruce** Bagdady said it is difficult during these economic times to approve a pay increase, but

because the board has asked

the administrative staff to do more work with fewer bodies

and other employees in the

district are getting increases, it "makes it difficult to say you don't get one as well." O'Connor disagreed, saying the district asked for 20-percent wage concessions from transportation workers and privatized custodial services last year, and he doesn't think "giving admin-

istrators a 1-percent raise

#### OTHER BOARD INFO

High School.

the open trustee seat on the has joined Jason Manar on replacing Katie Raeon, who to pursue other educational

supports the concept of share

\* Superintendent Pete Dion informed the board that all of the schools met Adequate Yearly Progress and each received 'A' grades on the Education YES! report cards. "I think that is a huge accomplishment when you have a high achieving district like Novi and we continue

\* The board also approved the hiring of Charles LaClear as an assistant principal at Novi High School. LaClear comes to Novi after serving as the principal at Bridgeport

to get better and better," he

\* There will be a race for Novi Board of Education this November as Brien O'Meara the ballot. One of them will be chose not to run for re-election



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Jeffrey Rooke, 7, and Tanaz Naterwala, 12, take part in a drill at an Aug. 5 sport sword padded weapon class at the Novi Civic Center. The class, taught by nmueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, Ext. 255 Family Self Defense Center in Novi was a week long and gave its participants an introduction to a variety of Samurai weapons.



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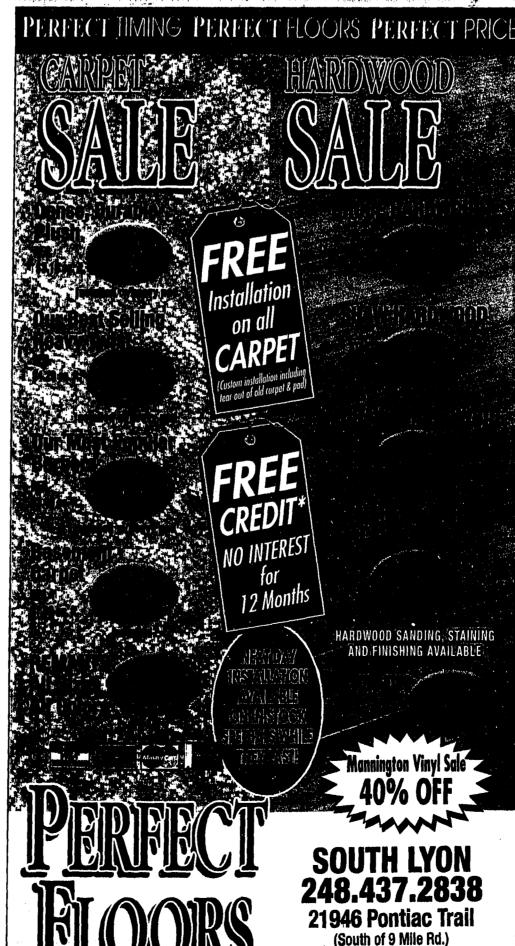
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#### New chairman

lan Somerville, owner of the Novi Play it Again Sports, has been elected by his peers as the next Chairman of the Play It Again Sports Franchise Advisory Council, beginning his role on Aug. 1 through 2012. Somerville opened the Novi Play It Again Sports store in 2004. Play It Again Sports awarded his store with the prestigious Gold Standard Seal each year including 2010. The award recognizes excellence in product and quality operation, and customer service. Somerville served as the Franchise Advisory Council representative for the Great Lakes region during the last 2 years, communicating the voice of the franchisees to Play It Again Sports corporate management. Somerville resides in Milford with his wife, Julie. He is active in his community and plays hockey and volleyball several times a week. His dogs, Cooper and Murphy, are usually at the store with him. For more information on the Novi Play It Again Sports, visit www.playnovi.com.

### **NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS**

Art Van's sleep expo

Art Van Furniture has launched Art Van PureSleep, debuting in four Metro Detroit locations, with the mission of "Better Sleep Personalized for You." To celebrate the debut of these four locations, Art Van is hosting free Sleep Expos.

At the cornerstone of the PureSleep experience is a highly sophisticated computer analysis that determines which mattress fits your body. The Novi location (27775 Novi Road) is hosting a Free

Sleep Expo on Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 14. Sleep specialists will be on hand to answer frequently asked questions and concerns about sleep issues. Guests who participate in the event will be treated to massages and free gifts.

Mando's coming Mando America will soon locate to their new home in

Thursday, Sept. 30 at the Novi

Novi. The automotive parts manufacturer specializes in internationally competitive state-of-the-art chassis components and systems.

150 professional engineering The Novi location will be in. an 85,000-square-foot spec building located in Beck North Corporate Park.

Formed in 1962 and headquartered in Korea, the company operates 12 production plants and three research and development centers in seven

BAT assistance Sept. 30 Novi's Business Assistance Team (BAT) continues to assist advice eligible small business located in Novi with their business practices from 8-9:30 a.m.

Civic Center. The mission of BAT is to identify small and medium

sized businesses within the Novi community that would benefit from the business and planning experience the team s able to offer. Mando will initially have

in order to maintain and grow their business in an effective and efficient way. There are no sales involved with this assis-

The specific types of assistance the team can offer

· Sounding board for potential ideas Reviewing existing business plans

· Marketing, advertising, (social media) public relation Networking within the

community · SBA financing/loan options Please RSVP no later than Sept. 23 by contacting Sarah Marchioni at (248) 347-0580 or smarchioni@cityofnovi.org.

### Oakland County offering business workshops

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This workshop is for small

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Thursday, Aug. 19, 6-9 p.m.

The fee is \$40, which includes

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elements are commonly found

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 is expected of you and you'll (west of Telegraph), Waterford. understand how the SBA can For pre-registration and location assist with its SBA Guaranteed calendar, or call (248) 858-0783. does not provide loan guaran-

Fundamentals of Starting a Business

This seminar is for anyone thinking about going into business. Participants examine their entrepreneurial skills, learn how to implement their ideas and receive a list of pitfalls to avoid when starting a business. Thursday, Aug. 12, 6-9 p.m.

The fee is \$30. No refunds. Team SBA Financing Roundtable

This session is best suited to those who have good credit, a solid business idea and some money to invest in their business. Before you apply for a business loan, county officials recommend that you first attend a Financing Roundtable. The roundtables are a free loan

orientation conducted by a busi- Small Business Loan ness banker, a business consultant from the SBA's network of Small Business Development

Getting a small business loan Centers and an SBA represencan be a challenging process. tative. During the roundtable, Learn the "5 Cs of Credit", debunk the myths and demyshow to develop a winning loan tify the process of small business proposal and what you need to financing. You'll learn how the know to position your business lending process works and what to be "bankable" before you meet with a lender. Presented by The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), U.S. specifics, visit oakgov.com/peds/ Loan Program. Because the SBA Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Oakland County tees to real estate investment Business Center. firms, including purchasing

Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2010, 9 a.m.-noon The fee is \$20 per person (Please make checks payable to S.C.O.R.E.). Includes: Handouts and SBA Source Book. No

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have to make it better.

Friday, Aug. 27, 8 a.m.-noon

The fee is \$50. No refunds.

# Make a 'dream' wager with someone who needs motivation

n a lazy Saturday after-noon, while my son and in the cool basement air and destroying their remaining brain cells playing a video game whose name suggested that their future

1 would be linked to months of cure their it's Takin'Care of only-a-game took advantage

therapy to

svndrome. I

Lee Meadows of the quiet to down the cable selection to find something that would allow me to go 'mindless' for a few hours.

my tastes were specific. I, finally, settled on watching "The Rookie," a fact-based story Michiganians, which I prefer of Tampa Bay Devil Rays pitcher Jim Morris and his climb back into the major leagues. Now, the headline news version of the movie finds Jim Morris as a high school physical science agrees to achieve economic teacher and coach of the local high school baseball team. He entered into a wager with his team that if they were to win the district championship, he would, at age 35, tryout to be a

major league pitcher. He had pitched in the majors at an earlier age, but frequent injuries to his arm derailed the dream and forced him to The goal is to provide knowl- The high school team won the edge, guidance and useful tools championship and, true to his for these businesses to utilize word, he went for a tryout wi

an element of fortitude that the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. is embedded in a Declaration For reasons, that weren't made clear in the movie, Jim's of Interdependence. It is an unspoken truth between two pitching arm at 35 was better than it had been at 25. He was equally compelling forces that now able to throw a pitch at 98 'your success is my success' and miles per hour. After a brief vice versa. While one is actively period in the minor leagues, he pursuing the dream, the other was called up to pitch for the is providing the support and encouragement. When one Tampa Bay Devil Rays, enjoyed dream is realized, the other two productive seasons, his arm troubles reoccurred and starts on its journey. It goes until both are standing in the he retired back into teaching. He is, also, a sought-after motiwinner's circle, dreams fulfilled vational speaker with a clear and the lessons learned ready to message about believing in the be passed on to the next line of dream.

look for broader, overarching great state of land, water, fresh messages during any mindair and passionate dreamers, less stretch of activity, I wonwere to start the 'dream' wager dered if there was a far more with someone whom we know meaningful interpretation needs the motivation? I can that could be applied to the only imagine that if enough of feeling of misery here in my us 'wagered' each other toward beloved home state. What could the unfulfilled dream, the impact would be that of a strong wind blowing away the gray over Michiganders, take from a simple wager between two clouds and letting the sun shine motivated sides, each wanting new light that burns away the the other to achieve a dream? dark times. An open mind, revi-What if the state of Michigan talized spirit and dogged determination are forces, easily, set

Since I am so inclined to

revitalization and diversity by 2012? Who wants to be pulled out of the doldrums bad enough to take the other side of the wager? Maybe we should bet on each other. Perhaps the real inspiration comes when you have to look someone in the eye and say, "Let's see how we can help each other be better." In that state-

ing at the Novi Campus. He teaches leadership and management in the M.B.A. and doctoral programs and provides consulting services for the surrounding community. He is the author of the leadership fable, "Take the Lull ment is an unshakable bond By the Horns: Closing the Leadership that draws attention and focus toward something bigger than ows@walshcollege.edu. Visit his web-

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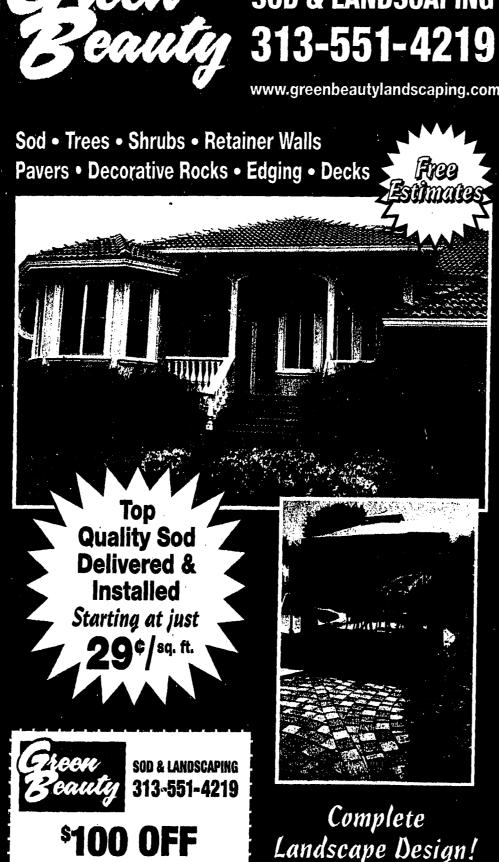
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really appreciate how great of

for more than 60 years and

according to his father, Matt

"It's not so much an athletic

award it's academics as well,"

Matt said, noting his son's 4.4

grade point average. "Not only

did he excel on the field but

also in school and in a leader-

ship role as president of the

at the spring sports assembly, and called it "the greatest

accomplishment in my life

His name was etched on

the trophy and his picture will

Award winners on the Wall of

"It's an honor to be in their

Jeff is slated to start school

at the University of Michigan

this fall where he will be a

member of the varsity club

lacrosse team and study busi-

Fame at the high school.

company," he said.

Janer, Jeff is the first Novi

resident to win it.

Head of the class

Novi resident earns prestigious award

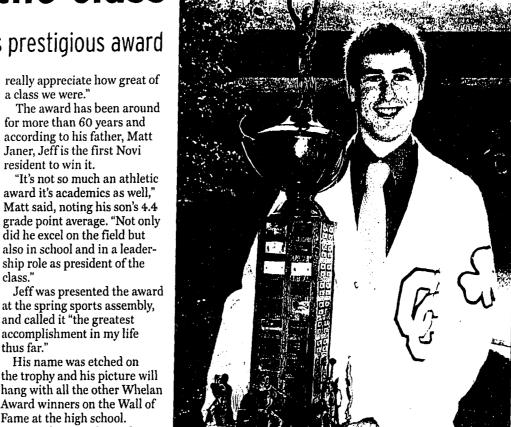
BY NATHAN MUELLER

When the dust settled following another successful athletic year for Detroit Catholic Central High School, one student-athlete stood above the

Jeff Janer, a Novi resident and captain of both the lacrosse and basketball teams, walked away with the school's most prestigious award for a student-athlete, the Whelan Award.

The award was named in honor of the Rev. James Whelan, the high school's fourth principal, and is "given annually to a senior who has excelled academically, is an outstanding athlete and is looked upon by his peers as a Christian gentleman."

Being selected by his classmates and not by a panel of coaches or media members is what meant the most to Janer. "Being recognized by your peers is one of the greatest things that can happen," he said. "The way your peers perceive you is the closest to who you really are and it made me



Jeff Janer was the first Novi resident to win the Whelan Award given to an outstanding student-athlete at Detroit Catholic Central High School. He was captain of the lacrosse and basketball teams as well as class president last year.

#### **NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS**

Back-to-school checkups Aug. 29

Has your child had his/her back-to-school check up yet? Reach Out and Read Michigan is partnering with Henry Ford Medical Center-Farmington Pediatrics to offer free back-to-school check-ups. Children are encouraged to bring their "friend" to the event -- both will receive a physical from THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF TH

a Henry Ford nurse or physician. Parents and kids also will receive information about the importance of reading. No appointment is necessary.

Pediatrician Beth Robinson Swartz, M.D., and nurse Claudia DeRain, from Henry Ford Medical Center-Farmington, will hold the clinics from 2-3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29 at Borders Books & Music store in Novi, 43075 Crescent Boulevard.

There is no fee, and no appointment is necessary. To learn more, visit www.reachoutandread-

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

Aug. 25. Hours of opera-

Students will be placed in age appropriate groups and

will participate in crafts. sports, field trips, games and free play. This year's location will be at Village Oaks Elementary School. Registration and weekly session fees are available on the Novi School District Web site at www.novi.k12.mi.us 1713 for more information.

tion are 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

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# Schoolcraft golf outing rescheduled

Openings still available for players

The Schoolcraft College Foundation will be hosting the 27th Annual Golf Classic Fore Scholarships on Tuesday, Aug. 17 at the Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon continuing with its legacy of providing scholarships to Schoolcraft College students. The event had to be rescheduled from June 7 due to inclement

There is still space availpairs and foursomes for the 9 will begin with registration at 7:30 a.m., a continental breakfast will be served at 8 a.m., and the event will conclude with a lunch and awards ceremony at following completion of play. A silent auction featuring a variety of great items will be held throughout the day with winners announced during the lunch.

Tickets are \$250 per person and there are a variety of sponsor packages as well The ticket price includes 18 holes of golf with power cart complimentary beverages on course, use of the putting green and driving range, access to the club's locker

room facilities and all meals Sponsorship packages range from \$350 for Hole Sponsorship to \$15,000 for Event Sponsorship. The best value sponsorship package, the President's Club, includes golf for four players, sponsorship signage at on-course - C.A.R.E., or call (248) 449- half-page ad in the banquet program, all for only \$1,200.

All proceeds benefit the Foundation and provide for scholarships and grants that enhance educational opportunities for our students. Last year's event raised nearly \$35,000 for scholarships. "The Golf Classic is crucial

to our fundraising efforts and is a long-standing tradition. Each year, nearly 200 golfers from all over southeast Michigan participate. It's a great way to show support for Schoolcraft College students, network with fellow golfers and enjoy a great round of golf at one of southeast Michigan's finest private golf facilities, said Golf Classic organizer Marjorie Lynch. "Our students are facing financial burdens in these tight economic times and are struggling to support themselves while working toward a college degree or retraining for new job opportunities. This year, especially, we are seeing the impact of the economic downturn evidenced by the increased needs of our students for financial aid. Everyone's support is even more critical.'

For more information on the Golf Classic Fore Scholarships, call (734) 462-4518 or visit the Foundation's website at www.schoolcraft. edu/foundation/events. Schoolcraft College is a public two-year college, offering classes at the Livonia campus, Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile in Garden City and online at

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#### **ELAINE S. ARNOLD**

August 6, 2010, age 54. Memorial Age 92 and a lifelong resident of Age 97, a lifetime resident Novi. Donations may be made to the husband, Alan (d.2004) and a son, August 25th, 1912 in Northville, MI; church. Condolences: www.obrien- Chuck Beatty (d.1985). She is sur- daughter of Edward and Amanda



FLOSSIE MAE HOGAN way peacefully in Florida on July 31st, 2010. Les was born on August 7th, 1925 was the oldest of 7 children. He was the husband of Jane Bowden (Wisner). He proudly served Corps during WWII. Les was present on Mount Suribachi the day the STEVE HUCAL flagged was raised on Iwo Jima. Les Age 88, of Northville, August 6, 2010. Visitation was held on Monday. married his wife on April 15, 1944

Insurance Agency in the 1960s. Les loved his wife and family. He also loved caring for their Pomeranian dog, Pepe. His passion was boating traveling and business. He is sur vived by his beloved wife Jane Bowden, his daughter Darleen Sweenev, his arand children: Dor (Erica) and Debbie (Jason); and oreal grandchildren David, Aidan and Reid. memorial service will be held August 17 at 12pm at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions made to the Michioan Humane Society

TAYLOR AUTUMN GREER

RHS Varsity cheerleader both in com-

petitive and sideline cheering. She

loved animals and her goal in life was

to become a veterinarian. A beautiful.

spirited person who loved the U.P.,

and spent 66 years together. He was

a longtime business man, starting

Les Bowden and Associates

**KEITH IVERSON** 

122 W. Lake St., South Lyon.

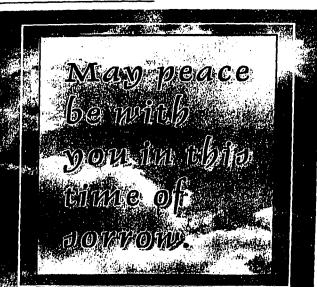
A long time resident of Hartland. owner of Iverson's Lumber in Highland and Montrose and formerly of Milford, and Pine Tech of Lake City, died at his home on August 7, 2010 of heart failure. He was 63 years old. Sharon King and her family; his son, Todd (Nicole) Iverson; his daughter, August 1, 2010, from injuries she ward to her senior year at Rockford & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, on High School where she had a 3.5 GPA Wednesday, August 11, 2010 with

and was about to begin her fourth. Adam O'Donnell officiating. 248-684-6645 or visit www.LvnchFuneralDirectors.com

THOMAS F. MOONEY

she also enjoyed hunting, fishing, passed away at home on August 1, 2010. Mr. and watching the stars in the sky. She loved hanging out with her wonderful friends and driving down the road Mooney retired from George A. with her radio blasting to country Odean Company, and proudly served music. Taylor was a lively, energetic, in the US Army. He loved to travel August 4, 2010. Funeral was Augus and athletic young lady who pos- and perfect his skills at woodcarv- 7 at St. Scholastica Church, Detroit. sessed great leadership skills. We ing Beloved husband of 57 years to Donations: St Scholastica Church of are all blessed with special memories Isabel: dear father of Greg (Deborah Beckridge Chorale, Box 700217 of Taylor. She is survived by her lov- Cannon) Mooney, Jeff (Renee) ing parents, Michael and Jayne Greer; Mooney, Gail Mooney (and her comsister, Paige Greer; grandparents, panion Lori Tenney); proud grandfa- www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com Joan Greer, Helen Burggraaf-Price ther of Sarah Mooney, Brandon and Jesse Price; her beloved boy Mooney, Nicole (Hank) Rise; greatfriend, Chase Villerius; many friends; grandfather of Lane Rise; brother-inand aunts, uncles, and cousins. law of Margaret Howie and Shirley Age 55, of South Lyon, passed away Taylor was preceded in death by McBrien. The Memorial Service will grandfathers, Henry Burggraaf and be on Saturday, August 14, 2010, at was held Sunday, August 1st, 2010 Donald Greer. Per Taylor's request, 11:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Church, at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church. cremation has taken place and 40700 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI Arrangements by Casterline Funeral ing to honor Taylor's life will begin to greet friends from 10 a.m. until with a visitation from 12:30 to 3:00 the service. There will be no visita-

organs donated. A memorial gather- 48375. The family will be at church Home, Inc. p.m. on Saturday, August 7, 2010 tion at the funeral home; memorial with a service beginning at 3:00 p.m. contributions to National Forest Age 87, of Highland, died Monday, at Resurrection Life Church, 3233 Foundation, attn: memorial dona- August 9, 2010. Private services will Ten Mile NE, Rockford. Those plantions and expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Taylor Greer Missoula, MT 59804 or Alzheimer's Surviving are: two children, Andrea Varsity Cheer Scholarship Fund in Association, 20300 Civic Center and husband, Rick Stigleman of care of Rockford High School, 4100 Drive, Suite 100, Southfield, MI Hartland and Mark Simpson and Kroes, NE, Rockford , MI 49341. 48076; Arrangements entrusted to wife, Peggy of Linden; granddaugh-Pederson Funeral Home, Rockford the Elton Black & Son Funeral ter, Kathleen Lee. Arrangements b www.pedersonfuneralhome.com Home, White Lake. (248) 363-7135 Sharp Funeral Homes, Fentor



#### FLORENCE M. ORR

LOCAL NEWS

service was held August 10 at St. Highland, died August 2, 2010. Northville, passed away peacefully James Church, 46325 W. 10 Mile, Preceded in death by her beloved on August 4, 2010. She was born on vived by her daughter, Linda Parrish (Witt) Balko. She was united in marof Tempe, AZ; stepson, David (Pat) riage to Seymour Orr on October Hancock of Bemidji, MN; grandchil- 14th, 1938, and spent many happy dren, Jennifer Fink and Adam years together after they first met at Parrish, Nathan and Jason Hancock; Bill Bailey's Dance Studio on Cady nine great-grandchildren. Also sur- Street. Florence graduated in 1931 vived by her sister, Ethel Simula, and from NHS where she was a star many loving extended family mem- Girls Basketball Player. She worked bers and dear friends. A Funeral for many years as sales clerk and a Service was held at Highland Church friendly face at Gambles Hardware, of the Nazarene, 1211 W. Livingston, which turned to Stones Hardware Highland, Saturday, 11AM with and finally became the home of Pastor B. Michael Hefner. Burial Blacks Hardware Store. You could was at Highland Cemetery. For fur- also see her at Braders Clothing ther information call Lynch & Sons, Store in Downtown Northville where Milford. 248.684.6645 or visit: she would gladly help you shop for www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com the latest styles. Her family and

friends were very special to her. She brought joy wherever she went including, playing cards with the Age 92, passed away, August 6, ladies, instructing balfroom dancing, 2010. Visitation was held on and on top of her many talents you Sunday, August 8th. Funeral servic- could also find her decorating cakes es were conducted on Tuesday, for special events. Florence was August 10th, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL honored by the City of Northville on HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. March 16, 2008 proclaiming it \*Florence Orr Day.\* Florence was a past member of the Kings Daughters and also the past President of The

Northville Senior Citizen Center. She I

was a longtime member of Ward A Liturgy of the Word funeral service Evangelical Presbyterian Church. was conducted on Tuesday, August Florence is survived by her beloved | 10th, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, children, Darlena (Randolph Haikio) Orr, and Robert L. Orr and her Brother Elmer (Ruth) Balko. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and her two brothers Harley Balko, and Harold Balko. A funeral service was held Saturday August 7, 2010 at Casterline Funeral Home Inc. Pastor David Owen with Ward Presbyterian Church officiated the service. Mrs. Orr was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville.



Amy (Jason) Iverson Corbin; grand- LEE ANN ROBINSON (NAAR) children, Jakob Scott Corbin, Resident of Katy, Texas peacefully Kennedy Bella Grace, Hayden Jayne, passed into our Fathers arms or and Paige Nicole Iverson. He also August 4th, 2010 at the age of 54 leaves his "uncle" Tillie McNeil, his She was born August 11th, 1955 in Iverson family, and many, many dear Detroit, Michigan to Jean and friends with nicknames. He was pre- Donald Naar, long time residents of Age 17, passed away on Sunday, ceded in death by his father, Clifford Northville, Michigan. Lee Ann Iverson, who founded the lumber attended Northville High school and sustained in an automobile accident company in 1950, his mother, Rachel had moved to Katy in March to be while camping in the Upper Iverson, and step-mother, Winifred. closer to her beloved daughter, Tara. Peninsula. Taylor was looking for- Funeral Services were held at Lynch Lee Ann loved her pet cat and

spending time with her loving family Derrick & Tara and five siblings year with the cheer team. She was a For further information please phone Erick, Clay, Lisa, John and David Per Lee Ann's wishes, a small fam ly gathering/service was held in Katy Texas on August 7th. In lieu of cus tomary remembrances the fami Age 78, of South Lyon; email to naarsac@aol.com.

BETTY M. ROSEVEAR

Plymouth, MI 48170

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Rob Mutch of Novi will be one of the men walking in the Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure fund-raiser for breast

# Novi man to participate in Susan G. Komen 3-Day event

Joins fund-raising fight against breast cancer

crew member. Crew members

have duties such as help serve

lunch and pass out beverages.

"This will actually be her

"I get involved in all types of

charity events," he said. But,

60 miles. "It took me about

two weeks before I gave her an

answer. I had to make sure I

could commit to the training

and the fundraising." (Each

entrant must collect \$2,300 to

eighth year walking in the

event," Mutch said. He had

GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Novi resident Rob Mutch will be greatly outnumbered women as one of the men walking in the Susan G. a quescon grandmade a donation for her team... Komen 3-Day Walk for the an about last year. Cure fundraiser for breast cancer research tomorrow.

But, he's proud to be walking he had to think about walking for such a great cause. The walk begins tomorrow at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills and ends Sunday at Ford Motor Company World Headquarters in Dearborn. Spectators are encouraged to come to cheering stations along the route listed on the www.The3Day.org website. An employee at BASF in Wyandotte, Mutch became involved when Denise Hartmann, a co-worker from Harrison Township, asked him last year if he'd like to join her team for the 60-mile walk this year. He'll be walking for the

walk in the 3-Day.) "It's a big effort on both parts." BAR CRAWL RAISES FUNDS Mutch organized a "bar crawl" in Royal Oak last month and raised about \$200

for the walk. He's been walking a lot, as much as 18 miles on a recent Saturday and 15 miles on Sunday. He's been walking and running on weekends and sometimes during the week for three-four months to train pfleming@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, Ext. 260

for the fund-raiser. The 3-Day has a training log entrants can Mutch walks in his neigh-

borhood east of Ten Mile Kensington Metropark and the Downriver area. "I've met with members from other teams walking in the 3-Day," he said. Hartmann's father had cancer, and she and Mutch have a mutual friend in her early 30s with ovarian cancer, so those two will be in the walkers' thoughts this weekend. "I have a mother, sisters,

nieces and female friends." Mutch said. "If we can find a cure for breast cancer, it could save their lives and prevent their families from having to go through a loss as well. And if we can get a breakthrough on one cancer, that could open the door to curing other types of cancer." For more information or to make a donation, go to www. The3Day.org.

# Wild birds store opens in Novi

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Bust-A-Move team that

includes six walkers plus a

Ed Kammann had enjoyed the retired life long enough - a little over a year to be exact — and was ready to get back to work. But he wasn't just going to

settle for any job. After talking with his wife, Pam, about some of their passions, the couple settled on opening their own business and catering to what Ed said is the second most popular hobby people do at their homes feeding birds.

On Wednesday, the couple opened Wild Birds Unlimited in the shopping center on the corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue, and hope customers see the store like they do, "as a fun place to come into." "In essence it's people feed-

ing their pets because the same birds usually come back," he said. Kammann, who worked for an automotive supplier for the but I knew I wanted to do last 35 years before taking a buyout, said his wife's love of feeding birds rubbed off on him. The couple were frequent customers of a Wild Birds



Ed Kammann and his wife Pam look to help those with a bird feeding hobby in Novi when they opened a Wild Birds Unlimited store on Wednesday at Beck Road and Grand River Avenue.

open their own. "I enjoyed myself last year. something else," he said. The couple chose Novi because it's "a growing community and the location is fantastic."

Some of the birds people in

Novi feed include cardinals,

it only made sense for them to blue jays, chickadees, finches

The store features feeders and food for the various types of birds as well as other bird feeding items. Wild Birds Unlimited is located at 47760 Grand River Ave. For more information or store hours, call (248) 374-4000.

and morning doves.

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Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to 13 Mile Road cstone@qannett.com; by fax to (248) 685-2892; **Contact**: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondayor by mail to Church Events/Northville-Novi, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must

online at hometownlife.com

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

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)

Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of

Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org. Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m. be received by noon on Monday to be included in **Bible study classes**: 10 a.m. for all ages

Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience. **Detroit First Church of the Nazarene** 

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Date: begins Aug. 29

for workbook is \$12.

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

Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m.

Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal,

> Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do Women of the Word

Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult

Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m. **Details**: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

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

Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.newhopecen-**Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross** 

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross. \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's

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

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> every month First Baptist Church of

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>  Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
>  Bible Study Wed. 7:00 p.m.

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### BAND

bers that "making mistakes is OK it's not easy."

"There is so much to think about that it can be very overwhelming," he said.

Hourigan, who returned to the program this year after a oneyear sabbatical where he received his doctorate in conducting from Michigan State University, said some students handle the changes better than others and camarade rie is key.

"(The freshmen) really need to see it and do it, and everyone has to have the same basic goals in mind," he said. "The upperclassmen set the example.'

Laura Baumgarten, a freshman melophone player, said the long week of practice was hard, but when the show "comes together it's a lot of fun."

Lauren Matson got a taste of the band life last year when she competed with the winterguard as an eighth-grader, and now as a member of the colorguard, the transition has been a little easier. "There is a lot of confusion at first, but in the end it all comes

together," she said. The band put together its first performance of the year last Saturday at Show Day, open to parents and the community, and will take the field for the first football game on Aug. 27 when Novi takes on Farmington Hills

"Every year brings its own challenges, but we have a good group of kids with good attitudes," Hourigan said.



The Novi Marching Band coordinates its performance during band camp last Thursday.





Trombone players practice with the Novi High School Marching Band.

The Novi High School Marching Band hone their skills at band camp last week.

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### CHURCH

Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month First Presbyterian Church of Northville Location: 200 E. Main St. Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresnville.org Sunday Worship

online at hometownlife.com

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 after-

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. 18th annual Sharing the Gift Fine Art Show

Oct. 1-8 Details: The juror will be MaryAnn Wilkinson, a scholar and curator and a Northville resident. Entry forms are available at the church at 200 E. Main St., Northville or by calling the church. Deadline for entry is Sept. 17.

First United Methodist Church of Northville A Stephen Ministry Church musical accompaniment of guitar and Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd. Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.fumc-

northville.org Sunday worship: Times: 8:30 and 10 a.m. (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. (Sept.-May) Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, senior pastor and Rev. Jeff Sturgeon, associ-

ate pastor Coffee Hour: 9:30 a.m. Sunday ((Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 10:15 a.m. Sundays Healing Service: 4 p.m. first Monday of

every month Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesdays for fourth-12th graders (Sept.-April) Men's Club: 8 a.m. second Saturdays Contact: Heather J. Wallas, communications director, (248) 349-1144, Ext. 26, or e-mail hwallas@fumcnorthville.org 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 Study; 10 am. Worship

Lakes Baptist Church Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Livonia Church of Christ Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www. livoniachurch.net

Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m. **Meadowbrook Congregational** Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.



### A Safe HAVEN

Despite the economy, HAVEN of Oakland County had a record attendance of 400 patrons at this year's Promenade of Hope. The event was held at the Red Run Golf Club in Royal Oak and brought in \$190,000. HAVEN provides treatment and prevention services for survivors of domestic violence and victims of sexual abuse. HAVEN has been working this summer with the Michigan Young Farmers Coalition for the HAVEN Garden Project, which began in April. The project involves growing organic, healthy fruits and vegetables for the HAVEN clients and, ultimately, the surrounding area of Pontiac. Pictured (I to r) are Ty Renbarger of Royal Oak, Kurt Beckeman of Birmingham, Brian Stein of Northville Township and Drew Kendall of Novi.

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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

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. **Details**: This traditional-contemporary service is led by Reverend Ritter with

Asking Questions adult education

Raily Sunday and Chicken Fest Date: Sunday, Sept. 12 **Details**: Worship at 10 a.m.; Chicken Fest and Christian Education Rodeo at 11 a.m. Chicken dinners available for take-out Games and festivities for

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 a.m. every Wednesday 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. Aug. 22 Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life

Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social

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Novi United Methodist Preschool/Kids Choir Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umc-Wednesday Sunday Worship

Time: 9:45 a.m. Healing Service and Holy Our Lady of Good Communion **Counsel Catholic Church** Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month Peace Vigil Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of Our Lady of Victory every month Location: In front of the church Catholic Church Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace. ville.ora Advent Service Saturday Worship Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

Oak Pointe Church Sunday Worship Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oak-Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday Plymouth ReNew Life Group Ministries Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday Details: Ongoing Life Groups that sup

port and facilitate personal growth, Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. healing, learning, change from a lowship and food after service Women's Life Groups Ministries St. James Catholic Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 Contact: (248) 347-7778 Men's Life Groups Ministries Time/Date: 6 a.m. every Friday Mass Schedule morning at various locations For TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact the church

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> Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

> Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fel-Location: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday St. John's Episcopal Church Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road,



When Northville resident Tom Murphy learned that one of his wheelchair Meals on Wheels clients, a stroke victim on his Novi route, needed a ramp to get out of her dwelling, Murphy checked with the government. It would take too long to get approval and financial backing, so his senior golfing buddies agreed to build a ramp for her. She is paying for the wood from Home Depot, but six men — Murphy, Jim McAmmond of Plymouth, Jay Edmunds of Livonia, Roger Herrington of White Lake, Bill Gardiner of Bloomfield Hills and George Keith of West Bloomfield — volunteered three days to build a ramp for her. Tom Murphy's golfing buddies chipped in their time and skills. Pictured (I to r) are Herrington, Edmunds and Murphy.

#### St. John Lutheran Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington

Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com Saturday Worship Time: 5:30 p.m. Sunday Worship Time: 9, 11:15 a.m. Sunday School Time: 10:15 a.m. St. Paul's Lutheran Church Location: 201 Elm St., Northville Contact: (248) 349-3140 Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Blended; 11

a.m. Contemporary Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington Location: 25301 Halstead Road, Farmington Hills Contact: www.uufarmington.org Youth Interfaith Journey Time/Date: 9:30 and II a.m. Sundays **Details**: This religious education program is open to the public and cur-

ophy 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 for all. 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 registration necessary; a \$5 donation suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most.

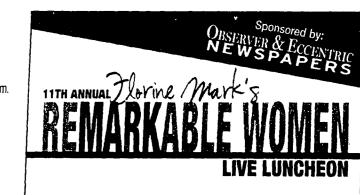
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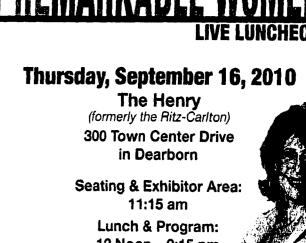
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She will discuss those important

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### **OUR VIEWS**

### Did you vote? There's no excuse for a low election turnout

On Aug. 3, voters went to the polls to decide who will advance to the November general. To those committed to the democratic process and who went to the polls, we'd like to say thank you. To those who were no shows, we'd like to ask where

It's a question we should ask at every election from the very local selection of a member of the school board trustee all the way up to president of the United States. The turnout for the former is pathetic at best, while the latter attracts more interest, but there are still a lot of registered vot-

ers who fail to participate in the elective process. The decision of who will lead our state and who will represent our interests in Congress should be a decision of the all eligible voters, not a few.

Nonvoters have their reasons for not going **Every votes matters.** The to the polls, everything smaller the election, the from feeling their vote more an individual vote doesn't count and being too busy to not liking the can count, and the more candidates or lines that

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empowered the voter. Some are too long at the poll of those candidates in the Lame excuses. Every primary election started votes matters. The out getting voted in at the smaller the election, the more an individual vote can count, and the more empowered the voter. Some of those candidates significant influence. Too in the primary election busy? Lines too long at started out getting voted the polls? Try applying for in at the local level, and that's one spot where we all can have significant your voting at home. Don't like the candidates? How Too busy? Lines too

long at the polls? Try applying for an absentee you don't tell them, and the ballot and do your votone way to do that is at the inguat home. Don't like the candidates? How are they going to know, if you don't tell them, and the one way to do that is at the polls on election

Here's a few reasons that the Douglas County, Nev., clerk-treasurer came up with why people should vote. We like what he has to say and we think our readers should consider it in deciding if they'll participate in the November general elec-

1) It's your money. The county commissioners, governor, state officials, legislators, president and members of Congress you vote for will decide how much of our wealth to invest in public services and how to fairly share the tax burden.

2) It's your children's education. You elect local and state school board members who set public education policy and budgets that will affect how well prepared your children and grandchildren will be for the future. Decisions by our legislators, governor, members of Congress and president also affect the public schools and the quality and cost of higher education as well.

3) It's your job. Congress, the president, the governor and your legislators influence what job training is available, minimum wage, pay equity, fairness in hiring, health insurance through your employer, job and pension security, and workplace

4) It's your health care. Actions by the governor, legislature and Congress as well as their decisions on Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance laws determine your access to health care.

5) They're your highways. Your county commissioners, legislators, governor and members of Congress decide what highways are needed, what alternatives to highways such as public transit to support, and how to pay the bill.

6) It's your Social Security. The president and your members of Congress decide how much pavroll tax you pay, cost of living increases and benefit schedules for your Social Security pension, and what Medicare services you receive and share pay-

7) You live in Michigan. Your county, state and national elected officials set standards, enforcement strategies and budgets. They plan and zone where roads and industries will be built and how public lands will be used - decisions that can determine how and where you live and work.

8) It's your neighborhood. The elected officials and judges you vote to retain make daily decisions about crime prevention, laws and law enforcement, safe and affordable homes, traffic patterns, where to put schools, parks and recreation.

9) They're our children. We do our best to keep them healthy, fed, safe, educated and cared for. The officials you elect can help or hinder all families in achieving their goals and dreams.

And the most important reason why people should vote: It's your democracy. Make it work.

### **COMMUNITY VOICE**

What do you like to grill in the summertime?



meat is so delicious with barbecue sauce." Alex Pham, 11

"I'm a hot dog fan. Grilled very black; nearly charcoal. Lots of flavor."

- everybody in my house Justin Faugh

'Chicken kabobs



to be healthy." Michael Berman

Cathy Laux

### **LETTERS**

#### Support Right To Repair bill

The Automotive Recyclers Association strongly urges Congress to pass the Motor Vehicle Owners' Right To Repair Act (\$ 3181/HR 2057) to ensure that the automotive repair industry remains competitive so that vehicle owners can afford and conveniently have their vehicles serviced.

Car owners and independent shops need full access to the information, parts and tools necessary to accurately diagnose, repair or reprogram today's modern vehicles, yet vehicle manufacturers are making access to such vital information increasingly difficult and costly to obtain for independent repair shops and their customers. Without access to critical safety and repair information, motorists will be forced to patronize new car dealerships which may not be convenient or easily acces-

sible to a car owner. The Right To Repair Act will allow independent repair facilities and automobile recyclers to compete on a level playing field and foster healthy, fair competition. Now, our members are forced to turn customers away everyday who want to use affordable recycled auto parts because it has become increasing difficult to obtain the information needed to reinitialize the car's computer from the vehicle manufacturers. Contrary to their claims, Right To Repair would not require disclosure of the manufacturers' processes and trade secrets, and would not affect the dealer's warranty agreement. The Right To Repair Act has bipartisan support in both chambers of Congress. Please send a letter urging your members of Congress to support the Right to Repair Act by visiting www.righttorepair.org.

> Michael E. Wilson CEO, Automotive Recyclers Association

#### Michigan at crossroads

Michigan:

An Open Letter to the next governor of

Michigan is at one of its biggest crossroads in more than 100 years. We are competing in an ever-changing global economy, we are experiencing statewide leadership turnover at all levels with redistricting changes just around the corner, and we are struggling to provide vital services that our citizens need due to declining revenues in these tough economic times.

On top of these difficult realities, the next governor will also have to grapple with being able to create the good-paying 21st century jobs for our Michigan workers, at a time when the skill sets for those jobs keep evolving. While I am not a fortune teller, I have had the opportunity to observe and assist in developing some important economic growth strategies for Michigan as the chair of the House New Economy and Quality of Life Committee. From that experience, I would like to offer a few top 10 lists in key areas that might help

our next governor hit the ground running: • Top 10 Economic Sectors – these are initiatives that are already under way in Michigan and are showing positive results: High-tech batteries for electric vehicles, solar energy, agriculture, travel and tourism, film, defense, wind energy, information technology, life sciences and advanced manufacturing and manufacturing diversification.

 Top 10 pipeline Issues – these are projects, partnerships, early-phase opportunities that are already in one stage or another that are

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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tech/centers of energy excellence. Top 10 future assets – these are opportunities based on various Michigan assets and the ability to leverage them: Tribal business development, robotics, LED technology, photovoltaic standards development, government creativity and innovation, job training programs, aerospace engineering, supply chain technology and regional economic collabora-

tion/statewide new economy commission. • Top 10 quality of life projects – these are areas that will improve the quality of life for Michigan residents and help attract job creators to our state: Foundations/nonprofits, mass transit/high-speed rail, outdoors/agritourism/entrepreneurship, brownfields/historic preservation/green building, cultural/ creative development, talent retention and attraction/knowledge job creation, tourism/ entertainment marketing, niche higher education programs, Michigan alumni and interna-

In these uncertain economic times, it is difficult to predict the future, but it is possible to position ourselves in a variety of fields to take advantage of opportunities when they arise. That's why I humbly offer these recommendations to the next administration, as well as my willingness to provide guidance on any of these issues. Thanks for listening and good luck to the new administration.

state Rep. Ed Clemente

### Oil spill a disaster

The BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico was a disastrous event that has had many consequences. This leak into the Gulf is not only affecting the landscape around it but also is having a negative effect on the natural inhabitants of the waters and land in the surround-

The animals that live there – turtles, whales, dolphins, many different types of

#### all in a life-threatening situation. Their homes are being destroyed and they can no longer feed in the oil-infested water. The birds get their feathers covered in the oil. The oil stops

The oil also will suffocate the fish and mammals that live underwater. The deaths of all these will affect the ecosystem of this area for years to come.

Some species may even be facing extinction. These animals are helpless and the only thing that can help them is us.

He believes it is not worth saving the ani-

There is someone who does not think that we should help these poor animals. German biologist Silvia Gaus thinks that we should be ' humanely disposing of the animals that have been exposed to the oil instead of cleaning them off and releasing them in clean areas.

mals that have been harmed by the oil. His argument is that not a high enough percentage of animals that are surviving after being cleaned warrant cleaning all the animals. I believe that each life that can be saved should be saved. These animals are an important part of the ecosystem and the loss of them is extremely harmful.

Motors. For some, like Pascoe, The percentage may not seem like many but when it is taken into account how many animals are dying, the percentage actually represents a very large number. It is a cruel thing to think to just kill all

of the animals because someone does not believe they are worth of saving. Even though only a small percentage of the animals are going to make it, we should do all that we can to help because it is the humans' fault that the oil is destroying their home in the first place. Sarah Diven vears.

#### Don't leave pets in cars

My letter has two purposes. The first is to remind people not to leave their pets in their cars. This can be a dangerous situation for your pet. Saturday night, I ran up to Meijer in White Lake to get a few items. That trip ended up taking much more time because when I pulled in the parking lot at 6 p.m., I saw a little dog panting heavily in a parked car. My car was registering 86 degrees outside, and there was one window opened a few small inches. I stood around waiting for the owner of the dog to come out so that I could remind them that this is no place to leave an animal.

I informed the police of the situation, and

they said they would send someone out but it might be awhile. While we were waiting at least two other couples and persons came and asked how they could help. They also noted that the dog had been in the car for over a half hour. When the disabled son of the owner of the car came out, it was clear he did not understand how dangerous it was for this dog. People should not leave any pet in a car. Please just leave them at home. They will be so much happier and healthier there. The second point that I wanted to make was how impressed I was that this community banded together for this little dog. There are good and caring people in our community who take the time to aid another living creature. Thank you

for stopping that day. You made a difference

in all of our lives.

Denise Pistana Highland

birds and the hundreds of species of fish - are

has always had fond memothem from being able to fly and often drowns ries of the American Motors Marlin he helped design in So it's no surprise that 45 years later Geraci is the stylis

Park in Livonia. Geraci created several renderings of a 2011 concept car, and a group of his former colleagues helped bring a clay model of it to life. "It is just like old times,"

> clay sculpture at AMC. "We get together, throw some clay around and tell old war sto-Between Geraci, Pascoe, Keith Goodnough, Bob Bristow and Jim Pappas, the group has more than 150 years of experience at American

> > there was a little rust to shake "I hadn't touched a clay tool in 20 years, so for me it's like a rebirth," he said. "It got the juices flowing

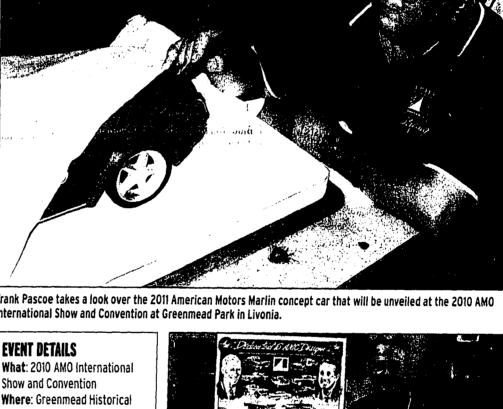
Geraci, who is referred to as the father of the Marlin, said working on the car has been like being "put in a time capsule and going back 40

The group has put more than 170 hours into the model car at Maxwell's Art and Treasures in Garden City, and Geraci said it is "an idea of what a Marlin would look like today" and could be put into production.

It was the first fastback car created at the time, but only was produced from 1965-1967. Geraci said it was unique because it was made for holding six adults.

The model the group created will be unveiled at the AMO show, which also will feature roughly 100 other American

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Frank Pascoe takes a look over the 2011 American Motors Marlin concept car that will be unveiled at the 2010 AMO International Show and Convention at Greenmead Park in Livonia.

(From left) Former American Motors Corporation employees Bob Bristow, Keith Goodnough, Frank Pascoe and Vince Geraci stand in front of the clay model

A blast from the past

Former AMC employees create clay model of Marlin concept car

### **EVENT DETAILS**

**When:** Aug. 13-14

online at hometownlife.com

of the 2011 American Motors Marlin concept car they created.

BY NATHAN MUELLER

STAFF WRITER

Novi resident Vince Geraci

behind a modern version of

the car that will be displayed

AMO International Show and

this weekend at the 2010

Convention at Greenmead

said Frank Pascoe, a former

Show and Convention Where: Greenmead Historical Village, 20501 Newburgh Road,

Motors vehicles. Laura George, who owns Maxwell's and donated the space in the building to the men, said she hopes this inspires more people to get involved in automotive sculp-

"There are not many places for kids to do that, and we have the people willing to teach a class," she said. "It's still an art and a necessary part of design."

For more information on the lakesamc.org. To check out Maxwell's, visit www.maxwellsartandtreasures.com.

Malinda Martin

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**CITY OF NOVI** 

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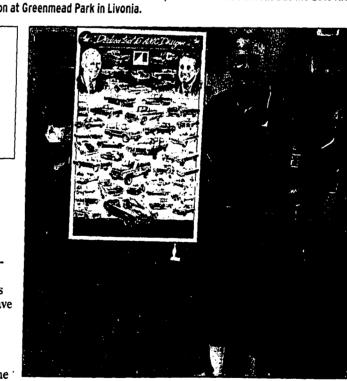
This request will be considered at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday,

August 31, 2010 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile

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HealthAndBeautyExpo.net or call Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by American Legion Post 19 mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, Monthly Meeting South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. third Tuesdays received by noon on Monday to be Location: Rock Financia Showplace, included in Thursday's newspaper.

### **LOCAL EVENTS** Metropolitan Single

Professionals Dance and Mingle Time/Date: 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday,

Location: Diamond Center at Rock

Financial Showplace Details: Top 40 DJ, cash bar, hors d'ouevres and door prizes. Admission is \$6 for members; \$12 for non-members. Become a member at the dance and your admission for that night is free! Attire is dressy casual (no blue jeans or tennis shoes). Ballroom is non-smoking. All singles are welcome.

#### Contact: (248) 544-6445 www. mspsc.com Summer Sidewalk Music Series Fime/Date: 4-7 p.m. Saturdays

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! Aug. 14: John Holk & The Sequins Contact: Twelve Mile Crossing (248)

#### Sunset Jazz @ Fuerst Park fime/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. first

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after he was initially stopped

because one of the brake lights

on his car was not working.

According to the report,

when the officer approached

the car he could smell mari-

driver told the officer there

was nothing inside, but after

being questioned a couple

more times he admitted to

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into search the vehicle, but

only found small traces in the

The driver refused to speak

transported to the Novi Police

Department where he was

issued a citation and court

date and released without

backseat. The bag contained

approximately seven grams.

having a bag of marijuana in

juana coming from inside. The

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8 Mile Rd.

He was arrested and trans-

ported to the Novi Police

Prosecutor to review

The city prosecutor is

fight in parking garage

Dreviewing information from

a fight that took place around

2 a.m. on Aug. 5 in the parking garage on Main Street.

According to the report,

an officer in the area was

approached by a man who

appeared to be running away

from another group of men.

The officer noticed his left eye

was swollen and proceeded to

pull into the parking garage.

large group of men in the area,

description of the man who hit

and the victim gave police a

Police found the suspect

who said he noticed one of

his friends being hit and he

punched the victim once in

the face. All the other subjects

had fled the area when police

Written statements were

due to the incident appearing

to be mutual combat between

all parties, the city prosecutor

- Compiled by staff writer

would be the one to levy any

taken from both sides, and

Department where he was

issued a citation for operating

while intoxicated and released

### City creating and adapting with budget

vintage television show "MacGyver", or read about the adaptations those astronauts of Apollo XIII made to safely land? They make the best with what they've got. When you get creative, you will be amazed at little. (Adapted from "Rework: A Better, Easier Way to Succeed in Business" by Jason Fried and David Heinemier

in roads, drains, and parks. Your City of Novi govern-The General Fund balance ment is creating and adapting. is within our 14-18% range, equal to about two month's local governments are no excepexpenditures. General Fund expenditures are going to be have anticipated and recognized about \$28.1 million, compared the financial realities that have to the recent \$32.1 million just recently hit the state and local two years ago. All the while, governments hard. We are turnexpenditures on Police/Fire public safety services have ing those realities to the best advantage of the current and been maintained between future residents and businesses 50-60% of the General Fund of Novi. We are making management decisions every day We are looking ahead and to control costs, prioritize, and

anticipating future budgets. deliver results for you. That is the challenge we are Several months ago, durgrappling with -- to adapt to ing our budget preparation, I smaller revenue and realistically shared with the community become a smaller government (Novi News, March 11) how while still getting important the City of Novi is proactively things done. Personal services balancing the task of dealing (wages and benefits) are our with the current economic largest outlay and we are working to align those costs with environment -- a defensive position -- with fielding a good priorities of public safety, infraoffense to allow us to thrive in structure, and parks/recreation. the future. Now, we are into Reductions in workforce are a our new fiscal year and have a reality here (as at most units of financial plan and the team to government). However, the City of Novi is committed to being keep Novi a top place for people to live and for businesses

to invest. Our cast is seasoned and motivated. In real-world terms, we recognized in advance that Novi's property tax revenue (our majority source of General Fund revenue) is declining because of statewide and nationwide declines in existing property values (although the decline is less in Novi than in most other cities of substantial enues for our fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 are projected at \$32.78 million, compared to \$36.51 from the year prior; a sizable \$3.73 million (11.4%)

#### Our cash balances are

able. We need

flow and to

for unforeseen

expenditures.

But we are not hoarding cash

that has been entrusted to us

for providing essential public

services. We are investing

operating cash

about how the City of Novi staff is contracting to complete building permits for the City have some cash of South Lyon. In the reverse, we have contracted with Farmington Hills for sidewalk construction inspection. There will be more contracts and savings ahead.

> On the second commitment, maximizing the return of the resources, we are taking our management responsibilities seriously. We are realigning workloads and assignments. support that was based in the Fire Department now comes administration. Some of the from reductions in the number of people (some caused by bumping within the collective eliminations) and others from aligning resources with prioriareas). As anybody involved with management at his or

some of these adaptations are easier than others, but we try to communicate and share as much as possible internally about the realities we face. We are taking a hard look at data such as calls for service, breaking down those calls for service by hour of day and day of week,

The entire budget document is available on cityofnovi.org as part of our overall commitment to transparency in your local government. The document represents the description of how we are making the best of what we have, rather cows. We must not be afraid to than wringing our hands

take a thoughtful look at our operations, past practices and If you have any questions then make changes. You can see our monthly Fiscal Fitness publication on cityofnovi.org tact me at any time.

to get examples. As we become a smaller government, there are impacts. We are working to of Novi. He can be reached at cpear-

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For instance, the administrative from a centralized Public Safety subsequent staff changes result bargaining units due to position ties (fewer support staff in many her own business can imagine,

for instance. We act and adapt

about the fiscal health of OUR Novi community, please con-

Clay J. Pearson is the city manager limit them in key service areas. son@cityofnovi.org.

#### Items stolen from unlocked car

**→** A Nikon digital camera, Lathree pairs of Oakley sunglasses and several CDs were stolen from a Ford station wagon between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. on July 29 while it was parked in the driveway of a home on Roundview Drive. The victim said he left his car unlocked overnight and all

> On Saturday, Aug. 21, the Novi Police Department will

host a Civilian Pistol Safety

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ments to obtain a Michigan

classroom and shooting require-

Concealed Pistol License (CPL).

An additional course is sched-

The CPL classes are held at

45125 W. Ten Mile Road. After

uled for Saturday, Oct. 2.

the Novi Police Department

Training Center, located at

Police have no suspects. Personal info, GPS taken **→** A briefcase containing personal information and a Garmin GPS were stolen from

**NOVI POLICE BRIEFS** 

the items were taken from the

said he thinks the suspects are

a number of juveniles whom he

hears during late night hours,

and said a few of his neighbors

have had similar issues.

center console of the car. He

12 Mile Rd.

9 Mile Rd.

Chevrolet Impala overnight on July 29 while it was parked in the driveway of a home on Courtview Trail. The victim said he left his vehicle unlocked and that the briefcase contained paper items that were of extreme

importance to him. Police have no suspects. Police stop drunk driver ∧ A drunk driver was arrestded at 12:40 a.m. on Aug. 6 at Thirteen Mile Road and M-5 after police observed the car swerving in its lane and traveling under the posted

speed limit. The officer on the scene paced the car driving 23 miles per hour in a 40 mph zone, and the driver hit the curb when pulling over during the traffic stop. The driver admitted to

drinking at an establishment in Walled Lake, and failed field sobriety tests. A preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .23 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is

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Novi Police Department offers Civilian Pistol Safety Class order. All participants are subject to a criminal background check. Class size is limited. Students must bring their own

This course is a new offering by the Novi Police Department, equipment, including a personal with the first of its kind being held last month and receiving a handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, and shooter's earmuffs or ear plugs.

For more information, either online at cityofnovi.org visit cityofnovi.org of contact or pick up a registration form Sergeant Michael Warren at mwarren@cityofnovi.org or at the Novi Police Department. The course costs \$200 and can (248) 347-0572.

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Brett Anderson of Novi received the John White Award for outstanding acaformance in The award was presented at

pachelor's degree in chemistry luring Rose-Hulman's com-

Denison University Emily Janice Hopcian of Novi was among 346 undergraduates named to the spring semester Dean's List y Provost Bradley Bateman. tudents who achieve dean's list status have maintained a grade-point average of 3.7 or better (out of 4.0) for the

nencement in May.

semester. Only one of every six students achieved dean's list distinction this spring

### Northwood University

The following students

from Novi graduated in May: Robert Ahrens, Kevin Bartz, Joseph Betro, Amanda Brown, Daniel Burns Jr., Jeremy Church, Stephanie Clos, Kayla copsey, Jordan Crandell, Jeffrey Donohue, Elizabeth Fields, Benjamin Foerg, Ashley Gazdecki, Morgan Gerich, Elaine Grech, Nicole Grimes, Gabrielle Hamilton, Erin Haynes, Kimberly Homacek, Staci Johnson, Robert Low, Laura Ludwiczak, Consuelo McAboy, Claudia Miculici, Maryann Mugerian, Scott Pawlak, Derek Pivetz,

Kimberly Sankovic, Matthew

Bryn Smetana, Daniel Spisak,

Schaffer, Alexandra Sisson,

Kaitlyn Stanford, Courtney

Staschke, Annette Sturla,

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Brent Rau, Amy Reinhold,

Megan Campbell. Nicole Nordstrom was also awarded graduation

#### Summer camps

#### Novi Parks offers camps to meet every child's needs offer many engaging camps with something to meet every child's interest, close to home, and at economical

Haynes, Karam Jalil, Priscilla Summer camps provide benefits in a broad variety of areas including physical, emotional, social and intellectual. "We hope the community embraces our returning and

#### Valkenburgh. Hope College

Stouffer and Laura Van

Alexander White, Benjamin

Workman, Kara Yadach and

The following students

ors for the spring semester:

Clos, Katherine Colaccino,

Fossbakk, Ryan Fox, Evan

Peoples, Marie Ruhl, Melissa

Gabe, Steven Hart, Erin

Elizabeth Fields, Maria

Geoffrey Atia-Ahrens, Bradley

from Novi received hon-

Amanda Zorza.

Four students from Novi were named to the Dean's List for the second semester of the 2009-2010 school year: Anthony Gasparotto, Amanda Sutton, Nicole Nordstrom and

honors (cum laude) for outstanding academic accomplishment during her four years of study.

# Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services is excited to

new offerings this summer. We truly have something for every child" said Nancy Cowan,

#### Camp Lakeshore returns this summer under a new name, Lakeshore Park Adventure Camp. The camp offers adventures such as kayaking, geocaching, climbing with a belay harness, canoeing,

and hiking. Annual camperfavorite field trips including the Detroit Science Center, Red Oaks Wave Pool and the Detroit Zoo are included. Registration is going on now at cityofnovi.org and online registrants receive a \$5 discount. For more information, please contact the Novi Parks office

City of Novi superintendent of

### **NOVI COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

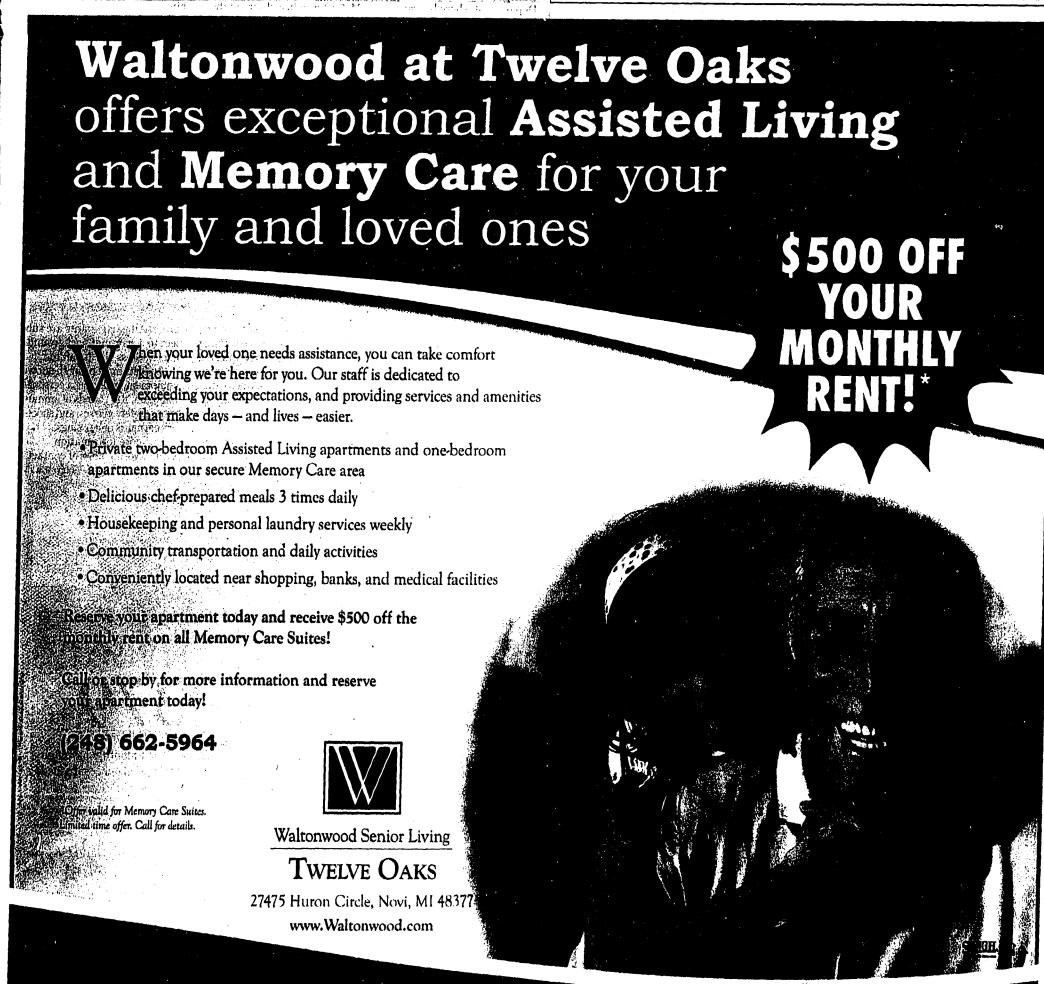
#### A new Toastmasters club will meet for eight one-hour sessions within the next few

Youth Toastmasters Club

Toastmaster members basi cally present short speeches to be peer critiqued during the meetings. Organizers are looking for enthusiasm and a positive hardworking attitude from dedicated young adults ages 11-18. The first meeting will be an information ses-

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BY STEVE KOWALSKI GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Elle Kelly's music video, "Move," is about a girls' night out. Anyone who has been to the Liquor Store bar in Novi knows it's about the same — a popular destination for bachelorette parties.

Kelly is a 26-year-old Brighton resident and daughter of Larry Kelly, a former backup guitarist for the Romantics, a 1980s Detroit area rock n roll band. Though she describes her music as "pop with a hip-hop edge," Kelly might be tempted to go old school and bust out a rendition of the Romantics' smash hit, "What I like about you!" when her entourage arrives

Friday to shoot two scenes. What's not to like about her first music video experience. from her self-titled and first

Kelly shot the first two scenes July 31 in front of the dance on a fire truck.

former Berkley Theatre and a third scene, Aug. 1, inside the Post Bar in Ferndale. The Berkley Theatre scenes unexpectedly included a chance to "It was spontaneous for

sure," said Kelly, joined by her



A Berkley fire engine was part of the first two scenes of Elle Kelly's music video, 'Move,' filmed July 31 in front of the

"We said 'Heck yes, we want a

The Liquor Store was open to the public during last Friday's shoot, which was sponsored by AMP 98.7 FM. Wendy McClendon, co-owner with her husband Joseph of

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Laurie Lysak and Stacie Lynn. the record company, Daleth Music Group of Southfield, said the Liquor Store is the ideal venue because it has a mechanical bull, which patrons enjoy riding. "The name of the song is 'Move,' and (the mechanical bull) adds more fun to the

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shoot," McClendon said. McClendon said the music video is scheduled to be shown on MTV, MTV International and Fuse later this summer. In addition to Lysak and Lynn, Kelly recruited two other friends, Mary Brunken and Sarah Shanahan, to join her in

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in music, for sure. I was (her father's) No. 1 fan." She doesn't think she'd have "He looks like a huge dork, super puffy hair, almost like a fro, with a little moustache and goatee, and tight cloth-

former Berkley Theatre.

night out" theme.

setting the scene for the "girls

Previous scenes also have

Kelly said she and Joseph McClendon wrote each of the

include a professional skateboarder, a teen dance team and break dancers, according to McClendon. or failed romance." The Kellys are an artistic "Everybody's contributing their own little piece and it's coming together perfectly," Kelly said.

Musician Elle Kelly (center) is joined by her friends. Laurie Lysak (right)

and Stacie Lynn, dancing on a fire truck for the music video, 'Move,' at the

Kelly has wanted to be a musician for as long as she can remember. Her father left the Romantics when she was three to concentrate on raising a family, she said, but continued to play locally with bands known as Pulstar and Knock Knock. are open," Elle said. "I used to hop on stage," Kelly attended Central

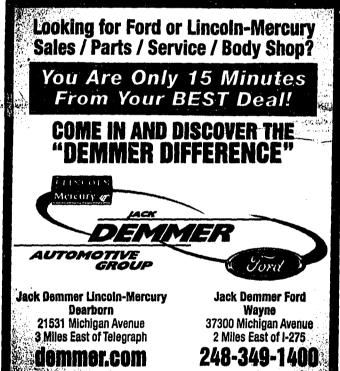
been a fan of her father's fashion, however, recalling the '80s music scene publicity photos she's seen. ing," Kelly said, laughing. Now,

11 songs on the CD. "They're not old songs," she said. "They're written 'on the spot.' Most are about romance.

lot. Elle's 24-year-old brother Dane plays the guitar and their mother, Katie, prefers art on the canvas. The two siblings and their father play on occasion in the music studio above their Brighton garage, which is sound proof so the neighbors "don't hear unless the windows

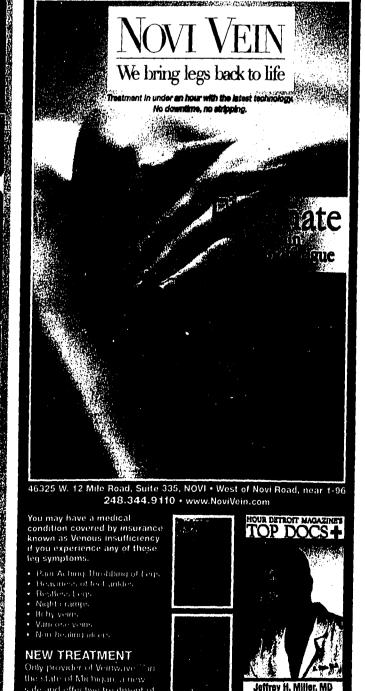
she recalls. "I was brought up Michigan University for one year but realized the major she was considering, fashion merchandising, wasn't for her. "I couldn't stop thinking about music," said Kelly, who never returned to school, but

has worked as an office manager when not focusing on music. "I found myself writing lyrics and not paying attention. Basically I just realized I was she said, "he's clean cut, a pro- not passionate about fashion. I was passionate about music."





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# Northville's Arastu hurdles the field

East's Oliverio jumps onto First Team

Northville's Ali Arastu capped off a stellar track career for the Mustang's with a State Title in the 300-meter in the 110 hurdles.

Arastu is the 2010 All-Area Track and Field Athlete of the

"Ali is simply one of the most this area in a very long time," said coach Joe Knisely. "His steady improvement, consistency and increasing dominance in the hurdle events is unmatched by any athlete from any school in the area." Arastu's accomplishments include KLAA Conference champion in both hurdle

both. He set meet records at both in the 300 hurdles. The senior Mustang went undefeated in both events until the State Finals where he

events and regional champ in

"He is an excellent example of good sportsmanship and courtesy to all competitors and teammates alike," said Knisely. First team

Al Myers, Northville

The junior high jumper won the regional for the second "Al had some bad luck this year missing much of the season," said Knisely. "He recovered some of this training to win the Regional for the second year in a row. If he stays healthy next year, he could be All-State, with the capability to jump 6-7 or 6-8."

John Westfall, Milford The senior shot-putter was one of the best in the area and proved it with a sixth-place finish at state to earn All-State honors. Westfall uncorked a three-foot personal best throw on his last attempt at state to do so. He also was a strong

factor in the discus for the Mavericks. Westfall will attend Grand Valley State University with a football scholarship.

Chris Combs. Milford Another strong senior

thrower for the Mavs. He usually won the discus with Westfall winning the shot put. Combs will attend Michigan Tech on a football scholarship. The two throwers were a large reason for the Mays finishing in a three-way tie atop the Central. West Division. "Dylan was a dedicated tech-

Nick Shatney, Milford The junior was all over the

place for the Mays in short and middle-distance events. He was part of the 4x400 relay team to place 13th at state, finished third in the conference in the 200 meters and was the team's fastest 100-meter guy. Brandon Wallace, Milford The sophomore went unde-

feated in the 400 in dual meets, finished third in the 400 at the conference meet and ran on all four of the fastest relays, including the 4x400 team at state.

Mike Blaszczyk, Novi

The senior distance runner ran to All-State honors with a seventh-place finish in the 3,200. He won titles at the County meet, KLAA Conference and Association meets. Blaszczyk went undefeated in dual meets with a personal best of 9:21.85.

The senior long jumper placed eighth at state to earn All-State honors. Kuhn had a personal best of 21-9.5 and was also the KLAA Conference

Dan Egner, Novi

The senior just missed All-State honors with a 10th-place finish in the 800 meters at state. He was All-Conference and All-Regional. His personal best was 1:55.93.

Ryan Oliverio, South Lyon East

The senior long jumper saved his best for the end of the year, jumping 10-10.5 to finish as regional champion. The state-qualifier also finished third in the KLAA and Jake Spuller, Catholic Central

The junior sprinter helped re-write the Shamrock record

books this year. He was part of the 4x100 (42.4), the 4x200 (1:28.5) and the state champion 4x400 (3:16.11) relays to set new standards. He also broke the record in the 200 meters (21.2). He was voted Team MVP. Spuller won the regional and finished second in the Catholic League in the 200.

"Jake ran whatever we needed him to run in order to score the most points for the team - open 100, 200, 400, as well as the three sprint relays," said Grewe. "He led the team in points scored in invitationals and championship meets. He is a fearless runner who hates to lose and leaves it all on the

track in every race." Dylan Young, Catholic Central The senior thrower capped

a stellar season with a fourthplace finish in the discus. He was also regional champ and the Oakland County runner-up. His throw of 168-0 is second all-time at Catholic

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on for big points in every meet

meet," said coach Gene Grewe.

The senior discus thrower

with Young. Still was Catholic

League champ, regionals run-

ner-up and third at Oakland

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provided a strong 1-2 punch

we had, including the state

Mike Still, Catholic Central

Classic was just behind that of winner Robert Cameron, a 24-year-old of Brighton, who turned in a time of 29:05 to

Northville High School, then the other harriers better take who finished in 32:24. men's and women's cat-

varsity cross country team for the Northville Mustangs as a sophomore last year, put up a second-place overall performance at the Roadrunner Classic held at Maybury Park in July with a time of 29:22. Of course, that was just what he did in the afternoon. That morning, he won the Muddy Shoe Run in South Lyon, a sion for women was Julia 5K event that he finished in

Lerner's second-place finish in the Roadrunner

Members of the Northville High School Rowing Club and their families recently traveled to Eagle Creek Reservoir in Indianapolis for the Indy

Rowing Club Summer Dash Regatta. All rowers earned at least three medals, including gold in several events. The rowing club is looking to expand

its membership this fall and is open to boys and girls. Shown in the photo are (I to r, standing) Van Papoulis, Laurie Papoulis, Fran Garrity, Sarah

Garrity, Dottie Garrity, Brenda Winter, Ben Winter, John Garrity, and Jake Winter; (kneeling) Laki Papoulis, Yannis Papoulis and Spiro Papoulis, All

are residents of Northville. All three families had a great time at the regatta, and the rowers were outstanding representatives for Northville High

Roadrunner Classic has strong turnout

Stephanie Kern wins women's division; Robert Cameron wins men's

School. The rowing club has been active for over a year, and the team has performed well at all events. Spiro and Yannis Papoulis won the boys

Winning the women's event overall was Stephanie Kern, a 27-year-old from Northville,

was 14-year-old Josh Joy of Canton, who ran a 35:11. Winning the 15-19 divi-

group for the males, the second-, third- and fourthplace runners finished third, fourth and fifth overall. Carleton's Brett Rossio was second in the division and

The race was divided into egories and subdivided by age group. Winning for the female 14 and under was 14vear-old Rachel Coleman of Northville, who finished in 39:07. Winning for the boys in the same age category

Schroder, a 19-year-old from Livonia, who ran a 34:36, while Lerner won the same Katie Alba of Canton, while age division for the males Alek Kokoszka, a 30-year-old

with a 29:22. In that age of Plymouth, won the male division in 32:37. In the female 40-49 division, 44-year-old Jane Dyson

third overall with a 30:15, while Northville High School standout Ed Clifton ran to third in the division and fourth overall with a 30:30. Taking fourth in the division and fifth overall was

Rochester's Jon Hevron with Winning the female 20-Northville's Larry Duggan, a 29 division was 28-year-old youthful 68 years old, turned Alaina Sharp of Albion with in a 44:13 for the win, while a 37:31, while 29-year-old 70-year-old South Lyon resi-Diego Quinones of Madison Heights won the male division. The female 30-39 division was won by 31-year-old

of Northville turned in a 39:18 for the top spot, while 41-year-old Shawn Wehrly of Royal Oak won the male division in 32:32. Gail Mroz a 51-year-old Northville resident, won the female 50-59 53-year-old Howell resident Phil French turned in a 33:03 in the male division. In the male 60-69 division

dent Bob Ranta won the 70and-over division with a 59:28.

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

#### SPORTS BRIEFS

Aug. 16 is the new deadline for par-

Girls softball clinic

The Motor City Madness girls' softball coaches are hosting a clinic for girls ages 6-13 at Power Park. On Aug. 23 throwing, catching and fielding skills will be taught. Hitting, bunting and base running will be taught on Aug. 24. Clinic time is 5:30-8:30

doubles state championship last spring.

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what kind of runner he plans

If Jason Lerner's off-season

p.m. Pre-registration is \$30 per day or \$50 for both. Additional \$5 fee to register on clinic day. Registration information is available at www.eteamz.com/MotorCity or contact Jacqui Schulte at (248) 374-9343. Support Northville boosters - golf

ticipation in the Northville Athletic Boosters second annual golf outing, dinner and auction. That includes foursome registration, auction donations and hole More than \$12,000 was raised in

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Novi's Motor City Madness 12U Blue fastpitch softball team finished second place at last weekend's Livonia Storm Fastpitch tournament. The girls won five off six games over the weekend, coming up just short in the championship game. Their win earned the team an automatic birth in the USSSA Fastpitch World Series. Pictured (front, I to r) are Alyssa Riehle, Emma Nowak, Alissa Sweeney, Madyson Ampe, Hope Kapelanski; (back) Julia Ghannam, Jessica Lavoie, Emma Clark, Shirley Hao, Nicole Ireland, Madison Budde; and coaches Holly Ireland, Jeff Sweeney and Scott Ampe.



Northville Mustangs are champions of the Bud Dog Tournament in Boyne Falls, Mich., and had their picture taken on the beach at Young State Park on Lake Charlevoix. Pictured (I to r, back) are Coach Joe Delcampo, Kevin Morrissey, Tim Elliott, Alec Seipenko, Andrew, Blazo, Grant Kiple, Head Coach John Basford; (front) Joey Merucci, Karl Finkbeiner, Ryan Basford, Joey Delcampo, lan Welsch and Mason Williams. The Mustangs outscored their opponents 39-7.

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The 10U Northville Mustangs placed second in the Flint Cavalier Diamond Classic June 26-27. Pictured (I to r, back) are Coach Glenn Perkins, Head Coach Eric Stegmeyer, Coach Rob Hoffman; (middle) Ethan Hoffman, Ben Schmidt, Liam Fleming, Ryan Perkins; (front) Benji Eckerle, Jackson Stegmeyer, Ben Brady, Shane Rankin, Lucas Buccellato,

## **BRIEFS**

ast year's auction to benefit Northville High School athletic rograms, a "tremendous success" according to ticket sales nanager Tricia Combe-Duquet. The \$100 adult entrance fee ncludes an 18 hole golf scramble, dinner, open bar and auction. An adults-only dinner/ open bar auction option is \$50. A golf option for students only is \$75.

Sports slated to benefit from the event are football, volleyball, softball, cross country, golf, tennis, swimming, hockev, pom pon, wrestling, bowling, track and field, Lacrosse and gymnastics. Those wishing to participate

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#### **U9 Motor City Chiefs** baseball tryouts

The Motor City Chiefs Baseball Club will be entering its ninth season in 2011, providing a competitive baseball environment with a priority on individual skill development. The coaching staff is qualified and experienced, having the ability to teach kids the game of baseball while making it fun. Home field is in Plymouth/Canton, but kids from all communities are welcome. If you want this experience for your child please contact (734) 377-3123 or motorcitybaseball@gmail.com. Tryouts held at UAW Local

735 Field at 48055 Michigan Ave.

Canton at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17

and 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21. If

unable to attend, an evaluation can happen before Aug. 17. Pom pon summer camp

The State Champion Northville High School pom por program is proud to announce a new summer pom pon camp for girls that are entering sixth seventh and eighth grades. This camp is especially designed for girls that would like to begin preparation for pom pon at the high school level

Information will also be distributed regarding a competitive Northville Middle School pom pon team.

Participants will receive instruction from coaches and members of the Northville High School pom pon teams. Girls will learn two short routines and will focus on basic form, kicks and proper technique. Pom pons will be available for use each day and a light snack will be provided Camp dates are Tuesday,

August 24; Wednesday, August 25; and Thursday, August 26 from 9 a.m.-noon each day at Northville High School. Cost for the clinic is \$75 and participants will receive a free T-shirt.

Please contact Karlyn Jones at (248) 912-5645 or karlynjones@comcast.net for registration information.

## ALL-AREA

County. He had a season-best throw of 160-2 for fifth alltime at CC.

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"Mike became a consistent point-scorer in the discus despite having his appendix removed in the third week of the season," said Grewe. Billy Riga, Catholic Central

The junior sprinter and long jumper was also part of three school records, running on all three relays with Spuller, including the state-winning 4x400. Riga also participated in the sprints and the long jump. His best jump of 21-5 came at the Jackson Invite. He placed second at the regional in the 200 meters and third at the Observerland Relays in

the 100. "Although Billy was often in the shadow of his teammates, he ran many spectacular races and was a part of every fast relay time we ran," said Grewe. "His long jumping was an added benefit to the team. He could always be counted on for big points in every

#### Spencer Hall, Catholic Central

The senior was another facet of the 4x200 and championship 4x400 relays. He also anchored the 4x800 relay which finished sixth at state. Hall was the Catholic League champ in the 400 and won the regional. He ran a personal best 49.46 at state.

"Although he was ill at several points in the season Spencer was a top runner when he was healthy," said Grewe. "He plans to run track at the University of Michigan."

#### Josh Gatt, Catholic Central

The senior was part of the 4x200 and state-winning 4x400 relays. Gatt also captured the regional title in the 400 meters and ran a 50.11 at

"Josh was better known as a soccer star, but became a track star as well in his first try at the sport," said Grewe. "His speed added great depth to our tremendously to a very successful season."

### Austin Zebrowski, Catholic

The junior distance runner qualify for state in the 1,600 and was also part of the 4x800 team to place sixth at the State

"Austin is a tough competitor who sets high goals for himself and works hard to achieve them," said Grewe, "His 4:20 mile time puts him within sight of the school record in that event, and he is already part of the school record (set last year) in the 4x800."

#### Jeff Sherman, Catholic Central

The senior shot putter qualified for the state meet with a runner-up finish at regionals, won the Ypsilanti and River Rat invites and was runner-up at the Catholic League meet. His best throw of 52-9 is 15th all-time at CC.

#### Mike Shearon, Catholic Central

The junior high jumper qualified for state with a runner-up finish at regionals. He also was first at the Ypsilanti and River Rat invites and at the Catholic League meet. Shearon's had a best jump of 6-3, including at the Oakland County and state meet.

#### Second team Shawn Shove, Milford

The junior was another force as part of the state-bound 4x400 team and also ran on the 4x200 team. He also helped out in middle-distance

#### Brandon Bell, Milford

The junior competed in each of the sprint relays for the Mays and had a best time of 22.9 in the 200 meters. He was also part of the 4x400 team at Drew Smallman, Milford

### The senior pole vaulter had

a high jump of 12-2, finished fourth in the conference and scored at the Oakland County

### Cody Snavely, Milford

The freshman was the lone ninth-grader to make the State Finals in distance events. He

#### **ALL-AREA TRACK** Athlete of the Year

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Mike Shearon, Catholic Central

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#### Josh Carolin, Catholic Central Ricardo Galindo, Catholic Central Ethan Fanning, South Lyon Nick Dyer, South Lyon

Derek Kim, Novi Brent Parzuchowski, South Lyon

Ed Clifton, Northville

HONORABLE MENTION Milford: Evan Smallman (jr), Nick Burt (sr), Robert Ritchie (fr), Matt Wackerman (jr) Kyle Coggins (so) South Lyon: Jacob Mehr (sr), Ian Herman (jr), Blake Yard (jr), Andy Stone (sr), Trevor VanAsselt (fr) South Lyon East: Alex Lambi (jr), Christian Shortt (sr) Catholic Central: Anthony

#### finished with a 9:41 in the 3,200 meters at state.

Capatina (sr), Josh Kyles (sr),

Jon-Paul Zebrowski (11)

The junior also qualified for the State Finals in the 3,200 meters, finishing in 9:44.4. Andrew Campbell, Catholic

The senior hurdler won the

Catholic League title in the

300 hurdles and also finished fourth at the Oakland County meet and fifth at regionals. He also finished second in the long jump in the Catholic League and ran high hurdles and helped out with relays. Josh Carolin, Catholic Central

The sophomore specialized in the 800, finishing second in the Catholic League and fourth at regionals. His time of 1.57.0 qualified for state. He was also a part of the 4x800 relay which finished sixth at state.

#### Ricardo Galindo, Catholic Central

The senior distance runner ran a 4.24.2 at regionals to fin-ish fourth but still qualify for the state meet in the 1,600. In the 3,200 meters, he won the River Rat Invite and was third at the Oakland County meet. He will continue his track career at the United States Military Academy at West

### Ethan Fanning, South Lyon

The junior pole vaulter placed fourth at the Oakland County with a 12-6 and medaled in most invitations the Lions went to.

#### Nick Dyer, South Lyon The sophomore cleared a

high of 6-1 in the high jump to set a new sophomore record for the Lions. He also competed om the sprint relays. Derek Kim. Novi

#### The junior hurdler was second in the Conference and third in the County meet. Kim qualified for state and had a personal best of 14.95 in the 110 hurdles. Brent Parzuchowski, South Lyon

The junior pole vaulter cleared a high of 12-0; finished fourth at regionals and seventh

### at Oakland County. **Ed Clifton, Northville**

The sophomore qualified for state in the 800 and had a personal best of 1:57.7. He was also fourth in the conference.

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# Nine Cooke School students compete in Special Olympics event

### Annual event in Mount Pleasant

Last month, Cooke School in Northville sent a team of nine athletes to the Special Olympics State Games at Central Michigan University in Mount

"It was an incredible experience for the student athletes, and they all had a great time," said Wendy Richardville. My son, Mike Richardville, a resident of Northville, was included, and it was an exceptional growth experience for

Elizabeth Adams, Cooke's adaptive physical education teacher, traveled with the team. Janice Sager, senior specialist clerk, Special Olympics Michigan, said 2,500

athletes from across the state competed in the event on June 4-5. The track and field experience featured a 50-meter dash. 100-meter dash 200-meter dash and 400-meter dash;

a softball throw; and a standing long The nine Cooke students included five males and four females. Richardville, 18, took fourth place in the 50-meter dash, seventh place in the 100-meter

dash and second in the softball throw.



Mike Richardville, 18, a Cooke School student from Northville, competed in last month's Special Olympics State Games at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant. Nine students from the local school competed.









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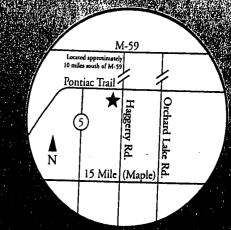


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