Novi resident Larry Lyke poses with his 1934 Ford Tudor sedan, a vehicle he restored and will display at the

A one-shot success

Novi resident raves about restored 1934 Ford

upcoming Autorama show at Detroit's Cobo Center.

BY NATHAN MUELLER

Novi resident Larry Lyke said to himself he only would restore a

Choosing the car was easy — a 1934 Ford Tudor Sedan — but

restoring it to look like it did in its hay day was quite the lengthy

Lyke bought the car in 2001

from a man in Iowa but didn't

start working on it until after he

Co. in 2005. He tinkered with it for a few years before really stepping up the efforts to restore it in

retired from his job at Ford Motor

Now the car sparkles when the

light hits it and Lyke is ready to show it off when he takes it to

the annual Autorama event this

weekend at the Cobo Center in

"I love the look of it," Lyke

said last week as he polished the

chrome. "It turned out a lot better than I expected."

The reason for Lyke's skepti-

The 59th annual Meguiar's

O'Reilly Auto Parts, is revved

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The pot-hale ridden surace known as Grand River Avenue is poing to be resur-

The city of Novi received approval of \$1.7 million in federal money from the Federal Highway Aid Committee on Tuesday to start the project

The project, which spans from Novi to Haggerty roads. calls for extensive rehabilitation and repaying, improving shoulders, select curb and construction of right turn lanes and tapes at driveways and intersections and the construction of ADA compliant pedestrian improve-

Resurfacing the road has been a top priority for the city the last several years but funding issues at the county level caused delays.

Novi's financial contribu mated at \$374,000, which will come from the municipal street fund.

Friends' Ball benefits Providence

The Providence Health Foundation 2011 Friends' Ball will be held at 6 p.m. on April 2 at the Garden Atrium thfield Town Center. Sister Xayler Ballance, DC. will receive the prestigious Order of Charity award, and Chandrika M. Joshi, MD, and Robert K. Brateman, MD. will be the recipients of the Caduceus Society Physician of the Year award.

will support a new Women's Health Initiative, a coordinated, creative strategy to better meet the health needs of women throughout St. John Providence Health System's West Region. The area to be served includes the surround ing communities of Providence Hospital and Medical Center in Southfield and Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

The evening will feature an art gallery, a chance to have photos taken in a photo booth and dancing to the sounds of The Paul Keller Orchestra. Tickets are \$250 per per

son; tables of 10 are available

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Autorama at Detroit's Cobo Center runs Friday, Feb. 25, noon to 10 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 27, 10 a.m.

For most viewers of his 1934 Ford Tudor sedan, Larry Lyke says it's the

Tickets are \$18 adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12. Discounted tickets available at O'Reilly's Auto Parts.

For more information, visit www.autorama.com.

Bandit, the Goodguys Hot Rod of the Year; The Downtown Brown '30 Ford, and The 6 Pack, wild custom from the cover of Mini

Autorama rolls into Cobo this weekend

New this year, The New this year, The Hollywood Legends car dis-play will feature an array of some of the most famous TV and movie cars in history including the KITT car from TV's Knight Rider, Starsky & Hutch Torino, General Lee from Dukes of Hazzard, Andy Griffiths' Mayberry Sherriff's Car from the Andy Griffith

Show, the Ghostbusters movie

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car, the Monkeemobile and the Green Hornet car. The entire lower level of Cobo Center features Detroit Autorama Extreme 1953 with 225 traditional rods, customs and bobber bikes.

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dollars from state this year

BY NATHAN MUELLER

Novi officials were prepared for the news that for the first time the city would be receiving zero dollars from statutory revenue shar ing in 2011.

But still it didn't sit well with Mayor David Landry. "We have foreseen that the state legislature every year is raiding the statutory shared revenue to pay for other things," he said. "The state legislature is robbing Peter to pay Paul and Peter is the citizens of every city.

Of all the cities in Oakland

County, Novi is one of just four that is not projected

Proposed budget raises concern, A2.

and Rochester Hills. There are two portions to

"It's a shame because they are looking upon this as discretionary money and it's

to get any money from the state. The others are Lake Angelus, Bloomfield Hills

stitutional and statutory. guaranteed and allocates a portion of the state sales tax to local municipalities. The statutory follows a formula that was established nearly a decade ago but leaders say

Gov. Rick Snyder propose last Thursday to elin \$300 million in statutory revenue sharing paid to municinto a competitive fund that

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The constitutional portion is

City, schools merge publication guide

Partnership will enhance opportunities for residents

BY NATHAN MUELLER

Recreation and educational opportunities in Novi will be even more stream-lined this fall after the city and school district agrees to create a combined publication that is expected to

The partnership between the city's parks, recreation and cultural services depart-Education has been in place for several years through

facility rentals and more.
Through the process of creating a single publicaion, the two sides also were able to address areas of overlap and provide more programs.

We cannot be everything to all people but this is a way for each of us to focus on specific areas so we can provide better services," said Nancy parks, recreation and cultural services. "We thought this would make sense from both

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Locals seek answers to revenue cuts

Novi getting zero statutory

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Governor's proposed budget raises concerns

Novi leaders brace for looming cuts

State Rep. Hugh Crawford may have not been a big fan of everything proposed in Gov. Rick Snyder's bud-get last Thursday.

But the Republican representative knows that if the state is going to turn around, major cuts are part of

"It's certainly a bold proposal but we need to do some hold things in this state," he said. "I'm not happy to take money away from schools or tax pensions but until we get our house in

order and restructure, we are doing to have to do some of those things." Crawford said what has been proposed is "conceptually the right way o go," but expects a lot of changes fore it passes through the House

"I don't think it's going to be as

drastic as it appears," he said, Many of the calls Crawford has received from constituents thus far harped on the elimination of film credits and taxing pensions.

He wouldn't get into the specifics of what he liked or didn't like in the

proposed budget, but agrees with

The cut to public education announced the proposed budget Thursday was not surprising to Novi Community Schools district Supt. Pete Dion.

general concept.

But just because he wasn't surprised doesn't mean he isn't con-

The budget calls for a \$300 per student cut in addition to the \$170 per pupil cut that is already in place. For Novi, which has more than 6.000 students, that cut amounts to roughly

"I think (the governor) was right

that it has been a long time coming and we cannot operate on a credit card mentality anymore," Dion said, "But it's going to be difficult for all of

Dion noted that the district has cut \$10 million out of its budget the last four years, and questions why education keeps taking a hit.

"When will they realize education needs to be the highest priority in Michigan," he said. "I know jobs are important but you are not going to bring jobs here unless you have qual-

The district is in the process of contract negotiations with several of its bargaining units and also will have to deal with an increase in retirement

"Our goal is to figure out how we will continue to have an excellent school district here," he said.

The Board of Education also saw a budget amendment at its meeting last Thursday that showed the district

worth of cuts to stay afloat Board of Education Vice President Dennis O'Connor said "it doesn't take a genius to figure out our benefit system is broke," and something needs

lot of pain and cost reductions," to be done to get health care and Pearson said when asked how Novi retirement costs under control. "Clearly it's broken," he said. "We has prepared for the looming state cuts. "Anyone in public service has to recognize the state of Michigan is need a structural change here and everyone has to share the sacrifice." Snyder's budget proposal affects far and the fact is most everything has to

more than just public school districts, as the \$1.8 billion in cuts will hit businesses, municipalities, residents The plan calls for the elimination of the Michigan Business Tax, replac-ing it with a flat Corporate Income

Tax set at 6 percent, as well as elimi-nation of tax credits for businesses and films among several changes in Novi City Manager Clay Pearson

o school districts can prepare their budgets.
"If we put our nose to it I think we said the most direct impact for cit-ies is the statutory portion of state shared revenue, which through a "unfair formula" Novi doesn't receive

getting more than \$1 million, and last year it received nearly \$37,000 in

out of whack in their budget

As far as the climination of the tax

credits, Pearson said he doesn't feel

"While it's a tool, most businesses

come to Novi without such incen-

Crawford said the goal is to get the budget done July 1, before deadline,

"We've already been through a

statutory dollars.

tives," he said.

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CUTS

show they have consolidated services or made efforts to reduce employee costs. Novi was getting over \$1 million in statutory money 10 years ago, and now is getting none. The city received

\$**36.99**2 last year. City Manager Clay Pearson said how the money is doled out does not make sense as there is no relationship else," he said. between the statutory dollars

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taxable value per capita. "Over time it has meant we have less money to delive services locally," he said, "The good news is they cannot cut us any more than zero. Landry said the only thing

that can be done is try to con-

vince the legislature to change

the formula, but that appears unlikely. "They are not realistically looking at the problem and are robbing and raiding every source of money and pushing



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sides so residents don't have to search around." The city has been marketing

its recreational opportunities in the Engage! publication, while the school district sent

Bob Steeh, director of con munity education, said people should notice a difference in the amount of programs

times a year. Estimated sav-

available to them through this

ings for the school district through this new method is want to enhance them. \$10,000, and it will provide Some programs and con

tracts that were previously held by the school district will be picked up by the city because they better comply focus. The city focuses on athletic leagues, fitness, seniors, theater and community events

"We are trying not to dupli-

among others, while the school will focus on adult education, adult and youth enrichment, child care, preschool pro grams, aquatics and technol-

The two sides as well as the city's community relations team will meet in March to put together the final product

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Novi resident Larry Lyke is reflected in the chromed headlight of his 1934 Ford Tudor that he will display at Autorama.

1934 FORD

cism about how it would look evolved around the fact he had to send it off to get worked on because he did not have the tools at his own home. But little did he know that

viten he took it Motor City Steel in Commerce, they would let him work alongside their employees throughout the

"I found guys who were as

picky as me with the craftsmanship I wanted," he said. I really liked being able to work on it and I turned every nut, bolt and screw on this

When Lyke bought the car it needed major body work. A host of businesses beloed him ing, and everything is original

The chrome grill and front end were especially important ieces to save

"I always thought this car

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had the most sexy and sensual

lines," he said. Of course, the car has a 302 Ford engine under the hood packing 345 horsepower. It sounds like a hot rod bu I wanted it to look like an old

This will be Lyke's first time heading to Autorama with a car, and he is excited for peo-

When asked what he thinks that reception will be, he said simply, "Wow."

Office Hours:

Commissioner still wonders if decrease is here to stay The jobless rate across the nation also fell last year from show the jobless rate in BY NATHAR MUELLER Oakland County fell from 10.6 percent in December 2009 to 9.7 percent to 9.1 percent

> dropped to 10.6 percent, but some cities are still seeing high to 6.1 percent. numbers. Detroit's unemploy Novi's unemployment rate is the third lowest in the county Pontiac's is 23.9 percent. for communities with a min mum population of 25,000 residents. The only communities with lower rates are Rochester Hills (5.6 percent)

and Royal Oak (6 percent). Ara Topouzian, eco development director for the city tion and diverse economy "has ; of Novi, said the uptick in the automotive industry could be par saved us." "A lot of these well-estabof the reason behind job creation. lished communities really depended on their retail

employees in the engineering "If anything the issue is they are looking for some very specialized talent," he said.

ment rate is 19.1 percent and hovered around 4 percent from ... 2006-07 before hitting its highest point in 2009. Still at its highest, Novi was doing better than most communities its size. Crawford said the city's loca-

The state unemployment rate

sinesses to take care of their economy," she said, "We things, and we still have room



Unemployment rates in the

county and city of Novi have

dropped, but Oakland County

doesn't want people to get too

District 9 representative said Monday that while it looks like

'we may have bottomed out" it

loesn't mean the county is out

"Everyone is cautiously opti-

mistic, that is the way we are looking at it," she said. "It feels a little different and there are

ome places starting to hire

but it's hard to say this early.

The Bureau of Labor

ployment statistics for

December 2010 in early

February, and the numbers

The Novi resident and

of the woods just yet.

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dancers to perform at school

SEASON OCTOBER-FEBRUARY

The season begins with the

creation of the company's "sig-nature piece" performed at the

Homecoming Pep Rally. The season ends with the annual

performance in February.

This year, the dancers also danced in the 2010 Holiday

Lighted Parade, the Northville Community Senior Center's

Winter Concert Series and dur-

NHS girls' basketball game.

In December, the company organized a Happy Holidays

had snacks with the Dance

The company supports

Foundation by kicking off its

annual run. Northville Civic

Concern by gathering mit-

tens for needy children and

he Bottomless Toy Chest by

collecting craft kits for local

he Michigan Parkinson

Dance Party to give parents an afternoon to complete holiday

and at community events.

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New nonprofit organization nears official opening

undergo training first

BY NATHAN MUELLER

Help is on the way for Nov residents in need as the city's first community-wide benevo lence organization is inching closer to opening its doors after appointing its board of directors last week.

The nonprofit organization is made up of the memberships of 13 local churches who have joined together to become an affiliate of Love In the Name of Christ. Novi's Love INC will help people shelter, clothing, transportation, job searching and more.

The 11-member board features business owners, school and city leaders, professors and various other residents



Novi firefighter Mark Pehrson was one of it people selected to the Novi Love INC board of directors last week. The nonprofit organization, which stands for "Love in the Name of Christ," is expected to be operational within the

with a wide array of talents. "One of the things I was looking to do was find a way to give

Friday 8pm, Saturday 2pm & 8pm

back for all the wonderful things in my life," said April Vallerand



Novi firefighter Mark Pehrson leads the introduction of a Love INC meeting held on Feb. 17 at Novi United Methodist Church. The group looks to coordinate churches outreach efforts to aid community.

State University. "The option to give back in my own backyard is

very important to me."

Vallerand also noted that despite Novi's luxurious exterior, there are plenty of people "Novi has an invisible popu

lation of people in need," she said. "I think we need to do as much as we can to help here.

as opposed to

helps both religious and nonreligious people, has 130 affiliates nationwide with the closest one to Novi located in Livingston County. Georgean Vorwerk, who was on the committee to select the

board, saw the positive impact the organization has had in Livingston County and felt it could do the same in Novi. Novi has a bunch of people

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Road, 248-349-2652 Meadowbrook Congregationa Church: Rev. Art Ritter, 21355 Meadowbrook Road, 248-348-7757 These are just some of the 13 churches involved

ready to go once we get orga-

RJ Webber, assistant superintendent in the Novi Community School District said Novi has a "quiet need," but it is a need nonetheless. The board of directors are

expected to undergo training within the next few weeks so the organization can officially open its doors to start helping people. The non-profit should have a phone number and office location determined in the next few weeks as well.

For more information, visit www.Loveinc.org. To volunteer or request help, contact

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NHS Varsity Dance Company to perform 'Dancin' in the D'

Event scheduled for Feb. 27 in auditorium

For those who have never seen them before, you only hav one more chance this year. Northville High School's Varsity Dance Company will mance "Dancin' in the D," and its last performance for the year 3 p.m. on Feb. 27.

"We would like to encourage the community to attend," said Mari Anne Guidobono, presilent of the company.

The annual performance will take place in the school audito-rium and will feature various a Detroit theme, including ballet, lyrical, jazz, modern and hip hop. The show will also spotlight guest performances from local dance studios.

COMPANY'S FOURTH YEAR This is the fourth year for

the company. The program was created to offer NHS students an opportunity to expand their dance training and experience while participating in a noncompetitiv activity. The program offers many types of dance classes, and dancers can choose their level of involvement. For individual dancers, the

program fosters self-develop-ment by encouraging them to assume duties in chorcoglesign, and event planning.



Members of the Northville High School Varsity Dance Company: Bottom Row (from Jeft): Jasmine Black and Sarah DeBrabander. Second Row (from Jeft): Lauren Agnello, Gianna Galli, Natelyn Wasilesky, Emma Callahan, Emily Gantt, Sonali Reddy. Third Row (from Jeft): Kayla Hardy. Elisabeth Moore, Madison Priest, Lauren Meyers, Paige Rafferty. Back Row (from left): Angela Galli, Megan Sebest, Olivia Scott, Molly O'Brien, Melissa Clarkson and Kelsey Reitzlaff.

is instrumental in coordinat ing team events.

REHEARSALS OFF CAMPUS

doesn't have a dance facility so all rehearsals are held off campus at local dance studios that have partnered with the program. These include the

Center Stage Dance Company and Flex Point Performing Arts Center. The company many opportunities for the

phers from several local dance Because the company is performance-based, there are

The dancers learn teamwork llasting friendships. ceven imagine this year withou' the Dance

Company," said member Katelyn Wasilesky, a senior friends with the girls. Each one brings something special to the company.

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All-State

Six students from the Novi High School Band Program earned positions within the very prestigious MSBOA All-State Band, It's the most students from any one program — and NHS has done it four years in a row. The performed in Grand Rapids at the Michigan Music Conference on the weekend of Jan. 22. Shown are Richard Floyd (conductor), CJ Linton, Matt Laskowski, Alyssa Murray, Ena Haryoshi and Hannah Gregoire.



Math Club

Novi Middle School's Math Club, coached by Lynn Serenson, competed last weekend in the Oakland County Chapter Math Counts competition. The team came in second place and is going to the State Competition March 12 at the GM Tech Center. The students who competed have worked extremely hard to get on the Team since October with meetings every week. Novi's Team consisted of four members: Raghu Arghal, Anurag Koduri, Namaratha Athuri and Tanaz Naterwala. Individuals who competed also include: Vineet Jammalamadaka, Anil Palepu, Rohith Kolluri, Pradyumma Uppula, Arthur Shi and Yamsi Nimmagadda Alternates who also went were: Vighnesh Bharadwai and Vipul Reddy. For the past two years Novi Middle School has competed at The National Math Counts Competition at EPCOT in May. Also, the Novi Middle School has competed at The National Math Counts Competition at EPCOT in May. Also, the Novi Middle School Math Club (203 members this year) competed the weekend before at the Country Day Math Invitational (which it has for the past 35 years with Coach Lynn Serenson) and finished third. The team includes: Gary Luo, Kaushik Ravi, Mahati Vavilala and Dhivya Sridar.





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TILDA J. CARROLL

Age 80, of Tecumsett, went to be with the Lord on February 17, 2011. She was born on April 4, 1930, in Wolfe County, Kentucky, daughter of the late Elzie and Minnie Peck. She is survived by her beloved children: Betty (Freddie) Hatton and Viola Davis; three step-children: David. Danny and Kimberly; and her loving grandchildren: Cheryl (Jody) Page, Marie, Shella, Faline, Tara, Sheriah-Jo, Cherrie; 15 great grandchildren, five of which she was especially to which are was especially close to: Ashley, Angel, Ariel, Marlah and Savanah. She is also survived by her sisters: Alma, Mary and Martha and her very special niece, Linda (Kenny) Redman. She was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth Carroll and her son Raleigh Eugene Spencer. Visitation was held on Sunday. February 20, from 300 p.m. a 400 p.m. a 400 p.m. a 400 p.m. A Age 97 of Millord died on February. Funeral service was conducted on Monday, February 21, at 1:00 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon, Memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice, 3840 Packard Rd., Ste. 260, Ann. Arbor,

Fundate private visits conducted on Monday, February 21 at 10 p. m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. International processing of the Millord, died on February 15, 2011 in Monta continuous may be maded to the First Pesbyterian Church of South Lyon. The all the Monta Control of South Lyon. The first Pesbyterian Church of South Lyon. The Marked member of the First Pesbyterian Church of South Lyon. The first Pesby

HELEN M. FISCHER

Age 95, February 19, 2011, Beloved wife of the late Henry for 33 years. Funeral was Feb. 21 at SI. James Church, Novi. Donations can be made to St. James Church, 46325 Ten Mile, Novi, MI 48374. Online condulences:



PATRICIA A. FUNKE

of Alexander Funke Jr. until his death in 1995, Patricia lived and loved Northville for over 58 years. A graduate of Henry Ford School of Nursing, she was a retired regis-tered nurse from St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Patricia was a life memin Livonia. Parricia was a life mem-ber of Northville Women's Club and a member of First Presbyterian Church of Northville. She loved all animals, big and small, especially her dogs and cats. Patricia also Plymouth, Terry "Ed" (Barb) Funke o Virginia and Matt (Lisa) Funke of Ortonville, six grandchildren and a great grandson. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husan Ocean by let parents and the inde-band. A celebration of her life was held Monday, February 21, 2011 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville, Rev. Stu Ritter officiated the service, Patricia was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Memorial contributions would be appreciated in the Humane Society. appreciated to the Humane Society of Huron Valley, PO Box 7026, Liberty Station, Ann Arbor, MI 48107-7026.

BETTY JANE GILBERT

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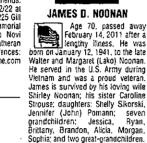
Age 97 of Millord, died on February 16, 2011. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles, and is sur-

LAURA JONES

Age 59, passed away February 15, 2011. She was born on January 31, 1952, in Brooklyn, New York, daughter of the late Cyrus and Winnie ter of the late Cyrus and withing Weening. She is survived by her beloved husband Paul; her loving children: Justin, Andrew, Chad and Keith; 7 grandsons, 4 granddaugh-ters; her sister Patricia Choale, her brother Bill Pelcher; her niece & nephew Laura Choate-Lewis and also survived by her beloved dogs: Age 79, of Northville, went nome to her Lord, February 18, 2011. Born Autumn Lewis Jones and Bentley, August 1, 1931 in Detroit to Thomas and Ella Hughes. The beloved wife of Alexander Funke Jr. until his was a very loving, caring and gendeath in 1995, Patricia lived and stranger She will be screen missed. stranger. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her. A memorial

MYRTLE M. LOCKE

Age 91, February 6, 2011, Wife of the late Age 84, February 17, 2011, Beloved wife of the late Ross, Dear mother of (Sue), Michael J. (Maria), and Lynda Margaret Sharp, Patrice Lewis & (Sue), Michael J. (Maria), and Lynda Margaret Sharp, Fatrice Lewis & Janice Locke, Loving grandmother of 11 and great-grandmother of 11. Sister of Katherine Grenfel and Shirley Clarkson. Memorial service Sister of the late Margaret, Mae, Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 1:00pm, White Chapel Cemetery, 621 W Long Lake Rd Troy, Mi. In lieu of Wungs Remoral Identitions may be found friends. Funeral service was Tuesday 2/22 at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Rd., Farmington Hills, Mi. Memorial Online condolences donations may be made to Novi www.obriensullivantuneralhome.com Public Library or St. John Lutheran Church. Online condolences:



He was preceded in death by his brothers Dennis and Don. A private

memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online

questbook: www.phillips/uneral.com

law Rosemary and Tom Moore of Kentucky. Sister Annette Adams of Missouri, and Sister and brother-in-law Maryann and Dennis Woods from Flat Rock. Sister-in-law Carolyn

Monitz from Idaho. He was preceded

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Future success relies on economic development

City sets goals, plans to conduct business survey

Topouzian

time again by Novi officials the key to survival is economic And on the heels of Gov.

Rick Snyder's proposed bud-get that ealls for cuts that will affect nearly every resident and business owner, it's an for cities to succeed. The city of Novi has invested a lot of time and money into

making economic development a priority, and Ara Topouzian, economic development director for the city, said because of that Novi finds itself in better shape than surrounding communities Novi's advantages are obvious - location, schools and

city services - but that alone

does not attract business. In

fact, Topouzian said, businesses attract each other. retention work," he said. "We get between 70-to-80 percent of new businesses coming from retention. People think we should be pounding the pavement to find new businesses

but that is not the case." Now that doesn't mean the city is not reaching out to businesses out of state or out of ountry, but often times the best spokesperson for the city i a business owner already there

There are more than 2,500 businesses in Novi, and the city's unemployment rate of 6.1 percent is the third lowest in Oakland County for commun ties with a minimum population of 25,000 residents

According to the 2010 Oakland County Equalization Report, taxable values across the county dropped by 11.75

percent, and the city of Novi saw a 9.86 percent decrease However, Novi's taxable billion is the third largest

value in the county behind Troy and Farmington Hills. Taxable value is the amount from which tax revenue is collected, and Novi has been able storm because existing property taxes have not fallen as much and new development is coming to the city.

An estimated 411 new jobs came to Novi last year and more are expected this year as companies in the automotive industry

"We are still an automotive state so we are looking for that high-tech component, ızlan said.

The 2011 economic development goals adopted by the city council earlier this year will cater to both small and large businesses as well as entrepreneurs. There is a strong focus promoting a business friendly

Topouzian also said they will be doing a first-time survey of the business community that will be similar to the national survey given to residents.

"It's important for us to see what the perception of the business community is and what they need," he said.

For more information about economic development in Novi or to see the goals for 2011, visit www.InvestNovi.org.



Northville High student Lia Busse (left) dries off after being 'dunked' in a

Northville/Novi students plan Relay for Life event

24-hour event scheduled for March 12-13

STAFF WAITER

The city of Northville has a Relay for Life every year in Ford Field in May. But, Northville/Novi students will have their own cancer fundraiser this year for the second

The Northville/Novi Students Relay for Life will take place from 10 a.m. March 12 to 10 a.m. March Showplace, formerly the Rock Grand River Ave. in Novi,

"This 24-hour event is to raise money for the American Cancer Society," said Lia Busse, a member of the Northville/Novi Students Relay for Life Public Relations

> "At Relay For Life, teams of people camp and take turns walking or running around a path. There will also be food, live entertainment and family fun. Everyone is welcome." Busse said this Relay for Life event is special because it has the claim to fame of being the only Relay for Life event in the U.S. run by high school stu-

Dunk tank

"The dunk tank is one of nany fun activities at Relay For Life," Busse said, "Teams of students from both Northville and Novi High Schools run this event, and this year it is expected to be even bigger than last year. It is a great way for students in the two communities to come together to

support an important cause Often the two schools are considered rivals, but for this event we all have a common Any group of students from

a team and participate in this event. The students sleep overnight and walk the indoor throughout the night to draw awareness to this important cause. The community is invited to attend and participate in the activities that are happening throughout the 24 hours. Money is raised through these activities that include selling baked goods and other treats, raffles children's games and other fam

"My team will be doing some fun things at the event to raise funds, including a raffle and selling balloon hats for the kids," said Busse. "There is also a survivor's walk around the track, which is a very moving thing to watch. You realize many people and my friends and I am proud to be part of an event that raises funds to try to end cancer."

"Our team, called Dare to Defeat, has 33 members," Busse said. "We are already vorking on our donations and will continue to do so until the

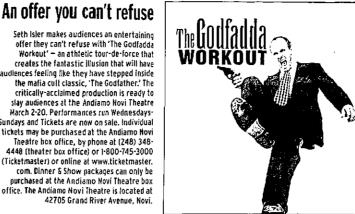
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Novi Lions Club prepares for annual charity dinner

BY NATHAN MUELLER

Three Novi High School students are sure to benefit from the annual Novi Lions Club dinner that will take place

next weekend.

The club, which helps several charities, especially the blind, is hosting the dinner and auction for the fifth time, and the money raised from it will go to the scholarship fund

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Last year the club gave out three \$1,500 scholarships, and plans on doing the same this year. "This will help us continue to give out those scholarships and meet all of the obligations we have with the various organizations we support," id Novi Lions Club founder

William "Doc" Barr.

The dinner and auction takes place at 6 p.m. on March 5 at the Novi Sheraton Hotel. Tickets are \$25 per person. Barr said the non-profit

at the event, which also will feature a performance by the Novi High School orchestra. "I like to give the students

the opportunity to show their they normally do," he said. The live and silent auctions feature sports memorabilia,

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OUR VIEWS

In any case, it will take some time for everyone to sort out all the ramifications of what this budget will mean. And what we see now is not probably what we will get when all is said and done. Hearings must still be held in Lansing, lobbyists will weigh in and changes are likely to come.

Snyder's budget

Surveying the shock waves

course approaching the earth knowing it would be dev astating but not being able to do anything about it.

Only this time, the apocalypse was generated in Lansing and it came in the form of a new budget proposed by Gov. Rick Snyder.

And like that hypothetical asteroid, we knew its arrival was inevitable

In the wake of the budget's arrival, seemingly everyone was weighing its impact and what it would mean to them personally. Novi and Northville are going to be hit with revenue sharing cuts and our school districts are facing \$300 per pupil cuts on top of a previously scheduled \$170 per pupil cut.

Michigan's financial mess has been a story in the making for years. The near collapse of the auto industry and the state's overall industrial base coupled with the crumbling national economy and rising unemployment have plunged the state into a near depression.

To their eternal discredit, the previous governor and state Legislature have pushed off addressing the problem for years.

But there was no avoiding the day of reckoning. There is simply no more money to continue the state's spending ways. And facing a \$1.4 billion budget deficit, the well has run dry.

Snyder, who has portrayed himself as a businessman a Lansing outsider, has delivered a budget of historical proportions. And it has managed to offend just about everyone — not quite everyone, as no cuts are being sought in Medicaid — but just about everyone.

Across-the-board spending cuts have been proposed along with generating new funding sources, such as tax-

Almost immediately, cries went un that the cuts go to deep. Perhaps they do, at least in certain areas, like the elimination of the Earned Income Tax Credit, which would hurt the poorest residents.

In any case, it will take some time for everyone to sort out all the ramifications of what this budget will mean And what we see now is not probably what we will go when all is said and done. Hearings must still be held in Lansing, lobbyists will weigh in and changes are likely

But it is clear, there are great challenges ahead. Revenue sharing is going to impact our towns to a degree. And the schools, in particular, are going to face an enormous difficulty keeping the cuts away from the

And as for Gov. Snyder, whether you approve of his budget or not, he at least deserves credit for producing a budget that includes specifies that can be dealt with. But the asteroid has struck. Now we have to survey the damage and figure out how to survive it

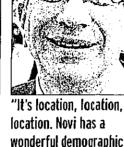
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What is the city of Novi's best asset?



"I was once asked what the heart of Novi is, and I said it's the school district. It's why people move here and stay here."

George Kortlandt



and a tremendous mix

Jonathan Brateman

tenants.'

"Novi is a great family and business environment within a great county. Oakland County is good: Novi is of retail and residential areat within good."



'The best thing about Novi is its citizens. They're very engaged and involved with their kids' schools and the community."

Melissa Place

LETTERS

The federal compared to state

Recently President Obama and Gov. Snyder, with their advisers, released budgets. One wonders if and/or how much these facts were considered: The poverty level in the U.S. is the highest since the 1940s. The middle class is collapsing. Sixteen percent of citizens are unemployed or underemployed. The gap between rich and poor is wider than ever before. And yet tax rates for millionaires are lower

To deal with huge delicits (caused mainly by Wall Street) both budgets are similar in two respects. One, they contain pro-business policies. On the federal fevel, large corporations pay no income tax, Gov. Snyder suggests a huge reduction in business taxes

Two, neither deficit reduction plan mentions Social Security, I heard some startling news when a well-known senator stated there is a surplus in Social Security for the next 27 years. However, it is believed some Republicans want to privalize the system.

A main difference between the federal and state budget is found in the area of social services for society's most vulnerable people. The president would not agree with our governor's plan for low-income workers to lose tax refunds. A second difference is in the area of education. President Obama stresses the importance of education and does not advocate cuts to K-12 or universities, as proposed by Gov. Snyder.

Since the midterm elections, Republicans control several state governorships plus

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the House of Representatives. Many stress ideology and hold extreme views. Gov. Walker in Wisconsin uses budget deficits as a ploy to dismantle unions. Rep. Paul Ryan, also a Wisconsinite, is chair of the Budgel Committee who echoes Wall street's wishes Michigan Republican Gov. Snyder appears

to be more moderate and realistic. However he may not have the support of all fellow

It is imperative for the future of our state and our country for governors and all representatives in state houses and in Congress to have meaningful dialogue and to reach compromises in order to maintain democratic principles. Above all, they must work together to assure taxes and spending are

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childhood cancer research, Christoph is now a freshman at Northville High School and has thankfully put his cancer in the past. He continues to help other children fight the disease and get the neces sary funding to researchers.

Thank you to everyone who supported this program and thank you to Hiller's for choosing Christoph's ALL Stars!

Anita Bartscha

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LOCAL EVENTS

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Time/Date: 1-7 p.m. Feb. 24-26 Location: Art & Ideas Contemporary Art Gallery, 15095

Northville Road Details: Free interactive art project allows all ages from the community to participate. Collaging History exhibition arranges his lorical photos and other images installed on the gallery walls, also using drawing to show unusual con nections between past and current

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Lecture - Cataracts, Glaucoma and Macular Degeneration Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 8 Location: Providence Park Hospital, Novi. Conference Rooms A and B Details: If you are over the age of 60, you probably have one of these vision problems. What are the symptoms of each and how are they treated? Learn more about what you can do to improve your sight Presented by Or. Tobias George ophthalmologist, on staff at Providence Hospital and Provide

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Location: 41875 IT Mile Road, #201,

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday March 2 Location: Fleming's Prime

Steakhouse & Wine Bar, 17400 Haggerty, Livonia Details: Learn B41 unch 10:30: registration and networking 11:30: unch, noon; featured speaker, 12:30 - Philip Power "A Citizen's Agenda for Michigan's Transformation; \$25 members: pre-registration required \$30 non members (call Chamber ffice to register).

Business to Business Breakfast Time/Date; 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, March 8 Location: Caribou Coffee, 47490 Grand River, Novi Details: Networking and a light

breakfast: \$5 payable at door: non-members \$10 at door. Please pre-register Metro Novi BNI Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every

Wednesday Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of Eight Mile), Novi Details: BNI is a structured net-

working environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team Please see CALENDAR, A12

Road Commission accepts three-year financial plan

Oakland County (RCOC) Board on Feb. 17 accepted the agency's 31st and Three-Year Financial Plan which includes balanced budgets for the Road Commission for the fiscal years 2012 through 2014. "RCOC has been prepar-

ing three-year budgets since 1980." observed Managing Director Brent Bair. "In fact, I was the staff person assigned to compile the first one back in 1980." RCOC Chairman Eric

Wilson attributed the agency's ability to maintain a balanced budget in part to the three-year budgeting process. "One of the reasons we have been able to continue to operate with a balanced budget year after year," he said, "is that we have, for more than 30 years, operate with a three-year budgeting cycle. This has allowed us to anticipate budgetary changes ahead of time, so we can be prepared when revenues or

expenses change."
Board Vice Chairman Greg Jamian noted it is fairinusual for a governmen tal agency to operate with a three-year budget cycle. "It's even more unique," he added "because we've been doing it so long."

Commissioner Ron Fowkes pointed out that RCOC has operated with a balanced budget for all of its nearly 100 years of exis tence. "We take our role as stewards of public money very seriously," he said, "And this three-year budget cycle allows us to anticipate and respond to changes before they are on top of us

Bair explained that the process of preparing the three-year budgets has been very useful in planning future road improvements as well as such things as

equipment replacement timetables, etc. That's ducted not just by the agen or managing director, but by the Financial Planning Group. Over the years, this group has been expanded to include all RCOC depart ment directors, who are also permitted to bring some of their supervisory staff.

cess, we have made sure the financial situation of the agency is known to all departments. This has nated the perception of secrecy," Bair said explain their needs, and the group divides up the available funds. Knowing the needs of all departments, the group must collectively prioritize funding within the agency. It's a ver

healthy and open process The first year of each three-year financial plan becomes the baseline for preparing the next year's RCOC hudget. Agency denartment compare their budget subns each year to the previous year's financial plan

and reconcile any differences Of course, having a great oudgeting process does not change the reality of declin ing revenues," Bair added. noting that RCOC's two main sources of operating revenue, the state-collected gas tax and vehicle registration fees are projected to continue declining in the current financial plan.

Following the August pub lie hearing, the final Budget approved by the three road commissioners at the second regularly scheduled Board meeting in September of each year, RCOC's fiscal year



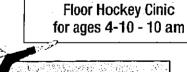
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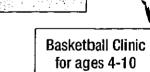
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Meet the Camp Director 10-2 Meet the Preschool Teachers 10-2



Zumba Class at 11 pm



Games in the pool 1 pm Family Swim 2-4

Ask the Trainer 1- 2





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Jith the election of Michigan Gov. Rick "the Nerd" Snyder, the new buzzword across the state is "reinvention." Iwo educators, Beth Baker and Glen Taylor, have been working in the form public education and have created a new learning model that both engages and educates NO WAY, you might say? WAY! That is, The WAY Program at www.wayprogram.

GUEST COLUMN

net. Baker and Taylor, The Way Program creators and co-directors are finding new pathways to success. As a new learning team, they now are transforming classrooms, creating electronic learning communities, helping to add value and make a difference in the lives of children many of whom have not previously succeeded in

Michigan's traditional public schools. The WAY Program is a personalized learning ience for struggling high school students WAY offers an alternative approach to education, one that encourages self-esteem, independence, and the development of 21st century skills which will facilitate workplace and col-

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to their communities across Michigan and the country.

Baker, the WAY Program co-director, said,

"WAY allows students to find their own pathway to success while upholding high academic expectations."

Her counterpart, Taylor, echoed, "It is uplifting to see students that have dropped or been

pushed out of school come to WAY - ready to

TRANSFORMING PUBLIC EDUCATION In Exploring E-learning Reforms for Michigan: The New Education (R)evolution (www.inacol.org/research/doc/e-learning report.pdf), a 2005 report 1 wrote after leaving ny post as Michigan's state superintendent of nois. I spelled out the value of harnessing technology to benefit learning.

Baker and Taylor, through the development

of The WAY Program, have made these ideas come alive for nearly 1,000 Michigan students and the idea is spreading across the country. The Mackinac Center for Public Policy (www.

mackinac.org) recently released "Virtual

Learning In Michigan Schools," the most com-

prehensive report to date on virtual learning The report concludes that new virtual learning models, while not appropriate for every child, can produce quality learning and also "save tax-Gov. Snyder promised during his State of the

State Address to deliver a special message on education to the Legislature in April. It couldn't be more timely. The ticket to making Michigan competitive again is not in reforming public education
— but in TRANSFORMING it. It would be advisable to consult with educators like those

engaged with The WAY Program to do just Innovation, technology and creativity are needed to help reinvent Michigan and our public schools - and Baker and Taylor are helping

Tom Watkins is an award winning writer and international education business and educational consultant. He served as Michigan's state superintendent of schools, 2001-05 Reach County, Fla., 1996 to 2001. He can be reached at



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Man hit while crossing road

Novi police are investigating a hit-and-run accident that occurred around 9:30 p.m. on Feb. 20 at Ten Mile and Meadowbrook roads where a man was hit while crossing Ten Mile Road with his snow blower.

According to the report, police were called by an anonymous person who notified them that a man was lying on the side of the road after he was hit by a car.

When officers arrived, the man was on a stretcher headed to the hospital. They found a side mirror in the middle of the road across from where he fell. It

Mile Road when it hit the man.
When police spoke to the victim at Botsford Hospital he said he was pushing

his snow blower across the street when he was hit. He said the roadway was clear of traffic when he crossed. He then was snow blowing the shoulder of the roadway when he was hit by the unknown vehicle and momentarily lost consciousness. The man was in stable condition with an injury to his right leg.

Police catch driver with weed

2A 55-year-old Canton man was arrested at 3:51 p.m. on Feb. 21 for possession of marijuana after the van he was driving was stopped at Mystic Boulevard and Novi Road for having a snow covered

license plate and low hanging exhaust.

During the stop, the man got out of the car to examine the exhaust pipe. When the officer walked by where he was squat-ting, he found a vial lying in the snow. The vial was not snow covered and contained marijuana,

The driver initially denied it was his. but then later admitted to it.

He was issued a citation for possession

Driver caught drinking, refuses PBT

3 A 24-year-old man was arrested at 2 a.m. on Feb. 19 for drunk driving after he was stopped at Crescent Boulevard and Town Center Drive for swerving and ailure to come to a complete stop at a red

According to the report, the officer could smell a strong odor of intoxicants when he approached the car. The driver said he was picking up his two friends from the bar and admitted to drinking two beers at another friend's house while

test, saying "I'll take the civil infrac-

When the passengers exited the vehicle, the officers also found an open bottle of

The driver was transported to the Novi Police Department where he submitted to a breath test. The reading was .09 per-

The man was issued a citation for operating while intoxicated and, open intox and refusing a PBT. He was released when

Man arrested for third OWI

4A 66-year-old man was arrested at 11:57 p.m. on Feb. 16 for his third drunk driving offense after a Novi police officer stopped him for turning left on a red light at Grand River Avenue just west

According to the report, the officer observed the car sit through a full cycle of lights before turning on red. When he approached the car, he could smell a strong odor of intoxicants coming from

The driver admitted to drinking

Pick Oscar winners

Novi, Rochester Hills, Woodhaven and coming soon to Royal

Movie tickets are about \$9-10 per person so if you used the pass once a week for 52 weeks that's a prize worth over \$1,000.

seven categories: Best Picture, Best Act, Best Supporting Action, Best Actress, Best Supporting Actress, Best Director, Best Animated Feature Film. Tiebreakers are Best Musical Score and

Last day to enter is 11:59 p.m Saturday. Feb. 26. The televised awards program is Sunday, Feb. 27.

In recognition of March is Reading Month, 20 Michigan authors will be signing their books to share the joy of reading with children and with adults. Fifteen percent of the proceeds from book sales will benefit The Art Road, a non-profit that

from book sales will benefit The Art Road, a non-profit that focuses on bringing art class back into schools (http://www. artroadnonprofit.org/).

The signings will be held from 1-7 p.m. Saturday, March 5 at the Art is in Market stores in the 12 Oaks and Laurel Park Place

anyone interested in volunteering with RTOC in administrative, fund raising, skilled trades or operational areas. The meeting will be held at the ROTC office, 31700 West 12 Mile Road, Suite

RTOC completes home rebuilding projects for low-income Oakland County residents who are elderly, disabled, military veterans, families with children and unable to do the work themseives. RTOC has rehabilitated over 450 homes and a number of non-profit facilities adding over \$4 million dollars in market value to the neighborhoods and communities in Oakland County since its founding in 1992. The plan for 2011 is to add an additional 45 homes, including a target block within the city of

If interested in being involved, please RSVP to (248) 889-5450

Novi Youth Assistance, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, needs you. The 29th Annual Bowl-a-Thon is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, March 12 at Novi Bowl, and I teams are needed to help raise money for the summer programs.

limit for adult drivers in Michigan is 08 orize. All of the money raised is used to finance programs which He was arrested and transported to the benefit Novi children and families. A new teen center is sched-Novi Police Department, pending release if the Oakland County prosecutor's office

For more information and to register your team, access http:// www.cityofnovi.org/Services/YouthServices/BowlAThon.asp.or call (248) 347-0410

Two vehicles broken into at hotel **5**A pair of Chevrolet Impalas were broken into overnight on Feb. 15 while

liminary breath test registered a blood

they were parked in the parking lot of the Staybridge Hotel on Providence Parkway.

Police have no suspects at this time.

an officer clocked the car speeding on

According to the report, the car was

traveling 51 miles per hour in a 35 mph zone before the officer stopped it.

The suspect failed field sobriety tests

and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .12 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is

08 percent. He was arrested and taken to the Novi

Police Department where he was issued

a citation for operating while intoxicated

and released after posting bond and when

- Compiled by Nathan Mueller

and the man admitted to drinking.

Meadowbrook Road near Burroughs

did not want to arraign him.

portable GPS devices.

Police stop drunk driver

Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit and Blue Ribbon Bowling Centers invite Metro Detroiters to "Bowl for Jobs" and "Donate for Jobs" at locations in nine area cities, including Novi According to the report, both vehicles were in the west parking life and Min-dows smashed out by the suspects to gain Bowl. Each location will accept monetary donations and gently used clothing or other items through Sunday, March 6. The Best donated items will be among those sold at Goodwill's new flag.

Every donor will receive a coupon for one free game of bowling

Blue Ribbon Bowling Centers league "St. Patrick's Pot o' Gold

6 Novi police arrested a man at 1:14 a.m. on Feb. 11 for drunk driving after programs of Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit, the only organization in Southeast Michigan dedicated solely to helping local people overcome employment challenges and earn jobs.

The officer could smell a strong odor of intoxicants coming from inside the vehicle

Individual tickets may be purchased at the Andiamo Novi Theatre box office, by phone at (248) 348-4448 (theater box office) or 1-800-745-3000 (Ticketmaster) or on-line at www.ticketmaster.com. Dinner & Show packages can only be purchased at the Andiamo Novi Theatre box office. The Andiamo Novi Theatre is located at 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi.

Business to host art show

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RTOC information meeting

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with name and personal contact information or contact us al JOBS.RTOC@yahoo.com.

29th Annual Bowl-A-Thon

alcohol content of .18 percent. The legal Consider forming a team, sponsoring a lane or donating a uled to open June 20.

Bowling and jobs

ship upscale resale store in Canton.

with the purchase of another game.

Participating centers also will raise funds for the campaign through 50/50 raffles during league bowling. Donation and raffle activities supporting Goodwill are in conjunction with Par

All donations support the employment training and education i Bowl is located at 21700 Novi Road

Andiamo Novi shows

The Menagerie Room @ Co Reutter the Salou, located at 116 N. Lafayette in South Lyon, will be hosting an upcoming student art show. Students of all ages and mediums can enter up to three pieces of art work for free. The entry deadline is Saturday, March

Call 866-501-DOCS to find a physician

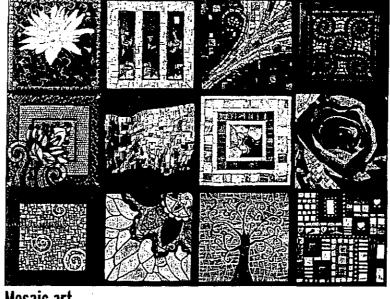
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Mosaic ari

The Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery at the Providence Center for the Healing Arts opened a new exhibit showcasing an international collection of mosaic art. Comprised of works by 124 artists, many from Michigan, this exhibit is the showroom for an online auction. The collection consists of contemporary mosaic works made in the tradition of this ancient art form. The artists created their works from stained glass, beads, pebbles, metals and many other pieces to form colorful and varied images of abstracts and nature. The approximately 10 x 10 works can be seen at the Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery 8 a.m. 4 p.m. Monday-friday at Providence Park Hospital on the main floor the Assarian Cancer Center through March 30. All are welcome to attend and preview the pieces. To find out more about the auction please visit: http://www.biddingforgood.com/DWB-MSF.

BRIEFS

12. There will be a reception Saturday, April 2 from 6-8 p.m. The student show will run until Saturday, May 28.

For more information, call (248) 446-0411.

See our online images

You can see staff photographer John Heider's photos in print in the Novi News and Northville Record, but don't miss his videos of the Super Gardener, a young moth rancher and the Novi girls state soccer march. His photo galleries feature the Farmers' Market, Buy Michigan Now Festival, the Michigan Art Institute's open house, Novi High's Band Camp and much, much more. Visit hometownlife.com every day and see what's new!

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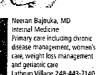


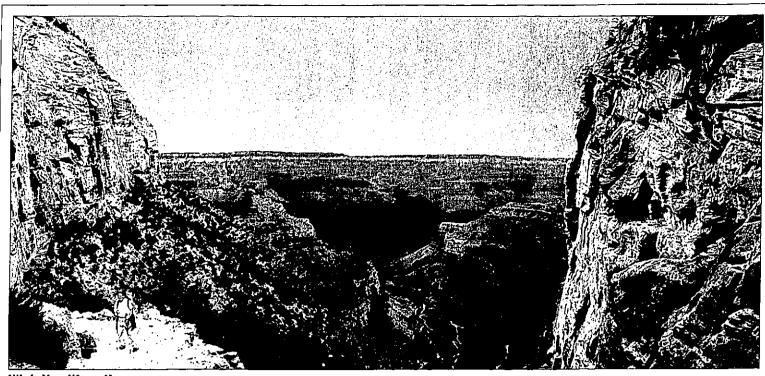




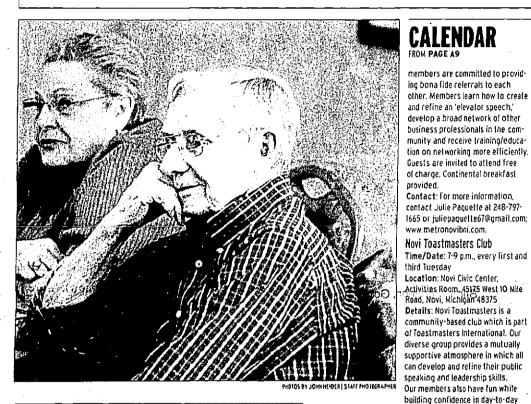








Novi's Will Stembor is shown (bottom left) completing a single-day, cim-to-rim crossing of the Grand Canyon on Oct. 6, 2010, "The 24 mile/12 hour adventure was one I'll never forget," he said. "As a matter of fact, I enjoyed it so



Where's Alex Trebek?

Harold McMahap. center, and others above) participate in a the Novi Senior Center on Feb. 16 on World War l trivia. The game was ponsored by Comfort Care. Comfort Care's Deb Berry (left) serves as quiz Where was American bio. band leader Glenn Miller lost during WWil. Answer:

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Lounge / Andiamo Theater Location: 42705 Grand River Contact: (248) 348-3838 Details: Space is limited to approximately 200 guests per show. Feb. 24-26: "One Man Star Wars" March 2-20: "The Godfadda Workaut* March 23-April 10: "I Love You. You're Perfect, Now Change"

April 13-24: Robert Dubac's - "Male Intellect - An Oxymoron? April 29-May 1: "Celebrity Autobiography May 4-22: "Bad Dates" May 25-June Indefinitely: "The Last Five Years" Contact: www.ticketmaster.com or

call (248) 348-4448 LIBRARY LINES

Novi Public Library Location: 45255 W. Ten Mile Road lours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.: Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-5 p.m.Details; Unless

Website: www.novilibrary.org Story Times: Please see the Library website or story time bro chure for details Happy, Healthy Familles

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb.

Details: Kids, bring your parents · or parents, bring your kids to the library to learn healthy habits and how to make exercise fun for the whole family. Please dress in comfortable clothes, Presented by Meghan Lawler of Seung-Ní Fit, Novi. For ages 8-18 years. Marathi Story Time

Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. Friday Feb. 25 Details: Marathi-speaking voluntee storyteller reads Marathi picture books to preschool aged children. German Story Time Time/Date: 11-11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. sus march 1

Details: German-speaking vol-unteer storytellers read German picture books to preschool aged Fabulous Friday Fun Flick

Time/Date: 1-3:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. Details: Time off school is precious, so spend your Friday afternoon watching "Beverly Hills Chihuahua 2". We'll provide some snacks; bring a pillow if you wish or just sprawl on the floor and relax; for grades K-4.

Novi Writers' Group Time/Date: 10 a.m.:noon Saturday Feb. 26 Detalls: Writers' groups can be a great way to make connections in to get critiques that will improve

the writing and publishing world and your skills as a writer. Come to the Library for an inspirational environment where you can create and share ideas. This group is facilitaled by local writer, Kathy Mutch. Tamil Story time

Fime/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26

Details: Tamil-speaking volunteer storytellers read Tamil picture books to preschool aged children. Empower Me 4 Life! Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday Feh 26

Details: A fun and practical second part of a 2-session healthy living course equipping kids ages 8-12 with new attitudes, skills, and knowledge about eating better and moving more - for life. Registration is required and we need a minimum of 15 kids for the program to proceed. Lego Club Time/Date: 6-6:45 p.m. Monday,

Details: Join us once a month for Leno show-and-tell and building activities. We supply the Legos, you supply the imagination. **English Conversation Group** Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, March 1 and 8

Details: Make friends while you practice your English pronunciation and conversation skills. No need to

Monday Evening Book Discussion Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Monday, March Details: Join your neighbors for

a lively discussion of The Year of

Magical Thinking by Joan Didion. Friends Monthly Board Meeting Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday. March 9

online at hometownlife.com

Details: Board meetings are typically held on the second Wednesday of each month. Everyone is welcome at the meetings Walled Lake Library

Location: 1499 East West Maple Road, Walled Lake Contact: (248) 624-3772 Introduction to ebay Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 28 and March 7 Details: The Walled Lake City

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4 Fat (248) 624-3772 or e-mail admin@ wallediaketibrary.org.

EDUCATION Novi Community Education Contact: (248) 449-1206 Web; www.novicommunityed.org

SENIORS

Novi Senior Center Location: 25075 Meadowbroo Road, Novi Contact: (248) 347-0414 Blood Pressure Checks Time/Date: 11-11:45 a.m. Wednesdays Details: Every Wednesday blood pressure checks are offered. Check yourself regularly and slay healthy Your blood pressure record will be

on file at the Senior Center so you can track your health. No charge. Panera Bread Time/Date: 8:15-9 a.m. Tuesdays Details: With thanks to Panera for a great partnership, every Tuesday is Panera Bread Day. Enjoy bagels,

versation. No charge, Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays

rolls, bread, sweets, coffee and con

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

REGIONAL

Heal the World fundraiser Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 Location: Bakers of Milford Details: South Lyon-based Oxford H807 Kids Foundation provides help to families of children with special needs using Hyperbaric Oxygen

Heal the World event features a

silent and live auction, live entertainment, celebrity attendees, a fabulous meal and a chance to help these kids and their families by giving back. Meet some celebrities some families that will share moving stories and win auction items as you give back. Evening attire is requested, \$50 per person. Contact: For more information: www.healingkidswithhbot.org or call (248) 486-3636.

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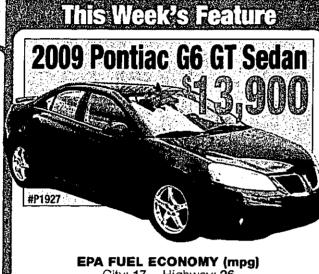
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Novi cagers avenge loss, earn trip to conference championship

Wildcat's drop 14-point halftime lead, but defeat Plymouth in overtime

The Wildcats' boys basketball

team (15-3, 8-2 Central) plays

tomorrow's 7 p.m. Kensington

Stevenson (17-1, 10-0 Central)

or at home against Central No.

3 Plymouth Salem (12-5, 5-5

Central). The winner plays at

the Lakes Conference champior

loss and claiming the confer-

Hosting John Glenn last Thursday, Novi's guards came

alive to help the Wildcats to a

We played our best collec-tive 32 minutes on Thursday,"

Novi coach Cory Heitsch said

"It was fun to watch our kids play with passion and purpose

first-quarter lead and 29-18 halftime lead as four players

finished in double figures, Senior Samer Ozeir led the

way with 17 points and 16

The 'Cats shot out to an 11-6

63-51 victory.

ence title both, by defeating

BY CHRIS JACKET? CORRESPONDENT

After two big wins within the (15-3, 8-2 Central) find themselves in the KLAA Kensingtor Conference championship game 7 p.m. tomorrow.

Stevenson (17-1, 10-0 Central) defeated Plymouth Salem (12-5, 5-5 Central) Tuesday nigh the 'Cats and Spartans will face off for the conference title, a repeat affair after Stevenson defeated Novi twice in the regular season - by six and points - to win the Central

If the Rocks upset the Spartans, Novi will battle Salem for the conference title Novi defeated Salem in double overtime on Feb. 14.

The Wildcats' road to the conference champion went through Westland John and Plymouth (13-5, 9-1 South No. 1), who was the only non-Stevenson team to hand Novi a loss in the regular season. With one loss avenged, Novi hopes to hit two birds with one stone by redeeming another

"Sam was effective as usual and cleaned up on the glass,"

Piling on the points were seniors Brian Bush (15 points) down sometime big time shots and Brady used his athleticism to get to the rim," Heitsch said. Senior Chris Milon added five points to go along with his six rebounds, while senior Nate Hill's two points were the only others for the Wildcats.. "Sam and Chris were both in foul trouble but we got some huge minutes from Nate Hill,"

Novi rounded out the game with a 15-10 third quarter to gain a 44-28 advantage before TITLE ROAD

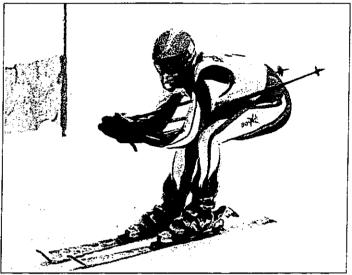
cruising to the victory.

The victory put Novi into the conference semifinals Monday against their Wildeat counter-

"Plymouth is going to be a heck of a challenge for us," Heitsch said before the game We panicked a bit in our first meeting and I didn't help things from the sideline. Instead of showing poise and composure, I was coaching in a panicked way. I think we will

Please see HOOPS, B2

Feight first Wildcat to qualify for state meet



JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Young program finishes in top half at Regionals

Novi Senior Austin Feight is the long Wildcat headed to the state ski meet. Competing in last Thursday's regiona eighth in the giant slalom with a two-run ombined time of 33.95 seconds. Walled Lake Western's Jeff Arlen won the event i

Feight is the first Novi skier to qualify for States on behalf of the five-year-old pro-

giant slalom, as the team took seventh with 98 points and Detroit Catholic Central won the event with 59 points. Following Feight's performance were senior Steven Speers (18th in 34.99), sophomore Harrison Halley (32nd in 35.83), sonhomore Zach Johnson Haug (58th in 42.79) and senior Kuni Hotta (64th in 44.36). Hotta's second run was 17th among skiers in 17.54 seconds, but a

Although the teams are done two individu

als from the boys ski team are alive in the postseason. Senior Kuni Hotta was sched uled to compete in last Tuesday's SEMSL Championships at Pine Knob in Clarkston, while senior Austin Feight will travel to Marquette Mountain as the first-ever Novi skier to com pete at the State finals Monday

The boys fared better in the slalom, fin

ishing fifth with 93 points. Birmingham Brother Rice won the event with 37 points Feight led the Wildcats again, finishing 13th in 43.56 seconds, followed by Halle (21st in 46.34), senior Eric Wahrman (27th in 48.96) and Hotta (32nd in 51.59) despite isqualifications for Speers and junior Josh Feight.
Through the two events combined,

Please see SKI, BZ



Sparling, Caverly state-meet bound

Novi advances two out of region

BY CHRIS JACKETT

Although just three Novi wrestlers com peted in last Saturday's regional meet, the Wildeats had a pretty good success ratio as two qualified for States.

Seniors David Sparling (189 pounds), Chris Caverly (145) and Shahbaig Sidhu (135) all headed to Plymouth to compete against the best from the Beverly Hills-Groves and Garden City districts. Sparling and Caverly advanced to the state meet with top-four finishes in their weight classes, while Sidhu fell just shy of advancing his ON TAP

With their top-four finishes at Regionals, Novi seniors David Sparling (189 pounds) and Chris Caverly (145) are bound for the individual state finals March 3-5 at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Sparling is 45-11 on the season, while Caverly is

"All three regional qualifiers wrestled well this past weekend," Novi coach Dan

Sparling had the strongest Novi finish on the day. He started off with a 4-0 decision over Warren De La Salle's Joe Wiles before losing a 15-6 majority decision to Canton's Anthony Abro, who would go on to win the weight class.

Please see WRESTLING, BZ

Wildcat bowlers miss out on the conference championship rounds

The past week was a struggle for Novi's bowling program, but the one favoring oment was the boys team's victory over rival Northville to cap the regular season.

The Wildcats faced off against the Mustangs last Thursday at Town N Country Lanes in Westland. The boys (5-10-2, 3-9 KLAA Central) won 25-5 behind strong performances from junior Andrew Thorwall (225), junior Chad Smith (204) and senior Nick Kuczajda (201), who all struck out in the 10th frame to win their single points, taking the pressure off senior anchor Brandon Gillespie, who had to make a 10pin to win his point.

The 'Cats took an early 6-4 lead after the baker games, where Northville won the first 193-176 before Novi won the second 192-159 The Wildcats won both regular games 964 937 and 990-918 with the aforementioned

The girls (3-14-0, 1-11 Central) split the r games with a 176-127 loss and 144-137 win, but lost the first game 910-725 as junior Callie Wright's 172 was the only single point for Novi. The 'Cats won the second game 756-748 behind single points from both siors Shelby Limpert (163) and Claire Rice Salem after taking a 6-4 lead in baker

CORRESPONDENT

The early KLAA tournament

No. 1 Wildcats' girls basketball

the consolation rounds, where

the conference semifinal losers

team (16-2, 9-1 Central) into

square off this week.

Novi was scheduled to

host North No. 2 White Lake

No. 1 Waterford Kettering (17-

sting No

Novi will head to Northville scored three more field goals, for Districts. The Wildcats will but had to take 16 more shots

Lakeland (14-4, 8-2 North)

10-0 North) tonight. The

Captains are coming off their

first loss of the season, 44-40

to West No. 2 Grand Blane (16-

2, 9-1). Both games tip off at 7

After the KLAA crossovers.

(7-11, 5-5 Central) or Plymouth

play either Plymouth Salem

put them in the 7 p.m. March

The first two rounds of the

KLAA tournament resulted

Novi's girls basketball team.

(7-11, 5-5 South) 5 p.m



JOHN HEIDER & STAFF PHOTOGRAPH Novi Wildcat Sara Schulz bowls at the Feb. 14

the week," Kelp said.

boards.

Senior Alyssa Armial

chipped in with five points,

four steals and three assists

and, despite an 0-for-5 shoo

Antolee pulled in four of her

five rebounds off the offensive

"We rely on our defense to

create steals, thus starting our

Several aspects of Novi's

Tuesday victory over Franklin.

However, instead of taking

an eight-point lead after one

quarter, the Wildcats were

We did not execute the

5-4 lead into a 18-8 deficit.

defensive game plan late in the first quarter, thus turning an

That deficit grew to 30-16 by

halftime and a neck-and-neck

Wildeats any ground, as Glenn advanced to the Kensington

second half didn't give the

Conference championship

Graves (17 points), junior

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game with a 15-point victory

Glenn sonhomore Shakeya

wn 18-8 to the Rocke

matchup with John Glenn

was a mirror image of the

ing night, sophomore Jade

The 'Cats also held the

Patriots without an assist

while making 13 steals.

offense," Kelp said.

from a snow day. The final contest would've otherwise been Feb. 14 against Plymouth Salem at Novi Bowl

The boys dropped a 20-10 decision to games, splitting a 234-146 win and 251-209

Rockets shoot down Wildcats' conference hopes

I seed was on opposite ends of

Central) started the week

court victory over South No

4 Livonia Franklin (9-8, 5-5

South) before falling 53-38 to

South No. 2 Westland John

Glenn (16-2, 8-2 South) last

quarter lead against Franklin,

narrow the score to 24-21 by

Despite shooting just 29.4

girls would run away with

the game in the second half.

outscoring Franklin 28-16 to

secure the win. The Wildeats

than the Patriots to do so.

shots," Novi coach Bill Kelp

McMahan (14 points, four

senior Joanna Beaton (13

cent of Novi's offense.

trouble hurt

said. Having some early foul

The trio of freshman Kerri

steals), junior Ally D'Annibale

(14 points, six rebounds) and

points) accounted for 79 per-

"I'll take that any night of

"We missed too many easy

cent (15-for-51), the Novi

each contest.

987 to take an 11-8 lead and pulled away by winning the second game 939-892. Gillesp (203, 203) and Thorwall (222, 186) led the

vay for Novi, scoring two points apiece. The girls dropped a 27-3 decision after losing all 10 baker points (218-133 and 138-126). The Rocks won a close first game 758-733 to secure the win, but increased the gap by winning the second game 747-600. Freshman Sara Schultz (204, 155) carned the 'Cats two points.

These final two dual meets led into last

Saturday's Kensington Conference tournament, where both teams struggled at Century Bowl in Waterford

The boys averaged 190 throughout six baker and two regular games, but barely missed out on the eight-team champion round. Top Wildcat scores came from senio Steve Culien (202, 204), Thorwall (184, 231), senior Sean McNiff (199, 223) and Gillespic The girls also hung around the cut line

but fell behind the higher scoring teams late Wright (211, 148), Schulz (168, 188) and junior Bridgett Porras (148, 158) led Novi's

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi

Erica Covile (12 points, nine

rebounds) and freshman Kaira

Barnes (10 points) were thorns

in the Wildcats' sides all night

as Armiak led Novi's offensive

a senior that will fight and do

The Wildcats hit 12 of 37

production with 10 points.

anything for her team to be successful," Kelp said.

shots (32.4 percent), whic

was no match for the +4.4-

Rockets knocked down 20

and seven turnovers, while

shots, including five from dis-

McMahan had seven points

Antolec added five points and seven rebounds before foul-

ing out. D'Annibale chipped

the Rockets 21-20, but also

had 21 turnovers as a team.

"That was a bright spot," Kelp said of the rebounding

stat. However, if you turn the

NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

BY CHRIS JACKETT

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

Finishing third of five teams at last Sunday's Central Division meet, the Wildcats hope to improve their standing this weekend when they host liminaries tomorrow afternoon and the finals throughout the day Saturday.

The Wildcats' competitive cheer squad finished fifth of 14 teams last Friday at the Novi Fieldhouse, missing out on a

trip to Hartland for Regionals

by one spot. Novi recorded scores of 214,4000, 225,1540 and 292.1000 for a 731.6540 total at the meet, just 1.9172 points behind fourth-place North Farmington.

Hartland (789.4208). Brighton (776.1568) and Northville (741.5558) finished n the top three, joining North Farmington at the Hartland

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Addison Notarantonio (33rd in

59.43) and Paige Morriss (40th

The scores combined for 101

points for Novi, fourth behind

Marian (15), Brighton (36) and

Novi's girls didn't fare as

well in the more technical giant slalom. Rich led the

SKI FROM PAGE B1

Brother Rice won the 14-team region with 103 points, foled by CC (108), Brighton (136), Birmingham United (155) and Novi in fifth with 191

The Novi girls finished sixth in their 13-team region with 241 points, as Bloomfield Hills Marian ran away with the meet behind 32.5 points. ved by Brighton (74) and Hartland (146.5).

The Wildcats did best in the slalom, led by senior Michelle Rich's 17th-place finish in 52.47 seconds. Hartland's Mallory Reader won the event in 44.66 seconds Following Rich was juniors

Calla Spillane (25th in 55.42), Lucia Li (26th in 56.72),

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team in 25th with a finish in 38.55 seconds. Spillane followed her teammate in 29th

competitive is that the most experienced student-athletes make their vay to the varsity squad the follo in 38.86, trailed by Morris ing season. Consider adding a first-year (44th in 40.45). Li (46th in coach, a foreign exchange student Hamilton (50th in 41.65) and and participation numbers you Notarantonio (51st in 41.73). The finishes put Novi in and you'd have Novi's JV pompor 10th place with 144 points, as uad, which just repeated as the

Marian (17.5), Brighton (40) JV state champions earlier this month. The varsity squad also and Hartland (73.5) led the repeated as state champions.

and former Novi News staff writer

WRESTLING

In the consolation bracket, Sparling won a 4-1 decisio over Birmingham Brother Rice's Dillon Ervin before efeating Dearborn Fordson's Mouhamad Soukar by a 9-1 majority decision to take third

in the region and up his season Caverly also went 2-2 on the day, but finished fourth because of when he lost. Sterling Heights' Alec Johnson opening match, sending

ball over 21 times and not close Caverly to the consolation out on the shooters against an bracket early. However, Caverly won a 6-1 athletic team like Glenn, you will not be successful. We need decision over Brother Rice's Justin Flynn and 15-11 over to be stronger with the ball." Chris Jackett is a freelance writer Opperman, but lost 2-1 to De

the third-place match. The fin ish was enough for Caverly to

"We will be working hard to prepare properly for the state meet next weekend," Jilg said. Novi's final competitor was Sidhu, who finished 1-2 and four points away from advancing to the state meet le opened his day with an 8 4 loss to eventual runner-up Nolan Solomon of Sterling In the consolation bracket

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poms. The others all had at least Sidhu pinned Brother Rice's JD Plomin before losing 5-2 experience. to Fraser's Matt Pfeffer, who finished fourth by losing in the following round. Sidhu finstate title, even at the JV level, the tutclage with a little help from ished the season with a 22-15

That decade-removed var-

one year of middle school pom Not necessarily a formula for a

Novi's 2001 varsity state champi-

stations come up for renewal.

with all of these channels.

The tricky part about keeping

a talented junior varsity squae

We lose some every season

and we gain girls every seasor

JV coach Elyse Bartos said, "We

gained girls who had never done

Churchill alum had her hands full

The team's moster was a roller-

zids and one alternate returned

squad, but the other five girls that

One was an alternate during the

season had little or no pompon

High Kick competition season in the fall; while another missed the

High Kick season to participate of

the swim team, and a third made

the jump from cheerleading to

coaster of varying talents. Four

rom the 2010 JV state cha

in her first season at the beim of

The 22-year-old Livonia

Novi's JV pom squad.

said. "We were not considered for the top two going in. It was a really good meet for the girls.

The JV pom squad included seven freshmen and eight sopho

formats if our authority to continue is withhele

"I've been around pom for a long u, Jenny Chang, Jessica Snider, time," Bartos said, "When my sister Laura Baumgarten, Patricia Dixon and Rence Weil "I was actually happy," Bartos got second to Novi varsity. I fell in live with the song."
A seventh-grade cheerleader

JV pommers overcome hurdles

Limited squad lays foundation for varsity to threepeat next year

sity seniad defeated Churchill

for the state title to the tune of

of ways.

Novi squad.

hit ninth grade.

"We worked together in high

n high school together. We both

Bartos did. She had coached at

school together," Burtos said of

have a similar work ethic. She

Orioles middle school program

before joining the Novi JV pro-

As the season continued, the

University of Michigan-Dearborn

more girls for the JV squad. With

innior was able to recruit a few

15 members, the team began to

flourish, just in time for the state

"This season there was also se

really tough competition," Bartos

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Whitesnake's "Sweet Lady Luck."

which inspired Bartos in a number

to repeat as state champions

said. Going from camp to High Kick was hard. It was interesting to at the time. Bartos was watching make formations that are appeal her sister, current Novi varsity coing to the eye with just 10. I was coach Erin Bartos, perform as a happy to have 15.7 There were 18 girls during spring squad when the Chargers were defeated by a Whitesnake-fueled camp, but a number of reasons dropped the number to 10 in the

Chadha, Amy Cao, Amy Liang,

Annie Segal, Atsuko Yuda, Caithn Sultana, Drew Thomasson, Emma

Weil, Gillian Autterson, Jeanne

Between Erins transition from Bartos looked for everyone to step a middle school cheerleader to a high school pom star. Novi's 2001 One task to overcome was the language barrier between Yuda, a nature of that state meet. Bartos Japanese exchange student, and

rest of the tea "She was an alternate in Fligh Kick season and came to on fourth of the practices," Bartos her older sister. "We were captain said. "I told her (bost) morn that, if

she could come to more practices, that we could work with her. mentioned, I want you to apply for Yuda came and Bartos taught and the team developed together. "She really didn't begin doing St. Michael's and with the Livonia porn until this season," Bartos sud

The girls were great. They welcomed her. Very smart girl, quick The family atmosphere, which continues to define Novi athletics

helped the JV porn program work together with sweet lady luck and product its seventh state champi Many of the JV girls helped the rsity squad achieve similar suc-

cess over the years, as the varsity squad has won seven state titles since 1994.

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While we do not anticipate any loss of

Wildcats Humitz-ilated by Stevenson comeback

It was senior night for Livonia Stevenson's hockey team, but a sophomore ended up saving the hird game in four attempts. Although Novi dominated uch of the Feb. 16 contest at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena in omore Max Humitz who scored twice in the final 29 seconds of regulation to notch a 5-5 tie

with the Wildcats 'A sophomore, he's been one of our best forwards. He's patient with the puck; stuff you can't teach," said Stevenson during a time out with 52.4 sec onds remaining, "I just told the guys we thought we could get one and see where we go from

From there consisted of lumitz taking the puck in close to the left side of the net before flicking it over the right leg of Novî senior netminder Michae Pesendorfer (14 saves) with 29 Shureb and Ryan Urso were

credited with assists. Down 5-4. Stevenson pulled (26 saves) and the Wildcats hitting the side of the right post

But the Spartans took the puck up the ice and Humitz deked around a diving defende long the right boards and took the puck in before roofing it over Pesendorfer for the tie Senior John Mandryk got the puck to Humitz for the goal

with 7.2 seconds left "We thought we'd just kill the clock and we got outworked an outplayed." Novi coach Todd Krygier said. "Its games like that and teams like that that make our league better. The

have a lot of character and gri The come-from-behind tic was the first draw of the seaso for the No. 3 Wildcats (17-5-1. 9-2-0 Kensington), who are ranked second in Division I. The No. 11 Spartans (15-5-3,

ranked fourth in Division L close contests this season. Earlier this season, we w on the other end of a few of those." Vento said.

Kensington Conference champion Novi was attempt ing to avenge a 6-3 loss to the artans from Dec. 1. Last Wednesday's contes

was a back-and-forth affair much of the game. The Wilden dominated the first half of the pening period, disallowing until after nearly nine minute game's momentum from there, but Novi senior Michael Krus scored on a cross from senior Joey Ferriss with 2:44 remain ng in the period. The Spartans scored late in

ntermission when senior Nicl Barr got in close to Pesendorfe ınd flicked a puck up over him with 41.5 seconds remainin "I thought we played go but started out a little flat.

eral, we just need to continue



Stevenson senior netminder Scott Massa (right) stretches for a shot tha goes just wide right of the goal early in the Spartans' 5-5 tie with Novi on

ON TAP

The No. 4 Novi icers (17-5-1) hoped to break an 0-2-1 streak during senior night last night against No. 33 Farmington United (9-10-3) - a North Farmington and Farmington Hills Harrison combi nation - before the state tournament begins next week. After 13 years in Division II, the

I playoffs, beginning with a .. 5 p.m. regional quarter final Monday against No. 42 South Lyon (12-11-1) at Compuware Arena in Plymouth. The Lions are

No. 15 in Div. I. "South Lyon is a team that always competes, always plays hard," Novi coach Todd Krygier

The winner will face either No. 2 Detroit Catholic Central (15-7-1, No. 1 in Div. I) or No. 19 Brighton (10-9-3, No. 8 in Div. I) 7 p.m. Wednesday at Compuware. In the last four years, Novi advanced to the Div. It semifinals twice and the quarterfinals once.

to play throughout the whole

Novi senior Taylor Howell got some help from Massa's rear 2:48 into the second period when he was behind the net and behind as Massa dove into the

goal in a save attempt Stevenson senior Andrew Palushaj capitalized on a twoman power play breakaway with 1:22 left in the period when Urso slid the puck to him

from the right side. Ferriss got one right back 16 seconds later to give Novi a 3-2

lead after two periods. The Wildcats increased their lead 1:12 into the final period when Kruse dumped the pucl into Stevenson's zone from the right boards outside the blue line so Novi could make a line change, but the puck skipped under Massa's outstretched glove at the edge of the crease

nd into the goal. "Aside from that one, he in." Vento said of Massa, who hadn't practiced for six days as he recovered from a concussion sustained at practice Feb. 10. With 5:14 remaining, the Wildcats distanced themselves

Massa didn't see it until it was ready in the back of the net. "They're a great team. I

a wrist shot through traffic at

expected at some point for us to be on our heels, Vento said. Palushai started the Spartans remaining when he put back a shot off the left boards to draw Stevenson within 5-3. A hooking penalty with 2:52

remaining kept the Wildcats on the offensive for two minutes, where Novi circled like buzzards in Stevenson's zone, but "We had a couple chances

where we bobbled the puck," Krygier said. "Even though we had the lead, we weren't play the lead or the clock. You can't stop working."
When the penalty expired

is when Humitz took over and being outshot 31-19. All three of Stevenson's third-period shots were goals. ento noted his fourth line

was instrumental in the game, helping to keep the top three lines fresh for the corneback. "They did what they had to

end most of the time they were out there," Vento said. The Wildcats competed in

last Saturday's KLAA title game against No. S Howell (20-3-0), who is third in Division the Wildcats 5-1 Feb. 10 at the Public School Showcase in Chelsea despite being outshot 34-12, and had a repeat result last weekend as they defeated Novi 4-3.

Their goaltender played fantastie, Krygier said of the first matchup. We made a couple

mistakes that cost us. Howell continued a five-yea vinning streak against Novi by taking a 3-0 lead in the first period. An early third-period power play goal put Howell up 4-0 before Novi scored three goals in the third period, but it

The week's results dropped ovi one spot to No. 4 (No 2 in Div. Don Monday's new rankings, while Howell and Stevenson each moved up one place to No. 7 and No. 10. respectively, maintaining their hold on the No. 3 and No. 4

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and when junior Kent Burnett took

Mentor Club A group of fourth grade girls sits on Novi's bench during a break in the action Jan. 25 as they

watched their mentors deleat Plymouth 38-30. The Student-Athlete Mentor Club connects high school basketball players with Novi Woods Elementary students.

be OK and we get them again in two veeks to open Districts.

The district opener will be the rubber match, as Novi avenged their 68-54 loss on Jan. 25 with a 76-71 overtime victory Up 49-35 at halftime, Plymouth

narrowed their deficit to 62-57 in the with a 7-2 run in the waning minutes of Novi roared loudest in overtime, scor-

ing the first six points and riding it out for a 12-7 advantage and the victory.

Ozeir led Novi with 22 points, with Sheldon (19 points) and Bush (11 points) chipping in. The return of senior Rob ey from a month-lo also welcomed, as he added 13 points.

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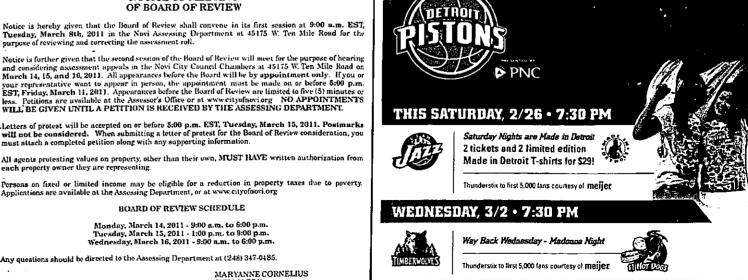
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Back in the saddle again

comes up in employment

law is the status of the

workers: employees or inde

nendent contractors? What is

and why does it matter? Well,

different levels of responsibil-

Under state law, an employer

can be held liable for any negli-

employees if the employee is

gent or intentional acts of their

acting within the scope of their

employment at the time their

wrongful act occurred. The

something as simple as oper

or driving a company car, to

eating lunch during company

or injury that occurs during

this "scope of employment"

arious liability

time or wearing a uniform off

oremises. For any wrongful act

the employer can be held responsible under the theory of

The actions of an "indepen-

dent contractor", however, are

The theory being that there is

contractor and the work the

contractor has been hired to

complete. This does not mean

responsible, however imputing

As you can imagine, a lot of

the independent contractor's

wrongful action to the emplo

er is much more difficult to

money could be at stake for

an employer if an employee's

mistake or wrongful conduct

example, if an employee stock-ing shelves in a grocery store intentionally punches someone

she helieves is shoplifting from

the store, the victim may sue

the grocery store for battery;

threw the punch nor autho-

rized the employee to do so.

employee or an independen

it is as easy as looking at the

particular job. A person hired

to paint a house is most likely an independent contractor.

Why? Well how much control

whether someone is an

So how do you determine

intractor? In some instance:

we in a lawsuit.

that the employer is never

the difference between the two

A city of Novi bulldozer plaws the parking lot of the Novi Civic Center on Feb. 21. The city saw about 10 inches of snow from a storm the day before. Things could have been worse — city offices were already closed that

The difference between

employees, contractors

of Business

painter agree

date. Does

the employe

hours? The

for the job?

take a break, vacation or for

lunch? No. For the most part

the house painter is an inde-

pendent contractor and any vrongful acts that occur du

ing that job should not be the

ponsibility of the employe

Compare the house painter

to an administrative assistant

in an office. Does the employer

omputer for this person? Are

provide a desk, telephone and

particular assignments given

o the worker? Lunch break

and hours established for the

assistant? In this scenario, it

would seem that the employer

would have a lot of control over

be considered an employee.

assistant stole the identifi-

ention of a customer of the

Now, if the administrative

employer, should the employer

he liable to that customer for

Sure. Should the homeowner

painter broke into a neighbor's

use and stole a lawamower?

any damages that resulted?

be responsible if the house

Clearly, most employers

want to limit any liability for

the wrongful actions of their

workers; this is basic dollars

and cents. The law gets a little

their worker's jobs to make the

workers appear to be indepen-

owners think that if they have a

contract with their workers tha

ndependent contractor" that

contractor: this is an absolute

determine the individual's sta-

tus for purposes of state law.
Now, the trickier part: taxes.

the individual is an independent

specifically provides "you are an

dent contractors rather than

limit the amount of control over

brand of pain

and Medicaid taxes for their

classified as an "employee",

but an independent contrac-

tor, the employer is responsible for this additional tax. As a

result, many employers would

rather categorize their work-

than have to pay an additional

amount of tax. And this leads

to employers finding them-

selves in hot water with the

Internal Revenue Service for

incorrectly categorizing their

employees as independent con

The standard for someone

being an independent con-

standard under federal law,

which is what the Internal

the IRS enforces. Penalties

an employee can be severe

for incorrectly categorizing

including unpaid withhold

ing taxes for all subject years

on the taxes not properly with

held. If you have any questions as to whether a worker should

be considered an employee or

you should search www.irs.gov

and review Publications 15 and

As if employers do not have

enough to worry about when

it comes to running their busi

ness. Any time the decision

is made to hire workforce,

this baby step carries with it

enormous responsibility on the

person requesting the assis-tance. These decisions should

potential candidates of thei

character and background is

their past work experience.

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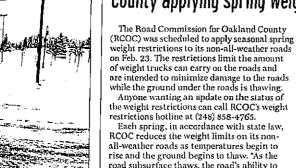
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County applying spring weight restrictions to area roads



RCOC reduces the weight limits on its nonrise and the ground begins to thaw. "As the carry weight is reduced," said RCOC Managing Director Brent Bair. "That means that a weight that wouldn't affect the road under normal conditions, might now damage the road. These restrictions help to ensure that our roads last as long as possible, with as few potholes as The restrictions do not affect passenger vehi-

cles, but apply to commercial trucks. Weight restrictions are enforced by weighmasters employed by the Road Commis the state, local communities or the Sheriff's Department, Violation of the weight restric-

Dave Czerniakowski, director of RCOC's Customer Services Department, said the timing of this year's weight restrictions is typical. "It is usually in February or March that the frost is coming out of the ground and we must apply the restrictions " he noted

restrictions be removed when he determines that the soil is no longer saturated and the frost has thawed. He noted that the weight restrictions have an impact on several indus-tries including building construction, because it restricts companies' ability to move heavy

Weight restrictions do not prevent trucks

A truck operators map is available from the Road Commission that shows which roads have weight restrictions. The map is available by calling RCOC's Customer Services Dept. at (248) 858-4835 or by visition the department's offices at the RCOC facility at 2420 Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford, Township (office hours are 7:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.).

The map is also available on RCOC's Web page at www.rcocweb.org, and listings of the affected roads are posted on the Web site as well.

For a statewide listing of which counties have imposed spring weight restrictions, visit the County Road Association of Michigan (CRAM) Web site, www. micountyroads.org. Below are some of the roads affected in this area.

NORMAL ROADS - BLACK (35% REDUCTION IN LOAD REQUIRED)

9 Mile Rd. (E of Pontiac Trail to Napier Rd.) 11 Mile Rd. 12 Mile Rd. (W of Johns to Martindale Rd.) Napier Rd. (12 Mile Rd. S to 8 Mile Rd.)

Wixom Rd. Hovi Area

14 Mile Rd. (E of Decker to Haggerty Rd.) Nanier Rd. (S of 12 Mile Rd. to 8 Mile Rd.) DESIGNATED ROADS - BLUE (25% WEIGHT RESTRICTION) Novi Area

8 Mile Rd. (Napier Rd. E to Taft Rd.) 10 Mile Rd. (Napier Rd. E to Haggerty Rd.) Haggerty Rd. (8 Mile Rd. N to 14 Mile Rd.)

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heat your home for free (get them closed again at sundown so they help insulate). · Rearrange your rooms. Move your furniture around so you are sitting near interior walls — exterior walls and older windows are likely to be drafty.

Don't sit in the draft. Keep it shut. Traditional fireplaces are an energy loser — it's best not to use them because they pull heated air out of the house and up the chimney. When not in use, make absolutely sure the damper is closed. Before closing the damper, make sure that you don't have any smoldering embers.

 If you decide not to use a fireplace, then block off the chimney with a piece of rigid insulation from the hardware store that fits snugly into the space (damp

· Eliminate wasted energy. Turn off lights in unoccupied rooms. Unplug that spare refrigerator in the garage if you don't truly need it — this seemingly convenient way to keep extra drinks cold adds 10-25 percent to your electric bill. Turn off kitchen and

fans after they've done their job — these fans can blow out a house-full of heated air if inadvertently · Keep your fireplace damper closed unless a fire

up to 8 percent of your furnace-heated air from going up the chimney.

• Shorten showers. Simply reducing that linger-

ing time by a few minutes can save hundreds of gallons of hot water per month for a family of four. Showers account for two-thirds of your water heating costs. Cutting your showers in half will reduce your water heating costs by 33 percent.

only full loads when using your dishwasher and clothes washer. Use the cold water setting on your clothes washer when you can. Using cold water reduces your washer's energy use by 75

· Be sure to clean your clothes dryer's lint ing automatic drying setting on your dryer if

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· Put your computer and monitor to sleep Most computers come with the power man agement features turned off. On computers using Windows, open your power management sleep if you're away from your machine for five Those who use Macintosh computers look for

the setting in your Control Panels called "Energy Saver" and set it accordingly. When you're done using your computer, turn it off (see next tip). Do not leave it in sleep mode overnight as it is still drawing a small amount of nower.

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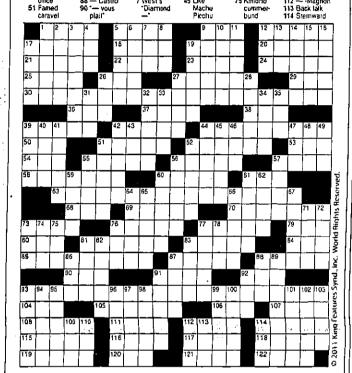
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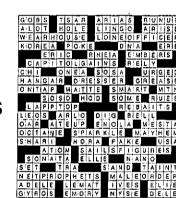
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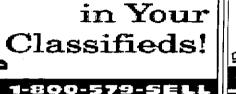
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