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

Consider forming a team. a prize. All of the money raised is used to finance programs which benefit Novi children and families. A new teen center is

schèduled to open June 20. For more information and to register your team, access http:// www.cityofnovi.org/Services/ call (248) 347-0410.

Nielsen speaking at BHM More than 30 million

Americans suffer from chronic stomach disorders such as hearthurn, Several million more live with the devastating impact of Crohos Disease. Health and fitness expert Peter Nielsen has joined forces with the Better Health Market in Novi at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 12 to answer your important questions and ance you need to make your everyday life better.

The free seminar will be held at Better Health Market, 42875 Grand River Avenue Novi: Phone (248) 735-8100 for reservations, or log onto the

'I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change'

The modern-day mating game is interesting and when set to production "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," presented hy Andiamo Novi Theatre and Happenstance Productions March 23-April 10. Performances run Wednesdays-Sundays and The critically-lauded musi

cal, directed by Christina Johnson of Happenstance Productions stars the alf Michigan cast of Jennifer Graham, Aaron T. Moore. Krissy Hardy and Max Bolton exploring the trials and tribulations of being single, dating, marriage, loss and heartbreak,

ourchased at the Andiamo Novi at (248) 348-4448 (theater box office) or 1-800-745-3000 (Ticketmaster) or on-line at www ticketmaster.com. The Andiamo Novi Theatre is located at 42705

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Nine Mile pathway causes disagreement over safety

Residents say location is dangerous for motorists, pedestrians

BY NATHAN MUELLER

The idea behind creating additional sidewalks and pathways in Novi is to improve safety for people walking or riding their bicycles.

But a group of residents feel a pro-posed pathway project on the north side

of Nine Mile between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads does the opposite.
"Our standpoint is (the city) is putting dollars ahead of the safety of citizens and we don't think that is right," said Todd Stowell, a resident who lives on Nine Mile. "It's not the way

it should be in the community, and it

runs counter to what they are trying to

do - and that is provide people with a safe place to walk or bike."

The "dollars" Stowell is referencing is the \$146,200 federal grant the city received, with a \$97,480 match from

the city, to fund the project. Because it's federally funded, the city must Please see PATHWAY, A2

'Our standpoint is (the city) is pulting dollars ahead of the safety of citizens and we don't think that is right. It's not the way it should be in the community, and it runs counter to what they are trying to do - and that is provide people with a safe place to walk or bike."

1000 Stawell. Nine Mile Road resident



JOHN REIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHES

Jeff Kavanaugh gives a farewell push to Ryan, 10, and Lauren Bednar, 9, as they begin their trip down the hill of Novi's Lakeshore Park on Feb. 22. All of Novi's schools were off for a second day,

City Council approves electric car chargers for Novi

Stations to be located near police department, library

STAFF WRITER

Electric and plug-in hybrid vehicle owners will soon have two places in Novi to charge their vehicles. The Novi City Council approved a contract on Monday for the installation of the two stations and entered

The stations are part of the ChargePoint America program sponored by Coulomb. The company is using money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act through the Transportation

Electrification Initiative administered by the Department of Energy to install these stations in nine select regions in into a two-year contract with Coulomb for operation and billing.

PLUG AND PAY

Users of the stations would pay with a credit card or ChargePointe card to initiate the charging session. Charges would include a 50 cents fee to start the session as well as a 7.5 percent session fee. The balance of funds collected would go to the city to offset energy costs:

for some time, and it is really trying to position us to be at the advanced part of the electric vehicle movement," said

City Manager Clay Pearson. "This is hopefully the first of many."

The only cost to the city for the first two years is installation, and that was estimated at \$14.250. Coulomb is waving the cost of its contract for the first wo years, and should the city choose to continue operating the stations it

would cost approximately \$150 per station per year. One of the charging stations will be located at the Novi Public Library and

Fire department to implement long-term plan

Employees recognize they must adapt to changing times

BY NATHAN MUELLER

The Novi Fire Department has had a plethora of success over the years without a longrange plan in place.
While consistently given

high praise from the resi-dents, leaders of the department have acknowledged they must adapt to changing times, and for the first time

in the department's history have taken a look at the next their dedication. three-to-five years to ensure services are enhanced despite

"The most critical part of it is for them to understand that foreseen challenges. Jeff Johnson, director in order to make the plan work they need to be involved in it," he said. "I think we took a of emergency medical services and fire operations, has been with the departreally good look, a critical look and a candid look from all perspectives and we have identi-fied what our priorities are." ment 12 years and called the Fire Department Strategic Planning Process an "all hands on deck" situation and



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PATHWAY

one being that the path must

be 10 feet wide.
There was discussion at a January City Council meeting about changing it to an eightfoot-wide pathway, but the council rejected that proposal because the city would have had to give up the grant money

Council member Andrew Mutch said in an e-mail that "based on all of the potential factors including available right of way, potential costs and safety considerations, a oathway on the north side was recommended over a pathway on the south side of the road." A pathway on the south side of the road also is planned, bu oot in the near future.

He also noted that this segnent has been ranked as the highest priority in the city it connects the I-275 shared use trail - and would not be npleted if city staff or coun-



LOCAL NEWS

City of Novi officials are considering placing a walking path along the north side of Nine Mile, west of Haggerty, along this property. Homeowner worried that it will mean the destruction of a number of large trees.

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"Our city staff takes these concerns seriously and I know that if city staff felt that the design of the path was creat-ing unsafe conditions, they wouldn't have recommended its construction or would have made changes in the design to address those concerns," he wrote, "... We would never turn a blind eye toward a situation that would crease a potential

Laura Barduca, who lives in from Haggerty Road, said her main issue is backing out of her driveway.

have with the project include a lack of communication dur-"It's bad enough trying to back out into Nine Mile Road as it is ing the project's initial stages and the value of the temporary right now," she said. "No one here wants a 10-foot pathway. It's not easements the city must obtain to complete the work. inviting people to walk, it's invit-Mutch agrees that the city ing people to ride their bikes to needs to look at notifying resi get to the 1-275 corridor.

dents sooner for specific proj-ects like this so thoughts and concerns can be shared before the design work is started. Brian Coburn, engineering manager for the city, said the stages and they are working on ways to eliminate as many of the tree impacts as possible and decrease the number of ease ments needed. They also will work with the property owners throughout construction of the pathway, which is scheduled to start in late summer.

najor north-south and eastvest road in the city."

"Some of these roads have

was creating safety hazards for drivers bikers, walkers

would have heard about it."

construction of the pathway will

equire the city to remove some

trees in her front yard that were

planted by her children and

Other issues the residents

this situation is not unique as there are sidewalks and bike paths along "almost every Master plan to guide future projects

more driveways per mile (like Meadowbrook Road) and similar or higher traffic volmes than occur along Nine as it has received the Promoting Mile Road." he wrote, "If thi Active Communities Gold Award four times. It currently

It seemed fitting that as gas prices in metro Detroit approach \$4 per gallon, the city of Novi moved forward with approval of its first non-motorized master plan.

The plan, funded by the

Federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program, looks at the future of non-motorized travel in the including the addition of sidewalks, trails, in-road facilities, road crossings and con-

Norm Cox, president of The Greenway Collaborative, which was the lead designer on the plan, said it is going to be years before the system is complete, but when done will change people travel in the city

whole range of citizens and their preferences as to how they want to bike and walk a noticeable change in the quality of life for residents. The city already has been

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City puts focus on nonmotorized travel

has 225 miles of pedestrian and bicycling facilities with 90

2008-2009 survey they wanted more. The survey, which was completed by more than 200 residents, concluded that

65 percent of the households

Input from the survey as

helped shape the master plan and implementation priorities

they learned that you have to set the big picture before "getting to

the place where you want to be.

There are four key elements.

Mutch, who also chairs the

indicated a need for more walking and biking trails.

Still, residents indicated in a

miles more planned.

"We think you will have a multi-faceted non-motorize look at a document of this size, to recognize it's a vision for system, one that works for the this community that is going to extend out long past any of our time on council," he said. This is going to be a docu-ment that is going to guide the work of city administrations around," he said. "It will make and councils going forward for the next 20-to-25 years."

> of the master plan – facili-ties, policies, design guidelines and outreach and education. Facilities are the physical chang es, policies outlines proposed changes to how city supports the plan, design guidelines show how current best practices may be employed and outreach and education outlines the program that will encourage additional

Cox said the changes indiover 18,000 miles of automobile trips with bicycle or pedes-trian trips every day.

To learn more about the

non-motorized master plan visit www.cityofnovi.org.





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nication studies: Suzanne

video and media studies:

Daniel Heilman, bachelor

Kish, bachelor, sales and business marketing; Michael Kreutzjans, bachelor, finance;

Katelyn Naber, bachelor,

business marketing; Ellen

art, magna cum laude

Central Michigan

University

fall 2010.

Minnesota

Storch, bachelor, music perfor

mance, vocal, cum laude; and

Genevieve VanZandt, bachelor

Novi's Alexander White

was nominated for member-

honor society for high achiev-ing first- and second-year students. He was also selected

Administration Dean's List for

St. Mary's University of

Novi's Regina Barbosa was named to the first semester

2010-11 Dean's List. The list

includes 349 undergraduates

earning a grade point average of 3.60 or better.

for the College of Business

ship to The National Society of Collegiate Scholars, the

electrical engineering; Steven

speech pathology and audiology, magna cum laude; Nicholas Shafer, bachelor, sales and

PLAN

ty/chief of police. "The number one thing that will come of this Through the process, the department looked at its is everyone knows where we are headed." strengths, weaknesses, oppor-tunities and threats, and also developed a mission statement

will be implemented by flipping the organizational chart and There are five strategic prioperating from the bottom up. "I am at the bottom and they orities the employees ide fied — equipment and technolare at the top," he said. "One of the main goals of this is to creogy, organizational culture ommunity outreach, training ate leadership at all levels. We and partnerships — and those have outstanding talent and we need to harness that and course of the next few years. expand on it."

CHARGERS

the other near the Novi Police Department training center on the civic center campus. Charles Boulard, community development director/building

official, said his department has seen "a fair number" of people in Novi who have them installed in their Novi homes, and, only expects the number of electric or plug-in hybrid

on where we need to go with

Molloy also said the process

a combined set of goals and

action items," said David Molloy, director of public safe-

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vehicle users to grow. Boulard said he hopes to have the two stations, which can support at least two vehicles each,

(94-hour care)

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and small repairs

in place some time in May. Users of the stations would ChargePoint card to initiate the charging session. Charges would include a 50 cents fee to start the session as well as a 7.5 percent session fee. The balance of funds collected would go to

Johnson echoed Molloy's statement and said it was

said that while it's a plan that

is going to take place over sev-

eral years, they are going to be ng its success.

down and say 'that is good

enough," he said. "We are

going to keep track of these

The Novi City Council is

expected to approval the plan at an upcoming meeting.

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goals or modify them to ensure

"We can never let our guard

the city to offset energy costs.
"I think this is definitely the way the world is going," said council member Justin Fischer, "I don't think electric vehicles are a fad anymore and this shows we are willing to support these initiatives and

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Tickets are now on sale for 'Gypsy' presented by The Novi Civic Theatre, which opens Friday, March 11. Mama Rose is a wildly determined stage mother trying to make her two young daughters into famous vaude performers. With many hit numbers such as "Everything's Comin' Up Roses' and 'Let Me Entertain You,' the production stars Novi residents Julie Landry and Bruce Markham, and Livonia resident Kelly Buck as the infamous Gypsy Rose Lee.Lauren Sorrentino, Performing Arts Coordinator for the City of Novi is overjoyed to bring this classic to the Novi Civic Theatre Stage. "This play was the first of its kind on Broadway. It was the first musical drama with complex characters and relationships, It is fantastic that we are able to bring this show to our audience." The show is appropriate for those 12 and older. Some content may be inappropriate for those younger than 12. Tickets are \$18/adults, \$15/children and seniors. All seats are reserved. For more information, please call the Novi Parks office at (248) 347-0400.



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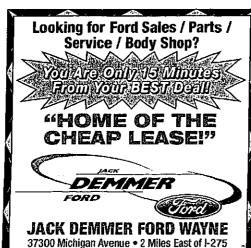
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Hughes; Lauren Kinnamon;

Elissa Raeon; Zachary

Meredith Tarrant: Ger

WMU's fall 2010 gradu-

Elizabeth Zielesch.

includes the following students

Western Michigan

point average during a term,





John Prisby (above left), 9, leaps around Parkview Elementary on March 4 during its Family Fun Fair. The fair featured lots of games for the kids set up all around the school including this sack race event where contestants had to leap a number of squares after a roll of the dice. Lindsy Allmacher, 14, colors the hair of third-grader Kavan Babu (above right). The spray on coloring would easily come out in the shower.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Donations needed for Senior All Night Party

Organizers for the Novi High School Senior All Night Party are hard at work planning for the 2011 event and are requesting donations from parents, businesses and community members to make this year's event the best one yet. The annual Senior All Night. Party, scheduled for June 4 at Novi High School, offers food, activities and prizes. allowing graduating seniors to celebrate in a safe, supervised environment. Checks may be made payable to NHS Senior All Night Party and should be sent to: NHS Senior All Night Party, C/O Dana Nussio, 22041 Shadybrook Drive, Novi, MI 48375. Information may be obtained by contacting Dana Nussio at nussio@earthlink. net or Anne Lewis at alewis13@mm.rr.com.

The SANP Donations Committee is seeking raffle tions to cover the cost of decorations, entertainment and additional raffle prizes. Organizers encourage those planning to make financial contributions to do so as soon as possible so the committee can plan a budget.

Reading month Author and Novi resident Maria Dismondy speaks to an assembly at Deerfield Elementary on March 7 about her newest book 'Juice Box Bully.' Dismondy is part of the schools March is Reading ith initiative and talked about the book's themes about kids working together to deal with bullies in school.

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TIMOTHY W. BARRON

Age 45, passed away February 28, 2011. He was born on October 2 2011. He was born on October 2, 1965, in Detroit, son of the late Carl and Helen Barron. Timothy loved to be outdoors, he was an avid fisherman and hunter. He was also a musician and loved to spend time relation his cuiter. He is related to playing his guitar. He is survived by nis siblings: Patrick Barron, Susa ents. A celebration of Timothy's life will be held in the spring. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Arrangements entrusted to rumps Funeral Home, South Lyon, Online questbook www.phillipsluneral.com

LAVERNE ROSS BUELL

Longlime resident of Highland Township died at the age of 75, March 1.2011. His brother James and his sisters. Florence Hancock, Marilyn Goodrich, and Cherie Thumser, and many nephews and nieces survive him. Preceded in death by his brothers William, Arthur be held March 12, 2011 at SOUTH at 11:00a.m. Arrangements handled by Temrowski Family Funeral Home, Fenton Michigan.

DELLABAUGH

Age 66, passed away March 4, 2011 at his home surrounded by his lov-ing family. He was born on May 4, 1944, in Ann Arbor, son of the late Allond and Josephine Dellabaugh. He is survived by his beloved wife Maria of 33 years; his children: Tim. Theresa, Billy, Pauline, Gary and Roxanne; 8 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and his siblings: Marvin, Elvie, Carolyn, Donna and Janet. Visitation was held on Tuesday, March 8 from 4 - 8 p.m. A Funeral service was held on Wednesday, March 9 at 11:00am at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Dellabaugh family. Online Guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

FLORENCE W. DESHLER

Age 101, of South Lyon, passed away service was held 3/3/2011 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon, Mrs. Deshler was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemelery, Northville.



sibilities for upholstery and later tires. He enjoyed traveling for the company throughout the US, Canada, Mexico, and Europe and even pub-**KATHERINE STRATIS** GRIBBS Age 78, a longtime resident of Northville, passed away peacefully on March 4, 2011. She was born in Detroit on October 24, 1932, daughlished a book about purchasing. H regarded his years as a college ter of Eustratis and Agape (Mighion)
Stratis. Katherine was the First Lady
of the City of Detroil during her former husband Roman S. Gribbs' term
as. Mauor of Detroil (1997) of the City of Detroit during her former husband Roman S. Gribbs term as Mayor of Detroit (1970-73). Katherine had a great love for the city and was particularly passionate about the arts and the Michigan Opera Theatre. Katherine was instrumental in the creation of the Michigan Opera Theatre in 1971. She was also an important calalyst in the creation of cultural rooms at Manoogian Hall. Wayne State University. She was a member of the Antique Automobile university. She was a member of the Founders Society of the Detroit Institute of Arts and Great Books. Katherine had many careers including working as the director of develong the sociation of Michigan, Burr served on several boards and generousty supported many philanthropic causes extensive knowledge of the history of the early automobiles. Burr served on several boards and generously suping working as the director of develported many philanthropic cause opment for Anthony Wayne Society at Wayne State University. While working, she attended University of Detroit and received her Masters of and individuals, with emphasis of the arts and education. He also enjoyed his many years of member-ship with the Klinger Lake Country Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Arts in Psychology. She later became counselor and worked in private Kalamazoo Air Zoo, and his active clinical practice. She is survived by her loving children. Paula (Roman) Rewald-Gribbs of Ann Arbor/Warsaw, role in the Presbyterian churches. He served as Executive Producer on a feature film tiled "Plan B." Burr traveled to many film festivas. He also oland, Carla (Timothy) Brisboisenjoyed world travel, bowling and Gribbs of Rochester, Christopher Gribbs of Virginia, Rebecca (John)
Lawson of California, and Elizabeth
(Gene) Gardella-Gribbs of Novi, her
sister Ann "Becky". O'Hara of Arizona;
her sister-in-law Phylis Stratis of
Minnesota; and 14 grandchildren.

The tree proceeds in early hybra. cherished his family including two daughters. Dr. Judith Joslin-Page She was preceded in death by her She was preceded in dealth by her parents and her brother James Stratis. Visitation will be held Wednesday, March 9 from 4:30pm-7:30 pm and Thursday, March 10 from 1-3pm at Casterline Funeral Home 122 West Dunlap, Northville, and Nancy Jostin Kaleet, sons-in-lay and Nancy Joshin Kaleet, Sons-in-law David Page and Mosa Kaleet, and grandchildren Trevor, Chloe, Calvin, and Caroline. A memorial service will be held at 11 am on Friday, March 11 at the First Presbyterian Church of Church of 2481349-0611. The funeral mass Sturgis. Those wishing to honor Burr Joslin's memory may contribute to the Music Department at the First Presbyterian Church of Sturgis or to The University of Michigan. will be Friday, March 11 at 10:30am, with visitation beginning at 10am at St. James Catholic Church, 46325 Ten Mile, Novi. Donations in her temory are requested to go to the Michigan Opera Theatre in Detroit



MARGARET E. NASH

1940; they spent 50 loving years together until his death in 1990. Mrs.

BURR GREENWOOD JOSLIN

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Michigan with a degree in business, he joined Ford fulltime as a buyer in

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Nash worked as a sales clerk with Northville Electric; then went to work as a bookkeeper at the Atchison Clinic. She was a member of the First LAWRENCE E. JASKOLSKI Age 86, passed away March 7, Clinic She was a member of the First 2011. He was born on October 5. Methodist Church and was active ng. Age 86. passed away March 7. (inic. She was a member of the First passed) and the was born on October 5. Methodist Church and was active with the Methodist Women's Club. Stephen and Rose Jaskolski. He is survived by his beloved wife of years, Helen (McLaughlan); his loving children: Margaret (Kenneth) woodrulf, Tom (Mary), Lawrench 1975, and Joanne (Michael) Fogarty, He is also survived by his grandchildren, Sarah (Aaron) Smith and Rev. Allyson, Christopher (Tera), Christa, Kevin, Michelle, Andrea, Ryan, Jeffrey and his great granddaughter Payton, along with his sister Elleen Payton, along with his sister Rosemary and his brother Raymond. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 9 from 1.00pm at 8.00pm with Rosary at 7.00pm at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon, Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, March 10 at 11.00am at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon, Memorial contributions may be made to Veteran's Administration Hospital (Ann Arbor) c/o Palliative Care or St. Joseph Catholic Church.

SANDRA E. RYAN

72 yrs old. Passed away 3/3/2011 in Fort Mill, SC, preceded in death by her loving husband, John Ryan

JACK A. SMITH

Age 54, passed away March 6, 2011, at his home, in the care of his Burr Greenwood Josiin turned his passion for automobiles into a life long career, an ambilitous hobby, and an engaging social outlet. Born in Detroit on June 24, 1934, he passed away in Novi on March 5, 2011 at the agree of 76. Burr and Elizabeth, his wife a got 76. Burr and Elizabeth, his wife of 50 years who survives him, vere blessed to have family and friends from all over the nation join them last summer to celebrate their milestone anniversary. Burr began his automotive career as a student voicing Freddie the Talking Tractor at the family and friends anniversary. Burr began his automotive career as a student voicing Freddie the Talking Tractor at the family and friends anniversary. Burr began his automotive career as a student voicing in Korea with the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. After graduating from the University of Michigan with a degree in business, to binned for found from the University of Michigan with a degree in business, to binned for found from the University of Michigan with a degree in business, to binned for found from the Conflict. After graduating from the University of Michigan with a degree in business, to be beginned from the University of Michigan with a degree in business, to be found for the family of the foundation of the family of the foundation of the family of

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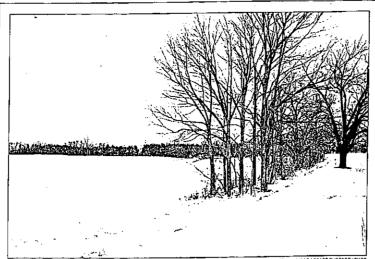
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March at Maybury The early March scene at Maybury State Park: gray skies and fields filled with snow.

NORTHVILLE/NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

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Location: 40700 W IO Mile Road Novi Contact: (248) 427-1175 Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org Mass Schedule

Time/Day: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Reconciliation; beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by

appointment Priests: Father Timothy Hogan, pastor and Father Michael Zuelch, associate pastor Parish Mission - Dare to be Holy Time/Date: 7 p.m. March 13-16; 9 a.m. Monday

Crosspointe Meadows Church Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile

Road Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org. Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m. Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages :

Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience. Destiny Worship Center

Location: Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile Road, Northville Contact: DestinyW3C@Gmail.com or visit www.DW3C.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile

Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dichazarene.org Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church. Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship: 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship

Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:25-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56. Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do

Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m. Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Ephesians. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.newhopecenter Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service Alzheimer's Support Group Time/Date: 10-a.m. second Saturday of month

Faith Community Presbyterian Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit focnorthyille.org Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Celebration of Confirmation class; 10 a.m. March 27 Gospel of Mark class: 7 p.m. Tuesdays, March 8-April 12 Preschool Open House: 9:30-11:30 a.m. March 19 First Baptist Church of Northville Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: (248) 348-1020

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month First Baptist Church of

online at hometownlife.com

Novi-Family Integrated Church Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m.

Rible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month First Presbyterian

Church of Northville Location: 200 E. Main St. Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresnville.org Sunday Worship Time: 9:30, 11 a.m. Single Place

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. every Thursday Location: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E.

Details: Single Place is a social organization for singles 40 and up hosted by the First Preshyterian Church of Northville. Thursday meetings feature speakers, games, or entertainment followed with an ice cream social. Contact: For a detailed schedule of all events (dining out, weekend activities, etc.) call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org.

Single Place Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thurs. March 10 Details: Single Place Once again is pleased to have as our featured speaker, Ms. Sadie Bolos, Sadie is a popular speaker at many corporate world functions and is interesting and fun to listen to. Ice Cream Social will follow.

\$5 donation Time/Date: 7 p.m. March 17 Details: Single Place presents our St. Patrick's Day traditional dinner of corned beef and cabbage. This will e followed by games and a video of the Irish Dancers, Riverdance. Cost of dinner only is \$7; for games only, \$3;

or a total of \$10 for the entire evening. Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. March 24 Details: Place presents our own "car guy", Mr. Matt Lee who will lead a very informative discussion on "Everything you always wanted to know about your car but were afraid to ask". Come fearn what you should do to keep your car operating at it's best. Questions are

welcome, \$5 donation Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. March 31 Details: Single Place Cards & Games Night, This is our popular monthly informal social evening of games, conversation, snacks, flavored leas or coffee, soft drinks.

and ice cream with various toppings. Now that the weather has hopefully gotten belter, get out and join the world again in a safe and friendly environment. \$5 donation Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. April 7 Details: Single Place presents Ms. Jennifer Vogel, who

is a certified personal trainer at Fitness 19 in Livonia. She will be speaking on Finding What Works, exercise and nutrition planning, for each individual person, (One plan does not fit all.) Bring your questions, she has the answers Ice Cream Social will follow, \$5 donation. First United Methodist

Church of Northville A Stephen Ministry Church

Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd. Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org Sunday worship:

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

through Labor Day weekend); 10:15 a.m. Sundays (Sept.-May) Healing Service: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesdays for fourth-12th graders (Sept.-April) Men's Club: 8 a.m. second Saturdays

Contact: Healher J. Wallas, communications director, (248) 349-1144, Ext. 26, or e-mail hwallas@fumcnorthville.oro

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Contact: (248) 349-0565 Sundays Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 am. Asking Questions adult education class Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays

Time/Date: 7:30 n.m.

Details: This traditional-contemporary service is led by Reverend Ritter with musical accompaniment of guitar and Northville Christian Assembly

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

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

7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; ir. and sr. high studen ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on

RELIGION NEWS

Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events. Contact: Rabbi Ayrohhom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcen-

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

Healing Service and Holy Communion Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month Peace Vigit Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month

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rship 10:00 a.m., Monday 7:00 p. . Schroeder, Pastor - 349-056

School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

Location: In front of the church

Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace. Advent Service

Time/Date: 9:45 a.m., Sunday Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

ReNew Life Group Ministries Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday Details: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, heating, learning, change from a Christian perspective.

men's Life Groups Ministries Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every

Wednesday Men's Life Groups Ministries

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Sunday Worship 9:45 n.m. Rev. June M. Smith, Pasto 248-349-2652

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hip 5:15 pm saturday Worship 5:15 pm., nday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m

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

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Livonia Church of Christ

Sunday Worship; 11 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Sermon: Better Than You

Church School: 10-11 a.m.

Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.

Merry Widows Luncheon

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays

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objects of women's lives, such as

Accident takes life of man who protected U.S. presidents

Jeffrey D. Bowman of South Lyon had a sterling career in law enforcemen After four years in the U.S. Army, he served 12 years in was charged with protecting past nine years, he worked for the Department of Homeland the federal marshals dedicated o protecting the passengers on flights out of Detroit. Kristen Calder-Bowman

his wife of 17 years, said he what he does best, protecting

Around 1:40 p.m., Bowman 45, was driving his 2007 Ford Edge eastbound on Eight Mile Road near Beck Road in Northville Township, when a 2007 Jeep Liberty crossed over the center line and struck owman's vehicle. Bowman's 11-year-old daughter, Lexi, was

Kristen believes her husband saw the accident comin and angled the car so his side of the vehicle would take the brunt of the impact, sparing their daughter any scrious

"Jeff was a protector. He always told me he would die protecting someone. He thought it would be in the air fighting off a hijacker," she said, "In the end, he died pro more than anything else, his

STAFF WRITER

Society is always trying to increase its presence in Novi

Novi Public Library for the

Live Well Stay Well Health

of their cancer prevention

Series, the organization hopes to make people more aware

The series, which was slated

to have three parts but the first was canceled because of weath-

er, finally kicks off at 6:30 p.m

the Healthy Living and Healthy

Nicole Abdilla, commu

nity representative for the ACS, will lead the program

and share the organization's guidelines for healthy eating,

physical activity and provide

The evening also will feature

And by partnering with the

The American Cancer



Jeff Bowman (right) with Bill and Hillary Clinton, and his wife, Kristen Calder-Bowman. Jeff Bowman spent 12 years in the Secret Service, and protected three presidents, including Clinton

saved our daughter's life. We are so proud of him. And I m sure he is proud, too."

Bowman's daughter suffered minor injuries, according to friend Patricia Fantanzian who worked with him at the Department of Homeland Security Transportation Security Administration Office of Law Enforcemen Federal Air Marshal Service in

"A bystander was able to vank her out of the car." Fantanzian said. "She is doing great considering what she ha

Library offering program to help

people lead healthy lifestyles

Delayed series sponsored by America Cancer Society

"We met at the beginning of

the year trying to find ways to

the city and show the residents

their money raised at Relay for

Life was being put back into

the community." Abdilla said.

community about action steps

they can take to live healthie

assistant director at the Novi

Public Library, said the part-

nership makes perfect sense,

will bring some people to the

"One thing is we have so

many phenomenal resources

though we think are obvious

said. "We hope this will be the

The library features several

jump start to getting healthy

books on medical health and

general health as well as cook-

Dodgeball has cult following in Detroit

Total Sports in Novi was site of weekend competition

don't know we have," she

and is hopeful the program

library who haven't been.

here that people — even

lives and prevent cancer."

Margi Karp-Opperer,

"This program will educate the

St. Joseph's Hospital, where he The driver of the Jeer

Liberty, a 48-year-old man from Belleville, was transwhere he was treated for nonis irreplaceable," Fantanziai ning injuries. Northville Township police officials said the accident

investigation is ongoing. Fantanzian said Bowman was in charge of scheduling all federal marshals on flights traveled the globe, a job he he served in Washington, D.C.

Karp-Opperer also thinks

the program comes at a perfect

"Hopefully with the sun

shining more and people get

ting out, they are anxious to

resolutions they forgot about

or postponed for the weather,

The final program in the

and is titled Cancer Research

focused on anyone with cancer

or who knows someone with

cancer, and will show people

how to navigate the organiza-

tion's website and learn about

all the cancer-related resourc-

th programs, and can be

done by visiting www.novili-

tion, contact Abdilla at (248)

663-3410.

Registration is preferred for

Network. The program is

series is at 10 a.m. April 4

Bowman was transported to the Secret Service. He protected three presidents: George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. He also served four years in the U.S. Army Reserves. "He was so respected. He

> said. "This is just such a terrible tragedy. "He had some jucredible stories about all the dignitar ies he has protected over the years. He was just such an interesting person. He will be missed," she added. In addition to Lexi, the

about it. In fact, it was Bowmans have one other He did not brag about it, child, 9-year-old daughter Brooke. His wife said he cared

Jeff Bowman with daughters Brooke and Lexi he came from," Kristen said.

about his family above all else. "Number one, he was dedi-Bowman is the son of the late Donald and the late Eller cated to his children. He spen vman; son-in-law of Kath ossible. On the Saturday Calder: brother of Carol (Nick) Schenavar, Donald (Linda), shopping. He was very hands she said, "Jeff would Marguerite "Linda," Dollie Sheryl (Dr. Mark) Pettovello always take the first day of school off and the last day Timothy Murphy and the late of school off. Those were bi James. He is also loved by milestories in our family. He many aunts, uncles, nieces, was very serious about the education of our girls and he 8 p.m. Friday, March 11, at education. The girls know 59255 10 Mile Road, South

that, and will remember that, Bowman was also dedicated to his career, though he often talked about the fact that he dents and other dignitaries. "He was always humble exhausting much of the time

would be appreciated to a trust being formed to benefit

ews and friends.

be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday,

March 12, with visitation

beginning at 9:30 a.m. at

40000 Six Mile Road.

Clubhouse at Fox Run on 13 Mile between M-5 and Meadowbrook Contact: Deloris Roman at (248) 668-8600 for additional information. American Legion Post 19

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sions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.

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Northville & Novi Garden Club

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, March 14

Location; Northville Art House, 215 W.

Details: "Cuttings" by Judy Cornellie

from Telly's Greenhouse; 6:30 social

Contact: www.gardenersnorthville-

novi.org or Fran Gunderson at (248)

West Oakland Democrats Meeting

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 15

Location: Comfort Suites Inn at

Wixom Road and the south side of

Details: Attorney Denise Brogan

Kator, Executive Director of EQUALITY

MICHIGAN, will speak on supporting

gay and lesbian individuals and fami

ies. Meeting is free and open to the

nublic Pizza salad and dessert at 6

Navi Co-op Preschool Open House

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Thursday, March

Location: 41671 West Ten Mile Road

Details: A play-based kindergarten

readiness program for 2- to 5-year-

olds. Bring your family and meet our

leachers, talk to some of the parents

For more information visit www

novipreschool.com or find on

and explore the classroom

Contact: (248) 349-3223

Location: Novi Town Center

Details: Gather round for a fun story

suitable for children of 6 years old

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Event

Details: For kids ages 8-12; celebrate

"Rodrick Rules", in theaters March 25.

Enjoy a trivia contest, games, Wimpy

activities, and more at this special

Kristi Yamaguchi "Dream Big,

Time/Date: 5 p.m. March 30

Little Pig" reading and signing

Details: Kristi Yamaguchi is an ice

skaling Olympic gold medalist and

world champion who knows about

dreaming big. The motto, Always

Dream, serves as Kristi's personal

charitable foundation for children.

This philosophy has contributed to

Kristi's success on and off the ice,

and is one that she aspires to instill

in the hearts of children, Poppy the

inspire readers to believe that thev

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ne/Date: 2 p.m. March 19

the release of the new movie.

Contact: (248) 347 0780

Children's Storytime

Facebook.

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(in the Novi Methodist Church)

for \$7 per person; free for children.

Contact: www.mydems.info

LOCAL EVENTS

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and regional events, see the Novi

Submit: Send calendar submis-

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

Details: Comrades and fellow veterans, please join these monthly meetings; attendance is needed to maintain and grow the Post. Contact: Commander Dennis Strikulis (248) 378-7841 or dstrikulis@ twmi.rr.com or Service Officer Paul --Erickson (248) 344-7193 or pnerick@

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are just the first Tuesdays) Haggerty Road on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www.sunriseNETWORKINGgroup.com), or SNG for short, is a group of about 250

Contact: Fonda Milana 586-232-3009 or (milana@sunrisetinancialgroup))c.

Association - Novi Oaks Charter Chapter Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. (networking);

Location: DoubleTree Hotel in Novi Details: ABWA is an active husiness group offering networking, profes signal development and leadership opportunities. Cost is \$16 which includes dinner and presentation. Guests are welcome! Contact; For more information or to Time/Date; II a.m.-noon every RSVP for dinner, please contact presi-

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Blaire Thibaudeau, 9, right, and Pranati Kongara, 9. (aboye) competi Feb. 24 "Addicted to Games, not complex. For \$10, kids could play al the video, skee ball and basketbal games they could manage in three hours and also had access to its hosted by the Novi Police and Novi from the event went back into game of air hockey against Maddy

speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have fun white building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. friend. Visit www.novi.freetoasthosl

Novi Rotary Club Time/Date: Noon every Thursday Location: Novi Methodist Church. 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting Visitors welcome, Check Web site for speaker information; novirotary.org.:

> Location: Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile, Novi Details: Join for networking and a light breakfast: \$5 payable at door please pre-register. Hosted by the

LIBRARY LINES

Novi Public Library Location: 45255 W. Ten Mile Road Hours: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday: 10-5 Friday-Saturday: 1-5

Contact: For more information, con

Novi Toastmasters Club Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities

Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International Qui diverse group provides a mutually

3rd Annual Novi Chamber Business and Taste Expo Date: Tuesday, March 29 Location: The Baronette Renaissant Hotel, 27790 Novi Rd., Novi Details: Speaker is from 3-4 p.m.; booths open from 4-6 p.m.; \$175 per

Metro Novi BNI Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every Location: On the Border Restaurant.

21091 Haggerty Road (north of Eight Mile), Nov Details: BNI is a structured network ing environment for professionals.

The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine an 'elevator speech.' develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited to attend free of charge, Continental breakfast provided.

tact Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or juliepaquette 67@gmail.com; wwy metronovibni.com.

Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi.

programs. Holly Shuffett, 11, plays a

can develop and refine their public a healthy life style. Registration Booked for Lunch Time/Date: 12-1 p.m. Wednesday, Details: Join your neighbors and bring a lunch for this afternoon book discussion of The Space Between Us

Contact: Linda Kreuter at PR@novi. freetoasthost.us

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday March 16 Details: The duties of the Library Board include planning for the future, making policy decisions, developing and approving the annual budget. and broad operational oversight. The public is always welcome to attend the monthly meetings March Madness Begins @ the Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, March Library!

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday, March 17 Details: Something special for teens in grades 7-12. Keep track of your teams on our gigantic bracket in the NPL Teen Stop, Watch the games

Details: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the Library Register for programs at the Library Contact: (248) 349-0720

Website: www.novilibrary.org Story Times: Please see the Library website or story time brochure for

Story Time with Your Local Authors!

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Thursday, March Details: Celebrate "March is Reading

Month" by listening to some local in part by Community Financial, All Time/Date: 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday, March 14

preparer. This is a free service spon

Time/Date: 7-7:45 p.m. Monday

Details: Each time we meet you will

get a chance to listen to some great

stories and cook up a tasty snack! For

grades K-4. Registration required.

English Conversation Group

Details: Make Iriends while you

Healthy Eating Cooking Night

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday,

Details: Focus your mind on stay-

ing healthy. We will talk about the

for fruits and vegetables, physical

activity, and provide recipes that

available to answer questions. This

make it easy for all of us to sustain

Library Board Meeting

after school and cheer for those

Time/Date: 7-7:30 p.m. Thursday,

Details: Preschoolers, between the

ing creations using our preschool

Introduction to PowerPoint

2007 to create dynamic visual

presentations by selecting suitable

design layouts, inserting text and

images, and using animations to

enhance your slideshow. Prerequisite

Must be confident using a computer

mouse. Registration required.

From A Woman: A Woman's Work

Time/Date: 3-4 p.m. Sunday, March

and proficient with the keyboard and

Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday

building bricks. Registration required

Details: Learn how to use PowerPoint

ages of 3 and 5 Years old - but not yet

kindergarten, join us to build amaz-

underdags.

March 17

March 19

Beginning Builder

taste great. Community guest

American Cancer Society's guideline:

practice your English pronunciation

and conversation skills. No need to

Snack Tales

March 14

clothing, bowls and heading have Details: Registration is required prior gained admiration for their functo receiving assistance. Please regis tional form and artistic design, Selma ter by calling or stop by the first floor Ladenheim's presentation will show Information Desk at the Library, AARP the relationship between these volunteers will be available to assist beautiful "tools" and fine art using with the preparation of taxes for examples from the collections of the those with middle and low incomes Detroit Institute of Arts, Sponsored by the Friends of the Novi Public with special attention given to those aged 60 and older, Appointments Library. usually last for about one hour. Marvelous Magic Time/Date: 7-7:45 p.m. Monday. returns only; more complex return March 21 will be referred to a professional tax Details: Brace yourself for a truly

sored by AARP and the Novi Public

engaging, amazing, and hilarious program. Award-winning actor and magician, Tom Plunkard, will warm your hearts and stretch your cheek muscles with his spell-binding per formance of "It's Magic". Among the many exceptional acts, you will witness a cage full of birds vanish and a volunteer suspended in mid-air. The program is sponsored by Helenea Gramann of Farmers Insurance of Novi. All ages are invited, registratio

Novi Historical Commission

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m Wednesday, March 23 Details: Public is always welcome Meetings discuss angoing and future projects of the Novi Historical

Walled Lake Library Location: 1499 East West Maple Road,

Walled Lake Contact: (248) 624-3772 Mortgage Delinguency, speakers and a fitness expert will be Foreclosure Counseling Time/Date: 5 p.m. March 28 program will provide sound ideas and Details: For anyone having problems making mortgage payments or facing possible foreclosure, Lighthouse of Oakland County is offering free oneon-one mortgage delinguency and foreclosure counseling with HUD-cer tified counselors at the Walled Lake City Library, Please RSVP if you wish

to attend. . E-book seminar Time/Date: 2 p.m. March 16; 7 p.m. March 17; and 2 p.m. Apol 2 Details: A free demonstration of how to access and download e-books from home using your library card. Bestselling titles can be downloaded on to your e-reader and checked out for 14 or 21 days just like a regular just

Bio Bao Book Sale Time/Date: 10 a.m.: 4:30 p.m

Saturday, March 26 and 1-4:30 p.m. Details: Fill a grocery bag with used books for S5.

NIGHTLIFE

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

Contact: (248) 348-3838 Off-Broadway Series Details: Space is limited to approxi mately 200 quests per show March 2-20; "The Godfadda

March 23-April 10: "I Love You You're Perfect, Now Change" April 13-24: Robert Dubac's - "Male Intellect - An Oxymoron?

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The Detroit Dodgeball Cup isn't anything like playground dodgeball and it definitely isn't like the Ben Stiller m Dodgeball. There are no bullies prised of Girl Scout troops or verly-enthusiastic fitness freaks nstead, the Detroit Dodgeball Cup had a bit of everything else

Last Saturday (March 5)

50 teams dodged, jumped, twirled, and hurled around the

Total Sports Complex in Novi

the best dodgehall team in

metro-Detroit in the fourth

annual Detroit Dodgeball Cup.

players from college dodgeball programs, high school students and even adults. "One of the things that has happened is that we have a very high retention rate." Detroit Dodgeball Cu

Organizer Jack Janigan said.

"A lot of the same teams year

after year keep coming back.

with the dodgeball when he

and some friends competed in

Detroit Sports Club. Janigan's squad named Ball Laimbee became a mainstay of the tournaments and other local competitions which followed National Amateur Dodgeball Association (NADA) rules. But about three years of events and qualifiers for NADA championships in Chicago, the Detroit

event moved to the Total Sports

Complex in Novi to accommo-

comprised of Michigan State, Central Michigan, and Grand

date 37 teams including squads

area tournaments fizzled out. 'The problem was there were so many poorly run tourna-ments," Janigan said. "The refs wouldn't even know the rules so people would leave with a bad taste in their mouth about a fun game like dodgeball."
In 2008 Janigan, with the help of some former tourna-

ment organizers, decided to nut together a tournament by drawing on what had worked in the past: lots of games, standard rules. And so the annual Detroit Dodgeball Cup was born. The tournament eventually got so big, Janigan had to find families, Janigan said. bigger facilities. Last year, the

Indiana, Illinois and Canada In the end, Western Springs Dodgeball of Western Springs, Illinois defeated mid-Michigan based team Final Justice to be crowned the 2011 Detroit in the men's division. Final Justice won the 2010 Detroit

Cup because we were looking a for a big tournament that had a lot of talent and would provide a good challenge for us, and we found both," Western Springs Dodgeball player Brett Furlong

The cup was more than just a chance for Western Springs, Final Justice and others to showcase their old school play-ground skills as proceeds from the event benefited inner city

for them," Janigan said.

Valley State college dodgeball This year the event hosted

Online game gives players a chance to eliminate state's deficit Are Gov. Rick Snyder's hudgetary priorities out of whack? Dodgeball Cup. "We traveled to the Detroit Do you think you can do

a better job of balancing Michigan's budget, which car ries a \$1.4 billion-plus deficit? If you answered "yes" to either question, consider playing the Michigan Budget Game — an online simulation in which visitors take their best shot at eliminating the state's general fund deficit.

terformichigan.net and click on the game's logo.

The game, which went live last week; doesn't include all "The other great thing now is budget issues Snyder proposed, other venues are seeing the suc- but players are given the choice cess of the Detroit Dogeball Cup of raising taxes or cutting busiand have been calling me about ness taxes, and must prioritize

unning dodgeball tournaments among big-ticket items like

corrections, public employee

compensation and public entilement programs.
"A lot, but not all, of the governor's budget proposals that have sort of significant finan-

Carol Dal, 8, enjoys reading a book on Joan of Arc at the Novi Library on Feb. 22. All of Novi's schools were

cial implications are in the game," explained Peter Pratt, president of Lansing-based Public Sector Consultants These are hard, and it's always easy to be on the sidelines and say, 'I advocate for this. I advocate for this, But you get to play the whole game," Pratt added.

Pratt's research group assist ed The Center for Michigan, led by former Milford Times owner Phil Power, in developing budget choices in the game. The game doesn't include players to decide which, if any, of Šnyder's proposed business-incentive cuts they would approve or keep.
"The purpose was just to

play the game) a real sense of the choices, the spending cuts and tax-increase possibilities that legislators have to consider." Pratt said. "We also think it might be interesting to see collectively what people said who played the game

and what they would be willing to The game had been played more than 6,700 times as of Monday. Results will be tracked, but not used in any kind of formal study, Pratt said, because they won't represent a random sampling of chiganders.

The idea stemmed from a similar game sponsored by the New York Times in which play ers try to balance the feder oudget. That game can be found interactive/2010/11/13/weekinreview/deficits-graphic.html.



Location: 41875 11 Mile Road. #201. Contact: For more information, call (248) 349-3743 or www.novichamber com.

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Northville-Novi Business Networking Breakfast Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except Nov. and Dec., which Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Details: Business networking focused

to build more business by referring people to each other. Cost of break fast is \$10. little pig achieves her dreams and will

Sun. Water & Seeds 4-H Club American Business Women's Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays Location: Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road, Nov Details: A 4·H youth garden and farm stand where kids learn about plant

science nutrition and entrepreneur ship by raising produce for sale. Contact: sunwaterseeds@omail.com or (248) 956-0029 TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

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Wednesday Location: The group has moved from the Senior Center to the Belmont



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OUR VIEWS

Students unite

Novi, Northville come together to fight cancer this weekend

The Northville/Novi Students Relay for Life will take place from 10 a.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday at the Suburban Collection Showplace (formerly the Rock Financial Showplace), 46100 Grand River Ave. in Novi.

This annual Relay for Life event, like hundreds of others around the nation, is truly an eye-opening experience - one that the participants will always cherish and never forget. It is a 24-hour event, in which the participants camp out in tents and walk around a track to honor those who have been afflicted with cancer. Some of the participants have gone through cancer themselves while many others have lost loved ones to the deadly dis-

But there's one thing that makes this particular even different from every other: It's the only Relay for Life event in the U.S. run by high school students.

The goal, of course, is to raise money to help the American Cancer Society in its efforts to not only find cures for the many forms of cancer but also to bolster its programs that help those already afflicted. Locally, the dunk tank is one of many fun activities at Relay For Life.

"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," said Lia Busse, a member of the Northville/Novi Students Relay for Life Public Relations Committee. "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 goal."

Any group of students from these high schools can form a team and participate in this event. The students sleep overnight and walk the indoor track 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: selling baked goods and treats; children's games; a raffle, selling balloon hats for children and the emo tional survivor's walk around the track.

Raising the money, however, is only half of the story of Relay for Life. It truly is a community event, where people make lifelong friends and are deeply touched by other participants. Nothing brings people together like a common foe. And cancer certainly is an enemy we car

The statistics are really staggering if you think about it. According to the ACS, one of every four deaths in the U.S. is a direct result of cancer. Roughly 569,490 people will die because of cancer this year - that's about 1,500 every day. So, so many people have been touched by cancer — either they have gotten it themselves or someone close to them. Nobody is immune. In fact, the ACS estinates half of all men and one-third of all women in the U.S. will develop cancer during their lifetimes.

This is why Relay for Life has become such an inspirational event all over the country. It gives people a common purpose, and makes them feel like they can fight back. With their help, researchers have begun making strides in the fight, and there are now literally millions of people who have beaten cancer thanks to the advances of science.

If you want to be part of this epic battle — and we recommend that you do get involved — become a warrior in he battle against cancer. You won't be disappointed.

For more information about how to get involved either through sponsorship or volunteering, call (248) 663-3410 or visit www.RelayForLife.org/nnstudentsmi or http://main.acsevents.org.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



The following are excerpts from readers issues, In Your Voices. Find more comments or join he discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

Letters to the Novi News Editor: Satisfied?

So what is Nadine Nichols of Commerce Township saying? That people have been sleeping for eight years, and in a deep coma for at least two?

Letters to the Novi News Editor: Those who have should give more

Can someone give Chuck Tindal the nost office box of former Gov. John Engler and former Gov. Jennifer Granholm, so he can hand deliver their entirely exempt from state income tax ... pension checks! What do you mean he won't bring Engler .. his check? Oh! But he will ride a donkey to Berkeley California, to deliver hers! Heh?

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you buy CDs anymore, or do you mostly access digital music downloads?



"The last CD i bought was Britney Spears' - and I was in first grade. Now it's all digital on my iPod."

"My car actually doesn't have an MP3 jack, so I buy CDs for it and have a whole bunch I listen to there, including Keith Urban. I do use digital downloads to make 'mix'

Callie Wright



"For me. I have my parents' CDs or I go for digital downloads for



"I buy CDs or iTunes gift cards and my friends and I make CD mixes for each other - so we get music Alex Berry that way, a combination.

Alex Resto Novi Hìgh sophomor

LETTERS

Lacrosse Cats deserve better

My son plays lacrosse through the Novi Parks & Recreation. Each year we pay fees for the right to play, and each year they play on a soggy, swampy and embarrassing field. They play in the bottom bowl of Wildlife Woods, behind Deerfield.

This year, the Novi Jacrosse Cats looked to go it alone to see if they could find their own way into a field that is on par with other city's teams. But, the city and the Park District wouldn't give the Lax Cats access to fields if they went it alone They were told that the city would be able to give access to better fields. However, this did not materialize. We are stuck once again with Wildlife Woods. With the winter snows and spring showers, it is a complete mud pit sometimes until mid-May We end up starting out the year practicing in park ing lots as there is no other choice.

While it is difficult for practice, it is simply embarrassing for games. We invite other cities into our swamp and when we look through their

WHAT DO YOU THIRK?

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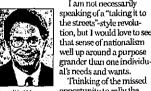
Why is it that we are willing to pay fees for our kids to play lacrosse just the same as for soccer or baseball, yet we cannot have access to the same fields for games? How many baseball diamonds are there in Novi? How many socces fields? So if my son does not play baseball or soccer, it is just too bad?

I know it is not as popular as some other spots, but aren't the parents of the lacrosse Cats paying property taxes just like everyone else? If there are enough kids to warrant a team, doesn't it deserve the same level of support as any other sport - or, let use go it alone and give us reasonable access. At least give us access to better fields for games. We can do better than Wildlife

The nobility of purpose and purity of selflessness - a revolution coming?

atching Tunisian and Egyptian citizens revolt these past few weeks, demanding and forcing change, got vitality - that shared vision, common agenda and sense of purpose akin to what is pouring from the Middle East now?

Might there be another 1776 in us all? change, and if so, what kind of change? speaking of a "taking it to the streets"-style revolu-tion, but I would love to see



opportunity to rally the country after 9/11, it seems we have failed to come together around a common purpose. Having stepped up to the plate, at best we have swung and missed, remaining "Red" v

"Blue" States of America. The best we could do after 9/11 was encourage Americans to "go shopping" while we, based on faulty intelligence, some claim or lies, invaded Iraq — a country that had nothing to do with the attack on the U.S.

Obama's 2008 presidential election electrified America's youth around the 'Yes We Can" theme which collided with the econom ic meltdown, even as an out-of-control Wall Street, on display for all the world to see, brought the world to its economic knees.

Those times produced a few great country songs that captured American anger, but little else — John Rich's Shutting Down Detroit http://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=GoIXxFSq7og and Toby Keith's Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue (Angry American) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ Courtesy_of_the_Red,_White,_%26_Blue_

GUEST COLUMN

on Wall Street who made millions taking our country down, skip off with hard-work-ing Americans' tax dollars and millions in even as 14 million Americans remain out of

The current 9.4-percent national unem playment rule rises to 17 percent when you take into account those working part time and those without work for so long they havé given up looking, remain: job growth is likely to remain stagmant until 2017, before the hope of the eight million jobs lost since 2007 are replaced.

UNEMPLOYMENT UP, AVERAGE JOE'S WEALTH PLUMMETS

Property values continue to plummet while corporate profits and bonuses on Wall Street are once again taking off and set-

exceeds \$1.3 trillion dollars. For every dollar our government spends, we borrow 40 cents Detroit, Michigan's largest city and school district, teeters on the precipice of bankrupt-cy even as multiple municipalities and school districts, scattered throughout our state and

Many economists believe the bank, auto and other stimulus spending benefited the national economy; however, "it could have been worse" does NOT make for a national

rallying cry. We witnessed the potential for a second American Revolution with a "mad as hell and not gonna take it any more" moment that morphed instead into the Tea Party, with a resulting weak tea - not much mon than the standard conservative Republican rhetoric on steroids. Their simple "cut our way to prosperity" plan is not any better than

pent to-date propped up the past, protected the status quo, and was not an investment to creating a brighter future.

In light of Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder's

new austerity budget, we are reminded the If "we" get the benefit it is good and if "they" While China continues to save and inves

in massive infrastructure projects -- airports, scaports, bullet trains, roads, and bridges - they are also creating Wi-Fi networks, and new educational systems, work while, our country disinvests in projects that have the potential to once again make us competitive on this new world stage.

WHERE IS THE OUTRAGE?

crisis facing Michigan and America could be transfigured into a collective nobility of purpose and purity of selflessness - for this is what we need.

Pressure is building in our cities, states and nation with the potential to blow at any moment. Steam escaped through the exhila-ration of the Obama election, the Tea Party movement, a slight economic reprieve and the 2010 political party elections reversal. But Americans won't be fooled again. Like retreat of a Isunami out to sea, the force of a sea drange is building and could come

The next two years will be a pivotal turning point for Michigan and America.

If the "Angry American" does not see some relief soon, "taking it to the streets" might

Tom Watkins is an award-winning writer and international education business consultant. He served as Michigan's state superintendent of schools 2001-05 and president and CEO of the economic council of Palm Beach County, Fla. 1996 to 2001. He can be reached at

Unlicensed driver caught with Novi police arrested a man at 11:55 p.m. on March 6 for driving while license not

valid and possession of marijuana after he was stopped for swerving and rolling through a red light at Beck Road and 1-96. According to the report, when the offi-cer approached the vehicle he could smell marijuana coming from inside as well as intoxicating beverages. The man passed field sobriety tests and

was found to not be intoxicated, but a search of the vehicle turned up three partially hurnt marijuana cigarettes under the driver's seat.

He was arrested for not having a valid license and possession of marijuana and transported to the Novi Police

The suspect was issued a citation on both charges and released after posting

Spoiler snatched from car

2 A Novi resident had his yellow and black "NASCAR-like" spoiler stolen off his car while it was parked overnight on March 5 in the parking lot of the South Lake Condos.

The victim said the spoiler was unbolted and removed from the car and there were partial footprints in the snow near the vehicle. He said two days before the incident a teenage male made a comment to him about the spoiler while he was at a local hardware store, and believes he may have been the person

The value of the spoiler is \$500, and police have no suspects at this time.

Tires stolen off new vehicle

3A Novi resident had the tires and rims olen off his company vehicle, a 2011 Lincoln MKT overnight on March 6 while t was parked in the car port on Woodland According to the report, the unknown

suspects removed the light in the car port and used a floor jack to raise the vehicle and remove the tires.

There was no evidence to process and police have no suspects at this time.

Wallets taken from locker room

4 Two men had their wallets taken from the lockers while they were working out around 4:15 p.m. on March 7 at Bally Total Fitness

The victims came to the gym together and when they returned to their lockers.

There was no evidence to process, and be victims already had cancelled their

He failed field sobriety tests and a precredit cards. liminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .12 percent. The legal Suspect vandalizes garage door **5**An unknown suspect caused \$500 worth of damage to a garage door at a home on Midway Drive on March 7. limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .OB

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

11 Mile Rd.

City

of Novi

12 Mile Rd.

son is staying there alone.

no answer and will try again

Police non drunk driver

6A 61-year-old man was arrested at 10:33 p.m. on March 2 for drunk driv-

Mile and Novi roads observed his vehicle

during the traffic stop, he could smell an

odor of intoxicants coming from inside.

The man said he was coming from a

admitted to drinking.

swerving in its lane several times.
When the officer approached the car

The man was arrested and issued a cita-The homeowner said their door was fine tion for operating while intoxicated. He when he last looked at it, but when he left was released when sober. Gate smashed at Turnberry Estates He told police around 1 a.m. he say

7 The exit gate at Turnberry Estates on Turnberry and Eight Mile Road was three juveniles walking down the street with paint cans toward a car parked in damaged around 2:54 a.m. on Feb. 28 front of another home on Midway. He said after an unknown driver slammed into it the homeowners are out of town and their with their car. The president of the homeowner's Police went to that home, but there was association said the extent of the damage is unknown but said it will cost approxi-

mately \$25,000 to fix.

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He also said the person who ran into the gate did damage to their vehicle, and he was able to recover a side mirror at the ing after an officer in the area of Fourteen The man also reviewed the video foot-

age from the incident, noting a Ford Focus was responsible. He also is reviewing the information to obtain a license plate num-

Police have no suspects at this time. - Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller ties like the Civilian Pistol

Novi Fire Department promotes 13-year veteran Fire Protection Officer Philip Duczyminski to the "Training Officer

leadership position of train-ing officer for the Novi Fire Department

Duczyminski began his career as a paid-on-call firefighter for the City of Dearborn Heights and as a part time firefighter for the City of Ecorse. He was hired full-time with the City of Nov Fire Department in 1997. He is a member of MI-TF1 is a certified Fire Inspector. Currently, Duczyminski serves as a hazardous mate rials specialist with the Western Wayne County

Mutual Aid Association, while

working towards his bach-elor's of fire science degree from Columbia Southern



Duczyminski has demonstrated strong skills and to continued

growth. It is my honor to omote him to this key posi tion within our organization, said Navi's Director of Public Safety David E. Mollov, "We him as a member of our team; his dedication to the mission, vision, and values of the organization are commendable. have every confidence he will embrace his responsibilities as a training officer and look forward to working with him

Police department offering civilian pistol safety class

Department will host a civil-ian pistol safety class from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March This course fulfills both the classroom and shooting Michigan Concealed Pistol License (CPL).

The CPL class will be held at the Novi Police Department Training Center, located at 45125 W. Ten Mile Road. After lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the

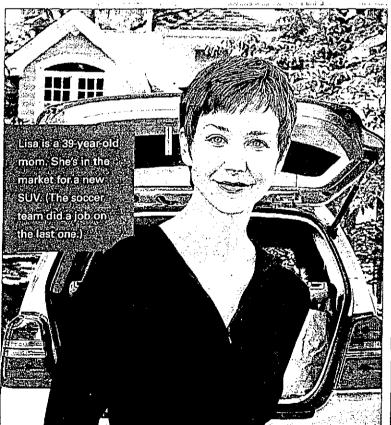
2010, the CPL course conresponse today. According / Chief of Police David E.

Safety Class strengthen the partnership between the community and the Novi Police Department."

years old and can register online at cityofnovi org or pick up a registraion form at the Novi Police Department. The course costs \$200 and can be paid with cash or money order. All participants are subject

Class size is limited. Students must bring their training. Initially offered in July own equipment, including a personal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition safety glasses, and shooter's earmuffs or ear plugs.

visit cityofnovi.org of con-tact Sergeant Michael Warren at mwarren@cityof novi.org or (248) 347-0572.



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Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment appearances for the Board of Review win meet for the purpose of nearing and considering assessment appearances before the Board will be by appointment only. If you or your representative want to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 11, 2011. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office or at www.cityofnovi.org NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

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Monday, March 14, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2011 - 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. . Wednesday, March 16, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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The Providence Health Foundation 2011 Friends' Ball will be held at 6 p.m. on April 2 at the Garden Atrium, Southfield Town Center. Sister Xavier 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.

Proceeds from the event 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 sur-rounding communities of Providence Hospital and Medical Center in Southfield and Providence Park Hospital in Novi

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Business to host art show

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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 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

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l'ipping Point is now accepting submission of 10 minute plays for its Sandbox Play Festival. The spirit behind the festival is to encourage and increase exposure for Michigan theatre artists Tipping Point will also be

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• Full contact information (name, full address, phone number and or e-mail)
• Two copies of your script(s).

Submissions must be emailed or postmarked no later than April 30: submitted pages will not be returned.
Mail to Tipping Point Theatre, Sandbox Play Festival, 361 E. Cady Street, Northville, MI 48167; or e-mail Word or pdf attachments to james@tippingpointtheatre.com

Playwrights or plays that have specific ties to Michigan

Tickets are on sale now for the Detroit Handbell Ensemble's April 10 concert at 4 p.m. at Meadowbrook

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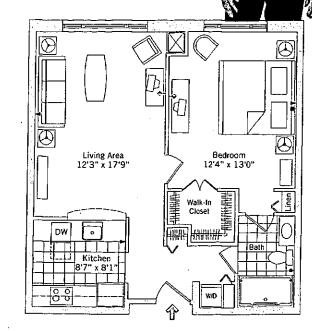
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Novi defeats CC icers in triple overtime

Stunning 4-3 victory marks Wildcats' debut in Division I

BY CHRIS JACKETT

The crowd got its money's worth last Wednesday as Novi's hockey team battled to a triple-overtime regional semifinal victory against host and two-time defending Division state champion Detroit Catholic Central.

Senior Michael Kruse put an end to the seemingly endless 4-3 contest at Compuware Arena n Plymouth with a goal 5:17 into the third over

"We're very excited," Novi coach Todd Krygier said afterward. "It was kind of an odd man rush. Joey (Ferriss) went up the middle and Taylor (Howell) gave it to Kruse."

With Ferriss crashing the center and drawing both CC defenders, the senior captain dropped a pass back to his right side, where Howell slid the puck over to Kruse for a redirection from the left circle after more than 66 minutes of

play.

"Someone had to lose this game and, unfortunately, it was our turn," CC coach Todd Johnson

Although the contest was between two of the final 32 teams alive in the Division I state tour-nament, it pit the top two ranked teams against one another with No. 1 CC (16-9-1, No. 2 overall) and No. 2 Novi (21-5-1, No. 3 overall) hitting the

ice. This is Novi's first season in Division I, hav-ing played in Division II the past 13 years. "We're a hockey hotbed here," Johnson said. "Our guys played hard, their guys played hard. That's why it's a great tournament. There's a lot of emotions. We had a lot of emotions Monday

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Novi boys cagers win KLAA championship

Laney's return spurs Wildcats past Plymouth, Stevenson, Pinckney

With the missing piece eturned to their puzzle, Novi's boys basketball team's season is back on track.

With senior Rob Laney back in the lineup, the Wildcats (18-3) powered through to a KLAA crown last Thursday, lefeating Lakes Conference champion Pinckney (15-5) in : 58-49 contest.

Laney, who had 12 points, six rebounds and six assists against the Pirates, had nissed a month of action before returning for the asso

The 'Cats are 10-0 with Laney in the lineup and 7-3 without him, including two osses to Livonia Stevenso

14-7). Novi defeated Plymouth in overtime of a conference venson for the Kensingto Conference championship during the first two games with Laney back in the lineup

"Rob does so many things for us that are visible to all observing, but also gives the rest of the guys a little extra bounce and confidence," Nov oach Cory Heitsch said. When you have someone

that can make others around him better and can score in multiple areas of the floor you become a dangerous offensiv

With Laney - averaging 13.4 points, 6.2 rebounds, 4.7 assists per game - back on the court, opposing defenses have one more problem to worry

Seniors Samer Ozeir, Chris Milon and Brian Bush have been a formidable force all season, but talented squads had figured out ways to limit a three-pronged Wildcat attack. With Laney's ability on the court, the opposition is left scattered attempting to stop the offensive glass, Rob and Sam both can do it all, Brian all four weapons.



Novi's Brady Sheldon during their March 3 game.

The Wildcats' boys basketball team (18-3) was scheduled to play in a district semifinal last night against Canton (15-5). A victory would put them in a district championship 7 p.m. tomorrow in Novi.

"With our full complement of players, we are very tough to handle for the opposition, Heitsch said. "In all levels of basketball, you are really a tough cover when you've got three guys consistently scor-ing in or near doubles. What is special about our group is we have five guys that have that capability, when you the mix. What is also nice is how the skill sets balance each other out. Milon is a killer on in the first quarter last week, falling behind 13-8 and 27-24 Ozeir dropped in 20 points, grabbed 12 rebounds and had four blocks, while his fellow forward, Milon, notched 11 oints, 14 rebounds and seven

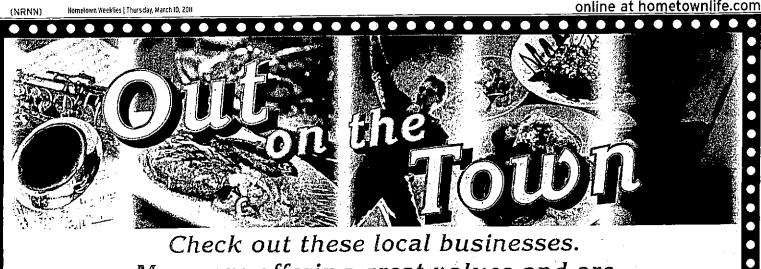
stretches the floor and then

Brady is just a great athlete.

The Pirates struggled

against the Wildcats' squad

blocks. "Sam and Chris have really made a philosophical switch for us this year on the defen side." Heitsch said, "Last year, they jumped at everything and tried to block shots, but would weaken us on the defensive boards because we their length, we are just asking them to wall up, and their block totals are both up, many times without even leaving the



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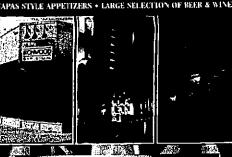
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early on. Canton led 8-5 after one quarter and 18-10 at the half. But a 10-0 third-quarter run where Nov couldn't find the bottom of the basket spread the gap to 28-10 and the Wildcats would not recover despite a

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Novi's lady cagers close

season on 1-4 streak

BY CHRIS JACKETT

HOCKEY

beating Brighton. There's a lot of pride in that

The triple-overtime contest was two days removed from CC's 3-2 double-overtime victory over No. 7 Brighton (12-10-3, No. 17 overall). "I don't think there was fatigue," Johnson said. "This is a lot different style of the game

Novi has more weapons."

The Wildcats' weapons struck first with a rip by senior Ryan Cordes from the right-side blue line off a Jon Mencer faceoff win and Zach Mohr drop pass. The goal, scored with 3:19 left in the first period, gave Novi a 1-0 lead that stood until there was four minutes left in the

During a four-on-three power play, Novi senior netminder Michael Pesendorfer made a pad save on a slap shot by CC junior Nolan Gluchowski, but senior Ryan Keller was on his doorstep to put the rebound in the back of the

net to tie the game. After outshooting the Shamrocks 5-3 in the first period, Novi was on the back end of a 15-14

shot difference after two periods.
"Michael played fantastic," Krygier said of Pesendorfer. "It was a career game for him. It was the best game of is high school career." The final period of regulation featured three

After Novi took a tripping penalty and then a too-many-men-on-the-ice penalty 55 seconds later, the Wildcats killed off 1:05 of five-onthree play before CC senior Mitchell Gatt gave the Shamrocks their only lead of the game 4:04 into the third period with a power play slap shot from the right-side blue line.

"We just played a little bit undisciplined." Krygier said of the penalties. "We haven't been in this situation in our program either." Novi answered back 1:32 later when Howell

put a top-shelf shot into the left corner from the left circle to notch a 2-2 tie. Just 38 seconds later, Mohr channeled his inner Alex Ovechkin as he skated up the right boards and deked inward across the crease with a defender on his back. Mohr was able to slide the puck into the left side of the goal past CC

taken off his feet. When CC junior Tyler Van Norman took a hooking penalty with 3:34 left in regulation, the Wildcats seemed to have a trip to the regional championship secure, but the Shantrocks pulled Pankow for a six-on-five advantage with 1:10 remaining and it paid off.

senior netminder Connor Pankow before he was

Keller took the puck along the left boards and behind Novi's net before dumping it into the center. With 5.6 seconds left in regulation the centering pass ricocheted off the back of All-State Novi senior defender Nolan Valleau's skate at the top of the crease and between the legs of Pesendorfer to tie the game 3-3 and send

"We were elated," Johnson said. "I'm not a believer that the momentum carries over.

Krygier said not scoring during the final

regulation power play wasn't a problem for Novi, but the Wildcats had to maintain a strong

"Its fine because we had 3:34 left in the game and we had a power play. We could allow them to kill our power play, but we had to play good defense and we did a nice job there. We just had it go off our defender's skate," Krygier said. "We didn't lose the game. They worked hard. We had to stay focused and continue to work hard."

Not deterred by the late goal, the Wildcats controlled the first two overtime periods, outshooting the Shamrocks 7-3 with help from three tripping penalties against CC, but could not get the puck past Pankow

"I thought he was fantastic," Johnson said of Pankow. "Unfortunately, we took three penal-

You're Invited...

No. 2 Novi (21-5-1, No. 3 overall) is the highest ranked team remaining in the Division I state playoffs. The Wildcats were scheduled to take on the No. 11 Clarkston Wolves (16-10-1, No. 27 overall) at Perani Arena in Flint last night. Novi defeated Clarkston 2-0 Nov. 20 and Wildcat coach Todd Krygier's brother, Bryan, is the Wolves' veteran head coach of the past 15 years. Their dad is also on Bryan's coaching staff. "We played each other during the regular season. We didn't play well, but we won that game 2-0," Todd Krygier said. "He's been in the state semifinals before. I know he's going to have something to give his team a chance.

"I don't feel like I'm competing against my dad and brother, It's the players, we're not playing. We've got a great relationship. Its not personal." The winner of last night's contest will face either No. 9 Lake Orion (20-7-1, No. 22 overall) or No. 25 St. Clair Shores (14-10-3, No. 62) 6 p.m. tomorrow at

Compuware Arena in Plymouth The winner of that contest will play No. 5 Orchard Lake St. Mary's (17-10-0, No. 13 overall), No. 10 Livonia Churchill (15-10-2, No. 24), No. 18 East Kentwood (18-8-1, No. 50) or No. 20 Grandville (17-9-1, No. 53) 6 p.m. Saturday for the state title.

"We can't get ahead of ourselves," Todd Krygier said, "I've pretty much got on top of our guys that our opponents are nameless and faceless."

ties in the second and third overtimes and your goalkeeper has to be the best penalty killer, and

Dehydration and exhaustion began to affect both teams in the third overtime as they traded three shots apiece before Kruse knocked home

That was just an unbelievable hockey game. Our guys worked and worked. CC worked and worked, Krygier said. "As a program, we believed. Our program is only 13 years old."

MAINTAINING PANK

The memorable contest last week ended CC's bid for a state title three-peat and pit Novi against No. 3 Howell (21-5-0, No. 9 overall), who was the runner up to CC the past two years nd already had two victories over the Wildcats within the past month.

The Highlanders, who defeated Novi 5-1 Feb. 10 at the Public School Showcase and 4-3 Feb. 19 in the KLAA title game, were coming off a 8-0 stomping of No. 38 Jackson (10-12-2, No. 120 overall) in their regional semifinal. "Our strategy is to get rehydrated and rested,"

Krygier said after the CC contest. After that, the strategy for the high-scoring Wildcats was to focus on defense. With 20 es from Pesendorfer, Novi still managed 33 shots in a 3-0 victory over Howell Saturday at

Compuware Arena.

"We went in with a more defensive strategy. We played more efficient and smarter," Krygier said. "We made some pretty big adjustments for our team and they paid off."

Junior Kent Burnett got the game-winning goal early in the opening period to help the 'Cats advance to the state quarterfinals with the program's first-ever Division I regional cham-

"We scored in the middle of the first and carried that lead into the third," Krygier said. "Their defense snuck up on us in the center zon and our center passed it off to him on the left. He took a shot and got his own rebound."

Novi held the lead until junior Curtis Herzog added a buffer midway through the third period, and Ferriss added an empty netter to put the final score at 3-0.

beyond the arc. "Part of it was our game plan, but still there have been times this season where we cially against physically ath-letic teams," Kelp said.

Things went a bit smoothe for Novî in a March 2 district semifinal against Plymouth. A 14-3 run in the opening quarter would be the difference maker in a 52-42 victory.

Perfect legacy

"Even when we switched to

man-to-man defense, Canton

was real patient with the ball.

Novi shot 8-for-21 (38.1

percent) on the night while committing 13 turnovers to go

with four assists. Canton shot

14-for-29 (48.3 percent) with

"Too many turnovers," Kelp

eight assists and five turn-

said. "In the first half, three

turnovers after defensive rebounds lead to seven Canton

points. We take care of the ball and maybe its only a one or

The Wildcats couldn't get

their offense rolling, as junior

Armiak (three points), who is regularly counted on as the

team's top defender, was the

only Novi player to take more than three shots - five from

Ally D'Annibale led the way with five points and three

rebounds. Senior Alyssa

two point game at half."

They just don't take bad shots,

"(It was) sloppy at times," Kelp said. The 'Cats of Wayne County came back with a 17-9 second quarter to bring the score to 23-20 at the break, but Novi distanced themselves with a 14-7 third quarter before both teams scored 15 in the final

Senior Joanna Beaton led all corers with 21 points (6-for 16 shooting) and a team-high ight rebounds.

"When she gets space, she is ough to stop," Kelp said. Freshman Kerri McMahan dded 16 points, D'Annibale had a respectable four-point, five-rebound night and Armiak had eight rebounds and five assists to go with three points.

"Kerri and Alyssa are our leaders on the court. Ally could have been a starter all year, but we really liked her coming off the bench becaus she can provide a spark with her scoring," Kelp said.

The team shot 17-for-50 (34 percent), compared to nouth's 11-for-44 (25 percent), as the two groups of Wildcats combined for 47

hree-point attempts. The performance ended the high school careers for seniors Armiak, Beaton, Maddy Sinkovich, Meaghan Robinson



Sarah Schmitt's 16-under team of the Legacy Volleyball Club, located in Rochester, went a perfect 15-0 to win

the Asics Midwest Power League. There were teams from Michigan, Ohio and Indiana participating. Pictured (f to r, back) are Coach Schmitt; Cassidy Schoof (Birmingham Marian); Emily Popp (Clarkston); Lynsie Giroux

(Hartland): Erin Neuenfeldt (Birmingham Seaholm): Leab Refenes (Westland Lutheran): Kacey Sheldon (Novi):

front) Carrie Subject (Novi): Klana Brown (Lake Orion): Rachel Livingway (Lake Orion); and Alexa Caporuscio

A Canton Chief puts up a shot against Novi on Friday night

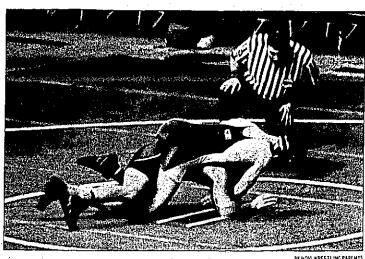


Wildcats Joanna Beaton and Ally D'Annibale go after a rebound with a couple of Canton Chiefs during friday night's playoff game.

and Megan Henry.
"I think this team accomplished more than most people thought they would and I'm very proud of them," Kelp said. ways sad to see the seniors leave because you watch them grow up and they become part of your life, thus you feel very protective of them."

With the graduating Wildcats, the lady cagers will count on McMahan, D'Annibale and Antolec to mprove on this season's strong

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Novi senior David Sparling (top) competes with Battle Creek Lakeview's Mike Farrington at the March 5 state finals. Sparling lost the match by pin fall at the 4:45 mark and would finish eighth in the 189-pound weight

Novi's Sparling finishes eighth in weight class

Pair of Wildcat wrestlers earn All-State honors

online at hometownlife.com

Novi senior David Sparling made the most of his trip to last weekend's meet at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Competing in the 189oound weight class, Sparling ost his opening match last Thursday in a tough con-test against Lake Orion's Mitch Ladd, who won by en route to finishing sixth

Sparling wouldn't fall too far behind in the rankings, however, as he fought back with a pair of wins over Howell's Jimmy Dobson and Southgate Andersou's Devon The Wildcat pinned

Dobson 2:37 into the match before defeating Bronson by a LO decision.

That would be Sparling's last victory of the season, however, as he was pinned 4:45 into a match against Battle Creek Lakeview's

Mike Farrington, who fin-Both Sparling and Caverly earned All-State honors.
"We as a coaching staff

Battling for seventh place are very proud of these two Saturday, Sparling dropped a 7-5 decision to Grand young men's performance this year." Novi coach Dan Jilg said. "Because of thei finish with a 47-14 record disciplined practices and both saw very successful class during his senior campaign.
Novi senior Chris Caverly will be missed next year.

was the only other Wildeat to earn a trip to the individ With nine seniors graduating, and a smaller junior ual state meet, but he didn't class of six wrestlers, the 17 nave the same luck Sparling freshmen will be counted on Competing in the 145o step up next season and pound weight class, Caverly "We as a team are very

pened up with a 13-2 excited for next year's sealoss by majority decision against Monroe's Denver McLaughlin. son," Jilg said. "A lot of underclassmen gained very Caverly's second match valuable varsity wrestling experience this year. With was closer, but he dropped a 5-0 decision to Clinton an offseason of weight lifting and summer wrestling. Township's Brad Hughes, ending his shite tournament experience and his season; " these guys have a shot of accomplishing what David and Chris accomplished this vhich wrapped up with a

Hughes would defeat McLaughlin 4-3 Saturday in Chris Jackett is a freelance writer the seventh-place match. and former Novi News staff writer

Novi Youth Baseball registration

The upcoming youth baseball season holds the romise of both excitement and confusion. Parents headed out to buy their Little Leaguer a new bat will have new rules to follow when it comes to finding the right bat, with many still fuzzy as to what is

The Little League International Board of Directors -- along with youth leagues, which include the Babe Ruth League and the American Legion Baseball League - decided to ban composseball bats due to potential safety concerns. To add to the confusion, not all youth leagues have

"Many leagues are banning composite bats because they are concerned about the safety of the kids," said Ian Somerville of Play It Again Sports Novi. "We are advising parents to check with their league to confirm bat materials, bat barrel diameter, and ounce drop- the difference between the length of the bat in inches, and the weight of the bat

sweet spot, which allows the ball to travel faster and farther, in turn allowing for higher scoring games, which is exciting for players and parents. However, since the bats make the baseballs travel faster, fielding players are given less reaction time and are at a higher risk of injury.

NOVI SPORTS BRIEFS

The Novi Youth Baseball League has opened up online registration through April 15 at www.noviyouthbaseball.org. Visit for more information and to register your child for the 2011 summer season. Any estions, contact Rob Reilly at rreilly14@yahoo.

Confusion caused by regulation changes in Little League bats

able and what might be denied.

Composite bats have thinner walls and a larger

and allowed for competition. Aluminum, alloy, and wood bats along with bats with composite material in the handles are not affected by the ban.

Hoops for Hope

The 10 metro Detroit-area Play It Again Sports locations -- including Novi's on Novi Road just north of Ten Mile Road -- are proud sponsors of the Children's Leukemia Foundation (CLF) of the Mark the Children's Leukemia Foundation (CLF) of Michigan's Hoops for Hope Campaign for March 2011. To participate in the campaign, patrons need only to donate at participating Play It Again Sports.

Already in progress and running through March, sponsors will accept \$1 donations to the CLF of

Those who donated will be asked to write their name on a paper hoop to be displayed in the store until the end of the month.

Every dollar donated to the Hoops for Hope

Campaign goes directly to the CLF of Michigan so they can continue to provide support to the more than 4,500 Michigan families who are affected by leukemia, lymphoma and other blood-related

The CLF of Michigan offers \$1,000 per year to Michigan families to help cover the cost of treatments, prescriptions, travel and head coverings for patients. They are also an assistance and support network for families, with call centers and a comnity resource by hosting meetings and retreats where families can share their challenges and expe

riences in a compassionate environment. All Michigan residents – both children and adults - who are diagnosed with leukemia, non Hodgkin's lymphoma, multiple myeloma and other malignant blood, lymphatic system and bone vices of the CLF of Michigan, CLF of Michigan is partnered with the Karmanos Cancer Institute and the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center in providing aid to families.

NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

All three relay teams have also

ombinations of the five qualify

ing individuals, plus senior Matt

Tryouts for the Novi High School boys cross country team

wili be Aug. 10-12. Coach Robert

the high school team last fall and

who is interested in trying out to

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the end of March.

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BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

Novi's diving team was scheduled to compete in a regional two lays ago at Ann Arbor Huron. If any Wildcats qualify, they will join six of their swimmer te nates tomorrow and Saturday at Oakland University for the Division I state meet.

Swimmers who have already secured their place in the state meet as individuals include seniors Joon Chung, Travis Vincent juniors Jongmin Kim, Eugene

AAU GIRLS BASKETBALL Song and sophomore Andrew Ao. qualified, which consist of various

Tryouts for the Novi Motion take place Wednesday at the Novi adows fifth-grade house. Players in the 13U-14U age bracket will practice from 6:30-8 p.m. and the 15U-16U bracket from 8-9:30 p.m. Cost to tryout is \$20 per player and a parent or guardian must be present for paperwork. Contact Ron Valente at rvalente@citvofnovi.org for more

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36-19 record.

Wildcat Scott Kempa falls to the floor with a host of Pinckney Pirates - after a loose balt - as the teams meet on

BOYS FROM PAGE B1

floor."

Bush also dropped in a trio of très to finish with

nine points.
With that sort of offensive onslaught, Pinckney couldn't get back into the game, as Novi outscored the Pirates 31-25 in the second half to claim the association title as they headed into Monday's district quar-

tion title as they headed into Monday's district quarterfinal against Plymouth, who was looking to end
Novi's season by winning the rubber match between
the two groups of Wildcats.

"At Pinckney we were careless with the ball and that
is something that we need to shore up quickly because
our district is really, really tough," Heitsch said.

Novi used a 23-9 first quarter Monday to power
through to a 78-58 win over Plymouth in the season
tichreaker.

Ozeir led the team with 18 points, followed by Milos and junior Scott Kempa with 12 apiece, and Laney adding 11 points and seven assists.

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Novi's Samer Ozier blocks a shot by Pinckney's Matt O'Beirne during their March 3 KLAA championship game. Novi won the game 58-49.





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Velvet Peanut Butter spreads to 500 grocery stores

Family that revived Livonia brand never wants it to disappear from shelves again

reduce the amount of pea

ounces. That goes against

his company's values. And

of the company's annual

10 cases of peanut butter

nut butter in the jar from 18

pledges to give 10 percent

rofits to charitable efforts.

Last summer, Velvet donated

BY KAREN SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Like many in Metro grew up eating Velvet Peanut

Then the company was sold in 1985 and after a series of acquisitions, the brand disap peared off store shelves.

"I thought that was criminal," said Eric, 44, adding that local brands are part of

So Eric bought the recipe and the rights to the Velvet label and found a manufacturer in Georgia to make it. His wife Kīm took it to the senior buver at Hiller's

Market, Larry Krispin. Hiller's bought 1,300 jars. their entire inventory, and the peanut butter sold out in two ceks. That was in 2009

Today, Velvet Peanut Butter is available in more than 500 Michigan grocery stores, including Kroger, Meijer, Hiller's, Spartan and Busch's. The business is doing well hired his brother Jason, 41. who lives in Livonia, as director of operations. Jason is overseeing the expansion and distribution of Velvet Peanut

EMOTIONAL CONNECTION

Eric, who has a master's degree in business administration from Eastern Michigan University and works in Atlanta in marketing for an ABC affiliate, said he expected the brand to do well, but he didn't expect the emotional connection people would have with it.

"Their grandma or their mom would serve it to them. of Velvet Peanut Butter, with its trademark boys, "Fresh," Pure" and "Delicious.

Eric's favorite part of the business is getting e-mails from customers who are glad the product is available again. Velvet Peanut Butter takes

me back to the late '60s when I rode with my mother in the car to pick my dad up from work," wrote a customer from Rochester. "As we would

NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

Big Lots (NYSE:BIG), the nation's largest

broadline closeout retailer, continues to grow with its newest location set to open in West

Oaks II at 43480 West Oaks Drive, Novi. The

grand opening celebration begins on Friday, March 18 at 9 a.m. with a ribbon cutting

ceremony and donation of \$2,500 made to

Every Big Lots is specially designed so customers can easily find the brand-name

products on their shopping list. The new Nov

sells for 20 to 40 percent less than discount

retailers. At 19,300 square feet, customers

from everyday consumables, seasonal goods

home decor, electronics, toys, and one-time closcouts other stores just can't match. Big

Lots also offers great values on a full assort-

"At Big Lots, our easy-to-shop stores and unbelievable deals have been big hits with

customers for more than forty years and we

concept to a new group of shoppers," said Rob Claxton, senior vice president of marketing for Big Lots. "We encourage Novi residents

to think Big Lots when it comes to deciding

values we offer on the products they want and

This is one of 90 stores the retailer is open-

Michigan Arbot Day Alliance announced

that ITC Holdings is stepping up to contrib-ute \$10,000 to support its "Go Green Youth

The "Go Green Youth Challenge" will

engage Michigan youth in environmental

know they will love this new store and the

where to spend their hard earned mor

ITC supports 'Go Green Youth

ing in 2011.

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Challenge' initiative

are thrilled to bring that same successful

nent of brand-name furniture and Serta mat-

will find thousands of products available

stores and up to 70 percent below traditional

Big Lots will stock merchandise that typically

Parkview Elementary School.

Novi Big Lots celebrates opening



Jason Bruce of Livonia is the new director of operations for Velvet Peanul Butter, which is available in both smooth and crunchy. He said the feedback from customers at Busch's Market in Livonia, where this photo was taken, and other stores has all been positive. "When I'm stocking the stores, I get a lot of, 'Oh I remember that as a kid!" he said. normally get lunch for free at

approach the Velvet Peanut Butter facility (on Schoolcraft Road), mom would say, OK, roll the window down!' and I would crank the window down and inhale the wonderful aroma of roasting pea-

Wrote a customer from Center Line whose grandparents served him Velvet peanut butter sandwiches every weekend for lunch, "It has brought back memories of simpler times and family long gone and I will be a customer as long as you make it."

Some of the e-mails come with suggestions of how to cat it - like with oatmeal or

The Bruce boys, who grew up in Garden City, prefer Velvet Peanut Butter on white

That's how they ate it in their school lunches - Eric with grape jelly, Jason just plain — and that's how they

"When you bite into it, it actually feels like you're tast ing a peanut, and that's the thing I like about it," Jason

Their kids love it. Eric's daughter, Emily, 4, screams for peanut butter as soon as she sees the jar. Jason's son, Benjamin, 9, won't let any one he knows have any branc to Lighthouse of Oakland other than Velvet in their kitchen cupboard, "From the County to help feed kids from get-go, he's been my No. 1

supporter," Eric said. Velvet Peanut Butter was started in 1937 in Detroit by an Eastern Market truck driver who saw used peanut butter making equipment advertised for sale. The boys on the jar were drawn in the likeness of his son.

Eric's goal is to preserve the Velvet brand so it never disappears from store shelves again, and for Velvet to me the No. I peanut but-

He's got a long ways to go Velvet is just starting to be sold in other states - but he's unwilling to take any short-

stewardship, community development and

service-learning through a statewide effort to plant trees in Michigan. Children, pre-K

through 12th grade, are challenged to col-

club, through April 1. The coins collected will

directly fund community tree plantings.

The team that raises the most for the "Go

Green Youth Challenge," will be awarded a

April 29 at Potter Park Zoo in Lansing.

For more information or to sign up fo

the "Go Green Youth Challenge," contact

Michigan Arbor Day Alliance at gogreeny

The 2011 Masquerade Ball, hosted by the

Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association, will be

from 8 p.m.-1 p.m. Friday, March 25 at the

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ABWA Masquerade Ball

tree planting in their community and an invitation to the State Arbor Day Celebration on

Kim, Emily, Dominick and Eric Bruce hope Yelvet Peanut Butter sales grow to can make running the company his full-time job. Eric grew up in Garden City.

The company now has five part-time employees, includng Eric's wife, Kim Jason also works as rink

manager and a Zamboni driver for the Livonia Hockey Eric and Kim moved to Atlanta in 1999 because of

Eric's job, but they want to move back to the Detroit area to be near both their families. Eric and Jason's parents Dominic and Claudia Bruce

Velvet company to a point and return to Michigan to

run the company full-time. He said being in Georgia, where peanuts are grown, put him in contact with the right people to help him revive the vet brand and start manufacturing it.

Now he hopes the brand he brought back to Michigan brings him back here as well.

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Red Cross: Be prepared for a power outage

important any time of year, but espe-cially in colder weather. The American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Chapter offers these tips on preparing

for a power outage.

To help preserve your good, keep the following supplies in your home:

Styrofoam coolers work well ·lee - Surrounding your food with ice in a cooler or in the refrigerator will keep food colder for a longer period of time during a prolonged power

eter - With these thermometers you can quickly check the internal temperatures of food to ensure they are cold enough to use safely.

The American Red Cross recommends you put together an emergency preparedness kit with these supplies in case of a prolonged or widespread power outage.

·Water - one gallon per person, per day (three-day supply for evacuation two-weekly supply for home). Food — nonperishable, easy-to-prepare items (three-day supply for

evacuation, two-week supply for •Flashlight — Do not use candles during a power outage due to the

extreme risk of fire. *Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if pos-

·Extra batteries. ·First aid kit

·Medications (seven-day supply) and medical items.

·Multipurpose tool. ·Sanitation and personal hygiene

·Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, deed/lease to home, birth certificates, insurance policies). ·Cell phone with chargers. ·Family and emergency contact

·Extra cash If someone in your home is deper dent on electric-powered, life-sustain ing equipment, remember to include backup power in your evacuation plan

 Keep a noncordless telephone in your home. It is likely to work even when the power is out. •Keep your car's gas tank full.

FOOD SAFETY

Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. First use

An unopened refrigerator will keep

foods cold for about four hours.

Then use food from the freezer. full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours (24 hours if it is halffull) if the door remains closed. Use your nonperishable foods and staples after using food from the

refrigerator and freezer. If it looks like the power outage will continue beyond a day, prepare a cooler with ice for your freezer items. Keep food in a dry, cool spot and

keep it covered at all times.

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

electrical equipment, including sensitive electronies.

Turn off or disconnect any appliances (like stoves), equipment or electronics you were using when the powe went out. When power comes back on surges or spikes can damage equip-

Leave one light turned on so you'll know when the power comes back on. Eliminate unnecessary travel, especially by car. Traffic lights will be out

SAFE GENERATOR USE

When using a portable generator connect the equipment you want to power directly to the outlets on the generator. Do not connect a portable generator to a home's electrical sys-

If you are considering getting a generator, get advice from a profes-sional, such as an electrician. Make sure that the generator you buy is rated for the power that you think you

will need.
Additional information on power outage safety can be found on the org, including what to do when power es back on. Throwing out unsafe food and avoiding carbon monoxide dangers are both key.

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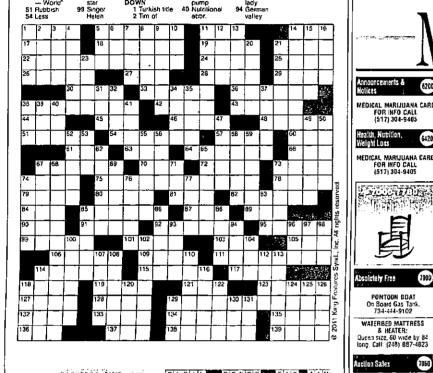
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While Facebook can sometimes seem like a way to simply post a few photos or let your friends know about your birthday -- there are ways it can come in handy in your professional .career. Facebook lets job seekers tap an informal network of friends or friends of friends who can be instrumental in creating success. "The collection of friends you have through Facebook are the ones most likely to have your back," says Jenny Foss, a job search expert who blogs at JobJenny.com. With so many different options, Facebook is a good place to start if you're job hunting or just seeking to network.

Here's what to do to get started:

Customize your avatar

In an online search, your avatar is typically the first thing a potential employer sees on Facebook. So if you're in job search mode, it's important to have a professional avatar that can help you get hired. "You can create a custom avatar that includes your contact

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information and that you are in the job market," says Jessica Miller-Merrell, chief executive of Xceptional HR. Additionally, while your profile should be kept private, include an e-mail address and job history in the visible information so recruiters can reach out to you directly.

Use your status

Find a good way to let your Facebook friends vou're looking. For example, refer them to your own site, which showcases samples of your work and a résumé, or ask them to drop you an e-mail if they know of a lead. Being specific about what type of job or company you're looking for can make it easier for people to help, Foss says. Throughout your job search use your status to update your friends on how it's going. Don't inundate friends with every little detail and make each status conversational and optimistic. "Keep it genuine, make it real," Foss says. "But don't come across as the

person alive."

Take out a Facebook ad

When Marian Schembari graduated from college and wanted to land a publishing iob, she took out an ad on Facebook to target publishing houses. The ad showed up for Facebook users who listed

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and HarperCollins as their employer. Once they clicked on the ad, users were referred to her personal website that contained her résumé. A person

from each of the publishers e-mailed that he or she passed on her résumé to HR or wanted to meet, she recalls.

After placing her ad, others in the industry wrote about Schembari's pursuits and she was able to get her foot into the publishing world. "Facebook was the easiest and fastest way to network with a huge number of publishing people at once," she says. "It was like a networking event on steroids with an added bonus of never needing to leave my house or get out of my pajamas."

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a Facebook presence these days, clicking the "like" page will signal that you're says. Additionally, it's a company news, which can help during an interview. Additionally, "some right on their [Facebook] pages," she says. Keep it real

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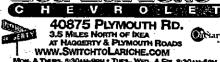
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