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Suspected invaders captured

Home crime spree halted

By Greg Migliore NEWS STAFF WRITER

It was a pretty simple crime

spree.
The suspect entered through the

and for the moment it's over.

Two men police said are responsible for four Novi home invasions over a five-night period earlier this month were arrested and arraigned last week.

last week. Mario Herrera

was charged with four coulds of flist-

receiving and



concealing stolen property and possession of marijuana. Jacob DeBoard was charged with one count of receiving and concealing stolen

property.

The 22-year-olds, who share an apartment in Novi, pleaded not

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Golf clubs and electronic equipment were the most common items stolen. Though Herrera and DeBoard were the only two suspects charged in the mini-crime wave, police believe they had an unwitting accomplice: naive homeowners who left doors

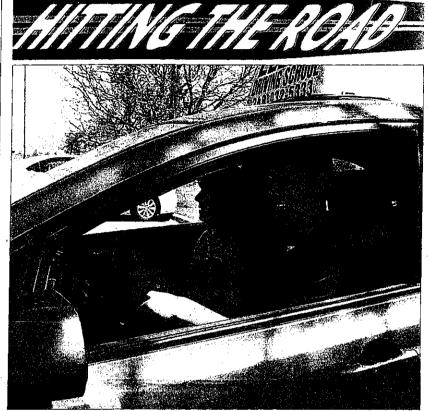
enlocked at night.
"I believe it was a crime of opportunity for them," Novi Police Chief David Molloy said.

The crimes took place on the southwest side of the city, police said. They traced the stolen golf clubs to a local sporting goods store and then tracked down Herrera and DeBoard using infor-

mution from the store manager.
"You kind of have to work backwards a little," said Officer Amanda Kulikowski, who located

Marsha Kosmatka, DeBoard's court-appointed attorney, said she did not have information on the case and could not comment. No lawyer was listed for Herrera as of Tuesday morning. Home invasions tend to spike as

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Lee Driving School pupil Steven Bills, 15, takes off with instructor Sheryl Alpern riding shotgun during a

Parents and students: Buckle up!

By Renee Gates NEWS STAFF WRITER

Lee Alpern has been teaching Novi stu-

Lee Alpern has been teaching Novi students how to drive since 1968.

The Lee Driving School owner said driver's education students are pretty much the same today as they were 10 years ago, even with the new system.

This month marks the 10-year anniversary of state's graduated licensing system—a driver's education program much different than the days where a couple of

ferent than the days where a couple of road hours and a 16th birthday meant a

license.

Throughout the last decade, Michigan's driver education program has evolved to

Michigan Graduated 10 Year Anniversary Driyer Licensing System

become more consistent and better able to prepare a new generation of young drivers, according to the Michigan Secretary of

State.
The system is similar to graduated dri-. ver's programs across the country

The new system

Northville elementary school teacher Jeff Lightfoot taught summer driver's edu-cation courses for 15 years at Northville High School. He said the graduated driver licensing

system course is a much better program

for parents and students. "Parents have to understand, driver's training is the beginning of the process of learning to drive, not the end all," Lightfoot

He said the graduated system

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The Novi Community School District board of education elec-

School board election and bond vote

The NOV community screen pistics during a education reference in Is Tuesday. May 8.

Five candidates are on the ballot for two four-year terms ending in 2011. Those candidates are school board incumbent David Brown, George Kortlandt, Bobbie Murphy, Craig Parker and Karl Two candidates are running for one two-year term ending in 2009; foard trustee Jeff Nielson and write in candidate Marcy

Next week: Novi News candidate endorsements.



FRIDAY

The Skating Club of Novi pres ents "Ice Revue 2007: Fantasy" this weekend at the Novi ice Arena, 42400 Arena Drive. Show times are 7 p.m. today and 1 and 7 p.m. tomorrow. Tickets are \$7. For more information, call (248) 347-1010.

SATURDAY

The City of Novi Arbor Day-recognition event will take place from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 28, at the Community Sports Park shelter, at the corner of Eight Mile and Napier roads. More than 300 trees will require planting, and the city asks for residents' help. Participants will receive a free seedling, and food, beverages and orizes will be offered. Bring a shovel and gloves, and head out and

SUNDAY

The Michigan International

Spring Classic Car Show & Auction comes to the Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 rinancial singuiates, 461 (or Grand River Ave., beginning 3 p.m. Friday and ending 6 p.m. today. The cost is \$10 or \$15 for a weekend pass. Parking is \$5. For more information, call (734) 547-2400 or visit www.rmauctions.com

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MY BUSINESS

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Twelve Oaks reveals 22 new stores

Construction work continues. opening aims for September

By Greg Migliore

Twelve Oaks Mall officials revealed 22 stores that will be part of the shopping center's new wing

Retailers hawking Armani clothes, Skechers shoes, Lucky Brand jeans and Oakley sunglasses will headline the expansion, which will also include a two-story Nordstrom department store. Macy's is also adding on 60,000

square feet to its existing store. In total, the renovations will tack on 322,000 square feet to the mall, increasing it to about 1.5 million square feet. The expansion started early last

year and is expected to wrap up in September. It will have about 30 new stores. Mall officials expect to announce another round of nev

retailers later this year.

"Obviously, we try and have a wide variety of stores to meet all our customers' needs," said Peggy Hayes, Twelve Oaks marketing director. "We're such a strong regional center, a lot of people want to be here. We'll be stronger than

The expansion of the Novi land-mark is also creating jobs for the local economy at a time when they're sorely needed, Hayes noted. New stores in the mall plan to hire 825 permanent and 275 seasonal workers. The construction work also

"That's kind of a positive statement in Michigan's economy,"

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The stores pump fresh blood into the 30-year-old mall, a critical move that comes as some shopping cen-ters are struggling to stay on top of



Work goes on outside the new Nordstrom department store at Twelve Oaks Mall last week. The shopping center is increasing to about 1.5 million square feet.

"Many malls have the same department stores, if you can bring Other new retailers include in small specialty retailers that aren't in every mall across the state, aren't in every mall across the state, across the country — you're ahead of the game," said Tom Scott, vice president of public affairs and com-footwear. Love 21, an accessories arm of Forever 21; and Clarks, which sells



stores are expected to open in Sentember

Tweive Oaks expands

WHAT: Novi mail adds 22 new retailers, including Nordstrom, Armani, Oakley and Lucky Brand WHEN: Expansion opens in September

UP NEXT: About eight more stores will be unveiled later this



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Instructor Sheryl Alpern directs driver's education student Steven Bills at Lee Driving School. Steven is the third member of the Bills family to

Tips for parents

1) Parents should visit the Secretary of State and pick up two booklets: Michigan's Graduated Oriver Licensing: A guide for parents and Road Skills Test Study Guide. By reading both quides parents will be better able to support their child's success

completing the driver's education program

2) Learn along with students – Some of what the child is ning in driver's education might not be what you, the parent is doing when driving. It is important for parents to support what the teacher is telling students to learn. Parents should use this opportunity to review driving laws and practices along with their

3) Practice makes periect - When students have completed segment 1 and have their segment 1 license, parents should continue taking them on 20-30 minute driving sessions in low impact areas, two to three times a week. Students will learn. technique better with long stretches of driving two to three times a week versus brief five to six minutes driving lessons. Try to incorporate the longer segments and at the end of six months, they will have met the 50 hours required to apply for Segment 2:

4) Not so tast - Have students train on the streets rather than the freeway, there is not enough of a challenge to freeway driv ing. Take them driving around someplace they are familiar like their neighborhood. But also expose them to a wide range of situations that are appropriate for their experience level.

Parents and students: Buckle up

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actually, "forces parents to look at actually, "forces patterns to being the needs of the students to being better drivers, not the minimal amount they can do to get them

driving."
Lightfoot said the biggest influ-ence on student drivers is their par-

"They are the role models to how their kids will drive," he said, "Many parents misunderstand the purpose of driver's education. They feel when their child graduates they should be ready to drive," Lightfoot said. "It's mainly to give students the tools to start driving."

The biggest change in the graduated system compared to

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licensing requirements of the past includes the addition of two seperate segments of good too," Alpera said, "There are bad ones today and bad In order to progress from a seg-

then and the ones today are

Results of the program

The program is continuing to

evolve but is affecting third-

party schools that teach students

to drive. The state is requiring all driving schools to become certified to teach driver's educa-

But fewer public schools are

take driver's education in the

ment 1 driver to a segment 2 driv er in the graduated system, par-ents or their representatives must supervise their child's driving a minimum of 30 hours, plus 10 hours driving at night throughout a six-month period. That aspect of the system gives parents more confidence

in knowing their children are ready to progress in the licens-ing process, said Kelly Cheseney, Michigan Secretary

of State spokeswoman. If parents feel their children children are ready.

Even after a student moves to a segment 2 license, if they are not being responsible, parents can make a request at the Secretary of State to restrict it to a segment 1.

"Kids were good drivers

Savings

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■ Home crime spree halted

the weather warms, and this year has been no different in Novi, First-degree home invasion is a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison—but police said an even better deterrent is locking doors and

Novi also offers free inspections to home and business owners to help safeguard against home invasions and breaking and entering.

can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 103 or gmigliorc@gannett.com.

IN THE SERVICE

Air Force Airman Megan L. Ridley has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Sun

Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs ization, and military customs and courtexies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training cam

complete basic training earn credits toward an associate nunity College of the

She is the daughter of Frank Riddey of Novi and granddaughter of Electa Oswald of Bay City, Riddey in a 2003 graduate of Novi High



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Charity will tackle two local projects on Saturday

By Greg Migliore

Well-manieured homes and leafy subdivisions abound in Novi — and a non-profit chari-ty, Rebuilding Together, is try-

ing to keep it that way.

The group revitalizes area homes for seniors and low-income families. This Saturday. Rebuilding Together will tackle 31 projects with 1,500 volunteers in Oakland County, including fixing up two homes

"The main issue is to help homeowners stay in their home and make sure they're safe and confortable," said Rick Bloomfield, treasurer of the

national volunteer organization stay a great place to live, based in Washington. It refurbished 8,900 buildings last year.
Locally, volunteers have refurbished the Cass Community

dent and six-year volunteer.

About 100 people will work
on the Novi homes, mostly Center in Detroit, as well as a coming from Holy Family and historical building in Highland

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up 31 homes in Oakland County, including two in

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WHO: Rebuilding Together, a national volunteer organization
WHAT: Volunteers will fix

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Novi residents. One project will involve installing a ramp and widening a doorway to help mobility, as well as making Volunteers will also help

group's Oakland County driveway and help out with yard work.
"It's a great way to help Novi

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The group is making extenhelping to spearhead the effort

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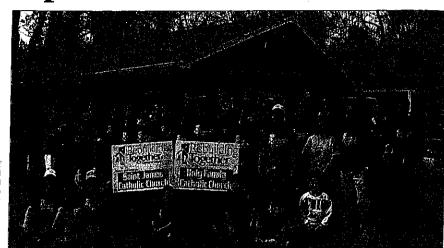
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Most of the projects will be finished Saturday, although some volunteers will do follow-up.

Ultimately, the group hopes able to work all year long, writer for the Novi News, He can be reached at (248) 349-100 can be reach

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Coming to Novi: Songs we love to sing

Long-time choral group prepares for annual concert

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By Victoria Mitchell

Margaret Shaul enjoys a good

And for the last 18 years she has been lending her voice to the Novi Choralaires, sharing her love of song with the communi-

On Saturday, May 12, Shaul will be part of the 36-member ommunity chorus performing is spring concert, which is open the public. Titled "Encore!: Songs We

Remember, Songs We Love to Sing, Songs We'd Like to Hear One More Time," the concert will take place 7:30 p.m. at Novi

"It is music that will be famil-iar to everyone," Shaul said. "I think we have a familiar reper-Song selections for the spring

concert include "That's Amore" and "What a Wonderful World." Concert organizers said the concert will also feature a med-ley of Irish tunes including "Toura, Loura, Loura," "When Irish Eyes are Smiling" and "My Wild Irish Rose" and a medley of songs by Richard Rodgers, songs and nearly 45 Broadway

7:30pm Saturday, May 12 Novi High School Auditorium 24062 Taft Boad

Novi Choralaires

"We really all like it. For the most part, we're hooked on singing together."

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Second Vice President of The Novi

rehearsing for the concert in

the group focuses on their annu- and stay with it for a long time," al spring event, including memo-rizing all performance pieces. Shaul said, "We really all like it. For the most part, we're hooked "Someone once said it is the equivalent of memorizing 'War

and Peace." Shaul said.

of them have been part of the attend the event, planned annual-

Road in Wixorn. The site will be

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tributor of babies' and children's

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For the most part, we're hooked on singing together."

Other features of the choral event will include accompaniment by a flutist and a slide show, providing a multi-media experience, organizers said.

Members of The Novi Choralaires perform popular favorites during a recent Christmas concert. The group is now

preparing for its annual spring fete. Photographed from front to back rows are Gall LeVan (left), Chris Haywood, Becky Staab, Lynn Meisel (left), Jessie Faist, Pat Brown, Karl Miller (left), Dale Darkowski, Jennifer Toye, Patty

Jylkka, Jim Ingles (left), Noel Brown, Gil Shultz, Dana Rossiter and Shirley Brady.

"It is a good chance to hear an accomplished group in a nice setting," she said.

An afterglow will take place immediately following the con-cert featuring light refreshments. Tickets are available at The Shaul urges area residents to

Specialist consultant.

Fox Reprot Novi

Amy Cockfield has been

appointed office manager/house

hold coordinator for Fox Run's

nator at Fox Run and also held

positions at the community's sister campus, Henry Ford Village in

Forestry Department and the

ly to coincide with Mother's Day Novi Senior Center. Tickets will also be available at the door. "I always look forward to put-

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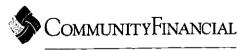
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May 14

By Greg Migliore NEWS STAFF WRITER

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City officials J a that \$34

changes. The ould be adopted by May 14.

At least five of the seven council ing, as legislators grapple with members must approve the budget Michigan's economic crisis. Novi

■ Budget talks heat up, plan could pass

Budget talks spending 4.6 percent. Much of the cash would go to more funding for neighborhood roads, retiree benefit costs and fire station improvements. City Manager Clay Pearson said.

"This year's budget is balanced and fiscally conservative," he said. The police and fire departments will likely get about half of Novi's budget, as public safety is usually one of the top expenses for cities. But some of the eash for the

police department could prove to be a sticking point with council members. The proposed budget includes spending \$725,300 to build an indoor gun range for the police department using federal drug for-Pearson said the range is a need-ed training tool for police officers, but some council members have

questioned the facility's long-term impact on city finances.

The city is also considering how to cope with decreases in state fundexpects to get about \$3.5 million from the state this year. The city's

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Proposed Budget

• Spends \$34 million Novi's biggest expense: public safety, which gets about half of city expendi-

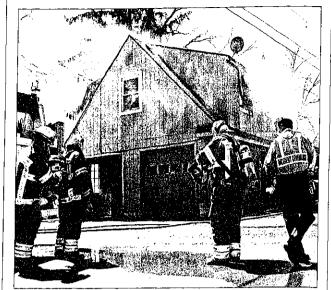
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taxes, which total \$16.8 for next

feiture money — a plan that was sunk by council last December. proposed budget is I don't think that it really takes into concern the current economic conditions and eco-nomic climate of the state," council member Andrew Mutch said at a special, budget meeting last week, "In looking at the budget in that context, I have great concern."

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■ Greater Novi Chamber celebrates first year with game show theme

By Victoria Mitchell

Joan Schroeder is confident attending the Greater Novi Chamber's one-year anniversary party will be a big deal. And the Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce board member is so sure, she is willing to put her money on the line and step on stage as the infa-mous banker in a mock version of a popular, prime-time game

Schroeder and other members of the more-than-one-hundred member chamber of commerce are hosting "It's A Big Deal!" party Tuesday, celebrating the organization's one year anniver-sary with a "Deal or No Deal"

"We will have a couple hours of hors d'oenvres and network-ing followed by the game show at 8 p.m.," Schroeder said. One lucky Novi banker will be chosen to fill the coveted role on stage for the game show por-

tion of the night. "We thought it would be a great idea to have a banker be the banker," she said.

cash prize through her employ-er, Huntington Bank, so the banker may be her.

should be a spectacular night."
Event organizers said the party is open to the public.
Andiamo and the Dirty Martini Lounge will be offering food and a special cocktail called the GNCC, featuring Finlandia

major event sponsor.
Tickets are \$40 per person or \$75 per couple and include food and a chance to make it on stage se banker," she said.

Schroeder said she donated a to participate in the game show.

"It is really exciting." really

show contestants, walking away with a suitcase holding any-"It has been phenomenal. she said. "We are up over 100

where from \$150-\$2,000.

"We're just so excited to have this happen," Schroeder said. "It members now.
"I've never seen a chambe that focuses so much on net-working. That is the theory behind every function, to grow your business."

The Greater Novi Chamber of

Commerce is one of two business organizations in Novi. The Novi Chamber of Commerce also serves the com-

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Victoria Mitchell can be Schroeder said.

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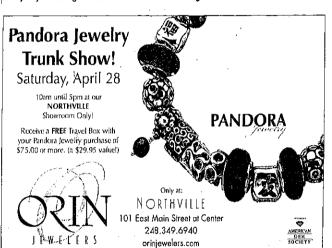
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Ground breaking

State and local officials and members of the business community gathered Monday for the ITC Holdings Corp. ground breaking ceremony in Novi. The new headquarters located on Haggerty Road will house the growing company, Including 230 employees. The facility will be located on 83 acres near the Quaker Station and will house a 188,000 square-foot main office complex, parking structure and control room. ITC Holdings Corp. is in the business of electricity transmission infracture improvements as a means to improve electric reliability, reduce congestion and lower the overall cost of delivered energy. ITC was founded in 2003 with 38 employ-ees and has grown to almost 230 employees currently. The company owns the majority of Michigan's Lower Peninsula's electric grid.





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District braces for state slashes

could hit \$800K

By Renee Gates

Community School District and school districts across the state, according to a letter sent to super-

intendents this the office of the state

tricts if noth-

ing changes in the Michigan between now and May I, to brace resolve the school funding crifor cuts from their June, July and

from \$34 to \$125 loss per student, which would equal a loss

Funding cuts Community Schools assistant superintendent for husiness and finance. "We had hoped when we began

this budget process that some of these variables would be known SPECIAL WRITER
by now, and the big one is the proration because that could affect us
Tuesday could mark a devastating financial blow to the Novi
School Board at the April meet-

The district is on a timeline to month from deficit of \$5.9 million.

"We want to put together a budget that is accurate," said Novi In the letter.

Dion. "I think that by following our timeline and trying to wait as udget direction told discontrolled discontro better for us.

But Dion did express disap-pointment over how long it is taking state legislatures to

"We aren't any closer to a reso-lution from the state budget than we were two months ago," he said. "It's very disappointing to me," Board president Carol Elfring between \$210,000 to \$800,000 between \$200,000 from the 2006-07 school year budget, said Gail Credit, Novi Gow. Jennifer Granholm, indi-

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cating their thoughts on the pos sible proration that would affect the current school year. The board agreed to prepare a letter to legislators and have it mailed

balance its 2007-08 school year budget that originally forecasted a deficit of \$5.9 million. "We are hopeful that in the next several weeks some of

School Superintendent Peter those variables will become known so we can have a more accurate projection for next year," Credit said, "We are fol-lowing our timeline that we created and presented, and we will report at the next board meet-

> meeting with district employmeeting wan ostifict enimy-ces, giving them opportunities to suggest revenue and expense changes to next year's budget. "A lot of the employees have given suggestions," Dion said. "We are trying to analyze those

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ALBERT, LEE JR.

Age 75, passed away April 21, 2007. A Memorial Service will be held on Sat., April 28 at 11 a.m. at the Fellowship Baptist Church, 10774 call 888-999-1288. or contact your funeral home. Holiday deadlines are subject to change. Nine Mile Rd. Whitmore Lake., Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

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Spring into action

to put anything in even though we've have some of our best said. "We have some of our best

this summer will include brick other hearty annuals

Gardeners get ready to dig in

ice storms in April.

"The ground is much too cold

"I'll start dividing and replant-ing in May."
Ashby's landscape plan for

■ Preparation key to starting season without injury

By Maureen Johnston

greening grass and ... in the lower back pain.

At this time of year, home stores have sprouted plants, tools and landscape products ripe for picking. And gardeners dormant through the winter blossom with

enthusiastie yard plans.
Prepare your body before digging in, said chiropractor Kenneth Stopa Jr., or your season will be off to a painful start, be Northville Township Home Sunshine and 70 degrees last bepot at Seven Mile and weekend produced a bountiful harvest of patients for Main staff to start stocking shelves Street Family Chiropractic

As soon as I walked in (Monday), the first five patients now is the mulches, the dirts, were all yard work," he said,
"They're anxious to get started,
"Usually, it's a couple of days after, they can't get out of bed and they wonder why.

Vicki Ashby knew the unseasonably warm weather in late-March was a spring tease. With

ister, people sing gloves, knee pads and hand tools. "Lawn bags are the other big item." Nordstrand said. "That's probably the most asked question in the store right now.

18 years gardening experience, she's still planning to let a couple more weeks to go by before she starts tending to her Highland Lakes yard. er to plant food and bug killers to

pavers for the back yard, mixing annuals with her perennials and starling with general laward Greiner, a master gardener who cleanup — when the time is right. She looks forward to liter expertise in the Home Depot resuning her seasonal hobby.
"It's an ongoing thing — you change something if it doesn't work," she said. "It's almost like the change something if it doesn't work," she said. "It's almost like thinking spring."

On the heels of spring's March 21 official arrival, shelves burst with the colors of pansies and

First things first Ready for the rush Greiner is one of the Home Nick Nordstrand, manager of Depot experts who will lead weekly classes at the store covering topics like repotting a plant, fertilizing your lawn and

replacing a screen.
"There's hours of training they with spring merchandise back in January.
"What they're buying right have to go through," Nordstrand said, "They're experts in their said. field." As she works with gardeners,

crab grass prevention," he said.
"We'll go through hundreds of
bags of that just this weekend."
Approaching the nursery reg-Greiner describes "It's always good for people
to stretch out — you're using
muscles you don't normally
use," she said. "It is good exer-

In the doctor's office, Stopa By mid-March, Home Deput crews had transformed the east hears a lot of stories about gar-dening this time of year. He said a body warm up will keep preend of the store into a greenhouse, filling aisles with fertilizvent back pain from slowing you

poked through to meet March sunshine, drooped then perked back up again.

Local businesses welcomed shoppers weary of winter weather embracing

At Gardenviews on W. Main Street, sales associates Denise Rivers and and Paulette Donaldson the amount of sunshine.

People started injecting color into their yards with tile tabletons, silk flowers and garden globes, Donaldson said. Rivers said. homeowners turning their attention to outdoors were adding pots, statues, fountains and benches.

"Everybody wants a touch of soring," Rivers winter. They want color."

bent over in one spot for hours - they're not getting up or Every room I've been going

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Potted flower vendor Kristen Henry puts out trays of Pansies at Northville Township's Home Depot as she and gardeners prepare for the upcoming season

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Binding 5 generations of history

■ Novi woman gets family history published

By Tracy Mishler

being published. under her helt, Ross, 77, of Novi, can finally see her name in the

spotlight,
"Who we are: Five generations of Poetry and Prose' is a collabo-ration of poems and stories of Ross' family put together by her children and grandchildren.

"This was a dream I have always wanted to do," Ross said, "(My family) snuck in my apart-ment and grabbed my poetry and

her family's genealogy dating back to their arrival at Ellis Island

three and a half years ago." Ross said. "There's five generations of poets and prose writers in our family, including my mother and

Getting published

Ross said her children wanted book, but decided to ask her help "I always wanted to assemble all this together," she said. "My

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to surprise her with the published ry." nother and grandparents were all equitful poetry writers."

ple read her book.
"The book can be bought at local book stores like Borders.' she said. "But, if people buy it through AuthorHouse, it's cheap-er and all the profits will go toward the Salvation Army, the organization Feed the Children

and the Wisconsin Lutheran Church Senate." Since 1997, AuthorHouse, has And with dozens of poems helped authors achieve their pub-

lishing aspirations with more than 27,000 books in print. "It's a dream come true," Ross

Time in the spotlight

Ross will be hosting a booksigning Saturday at Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. Ross said though her book con-tains stories of her own family,

my mother's and organized the book. They made it happen."
Ross' book, 328 pages in length and published by Author/Jouse, contains stories of for experience." Ross said it would be nice for

all seniors to write down their life more about their history than they do," she said.

Ross said if seniors don't take advantage of writing like she did, important history will be lost. "My family will be able to know who I was, who my mother and husband were and tons of interesting stories about where they come from," she said, "If people took time to do this, th kids and future generations will have the joy of living their histo-

Tracy Mishler is a freelance

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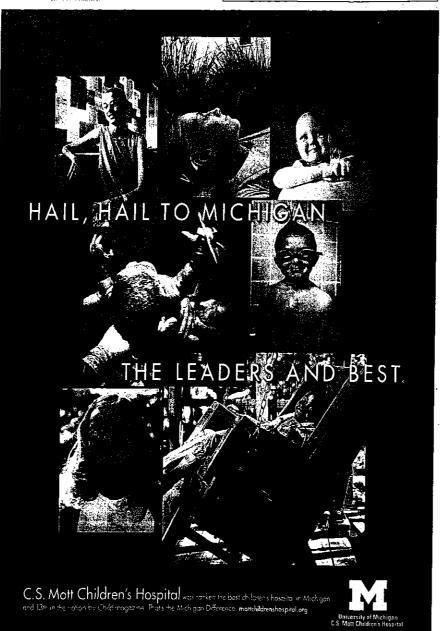
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PARKINSON'S: Living with disease

Michelle Patterson just wants to know her dad is healthy. After being diagnosed with early onset Parkinson's disease last year, Patterson said her entire family has taken an interest in benefit at liber, reaching the knowing all they can about the

because I didn't know too much about it," said Patterson, 26, of the early childhood program at Winchester Elementary School in Northville Township. "You just hear someone you love has a dis-ease like this and you think the

disease her dad, John, is living

brothers, Jeff and Chris, and sis ter, Stephanic, looked into Parkinson's disease and found their dad's condition could be minimal, "for a while, and that's

what we're hoping for,"
"It was a big surprise," she said,
"He's always been really healthy. He had no major health problems "We never suspected something like this could happen to him." Parkinson's disease is a brain disorder affecting both men and

It is estimated that 60 000 new cases of the disease are diagnosed each year, joining the 1,5 million people who currently nave Parkinson's disease, according to National Parkinson



.Iohn Patterson, who was diagnosed last year with early onset Parkinson's disease, enjoys the support he receives from his daughter Michelle Patterson.

Learning about Parkinson's disease

There are currently no blood, laboratory or radiological tests to diagnose Parkinson's disease. In early Parkinson's, the symptoms are often vague, such as minor tremor in a hand, a change in handwriting, pain in the neck

or back, or occasional stumbling.

The basic problem in Parkinson's disease is loss of dopamineproducing nerve cells in a region of the brain called the substantia

The risk factors for Parkinsonism are increasing age, especially after age 60, family history, particularly of early onse Parkinsonism, and a rural as opposed to an urban environment.

coordination for movement. Associates in Neurology in Novi, said Parkinson's disease is caused occurs in the older population, but

with Parkinson's disease will hav difficulty walking, will develop a monotone voice and have a blank stare on their face."

viral, environmental or inherited -

experience tremors awake and often at rest. "When a patient comes in with these symptoms, we will look at medications that might being causing this, check family history and do laboratory exams," he said. "Ultimately, an imaging study of the brain is done to rule out tumors and one we've ruled

everything out, then we discuss Parkinson's disease." Silverman said Parkinson's disease can be hereditary, but in rare

"There is a dystonia gene that is there isn't a real strong genetic connection," he said. "We don't

John was diagnosed with early onset Parkinson's disease.

Sheree - would be at the walk to

support those with Parkinson's disease.

disease.
"Dad's the superman of our family," she said. "He makes everything right, and we're very dependent on him and grateful for what he does for us.
"That's why doing this walk is so important."

Photo by Tracy Mishie

ating movement and will also ring in Parkinson's disease.

experience tremors awake and "There are various theories much he means to us." According to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation, more than 35,000 people in Michigan are afflicted with Parkinson's dis-

Walking for a cause

John Patterson and his wife, Sheree Patterson, greet each day with optimism after

Patterson and her family will be joining hundreds of others Sunday, June 10, at Maybury State Park for the "I gave my sole for Parkinson's" walkathon and 5K run, hosted by the Michigan Parkinson Foundation.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION

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The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, April 16 2007 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteer (15) days affer its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance Is available for public use and Inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ter Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local

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ness of teen drinking. They placed labels on packs of beer to warn adults of the consequences of buying for a

CLASS NOTES

Community Education Preschool Registration

The Novi Community Education Preschool is now accepting registration for the fall 2007-08 school year. This year the preschool program is offering additional four-day-a-week classadditional four-day-a-week classes, along with their established variety of classes and times.
Children must be 3, 4, or 5 years old by Dec.1, 2007. Children

must also be completely toilet trained.
To secure a spot in this fall's 2007-08 session, parents must register their child at the Child Care Services office at the Instructional Technology Center, 25345 Taft Road, located between 10 and 11 Mile roads. When registering a child (or children), a parent needs to bring the following: A completed registration packet (avail able on the district's Web site, www,novi.k12.mi.us); child's birth-certificate or passport; and non-refundable registration fee payment (\$45 for school district residents, \$50 for non-

the classes, please call the preschool office at (248) 449-

Novi Community School District Bond Information Meetings

week to discuss the May 8 Bond issue are: 7 p.m. Monday, April 30 at Deerfield Elementary; 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 1 at Novi Middle School; and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 2 at Orchard

administrators will explain each

Walled Lake Schools Summer Care Program

Reservation packets for the Reservation packets for the state licensed child care program are available in the school offices now. The program is available for incoming kindergartners through current fifth graders, at Mary Helen Guest, Keith, Meadowbrook, Twin Beach and Wrom Elementary schools

Wixom Elementary schools. The dates for the program are June 13-August 17. For more

Novi Places at State Quiz

More than 700 Michigan high school students from across the state gathered at . Michigan State University
April 20-21 to participate in a
competition started 20 years

ago by former Senate Majority Leader Dan L. DeGrow. The event was sponsored by the Michigan State University Honors College for the seventh time this year. State Quiz Bowl consists of three simultaneous tournaments: Class A, Class B and Class C/D. Quiz teams that have won a league champi-onship or major tournament qualify for this double-elimina

tion competition. In Class A, the Novi High School team placed third, with Robert Burgos selected to the All State Quiz Bowl Honorary Team as an exceptional player

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2007-2008 BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Ihat the Novi City Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED CITY 2007-2008 BUDGET at the Regular Meeling of Council to be held on TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2007. Said hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the same may be reached, at the Novi Ciric Center Council Chamber, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan. interested citizens may appear and present written and/or verba comments on the proposed budget.

The property tax miliage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed bodget will be a

A copy of the proposed 2007-2008 budget is currently available at the Novi Civic Center, Office of the City Clerk for public inspection, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan.

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EATING & DRINKING

Hillside hosts Iron Chef Challenge

Students will select ingredi-

ents and utensils and have one

hour to produce the product. Team captains will be expected

to describe the process selected

Public event blends food, engineering

By Pam Fleming

Bagian think students should understand that science and art With this concept in mind, the Hillside Middle School teacher

and pairnt have organized the first-ever Hillside Iron Chef Challenge trom 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 188 of the

solutionly are invited to this crescent orang Granutan said.

Inc. creative project designed to the braid, students must be preparation to the work together.

On the braid, students must preparation to will consist and cooking can work together.

The winning team will be dents each. eaches the Meal Management

"Une day Mike and I were talking, and he mentioned that his mother used to work for

NASA," Grantham said. I had him ask her if she flavor, substitution strategies, would be interested in collabo-rating in a project. When she agreed, I c-mailed her last fall about getting together. Cooking and science do go together, and strategins need to see the connection." solving, teamwork and analysis as well as understanding a process.

"Those are exactly the skills

students watch cooking shows."

Come cheer on the cooks!

Hillside Middle School parents and members of the community are welcome to attend the first-ever Hillside Iron Chef Challenge from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 188 at Hillside Middle School on the southeast corner of Eight Mile Road and Center Street.

The student fearn who wins the competition will be asked to prepare desserts for Wednesday's

There is no charge for senior citizens to attend the event, which includes a performance by the Northville High School jazz band, middle school choir performances, dancing and a full meal This year's theme is "The Greatest Generation."

skills by being asked to substi- Students can't wait for tute an ingredient in a cake contest

recipe.
"They're going to make a Parents and members of the basic yellow cake and then a ununity are invited to this crescent braid," Grantham said, creative project designed to On the braid, students must

The project was "cooked up" asked to prepare more cakes and braids during school on saids. "Cooking and health are big braids during school on wednesday so they can be said. "A lot of students watch tass at Hillside, learned from served at that evening's "Senior cooking shows ormer Hillside student Mike Prom" event with Northville

gian (now a sophomore at other) senior citizens.

"They will also have to decodieme," Grantham said. Indees will be national indees

from the FIRST Robotics com-petition and parents. Judging criteria will include taste, color, presentation and originality.

Granthum said cooking involves measurement, problem

In Tuesday evening's contest, that engineers use," she said.

"Cooking and health are big issues right now. A lot of

about the contest, and some have even taken decorating classes in preparation for the event. Teams will consist of four to six stu-critical concept for today's work

"Cooking and health are big

Bagian, a Detroit Science Center trustee, said she and Northville High School) that his "They will also have to deco-matcher is an Environmental Protection Agency materials and appropriate their cake in a patriotic ing students become more familiar with how different variables

impact the outcome of a product or meal.

"They have learned how chemistry is the foundation of food science and that biology

Besides learning how to substitute ingredients, students will learn how to change amounts to impact yield and how to present an appropriate portion for nutri-

Dean Grantham

Hillside Middle School teacher

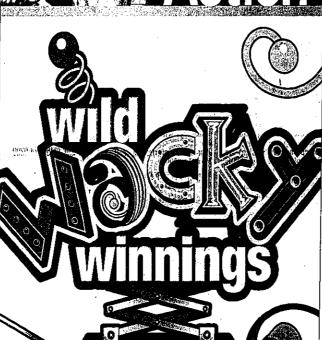
"Our hope is that this first hand appreciation of how modi-fication of ingredients and preparation technique influence the resulting product will help approach to problem solving, a critical concept for today's work-force," Bagian said.

Dena Grantham assists student Lauren Colasantl in prepping some baked goods

ing and the pride of performing as a team," Grantham said.

| Grantham and the pride of performing | far the reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or at pflemby the team, using science of as a team," Grantham said.





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Novi preschool adapting to needs

Program site remains the same for 2007-08

Nonthville Co-op Preschool in three-four class for this upcoming fall school year, which will have no parent participation requirement," she said. "After reviewing enrollment trends, we've realized our membership needs to change when it comes to three and four classes.

"Parents are stretched thin

Novi is hosting an open house from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday night.

The parent-run school board is inviting families considering an alternative to traditional agreed to cut back on some of

an alternative to Iraditional agreed to cut back on some of preschools to learn more about the 55-year-old non-profit prothe 56-year-old non-profit pro-gram. The informational ice gram. And, the board will add a cream social will be at the science enrichment class. school's home in the Detroit First Church of the Nazarene on Haggerty Road. transition to a child's school experience, parents pay less than

Hagerty Road.

The three-teacher staff and parents who manage the school

But the school enrollment, were happy to secure that loca-tion. Church administrators year was 60 pupils from recently extended the school's Northville, Novi and the surlease through the 2007-2008 rounding area, McGowan said

whome.

While the 2-, 3- and 4-yeards still will report to the same

and dayserces, some cases, fulfilling the
parental classroom duties. olds still will report to the same of the program will change, licensing from the state of easy as it sounds," McGowan according to board member Michigan is a background check said. "Our relocation committee is completed before school

"The board is offering a twist starts," McGowan said.

- our first non-traditional very easy."

ice cream social

Whn: Preschool families Host: Northville Co-op Preschool

When: 6-8 p.m. "Parents are stretched thin Where: First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road

Why: Learn about 2007 or www.northvilllecoopera-In exchange for a hands-on

> The staff and parents are grateful the school move from their five-year home at the Church of the Nazarene has been postponed. Run too lean to own a building, the program has had four homes in the last 20

> > "Finding a new location that

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11 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Mondays through

Wednesdays will be for groups

with an attitude of the state o

"All that is required by licensing from the state of

"Carding' and ing and the entire process of wooling," Peters said. Members from the Michigan Hand Spinners Guild will attend to headline event this weekend at local farm

Now that Maybury Farm visi-tors are showing up in their shirtsleeves, the sheep similarly are set to slip into spring:

Step of article sessions are 1. For information, call sound large at the Eight Mile (248) 374-0200.

Road farm from 1-4 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday. The animals' seasonal hair cuts will take place in the barn long with "carding" and "drop pindle" demonstrations, according to Shari Peters, pres

ident of the non-profit Northville Community Foundation which administers the farm, Peters explained "carding" is spindle," which spins the fleece into skeins of yarn. Most of the wool is sold "raw," she said, adding some of the wool is donated to weaving organiza-

"This is a wonderful way to



1.0.M.S. (Moms Offering Mom upport) will hold its annual Baby, Kie and Me ressle on Friday April 27th from a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday April 28th from 9 a.m. until noon at the First United fethedist Church, 777 Eight Mile Roat ut Taft) Northwille, Minderful adection



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NOTICE OF ELECTION MAY 8, 2007 CITY OF NOVI VOTERS WHO RESIDE IN THE NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, NORTHVILLE **PUBLIC SCHOOLS, WALLED LAKE CONSOLIDATED** SCHOOL DISTRICT AND SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISRICTS

TO THE QUALIFIED AND REGISTERED ELECTORS of the City of Novi - Oakland County, Michigan, notice is hereby given that an election will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 in the City of Novi from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following polling locations:

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Novi United Methodist Church
Orchard Hills Elementary School
Holy Family Catholic Church
Holy Family Catholic Church
Meadowbrook Elementary School

Thornton Creek Elementary School Novi Civic Center

17 Novi Civic Center For the purpose of electing local candidates that may be on the ballot for the following offices NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

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If the school district borrows from the State to pay debt service on the bonds, the school district may be required to continue to levy mills beyond the term of the bonds to repay the State.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT NO. 62 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1933 AS AMENDED I, Patrick M. Dohany, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of April 12, 2007, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 18 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the City of Novi, in said County, is as follows:

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Vote for three - Six year term
All polling places are handicap accessible. Braille and audio versions of voting instructions are available a the polling places.
Aberitee ballots are available at the Office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. The deadline for receiving applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 5, 2007. Persons qualified to vote by absentee ballot may obtain a ballot in person until 4:00 p.m. Monday, May 7, 2007. A ballot obtained on May 7,

2007 must be voted in the City Clerk's Office.

The City Clerk's Office will be open for the purpose of absentee voting on Saturday, May 5, 2007 from 8:00

You may verify your voter registration and polling location at www.michigan.gov/yote.

MY COMMENTARY

Thursday, April 26, 2007 fax: (248) 349-9832

Novi News

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives and contribute to the business success of our customer.

Consumers win in cable TV wars

There's a solid chance AT&T cable service is coming to Novi

-- and that's a good thing. Consumers need choices in a free society based on capitalism which is the definition of the economy in Novi.

Having more than one cable company means competition. And competition between companies usually benefits consumers. And that's the bottom line: If and when AT&T ever sets up

shop in Novi, consumers will likely benefit. Let's be clear, this isn't an endorsement of AT&T, and it's certainly not a knock on the city's current cable provider, Bright House Networks.

This is simply an endorsement of free choice. There are plenty of blanks left to be filled in here. Chiefly,

when will AT&T start service? And what parts of the city will the communications giant cover? All of this is unclear.

And AT&T isn't exactly being embraced with open arms by city officials. Mayor David Landry was vocal at a recent city council meeting that AT&T intends to "cherry pick" the most fuerative areas of the city to provide service, unlike Bright House, which covers all of Novi.

AT&T also was a bit heavy banded in submitting its proposal to the city, although everything the company did was perfectly legal under a new Michigan cable law. There's also a bit of irony that AT&T, a company once broken up for antitrust reasons, is

suddenly the standard bearer for free choice in local markets But at the end of the day, competition means choices, And for the consumer, that's a good thing.

Budget talks bring variety of state solutions

About Phil Power

ly frantic talks going on in Lansing about Michigan's finan-

After what seems like months of talking at each other Speaker of the House Andy Dillon, D-Redford Twp., and Scnate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, have agreed to talk to

daily to hash out what to do about the estimated \$1 billion shortfall in this year's general fund budget and the \$377 million deficit in the School Aid Fund.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm and her budget director, Bob Emerso will be at the table, as well. They've got a rough row to hoe. The deficit numbers are very large. The economy is still slump-ing and tax revenues are consisently falling below projections. Partisan differences are wide. And time is running out — the fiscal year ends on Sept. 30. That's a fast-approaching fact that

Crunch time is clearly here The natural political instinct will be to try to fix the deficit gaps with chewing gum and bailing wire. After all, that's what lawmakers have done every year for the past five years. Somer or later, however, tough choices and outof-the-box thinking will have to replace accounting ginunicks.

What follows are some common sense ideas. I'm sure there is a lotor to like in the list, but some body has to start thinking about the unthinkable. Starting right

will greatly intensifies the impact

Cut prison spending: Our prison system costs around \$2 bil-tion a year, employs around a third of state government's work

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proposed releasing very sick pris

their minimum sentences and are

oners and those who have served

awaiting parole. She thinks that The "lock 'em up and throw away the key" theory of sentencfixed. How about allowing earlier parole for inmates who demonstrate good behavior and get a CIED while in prison? How about discharging folks who are in the slam for dealing drugs (a non-violent crime) and putting them on

electronic tethers How about completely changing the way we treat non-violent crimes, period? Theft or burglary is bad, but does it make sense to spend \$30,000 a year to imprison somebody who steals goods worth \$2,000? Make 'em pay restitution with jail time that will be thrown back at them if they

commit any future violations. Incidentally ... drug courts appear to be working to keep drug abusers out of prison by prescribing treatment, sanctions like tethfor the estimated 15 per cent of the prison population that is menfally iff?
Take a hard look at school

Elementary schools are small, and much of their administrative fund Any much of the business tags that each district does on its own could be consolidated in the inter-mediate school districts, where

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Michigan, and was a repent of the University of Michigan from 1987 to 1999

He is also president and founder of The Center for Michigan, a moderate think-

and-do tank. These opinions and others expressed in his columns are his own

\$13 billion a year on K-12 schools. The School Aid Fund

year is a prospect that terrifies

be the only step that works for

might consider rethinking the

structure of the way we manage

really need one principal per cle

Principals are important, no

doubt, but much of what they do

is routine; setting policy, oversee-ing personnel, reviewing perform

ance, attending meetings.

mentary school?

faces a deficit of nearly \$400 mil-

better technology and management could produce serious say And while we're at it, let's take a look at the busing tail that all too often wags the school dog. Many school schedules are deter mined by the timing and deploy

But many cities already have hus systems which are notableled costs; Michigan spends more than

Look very hard at health care employees are high and getting Michigan AFL-CIO President Mark Gaffney and American Federation of Teachers' David Hecker joined Republican Senate Leader Bishop to advance an

interesting idea.

The three of them proposed that all schools, universities and local government units join health providers by open bidding. If that worked, advocates say it could save as much as 8 percent in

Special Services Association (MESSA) is a subsidiary of the Michigan Education Association ealth care coverage for around half the school districts in Michigan. MESSA says this is idea nonsense and points to its school districts. Maybe so, but very dollar that goes to medical

There are lots of out-of-the-box ideas out there. Some are good; some are just silly. But the best of them deserve a flinty eye — but open-minded consideration. This much we know: We're not going

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TTERS

Support community with a 'yes' vote

We will be voting on a bond issue on May 8 that contains three elements security, building additions/renovations and technology, I am voting 'yes' and encourage you to do the same because of the following reasons.

The security piece of the bond has much emotion attached to it, but with everything going on in the world today! feel better knowing that the school buildings will have improved security. Novi has always been a progressive city and I'm glad that we will be one of the leaders in what is surely to be a tional trend ... improving security at school buildings.

The second piece of the bond is building additions and renovations. The

renovations and additions will provide dedicated learning facilities where tudents can more quickly immerse themselves in the topic being taught These updates will make all the elementary schools in the district equitable.

The final, and I think most important piece of the bond is technology. The technology funding will be drawn from over the next five years to keep tech nology current and relevant for the students. Funds will be used to provide classroom and instructional technology that our teachers have been request-ing. I feel it is essential to prepare our children for the competitive global economy where technology is a key element. We can only do this with corrent and relevant technology in the classrooms. If the bond doesn't pass, our technology won't change for the next five years, thus rendering it very out-

dated and perhaps even non-functional.

Finally, I want to clarify the cost of the bond, Our tax rate is scheduled to decrease by 1.03 mits in 2008. This bond will cost 0.49 mits, thus leaving a act tax rate REDUCTION in 2008 of 0.54 mils. On a \$200,000 house assuming your taxable value remains the same, your taxes will go down by \$54, even after you vote "YES" on the bond. More bond details are available at www.friendsofnovi.org and www.novi.k12.mi.us.

In summary, strong schools build a strong community. It is essential, even in the toughest of times, to not be short sighted and to invest in the fature of our children and our commonly. The improvements that will result from this bond will continue developing our exemplary schools and will continue to make Novi a community that people want to live in. I plan to vote 'yes' on May 8, and I hope you decide to join me

Thank you, Marcy

Thank you Marcy Salemi for requesting the school board to hold off on their approval of "sinking fund" money for canopies at Orchard Hills and Village Oaks entrances until after the May 8 vote. Should the bond not pass, doors) portion of the security, updating the bathrooms (less fixtures) at Village Oaks or Orchard Hills, or classroom modifications at Parkview. In times like these we need to really focus on things that are necessitie

and not just nice to have. Thanks for thinking outside the box, and good luck with your write-in campaign for the two-year school board position.

Three reasons to vote 'yes'

Voting 'yes' on the May 8 school bond seems to me to be such an easy decision for homeowners and parents alike. People move to Nov schools so we have to make sure our schools continue to provide the best quality education in the safest environment for our kids.

There are three parts to this bond: equitable buildings, technology, and secure environment. For equitable buildings, three of the elementaries are in need of updates. Previous bonds provided new facilities for two of our elementary schools and were supported by all the parents of the district, I would hope the Woods and Deerfield parents would reciprocate now that the

I was a noon-aide at Orchard Hills which was built in 1958 (almost 50 years old!) and I know that kitchen has some original equipment. Also, hav-ing to use the gym as a cafeteria presented daily logistical problems for the poor custodian who had minimal time to get the lunches cleaned up for the s since there just isn't enough time to get all the lunches in. That

In order to be fair to everyone, this newspaper will not run letters to the editor the week prior to an election that open new issues. Expressions of thanks to political supporters are best made by buying an advertisement The Novi Public Schools election will be held on Tuesdav, May 8.

The second part to the bond is technology. I have read several letters to the editor stating that there is no real educational value to this part of the bond and that they are "replacing" 06 computers with "07." I would urge these people to actually attend one of Pete Dion's and Gail

Credit's informational meetings where they show exactly what that pro-posed money will be used for and how it will enhance and enrich Novi's passed makey which seem to halfe thought with the make and check down it will change experiences. Some of the network equipment that would be purchased is replacing a system that was installed 14 years ago! We live in a global society and have to keep providing our kids with all the advantages

in technology if we want them to stay competitive.

The last part of the bond is security.Our kids are the most precious things we have and I can't understand why parents wouldn't be willing to do whatever it takes to keep them safe. I am a noon aide at Meadows, and I can't tell on how many times I have stopped to ask people without visitor badges if Lean help direct them to the office. Both the fifth grade a sixth grade hou es are freely accessible from the ITC where there is no one monitoring the doors. Even when the office is directly in front of the doors, people coming in aren't always noticed because they are so busy in the office. At the mid dle school, some of the girls were waiting in the cafeteria before volleyball practice and a disheveled man who was continuously talking to himself came in a sat a table. The girls got up and went to let the office know, and in the meantime, the man got up and ran down the half. The new security sys-tem would prevent these types of incidents from happening, and yes, it is worth a few dollars a year to me to protect my kids! One clarification about bonds in general; They can only be used for cap-

ital items such as buildings, technology, school buses, etc. The district cannot try to pass a bond for expenses such as reading specialists, teachers, para pros, additional class offerings, etc. That money is strictly controlled by

decrease in the school's debt equity. Even when the bond passes, our taxes will decrease from this year. Please get out and vote 'yes' on May 8.

\$26.4M too much to ask

The Novi community has been very supportive of its schools. As recently as 2004, voters approved two new school tax increases: a .98 recreation millage, a loophole which allowed Novi to exceed the school operating budget limit imposed by Proposal A, and a sinking fund millage. They also voted to extend the school supplemental millage.

These taxes are in addition to the state education millage, the school debt millage and the intermediate school district millage. Six separate taxes in all support our schools. The school debt millage should be allowed to decrease as debt is paid down. To take on additional debt during Michigan's coonomic crisis is a burden to the taxpayers who have already been more than

People need to be mindful that most residents do not have children in the school system, and many are struggling with job losses and plump home values. Now is not the time to come to the community with a list of wants versus absolute needs. Nothing in this bond will increase housing valnes or test scores. \$26.4 million is too much to ask. Vote 'no' on May 8.

Vote for Brown

I am writing this letter to urge the Novi voters to vote for Dave Brown in e upcoming May 8 school board election. Dave Brown has a combined 39 years of experience in the Novi school district as a teacher at Orchard Hill r three years, principal of Village Oaks for 31 years, and now five years as

n incumbent School Board member. No other candidate has this combina

an inclining a strong board manner. No dust canonate has community of the original strong control of experience and perspective on the Novi schools.

Thave known Dave Brown for 14 years, since my oldest child entered elementry school. As an involved PTO parent, I worked closely with Dave for several years on many school projects and committees. Have had the opportunity to observe first hand the positive relationships he had with students of all ages and backgrounds, parents, staff members and administrators. He positive relationships by always putting students first, listening to the big and small concerns of all, and by bringing fairness and integreevery decision he made. His famous open-door policy at Village Oaks a symbol for the open mind he brought to every situal

As Novi faces the challenge of remaining one of the best school districts in Michigan during difficult economic times, we need a board member with experience in the school district and a proven record of working positively with all members of the school community. That's why I hope you will join me in voting for Dave Brown.

Supports Brown

As an 18-year resident of Novi, I am acutely aware of how fortunate we are to have a person the caliber of David Brown so dedicated to the Nov are to have a person the camer of Lavine Brown so dedicate to the Novi Community Schools. Because of his 39 years experience as a teacher, administrator and school board trustee in Novi schools, he is the only mem-ber of the present school board that has been on the 'inside.' Dave Brown has the background that is significant for the school board's decision-making process, It is critical that we continue to utilize his vast experience and

As principal of Village Oaks School, he was highly engaged in every facet of our four daughters' education. I have known hint as a man of maturity integrity and objectivity while supervising the lives of over 6,000 students. He has always had a reputation for listening and valuing parent and com-

Not only does Dave Brown bring a master's degree in educational administration to the table, he has served on the following committees: Liaison to Oakland School Board Legislative Committee, Novi School Board Finance Program, Long Range Planning, Curriculum Council and chair of School

Dave Brown helped to develop an exemplary school district; he is looking to keep it that way for his grandchildren in grades fourth, sixth and 10th. Returning Dave Brown to the Novi School Board of Education benefits the entire Novi School District and community. Please consider voting for Dav

Yours in keeping Novi great!

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Vote for Kortlandt, Brown and Nielson

Because most school districts will shortly be facing a difficult financial period, we need strong candidates who can guide us through these tough times. Unfortunately, our school district is not immune to this problem, and that's what makes this school board election one of the most important in Ison are the most experienced and best prepared candidates to

George Kortlandt has served on our board for 12 years. He's probably attended more school events than any other candidate. Under his leadership, our district has always had a balanced budget and has been financially sound. But now, board members will be required to make some tough financial decisions, some which may even be unpopular. No one can deny that

Kortlandt has proven he has the necessary skills needed to guide us.

Dave Brown's nearly 40 years of history with our district as teacher, principal and school board member prepares him better than any other to face

e challenges.

During Jeff Nielson's tenure on the school board, he has shown an astute

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None of these three candidates support the proposed charter school which would take precious funds away

It's time to unite and vote for experience. Please support George Kortlandt, Dave Brown and Jeff Nielson on May

Support Kortlandt, Brown and Nielson

On May 8, residents of Novi will be asked to select three individuals to represent them as members the Novi Board of Education. The biggest issues facing the Novi Community School District are a budget deficit ranging from \$5-6 million for next year, a weak Michigan eco my and absolute uncertainty of the future.

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The problems of our district are not unique. Statewide studies point to pressure on districts from escalating labor costs, primarily health care, pensions and minimal inflation-related salary increases. With Michigan in an economic tailspin, it is critical that local school boards look

within to find solutions to their problems.

We need school boards that understand and embrace the fact that local school districts will be forced to consider the creation of joint operating agreements (IOA) that have a school district or ISO assume responsibility for adminis-trative services for surrounding districts. This climinates duplication of administrative costs that may be redirected to teaching and learning. In addition, we need to see o tearning and rearning in between the city government and school district. For example, it is time to do something regarding the Bosco property that benefits the residents of

Novi. One suggestion is to use the property for practice soccer fields without making permanent improvements. The viability of our society, the strength of our economy and the quality of our lives are inextricably linked to the quality of our local schools. There are no quick fixes to the issues facing our school district. Viable solutions will only be found if we work together with innovative leadership

and dedicated administrators at a local level. I believe that George Kortlandt, Dave Brown, and Jeff Nielson offer the best opportunity to effectively deal with the issues facing the Novi Community School District They have the unique combination of experience and skills

to lead our district through these difficult financial times

'Yes' vote helps keep Novi kids competitive

Technological proficiency is necessary to prepare our kids for the competitive job market that has particularly affected those of us in southeastern Michigan. Having the best technology is not a luxury item and is not limited to assure that the district's technology does not be dated. In order to compete in a fast-paced world, I urge the Novi Community to support this bond proposal on May 8.

Darius Fadanelli

'Yes' vote keeps Novi schools Kortlandt will watch our tax

On May 8 you will have the opportunity to invest in wi students' education and future by voting on the Nov hool District bond. Ask yourself why you moved to Novi. Most people chose Novi for the outstanding schools The Novi Community School District, along with all Michigan districts, faces tremendous operational and financial budget challenges over the next four to five years. We are facing budget cuts, layoffs and declining property They also chose Novi because it is a safe com wing and developing city attracting new business ortunities which increases property values. If you chose to live in Novi for any of these reasons you should Because of this situation, we need school board mem-

And minds at an extrement

vote 'yes' for the school bond on May 8. Following are the three aspects of the bond proposal: Technology – In past bonds, we have invested million of dollars to establish the current technology in our district Technology is constantly changing and improving. We must provide our children with current and relevant techology to prepare them for the world. Computers and tecl nology are the way of teaching these days and Novi need to continue to be the leaders of technology in our schools. Passage of this bond does not mean we toss current com-puters and buy brand new ones. Voting 'yes' means we use the same computers and systems we have built so far and expand further with newer programs and concepts for our children. Bond funds will be spent on technology over the next several years to keep us competitive with other dis-tricts and communities. Vote 'yes' to provide the most current technology to supporting the excellence that Novi School District is known for in attracting growth to the

mmunity. Security - The past few weeks have shown us the tragedies that can occur at schools, work settings and even homes. Do you have security locks or systems in place at preschools and senior living facilities all have security systems in place. Why wouldn't we invest in better security t protect our children and staff (our most valuable assets) in school? We have invested in the school buildings them-selves and all of the technology and equipment inside. Don't you think we need to protect and secure those investments from vandalism? The proposal is to lock and secure all outside perimeter doors and monitor some key interio. doors where expensive equipment is housed. Cameras would all track back to a central network that would not require additional mannower to monitor. Vote 'yes' to protect our capital investments in the schools and most impor-

Equitable Facilities - I value public schools and one of the reasons is all children from all different family an equal chance to become the best they want to be. This bond provides equitable facilities to all five elementary schools. Three of the five schools need the addition of gyms, art and music rooms. Have you walked through these schools and seen music class being held on a stage in the gym While gym is taking place on only half of the gym because the other half of the gym is being set up for lunch? Backpacks, boots, coats, even lunch tables are cluttering the floor and exits of the main hallways. In some schools ders eat lunch at their desks in the classrooms use this allows all kids to participate in gym class each reek even if they are cut short by 12 mil the other schools. With previous bonds we have and made improvements at the other schools in the district.

Vote 'yes' to provide equitable facilities at all the elemen-

People ask, "What is the cost to me when I vote 'yes' for

The answer is: the projected savings for a house valued at \$200,000 is \$103 without passing the bond. The cost to pass the bond will be \$49. By wring 'yes' to pass the bond you will still save \$54 and invest in our schools and students' frume. munity. Vote 'yes' May 8 to support excellence in Novi Schools!

A vote for Kortlandt

I am writing this letter to urge Novi voters to support Mr. Kordandt in this upcoming election. I began a dialogue with Mr. Kordandt during his last term on the school board. What struck me most about this candidate was the passion that he puts into our schools. I have bumped into him at functions at elementary schools as well as the high

does not have any children in our schools would seek to be elected to the school board. It's simple - he cares. This fact alone leads me to believe that he will be able to make hon-

t, unbiased decisions. I have found Mr. Kortlandt to be a well informed, intelligent, honest and committed individual. He cares about been endorsed by the Novi teachers, who recognize Jeff's our schools and our city. What more could we ask for a leadership and commitment to Novi schools. Please join

'No' to school bond

completely detached from its constituents. Their requ

s "clearly structural, not cyclical." The conti

'for sale' signs. Time on the market for a house can be

counted in months and years, not weeks.

Furthermore, the unemployment rate in Michigan is by far greater than the US, 6.6 percent vs. 4.5 percent, as of

The school board's insensitivity to the economic condi-

tions of Novi and the state is appalling. Their request to the

The second point I always evaluate when asked to vote

for new taxes is the merits of the request. Again, the school board is asking us to vote for nice-to-have but not necessi-

ties that would improve the test scores of the students -

things like a second gym in three elementary schools. By

the way, the largest part of the bond, \$19 million, would go

to this luxury.

Every family knows that in tough economic times, lux-

list. The school board is acting as big government, com-pletely insensitive to the reality facing its own electorate. Maybe some of the members of the school board have been in those positions for too long, and a change is need-

bers with a thorough and comprehensive understanding of the districts budget. We need people who will make sure

That's why I will vote for George Kortlandt to the Novi

Board of Education on May 8. George has the type of critical thinking that is needed on the board during these fiscally challenging times. He has the experience, financial

knowledge and dedication to help maintain the school dis-

Salemi would be good for

I am writing to express my support for Marcy Salemi who is a write-in candidate for the two-year, partial term

school board position. I have had the opportunity to know

Marcy in many different situations relating to our children.

She is the treasurer of our school's PTO and a devoted vol

convinced she will provide us with creative financial expe-

If you have not had the opportunity to meet Marcy, please go to her website at www.Marcy-Salemi.com to learn more about her or give her a call. I know she would

welcome the opportunity to hear from you...
Write-in Marcy Salemi for the two-year, partial term

Novi School Board position. She has so much to offer our

We believe that the Novi Board of Education should consist of individuals who make the education, safety and success of our children the highest priority. That's why

Jeff Nielson is an honest, ethical and energetic individ-

we're voting for Jeff Nielson for trustee on May 8.

Support Jeff Nielson

ience to retain programming that would otherwise have to

With the threat of state education cuts looming, we need

our tax dollars are spent properly.

trict's pursuit of educational excellence.

Novi schools

February 2007, the last month of available data.

Superfluous spending

Colleen Berman

Get the bond facts straight

After reading some recent letters against the school dis trict bond proposal, I wonder where people are getting the

success by putting our students first. Jeff's years of volun-teering in our schools and in our community have demon-strated his commitment to excellence in public education. As a current board member, Jeff has always taken the

time to listen to our concerns. He isn't interested in just on

issue; he's interested in everyone's issues. He shares can-did, factual information about decisions made by the board and the administration. He cares about all of Novi's stu-

dents, having visited each one of our eight great schools to

This school election is about leadership. Jeff has proven to us that he's a dedicated leader who will involve the com-

munity, listening to the opinions of others, and making

decisions that are best for everyone. Faced with difficult

choices due to pending budget shortfalls, we know that Jeff will make decisions that are both good for our children and are liscally responsible. Jeff isn't interested in aligning himself with others to retain the status quo in Novi. As the

parent of two Novi students, Jeff has a vested interest in

innovation and initiatives that will help ensure the long

an outstanding choice for school hoard. Jeff Nielson has

us on May 8 and vote for Jeff Nielson for a two-year term for Novi School Board trustee.

Tom & Kathryn Attholz

nn success of Novi schools.

We are not the only ones that believe that Jeff Nielson is

see firsthand what makes them so succe

We, the voters in Novi, have traditionally been very generous to the school board's requests for tax increases. This time around, however, I believe the board is wrong and The idea that the school district is "replacing all the ove this new bond issue falls flat on many counts but 2006 computers with 2007 ones" is simply not true. The technology piece of the proposal adds some new computers and printers. However, the district does not discard usable computers, but instead filters them down to appro-priate levels and puts the newer more complicated tech-nology in the higher grades where it is needed to stay com-petitive. The proposal also replaces and upgrides class-The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments calls this economic era "the worst in our lifetime"; the problem population and harsh changes in the job market could at for at least a decade. (Detroit News, 3/3/07) oom presentation capabilities, allows for immediate feedhack from every student to assess comprehension, adds video equipment, editing systems, and digital video, as well as video conferencing capabilities. Networking/wire-Housing prices in Novi dropped 6.8 percent from last year, home sales in Oakland County have dropped 27 per-cent from last year. One walk around any neighborhood in Novi tells the same story with the number of increasing less infrastructure and data infrastructure is also being

undated. The "new additional tax" is non-existent. There is no increase in the property tax. In fact, the district administra tors have done an excellent job of looking out for the best interests of the taxpayers by refinancing the debt when the rates were low and saving the taxpuyers millions of dollars. The school debt rate has gone down for six straight years and will go down in '08 and every year after even with a 'yes' vote on the bond.

yes were on the bond.

To propose a bond to improve our buildings as they age, keep on the cutting edge of technology and security so our kids can have the best school opportunity to learn and be competitive in a safe environment, and all the while still able to promise us a tax decrease! We should be applied

There is confusion about mixing the general fund budgury items are the first things that drop from the shopping et that is used for salaries, benefits, classroom supplies, hir et that is used for salaries, ceneries, classification appropriation ing paraprofessionals/teachers to offer more programs, etc with the capital project fund. The capital project with the capital project fund. The capital project fund can only be spent on what it was designed for in the original proposal. Bond proposal money cannot legally be used to him more teachess to teach additional classes for instance. These things would have to come from the general fund.

> To the writer last week who stated that all schools have gyms, they do not. The three elementary schools in this proposal now have a common area that is used for the gym, music, and cafeteria. With full classrooms and the regularly scheduled gym classes, some students are eating in classrooms and hallways so that all kids can have their

Sometimes half of the gym is being used for gym, the stage has a music class on it, and lunch tables are being set up in the other half – all at the same time. The same writer suggested using a large group of vol-

unteers or a security guard instead of a camera based security system. Are we going to have to hire a person to train, schedule and oversee this massive volunteer effort? Camerus can record everything all the time, people can't monitor everyplace all the time. Some test cameras in the high school have already caught a robber and have cut

If you haven't been to an informational meeting to see what is really proposed, and you want the true facts before you make your decision, come to one of the three meeting next week, listen and ask questions. The evening of Apr 30 is at Deerfield, the May I meeting is at the middle school, and the May 2 meeting is at Orehard Hills. Check

Remember, many of us moved to this intellectual and successful community because of the top-notch school system. If we get complacent and don't follow through vith the long-range plan to keep up with the fast changing technology, our school district may not keep its stellar reputation. We all benefit from living in this district because everyone wants to move here and the keeps our property values high. Let's keep it that way!

Sue Colaccino

Scoul Troop cookie sales manger.

Marcy is a 15-year resident of Novi and a long-time employee of Ford Motor Company where she has held numerous high level financial positions. Marcy is fully aware of the economic conditions that will challenge the large the large of the positions of the contract of t Our state is at a critical crossroads on funding the state udget. The business community was given a \$1.9 billion Novi School District in the next two years, and I am fully

tax break last year. Senator Nancy Cassis is a key voice representing Novi and the district. She could make a difference in see someone who will ask the tough questions, separate the wants from the needs, and accomplish all this while being do so.

Marcy is focused on moving us forward by enhancing

Any new taxes should not cripple our schools or the move to reinvent our state's business climate and attract academic programs, creating equity among our elemen-tary schools and providing choice for our children.

What do you think?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor, Please

include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. ■ Mail: Novi News, Letters to the Editor, 104

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LANSING CONNECTION

Legislation protects consumers purchasing gift cards

Have you ever received a gift card and when you went to use it a few months later found that was worth less than the full value? In many cases individuals forget or misplace gift cards and may not even be aware of inactivity fees or expiration dates. This is why I have introduced legislation limiting the restrictions retailers can place on gift

> have restricted the buy not use the cards by a certain date or by plac-ing expiration dates on the cards.

Scnate Bill 387 preny from imposing an expiration date for five years. Senate Bill 388 reinforces an attorney

Consumers purchase gift cards in good faith, assuming that they're same as cash These measures clarify the rights of consumers and are modeled after legislation

recently enacted in Kansas. SBs 387 and 388 have been referred to the

Bills introduced in Legislature to

School Superintendent recently testified n support of my legislation to protect resi-Pilchowski, Highland Township Supervisor; Don Green, Milford Township Supervisor; Chester Koop, Rose Township Supervisor and Kent Barnes, Holly Area School Superintendent all traveled to Lansing on behalf of the residents to express support in allowing local governments to overset

Township Board, a County Road

Commission and/or a County Sheriff to conduct traffic and engineering studies.

This legislation is needed to amend a method of setting speed limits based on

imits increase from 25 mph to 55 mph. Local officials and residents are the best people to make speed limit decisions for local gravel roads. I've heard from many residents who feel strongly that, for the safety of their roads, these decisions are made locally by those who live adjacent to the gravel roads and have children who wait for their school buses there. My bills will reinstate community control and provide for a research based rational for setting speed lim-

its on dirt and gravel roads.

increasing taxes.
The Senate Republican plan:

 Protects public safety - Senate Republicans restored the funds necessary to prevent state police trooper layoffs, and ou plan doesn't advocate additional prison clo sures or the release of more than 5,000 con-

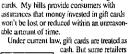
 Keeps education a top priority - Senate Republicans worked directly with school officials regarding the School Aid Fund and recommended a modest per pupil decrease of \$34 - less than half of one percent of the ment, programs for at-risk students, and

Recently, the House passed their proposal ship with meet with the Governor to reach

On May 18 next years revenue projections will be the topic of the Consensus Revenue Conference. Participants include the state treasurer, directors of the House and Senati fiscal agencies and University of Michigan economists. The significance of their report is the fact that it will be the busis for balanc-

With continued declining tax revenues, fis cal challenges remain a top legislative priori-

State Senator Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) rep-resents the 15th Senate District which includes West Bloomfield, Oakland portion of Northville, Novi Township, Novi, Walted Loke, Wixom, Lyon Township, South Lyon, Milford, Highland, Holly, Rose, Commerce, White Lake, Orchard Lake, and Wolverine Loke, Continuents can control be a seen





N. Cassis vents a company from charging an inactivity fee on a gift card and also prevents a compa-

general opinion that five years after the pu chase of a gift card any remaining balance on the card reverts back to the state's unclaimed property division.

protect residents on gravel roads Three Township Supervisors and a local before the Senate Transportation Committee

with speed limits posted at 25 mph to remain at that speed limit until traffic and engineering studies are conducted to determine a sci-

, access points, As a result many of the grave of roads in Oakland County will see speed

Senate passes plan to balance

The Senate took the first step in passing a budget to take care of deficit in the current 06-07 Fiscal Year. Everyone knows these are Senate's proposal reduces spending without

Reduces government - The Senate Republican plan reduces the size of state government, starting with a 4-percent cut to the Michigan Legislature's budget, as well as

next several weeks Senate and House leader-

ing the 07-08 budget.

Your feedback is always welcome

Lake, Constituents can contact her at sen

Cal Stone (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 cstone@gannett.com

BULLETIN BOARD

Thursday, April 26, 2007 www.novinews.com tax: (248) 349-9832

EVENTS

Spring Design Seminar DATE: tonight TIME: 7 p.m.

LOCATION: Art Van, 27775 Novi Road DETAILS: Design expert Bay Boley will share tips for easy spring home updates. Check out the new spring collections, enjoy refreshments. Guests also

Skating Club of Novi

Presents Ice Revue 2007 and 7 p.m., Saturday LOCATION: Novi ice Arena 42400 Arena Drive DETAILS: "Fantasy" is the theme for this year's ice revue and show. Tickets are \$7 each and are available at the ice arena

Diamonds and Denim Party to Benefit Hospitality House DATE: Salurday TIME: 6:30-11 p.m.

LOCATION: Edgewood Country Club, 8399 Commerce Road. DETAILS: Diamonds and Denim Millionaire's Party and Benefit includes appetizers and drawings, silent auction, vegas style games, Texas Hold 'em.

Tickets \$25 CONTACT: (248) 960-9975 pr diamondsanddenim@hospitality housefoodpantry.org

Book Signing DATE: Saturday, May 5

TIME: 2-4 p.m. LOCATION: Borders Express Twelve Oaks Mall DETAILS: Colleen Burcar. and "You Know You're in Michigan When...", will be pres

Novi Choralaires Spring

ent to sign copies of her books

DATE: Saturday, May 12 TIME: 7:30 p.m. IME: 7:30 p.m. OCATION: Fuerst Auditorium, Novi High School DETAILS: The Cholalaires will perform their spring concert, "Encore!", featuring songs we remember, like to sing, and like to hear one more time. Tickets are \$12 per person and are available Choralaire member and at the

CONTACT: Dick Bayeri (248)

Book Club Meeting

DATE: Friday, May 18 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Starbucks, 302 East Main St Northville DETAILS: "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," Ken Kesey CONTACT: northvillebookclub@gmail.com

Artrain USA "America's Hometown Art Museum" TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.,

LOCATION: 840 N. Pontiac DETAILS: Public can tour three galleries and Artist's Studio onboard vintage railcars. Exhibit includes "Native Views: Influences of Modern Culture," recently designated an American Masterpiece by the National Endowment for the Arts. Children can participate in an exhibition Scavenger Hunt Demonstration artist's original

works for purchase. Admission tree. Donations encouraged. CONTACT: Cathy Behrens (248) 624-4847 or Train Travel, inc. (248) 960-9440; also visit www.rail-road.com or www.ArtrainUSA.org

Farmers Market

through the end of October TIME: 7 a.m.-1 p.m LOCATION: Walled Lake City Hall Field (between Decker and Pontiac Trail), Walled Lake DFTAILS: Vendor applications

over 500 members. Our mission is to be a responsible, proactive currently accepted; cost of booth the greater Novi area. We are business and professional people working together to enhance the is \$12 per day, special discounts life of our community and the CONTACTS: Call Janell Joyce businesses in it. For more infor-

(248) 624-4847 for application mation, visit and other information. tact the chamber office at (248)

CHAMBERS OF **COMMERCE**

Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Novi Chamber is a nonprofit business association. We provide enjoyable net working apportunities for our members; act as a bridge between local business and government; help businesses stay aware of other member's services and products and the activities of their community. For more information, contact: Whitney McClellan, executive director (248) 347-4622 or wmgncc@yahoo.com. Fo event listings; www.greater-

"It's a Big Deal" TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m

LOCATION: The Dirty Martini DETAILS: This event, sponsored by BrightHouse, will feature food, friends, networking and an invitation to participate in a game show at Second City A \$2,000 orize is at stake, plus \$40 or bring a quest for \$75.

Sales Leads Group TIME/DATE: 8-9 a.m. every

LOCATION: Hopter's of Novi DETAILS: Serious networking on a weekly basis. CONTACT: Michelle Winn (248) 835-3754

Neighborhood Round Table TIME/DATE: Thursday, May 10 LOCATION: TBD DETAILS: Come and brain-

storm about bringing more conventions and visitors to the area and create a new name for the the second Thursday of every Arts Round Table TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m

LOCATION: MIXX Lounge DETAILS: Join this eclection group to discuss art and culture in the area. No charge. B2B Breaklast TIME/DATE: 7:45 a.m. Wednesday, May 16 LOCATION: Konica Minolta

16921 Enterprise Ct. DETAILS: For members \$5 After Hours at Andiame

TIME/DATE: 5-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17 LOCATION: Andiamo DETAILS: Hosted by Financia

Round Table Group, Information provided regarding identity theft 401Ks, insurance and more, For members \$10, non-members

Lakes Area Chamber of

Since 1963, the Lakes Area proudly served as West Oakland's Regional Chamber, servicing the communities of Commerce Township, Union Lake, Walled Lake, Waterford, Wixom, Wolverine Lake and White Lake Beginners are welcome. Our purpose is to improve the

quality of life for businesses and TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. residents in the Lakes area. We act as a unified voice on behalf. 5 p.m. Wednesday the business community, provide a forum to discuss and review topics of interest, serve as a rials fee. source of information and devel-Knittin' Yarns TIME/DATE: 1-3 n.m op programs that are responsive

to the needs of the communities DETAILS: Join others and crewe serve. CONTACT: (248) 628-2826 ate hats and shawls for those in Evening Connection Tai Chi Class TIME/DATE: 5:30-7:30 p.m., TIME/DATE: 10:15-11 a.m.

Thursday DETAILS: This is an ancient I OCATION: Pure Salon and Day Spa, 39800 W. 14 Mile, Chinese exercise used to improve Commerce Township DETAILS: Purchase a special flexibility, balance and strength. No experience is necessary. The Mother's Day surprise.

cost is \$5. TIME/DATE: 11:15 a.m.-12:15 **Novi Chamber of Commerce** The chamber is celebrating 40 years of business, representing

DETAILS: Learn proper breathing techniques that can be used at home or on the job to help reduce stress. The class will be tion space in the Cancer Center.

Yoga Classes
TIME/DATE: 12:30-1:15 p.m. Monday (for backs); 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday (for strength & endurance); 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m Wednesday (for backs); 12:30-1:30 p.m. Friday (for



Members of The Skating Club of Novi present "Ice Revue: 2007: Fantasy" this weekend at the Novi Ice Arena. The skating show will feature routines by groups of all ages and talent levels.

DETAILS: The cost is \$10 for

walk-in; \$80 for 10-class card

session. Registration required.

Massage TIME/DATE: Various times,

DETAILS: Therapeutic mas

sage is shown to be effective for

fatious pain and headaches.

undergoing treatment should

bring a physician's referral. Call for an appointment. The cost is

DATE: Monday and Friday TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. begin-

LOCATION; Novi Civic Center,

DETAILS: No partner needed

for lessons in this pay-as-you-go

program. Novi residents \$5; non-

ners; 7:30-9:30 p.m. inte

45175 W. 10 Mile Road

\$50 for a 50-minute session.

Line Dancing

Monday and Thursday

Annual Casino Night DATE: Saturday, May 19 LOCATION: Lucky Strike

DETAILS: Enjoy a night of auction and casino games. This is a great opportunity to get exposure for your company. Be a sponsor or donate a prize.

BUSINESS

Females in the Family **Business Affinity Group** TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. Third Thursday of every month LOCATION: Walsh College Troy

> Camous DETAILS: Walsh Business Leadership Institute invites vomen who own, are partners in, or work for family businesses. Items discussed will be common issues, and women can share solutions in a nonthreatening. noncompetitive, non-sales roundtable, Registration is required CONTACT: Jan Hubbard, jhub-

bard@walshcollege.edu

SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT

residents \$6.

CLASSES

Blood Drive Providence Center for the DATE: Friday, May 11 LOCATION: Village Oaks LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Elementary, 23333 Willowbrook Center, 47601 Grand River

Avenue, Novi CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 **Novi City Council Meeting** Wanted: One-Time Art DATE: Monday, May 14

Workshop Instructors TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: We are looking fo LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, people who have an art or craft 45175 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-0470 our series of one-time work-

shops. Please call (248) 465-**Novi Youth Assistanc** 5455 if interested General Citizens Meeting Colored Pencil Workshop TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., second DATE: Tuesday TIME: 6 p.m DETAILS: The cost is \$2.

45175 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-0410 DATE: Thursday, May 3 DETAILS: There is a \$10 mate-TIME: 7:30 p.m.

Elementary

Dakland Schools Technical Campus Southwest Garden

LOCATION: Village Oaks

SCHEDULE: 7:45-9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday: 9 a.m.-noon Saturday and Sunday, May 5-20. LOCATION: 1000 Beck Road,

DETAILS: The Garden Center will offer annuals, perennials. hanging baskets and much more.

LIBRARY **LINES**

Novi Public Library LOCATION: 45245 W. Ten Mile

HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 1-5 CONTACT: (248) 349-0720 Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library. tions on four selections

DATE: Session #5 through DETAILS:No registration needed. Brochure listing the days and

times of each drop-in Story Time session are available in the library. Snack Tales DATE: Wednesday TIME: 7-7:45 p.m.

DETAILS: This program is for kids in grades kindergarten-third. At each session kids will enjoy a story and make an edible treat based on the story. Novi Knitters

DATE: Monday TIME: 6:30-8 p.m. DETAILS: Drop in for an informal knitters' group in the Youth area of the library. Knitters of all

Dance, Dance, Revolution DATE: Tuesday TIME: 5-6:00 p.m. DETAILS: Kirls in grades 3 and higher come to the library for DOR fun. No registration

DATE: Wednesday TIME: 5:30 p.m. DETAILS: Enjoy a sample from tion of 'Charlie and the Chocolate

eBay Questions with the

"eBay Lady" DATE: Saturday TIME: 1-2:00 p.m. DETAILS: Donna Klein, the "eBay Lady," answers the most frequently asked questions abou buying and selling on eBay. Call library to registe Lego Club

DATE: Monday TIME: 6-7:00 p.m. DETAILS: Children in Kindergarten-fourth grade join us for Lego show-and-tell and buildg activities. No registration. Tuesday Night Live! DATE: Tiles

DETAILS: Teens in fifth grade tures with the world. Perform your poetry, songs, dances or nost artwork and showcase you talent. Register by April 24

Safe on My Own DATE: Wednesday IME: 5-6:00 p.m. DETAILS: Grades 3-4, Pamela Van Houten, R.N., talks to children about phone and fire safety and home-alone skills. No regis

Library Board Meeting DATE: Wednesday TIME: 7:00 p.m. DETAILS: Community mem-LOCATION: Novi Public

Library. Molher-Daughler Stamping Event DATE: Tuesday, May 8

TIME: 7-8:30 p.m. DETAILS: Make a "Mom and me" accordion album, stamp on a candle and design a gift bag to take your projects home. \$10 per person; registration required. DATE: Wednesday, May 9

DETAILS: Battle of the books

in teams; read and answer ques

for children ages 3-5. Toddler Time TIME/DATE: 10:30 a m

are invited for a story hour DNA: "Where It Comes From TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesday DETAILS: Dr. J.C. Patterson will explain what science knows

Wixom Public Library

Trail Wixom CONTACT: (248) 624-2512 Library Friends Book Sale TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, DETAILS: Saturday \$5 buys an

NOVI **SENIOR**

> Located in the Meadowbrook 10 a.m.: Body Recall noon: Lunch 9 a.m.: Stretch & Strength

10 a.m.: Body Recall 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle 8:30 a.m.: Panera Bread and Coffee and Conversation 9-11 a.m.: Line Dance Intermediate class moved to 10 a.m.: Golf League

11 a.m.-12 p.m.: Computer noon: Lunch 1 p.m.: Bingo in Activities

9 a.m.: Stretch & Strength 10 a m · Rody Recall 11 a.m.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly and Blood Pressure 11:30 a.m.: Clogging-Beginner noon: Lunch

Wednesday

12:30 p.m.; Clogging Club 1-2:30 p.m.; "Talk it Over" 6:30 p.m.: *Clogging (Beg./Easy/Int.) 7:30 p.m.: *Clogging Club Thursday 9-11 a.m.: *Line Dance-Int. 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.: *Line . T/ME: 4:30-5:15 p.m. Dance-Beg. noon: Lunch 12:15 p.m.; Contract Bridge

Walled Lake City Library LOCATION: 1499 E. West CONTACT: (248) 624-3772

TIME/DAY: 6:30-7:30 p.m DETAILS: Drop-in story time is

Wednesdays through May 9 DETAILS: Children ages 2-3

about how four relatively uncon plicated chemical comp combine to produce all the com-

Bereavement Supporty

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LOCATION: 49015 Pontiac

entire bag of books. Become a Library Friends member for \$5

CENTER

25075 Meadowbrook Road 9 a.m.: Stretch & Strength 12:30 p.m. Bridge 1 p.m.: Bingo

Spotlight Your Grad in this photo tribute to the Class of 2007. Place your uates pnoto a fellow classmates in the special keepsake edition of the South Lvon Herald & Novi News on Thursday. June 14th. Deadline is May 31st for both napers.

Limited space available. Don't wait to show how proud you are.

Spotlight Your Grad! CLIP & MAIL Mail picture along with payment of \$25 check or credit card to: Daily Press & Argus/Class of 2007 202 W. Main Street, Brighton MI 48116 If you have any questions please call 517-548-7074.

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sage (20 words or less, please):



Support Group

fourth Tuesday of each

LOCATION: Huron

Commerce, Classroom

TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.

DETAILS: No registra-

CONTACT: (248) 937-

Crobn's & Colitie

Valley-Sinai Hospital,

tion needed.

Support Group

Wednesday of each month

Hospital and Medical Center

LOCATION: Providence Park

DETAILS: Enter facility through

Conference Room A, immediately

CONTACT: Al Biggs (313) 805-

Foundation of America (888)

Golden Ticket Members of the Novi Theatres prepare for their May production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." Standing from left to right are: Ashley Shamoon of North playing Veruca Salt; Blake Gronfund of Walled Lake playing Charle Bucket; and Daniel inglese of Novi playing Augustus Gloop, Seated from left to right are: Alexander Borrello of Novi playing Mike Teavee; Mike Petrillo of Novi as Willy Wonka; and Alyssa Simari of Livonia playing Violet Beauregard.

1-3 p.m.: Computer Lab TIME: 7:30-9 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

2:30-3:30 p.m.: Line Dance Activities will be held at the Mile Rd. Phone (248) 347-0414.

SUPPORT **GROUPS**

Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting

DATE: Last Wednesday of each month TIME: 10-11 a m LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 DETAILS: This informational

meeting is open to all adoptive Friendship Circle families in Oakland County. There s no charge. Child care is available. Registration is required

DATE: Second Thursday of TIME: 1 p.m. Church, 46325 10 Mile Road,

widows and widower

Here's to the class of

ATTENTION Parents, Grandparents, Friends!

Share your pride and joy with the entire city!

It seems like only yesterday you were sending

them off to kindergarten...Now, 'they're off to

embrace the future! Be sure to include your

favorite graduates childhood or graduation pic-

The Class of 2007!

ture in this special tribute to...

FIGURES ON St. Vizines: Oatholice between Taft and Beck Road DETAILS: Social group for al

(248) 851-6730, Florence Voight (248) 477-3032 or Joy lovald (248) 348-9138 or

MOMS Club of Novi DATE: First Thursday of each

southeast entrance. Meeting in nonth TIME: 10 a.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Cente to the left. DETAILS: Moms Offering Moms Support (MOMS) is a 7605 or Crohn's & Colitis non-profit support group for mothers who choose to stay at 737-2322. home with their children or work out of their homes. **Novi Toastmasters**

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples

TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot, 300 Dorothy St., South Lyon, DETAILS: This group provides information, support and social birth children and their families

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school conference are all Take Off Pounds Sensibly CONTACT: (248) 437-(TOPS) Chapter

a.m. weigh-in; 11:30 a.m. meet-Women's Prayer LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi

DETAILS: \$24 per annual membership includes handbook \$1 per meeting. New members CONTACT: Rebecca Boyke

FAITH

Meadowbrook Susan (248) 926-8332 Congregationa LOCATION: 21355 harvestfellowship@com CONTACT: Rev. Ed Willingham. Interim Minister, (248) 348-7757 **Breast Cancer** or visit www.mbccc.org or

First Bantist Church of Nov

amece@arounddetroit.biz

Sunday Worship

TIME: 10 a.m.

LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or www.firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org Sunday Schedule Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m. fourth Sunday of every month.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile

CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or www.churchaftheholycross.com Sunday Worship TIME: 7:45 and 10 a.m. Sunday School TIME: 9 a.m. Adult Bible

Study: 10 a.m. Worship Center Lunch Hour Worship TIME/DAY: 12:10-12:50 p.m DETAILS: The service will

include scripture and Holy Communion. TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second the second Saturday of each month, offering support and open discussion for all those

and related dementia. Holy Family Location: 24505

Meadowhrook Boad CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holyfamilynovi.org TIME/DAY: 7:30, 8:45, and 10:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 7 p.m. Tuesday: 9 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 5 p.m

Saturday Bible Sludy DATE: Thursdays TIME: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. DETAILS: Join the group for prayer, sharing, and discussion CONTACT: Maria (248) 349-8847 or e-mail at spiritwalk-

er001@aoi.com Adoptive Parent Networking DATE: Last Wednesday of

each month TIME: 10-11 a.m. DETAILS: This free informa tional meeting is open to all County. Child care is available. Registration is required. CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248)

334-3595 Catholic Update DATE: Monday TIMF: 7-8:30 p.m DETAILS: A "Coffee House" in the family center moderated by Monsignor John Budde. Discuss and raise questions about God. church, faith, heaven, hell, any-

LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile

CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or Sunday Worship TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m

> LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile CONTACT: (248) 347-7778 TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30

> > continued on 20A

VARSITY LINCOLN MERCURY COLLISION CENTER 2 exits west of 12 Oaks Mall at Grand River and Wixom Road

DETAILS: Meetings held on

1-248-449-6901 PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD WINNER "BEST COLLISION SHOP" 2005 It's your choice so choose the best! Tell your insurance company



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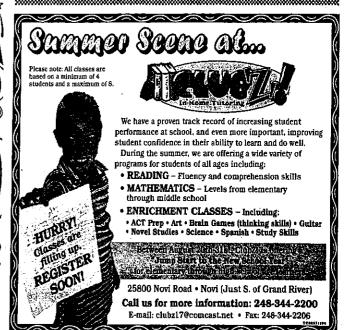
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DETAILS: A clergy from the

from the loss of a loved one. All

area will be lead in prayer and

re welcome and there is no fee. CONTACT: Michael M. Meyer, Doctorate of Ministry Neighborhood Baby-sitting

Co-op DETAILS: Using the co-op, you and your children can make friends and get what you need accomplished without the little ones in tow. Also enjoy a mom's night out and other social events

CONTACT: Sue Tracz (248) 380-0998

CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248)

DATES: Second Thursday of each month

around the Kensington Valley

DATE: First and third Tuesday iensunoflemino@vahoo.com of each month TIME: 7-8:45 p.m. CONTACT: Colleen (248) 685-

Activities Room, 45175 W. 10 DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communimonth cation skills, voice your opinion, DETAILS: All youth welcome polish your presentations and Alzheimer's Support Group DATE: Saturday May 12"AT"

St. James Catholic

Tuesday: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Sunday DETAILS: Activities and information will include Catholic Bookstore, 911 call simulators Tai Chi, bike helmet sale, car scat inspection, fitness and much

Novi United Methodist LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile CONTACT: (248) 349-2652

Sunday Worship TIME: 9:45 a.m. Randy & Marli Concert DATE: Sunday TIME: 6 p.m. LOCATION: Novi UMC Sanctuary

DETAILS: Loving Offering taken; reception to follow in the Narthex; meet the artists; purchase CDs; have refreshments Rummane & Bake Sale DATE: May 4-5

First United Methodist of Northville

LOCATION: 777 W Eight Mile Road, Northville CONTACT, (248) 349-1144 or visit www.funicnorthville.org Sunday Worship TIME: 8, 9:15, 11a.m. and 5

Community Healing Service DATE: First Monday of every

DETAILS: This service is open to anyone asking God for healing in their life or in someone close

Career Ministry Meetings DAYS: Sunday TIME. 1:30-3 p.m. DETAILS: The Career Ministry program is to help meet the needs of job seekers and others n career transition. It is free of charge and is focused on providing career development

resources, programs, and networking opportunities to anyone in the Northville/Novi area. Spring Performing Arts Series TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Sunday DETAILS: Presenting the Christian concert team of Randy

following the performance. Crosspointe Meadows LOCATION: Meadowbrook

and Marli. Afterglow immediately

Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 CONTACT: (248) 427-2700, 9

a.m.-2 p.m. or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org Sunday Worship TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m.

St. Paul Lutheran LOCATION: 201 Elm St.

CONTACT: (248) 349-3140 Sunday Worship TIME: 8:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m. Kindergarten Registration DETAILS: Children who turned five before Friday Dec. 1 may register for full or half-day kindergarten at St. Paul's

The Baha'i Faith CONTACT: (248) 473-0355 or

visit www.us.bahai.org Devotional Gathering TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. last Saturday of every month LOCATION: 23803 Ripple Creek St., Novi DETAILS: This is a gathering

focusing on prayers for peace. People of all faiths are welcome First Presbyterian Church of

Northville LOCATION: 200 F. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 Sunday Worship TIME: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Single Place Ministries CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

PROGRAM SCHEDULE: 7 p.m. Thursdays PROGRAMS: Tonight: Laughler is the Best Medicine with Walt Stasinsk.

Learn how humor can boost your immune system. April 26: "Can You Hear Me Now" presented by Joanne Estes. Learn new communication skills and generale stronger connec-Divorce Recovery Workshop II

DATE: May 17-June 14 TIME: 7:30-9 p.m. DETAILS: The cost for the workshop is \$45. Child care is available for toddlers through sixth grade. Register for child care at least two weeks before

classes start. Registration for

classes required CONTACT: (24B) 349-0911 Walking Group

TIME: 11:30 a.m. LOCATION: First, second and Shop, 2334 Farmington Road, ngton; Third Saturday Panera Bread Co., 34635 Grand River Ave Farmington DETAILS: This is a

walking/social group. Everyone is St. John Lutheran

LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills CONTACT: (248) 474-0584 or visit www.stjohn-lutheran.com Saturday Worship TIME: 5:30 p.m. Sunday Worship TIME: 9, 11:15 a.m. Sunday School TIME: 10:15 a.m.

Faith Community

Presbyterian
LOCATION: 44400 W, 10 Mile
CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or
visit www.faithcommunity-novl.org

Gracepointe Presbyterian CONTACT: (248) 497-3178 or e-mail gracepointe@mac.com Worship Service TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Sunday

LOCATION: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Novi, in the Ampitheater. DETAILS: The public is invited for worship and to stay after to fellowship and learn more about Gracepointe. Child care will be

available. For more information on Bible Study and other mide. istries see contact info. **HEALTH**

LOCATION: 47601 Grand River CONTACT: (888) 440-7325, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday Health Classes: Childbirth Education

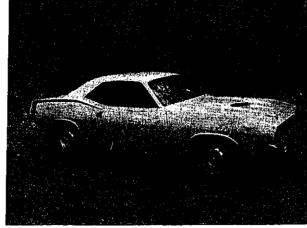
Hospitál-Novi

St. John Providence Park

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Saturday Sunday DETAILS: Weekend series helping you and your partner get ready for the birth of your baby

Childbirth Refresher DETAILS: A one-time class to review important information for the birth of your baby.

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Revving Up! Speed into the Michigan International Spring Classic Car Show & Auction Sunday at the Rock Financial Showplace

Oakland Cable Commission

Novi Concert Band

CONTACT: Diran Kochyan

473-2840

Rehearsais

(248) 348-5135

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(248) 348-5600 or visit

m/for more information.

SHOWPLACE

46100 Grand River Ave. Call

http://rockfinancialshowplace.co

Taft Road

Studios local community televi-

sion studio. CONTACT: Melissa Cohn (248)

Heartsaver First Ald TIME/DATE: 6-10 p.m. tonight DETAILS: AHA course designed for emergencies in the workplace. Learn to recognize emergencies and give basic first aid. Does not cover CPR. Fee \$50.

Health Screenings at Meijer LOCATION: 49900 Grand Rive

ve., Wixom DATE: Friday DETAILS: The pharmacy at Meijer will offer the following tests for low cost: Cholesterol \$30; Liver Function, \$15; Diabetes Screening, \$4; Hemoglobin A1C, \$30. You will receive results within 15 minutes All tests include consultation and explanations of results and medications by the pharmacist, also blood pressure check.

Appointments are necessary. CONTACT: (248) 449-5733

Vote for my Dad!

Karl Wizinsky is my dad, and he...

really knows Novi — he's lived here 32 years!

isia smart guy — he has an MBA from Wayne State

has plenty of business experience, he knows how to make things happen

"gets it" because my brother Paul and I attend Novi Schools right now

knows how important it is for us to be prepared for a global economy

· believes we can maintain Novi schools' excellence if we all work together

LEADERSHIP

vote Tuesda

has ideas to help everyone in Novi collaborate to benefit schools

wants to put his skills to work on the School Board — today!

It matters to me, to my friends and to all Novi students!

INTEGRITY

Wolverine Knife Collectors **ONGOING** Show/Michigan Antique Arms Show, Michigan International **SWOCC Studio Tours**

Spring Classic Car Show and LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile DATE: Friday-Sunday Road, Farmington. DETAILS: Come in for an up-**DETAILS: Wolverine Knife** Collectors and Michigan Antique close look at the Southwest

and collectable knives to buy, sell and trade. For information on Michigan International Classic Car Show and Auction visit www.rmauctions.com.

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Novi High School Reunion-Class of 1987

DATE: Saturday, Aug. 11 DETAILS: More information coming. CONTACT: Call (323) 467-

0642 or NoviHigh@gmail.com Detroit Mackenzie High

School Class of 1957 TIME: 6:30 p.m. to midnight LOCATION: Radisson, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive.

DETAILS: The cost is \$75 per person. Mail M. vonGlahn 20997 Chase Drive, Novi, MI 48375 for tickets. The deadline is June 30. Note: The reunion committee is looking for classmates from the class

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DATE: Monday, August 13 TIME: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. LOCATION: Lakelands Golf and Country Club, 8760 Chilson Road, Brighton DETAILS: Sign up early for Sponsorships available CONTACT:

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LOCATION: Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church 54899 Eight Mile Road (at Currie Road) DETAILS: Prayer and music service led by local pastors with Senator Valde Garcia and Christian musicians Randy and Marli Brown.

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Adult Softball Leagues DATE: Beginning May 15, LOCATION: South Lyon DETAILS: Men play Tuesday or Wednesday, coed plays Friday. Registration deadline is Monday, April 30. CONTACT: South Lyon Area

Recreation (248) 437-8105 Men's Softball Tournament

DATE: Saturday, May 5 LOCATION: Volunteer Park DETAILS: Each team guaranteed minimum of two

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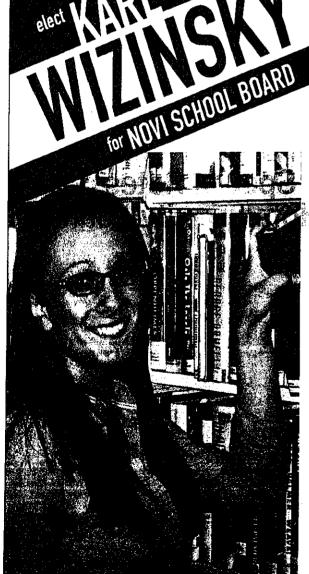
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The Flower Alley

Is there such a thing as serious fun? You bet. And it can be found in the newest florist business in Novi. The Flower Alley, at 25914 Novi Road, a few blocks south of Grand River, just opened in March and customers are already seeing that owners Lee Ann and Jeff Adam are serious about hav-

How serious? Both are certified balloon artists, having completed formal training in all types of balloon decor and creation. They must adhere to a professional code of conduct, which often sets them apart from other florists who merely inflate and sell a balloon.

"We don't want to be known as people who just tie a string to a

balloon, said Lee Ann. In facts The Flower Alley wants to be known for a lot more than just flowers and balloons. They want to be known as a one-stop, value-driven gift shop. That's why they do things all the differently.

"We want people to return folyisit us many times throughout the year," Lee Ann

added: "We want people to think of us first for any occasion."

Lee Ann and Jeff are very big on holidays and special events — and it really shows. A special event/holiday room is designed to show customers all of the gifts that are available for holidays such as Christmas, Easter, Valentines Day, etc. The whole idea is to make a visit to The Flower Alleya fun experience, something Jeff picked up from a very famous person. Their unique store is laid out with different rooms to highlight the various holidays.

"Walt Disney said that if you create an atmosphere that is fun and where people are happy; they will come back," he said; "We want people to keep coming back."

And it is not just the fun that will keep people coming back, it is the value and the selection that will impress them as a sufficient of their pitting in clude plush animals, TY Girlz, and Webkinz. The Flower Alley is the areas exclusive recaller of Claire Burke potpourti products, too. Jeff and Lee Ann bring in new products every week because they want to create and maintain an africast among their scon-to-be regular customers.

tomers.

"We are no just a flower shop — but a unique gift shop, said Lee Ann.

Another unique service comes from Lee Ann's experience as a decorator and designer for a large 50,000 square foot estate. That experience has made her a logical choice for young couples, teking just the right decorator their weddings and for people who just want to plan as pecial party. "We love to host parties and events," said Lee Ann. "We

are genuine party people."

The Flower Alley has a unique designand eye-catching colors which is intentional.

There is a logoritaffic zipping up and down Novi Road and we wanted to stick out and be noticed? said Jeff. They choose Novi because it is a bisy and growing area and their store is convenient to the freeways, where they are putting delivery trucks on the

If customers, in slow down long enough to stop and browse in the store, the Adams' mow they willis ome back. "We are a unique florest," said Jeff, "You might say we are one-stop gift enough if you stop and bity some lift, to there Aou will save time looking or other otherens."

for other gift items.

When scustomers stop to browse they woulkely find something differentials, like a moon that Jelishope to complete somethy. Wants to fill the croom with Detroit memorability including some items dedicate is or the first clowis with suppeared on Detroit relevations sile knows that a lot of participle pride in being from the Dettoit But if all aversiones wants dams williand the special, too. "We really spazzy up a bouqued with special wrapping and excess our its before it goes out the door, said Lee Ann at ditembecomes a

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SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: SOCCER

Last year's champs still standing tall

Novi wins rematch of last year's title game

By Jeff Theisen

Northville soccer went searching for revenge for last year's state finals

or teeringe to has year's same mans loss but again wound up on the short side of a loss to Novi.

The Wildcats (7-0-1, 2-0) kept a streak of three years without a loss intact with a 3-0 win at Northville on

Saturday.

The two were scheduled to have a rematch of last year's state finals in the beginning of the season.

The weather didn't accommodate. and it was pushed back to Saturday. The move landed the game on a beautiful, sunny day, which also led to a packed house

Both defenses took center stage in the first half, keeping quality scoring chances at a minimum.

"The first half was dead even," Novi head coach Brian O'Leary

Northville (4-1-1) goalkeeper Liz Watza and Novi's Erin Zerio went

into halftime with clean slates. That changed early in the second half when Wildcat senior Emily Esbrook started the scoring. Watza punched a free kick that went to the top of the penalty box. Esbrook got the ball in traffic, created a small window of space and fired a shot into the left side of the net just two minutes into the second half.

"The ball was jumbling at the top of the box, and a bunch of people were getting it. I just took a touch and just shot it at the back post, Esbrook said, "It set the tempo for the second half,"

The goal swung the momentum wildly in favor of the Wildcats.

Janssens, celebrating her birthday, found a present waiting



See WILDCATS, 3B Novi's Jenna Carosio heads the ball Saturday in a 3-0 win against Northville.



Photo by Michael Shuste

Mike Place pitches during Saturday's doubleheader

A full day of rivalry games

Novi wins big soccer game; Northville wins all others

By Jeff Theisen

Even Mother Nature wanted to watch Saturday's ultimate Baseline Battle boxing card Saturday. She offered near-per-fect temperatures and a cloudless

day to enjoy five Novi-Northville matchups. Novi and Northville faced off in baseball and softball with doubleheaders for each starting

The featured bout took place at noon with the two state soccer finalists from last year squaring

All three games were held at the home of the Mustangs, which made seeing at least parts of all three sports very accommodat-

Northville softball earned the first win of the day, ending just after 11 a.m. with a 2-1 victory.

he Mustang baseball te followed suit about a half-hour later with a 13-3, five-inning vic-tory for the next win of the day. Softball started to get under-

way for the second game of the

doubleheader as the two heavy

on the schedule, but everyone in the packed stands knew this was a big game for both teams.

The defenses dominated the first half, with the teams going

into the intermission tied at zero.

Novi's Emily Esbrook broke
the tie just a couple of minutes
into the second half with a goal from the top of the penalty box, and the Wildeat offense kept

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weight soccer teams took the field for battle. The Wildeat soccer team insisted it was just another game

pouring it on.
Stephanie Janssens gave herself a birthday present with the second goal, nine minutes later. Stephanie Crawford capped the scoring with a header goal

kick with 4:40 l a come play.

Novi keeps its incredible streak of three unbeatens seasons

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NOVI NEWS Athlete of the Week

Novi senior Stephanie Janssens, Soccer

Janssens scored a goal in all three of Novi's win in the past week. She scored a goal and dished out an assist in an 8-0 win against Lakeland, scored a goal in a 5-0 win against South Lyon and scored the second goal in a 3-0 win against Northville.



Sports Submissions

Bringing the camera to the game? Did you see something special? Send your photos or comments to:

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Jessica Salley of Novi races to tag Northville's Kelsey Lewis before she reaches the base

Novi tennis firing aces

■ ROUNDUP: Wildcat golf sets new school record; softball struggles

By Jeff Theisen

The Novi tennis team finished a busy week with a pair of wins and a third-place finish in the West Bloomfield Invitational. On April 17, Novi knocked off

ton 10 ranked Saline, 7-1. Vivek Athalye rallied from a 4-6 loss in the first set to win the next two 6-3, 6-2 for a three-set win at No. 1 singles.

Also winning for the Wildeats were No. 3 singles Roshan Ramachandran (6-2, 6-3), No. 4 singles Goutham Kondapi (6-0, 6-3), Ryan Bell and Adam Doster at No. 1 doubles (6-4, 6-4), Ryar and Justin Faroog at No. 3 doubles (6-0, 6-1) and Atneya Soliani and Vishnu Venugopal at No. 4 doubles

good one, a top-10 team," Novi coach Jim Hanson said.

The lineap was changed for the April 18 match against Milford, but the Wildcars still cruised to a 9-0 against Northville. Mani Mahadeyan took over at

No. 1 singles and won 6-2, 6-3, at No. 4 doubles. Ramachandran stayed at No. 2 singles and didn't lose a game (6-0, 6-1). Rao and Michael Thomas camed on, Goutham Kondapi won 6-1, 0-0 at No. 3 singles and Carson Cradell won 6-1, 6-1 at No. 4 singles.

The 1-3 doubles teams stayed the trip.

"It was a good tournament," "

and Matt Skaglin teamed up at No.
4 doubles for a 6-0, 6-2 win, and
Chris Kim and bobby Ma won 6-t,
"Overall, it was a tough tourna-6-O at No. 5 doubles. ing in they had to play three match-es against tough competition." The Wildcats will host an eight-At Saturday's invite. Nov fin-

behind winner West Bloomfield. behind winner west pitomineta.

The Wildeats did manage three
flight champions: Kondapi at No. 4
singles, Goodman, and Lui at No. 2
idea place at the middle school.

Novi set a new school record, carding a team score of 376 at the Grosse He invite Saturday. Asako Akmatsue and Natalie the win.

Krick led with 91s, Megan Wenzl was next with a 93, and Ashley Simms shot 100 to break the old record by one stroke. The Wildcats - the win in relief with two inning finished 17th of 24 teams The Wildcats also beat Pinckney medalist honors with a 46.

Yovi Track

Novi went up against defending KVC champion Pinckney on April 17 and lost 98-39.

Winning events for the Wildcats were John Brown in the shot put (46-11), Eric VanBuhler in the 300 hurdles (43,0), Dan Simmons in the 200 (23.6) and Eric Preston in the pole vault (11-5).

VanBubler in the 110 hurdles (15.9), Simmons in the 100 meters (11.2), Arshaun Hall in the 200 meters (23.9), Henry He in the pole vault (10-11) and Brown in the discus (114-5). Third-place finishers were Tyler

Mouch in the shot (43-5), Ben Foerg in the 400 meters (54.5), Hall in the long jump (18-3.5) and

The Wildcats struggled in the past week, losing 4-0 to Howell on April 18, 11-1 to Lakeland on Friday, and 2-1 and 10-0 at

Northville on Saturday. The offense has been the biggest thine lacking for the Wildests, seen ing just two runs in four games.

Catholic Central baseball

Catholic Central baseball over-

Novi lacrosse wins 3 straight

Howell nets 12 goals in three games

Monday night's game at Novi High School was the start of the Kensington Valley Conference schedule for both the Novi Wildcats and the Hartland Both lacrosse teams

a short handed goal while one of rankings. their defenders sat in the penalty box for a slash. Howell then posted his second followed by a goal by Hartland's Wilkinson 40 seconds later. The quarter ended

Novi as they scored six unan-swered goals. Senior goalie Eric swered goals. Senior goalie Ene-lepler shut the Eagles out with three saves. Craig Howell got two more goals. Other goals were scored by George Riegel, Travis Blackledge, and Paul Favorite, Novi held an 8-2 lead at the half.
Novi continued to build on

Photos by Michael Shuster

Lake St. Mary's with a 10-0 drub-

bing of the Englets.
Billy Hardin threw a four-hitter for the Shaurocks (3-8) to pick up

The Shantrocks also stopped Detroit Western 15-5 in six innings Monday, Doug Raymond picked up

pitched, Hardin and Steve Harding

(2 RBI) led the offense with three hits each. Cory Amble provided two hits and two RBIs.

On Friday, the Wildcats took on the Okemos Chipfrans at their lead in the third with additional goals by Blackledge and Riegel who each ended the game with a hat trick. Mutt Mandeville also scored while tarland was only Hartland was only able to put in one against Junior goalie Kyle Simone. At the end of the third 5-5 tie by half time. Favorite's

In the fourth quarter, the Wildeats finished strong scoring five more goals while Simone blanked the Eagles offense with three more saves. Blackledge ing the ball in the top right cor-scored again along with goals by ner of the net. scored again along with goals by Nick Zoroya, Robert Napier, and Matt Erieson. The final score was Novi 16, Hartland 3.

Novi goals were scored by Travis Blackledge also netted trace Howelf (4). Travis Blackledge (3). George Riegel (3). Robert Napier (2), Matt an additional seven ground Ericson, Matt Mandeville, Nick balls to lead the team to the

following players had assists; Blackledge (4), Kevin Rowe (2), and Zoroya. Brad Petrosky led

ve. Due to an altercation in the last minute of the game, Novi's Brad Petrosky and Hartland's R.J. Bogdanski were ejected

next games. Novi's record is now 2-2 (1-0 in the KVC).

The Novi High School boy's Eagles. Both lacrosse tenins rame into the contest with identical 1–2 records. Novi came away with a 16-3 win.

The list quarter went back and forth with Novi scoring first on one of Craig Howell's four goals. Hartland struck back with a short banded und while one of the state on the LAX Power rankings.

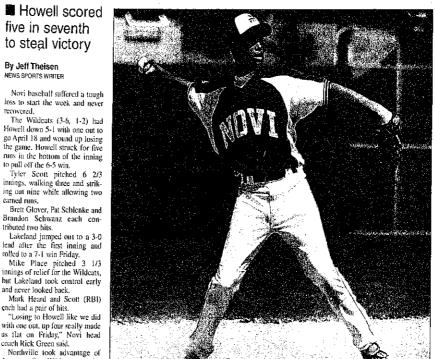
Novi 16. Howell 2

On April 19, Novi easily beat Howell. The Wildcats coasted to a 12-0 lead at half time and finished with a 16-2 victory. Novi's Crais Howell led all scorers with for tiple goal scorers were Matt Mandeville (3), Travis Blackledge (2), and George Riegel (2).

the first inning and added five more runs in the fourth.

Brandon Schwanz led the offense with two hits. Scott knocked in a pair of RBIs and Garrett Green knocked out a dougoal came on an unassisted effort directly from the faceoff. The Wildcats stole all kinds of

The second half belonged to Novi as Craig Howell put in three more of his six goals.



Novi baseball drops three sports shorts

Steve Anderson throws to first base during Saturday's double header against

loss. The offense struggled as Novi managed just two hits in the gling right now, but he wants to

Stephan Figurski had the highlight of the game, stealing three bases in one inning.

Danny Kilger had a pair of sac-

bases in the second game, but still rifice flies, and Heard and Matt ended up the victims of a 7-5 Hohenshil provided the hits.

4/26 at Brighton, 7:30 p.m.

4/27 at WL Central, 7 p.m. 4/30 vs. South Lyon, 6:30 p.m.

4/27 at Bedford Invite, 9 a.m.

4/30 ys. Hariland at Cattails

He said, "(Opposing) hitters are We can't afford to wall

CATHOLIC

4/28 at Brother Rice, 11 a.m.

4/27 at Farm. United, 7 p.m. 5/1 vs. DeLaSalle,.7 p.m.

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see his pitchers take charge in the much heart. We need to come up with a big win to turn thing around for us."

> Jeff Theisen can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

High School Sports Schedules



NOVI

By Jeff Theisen

and never looked back.

the struggling Wildeat team by roaring out to a 13-3 victory in five innings and capped the sweep with a 7-5 win.

The Mustangs started the first

game with six unearned runs in

4/27 vs. South Lyon, 4 p.m. 5/2 at Hartland, 4 p.m.

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4/27 vs. Brighton, 7 p.m. 5/2 at Milford, 7 p.m.

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5/1 at Lakeland, 4 p.m.

5/2 at Brighton, 4 p.m.

4/28 at Northville Invite.

8:30 a.m. 4/30 at Brother Rice, 4 p.m.

4/27 at Jackson relays, 4 p.m. 4/30 vs. OL St. Mary's, 4 p.m.

Novi wins big soccer shodown

in tact with a 3-0 win,

Mustang softball took advantage of Novi emptying its bench in game 2 and finished with a 10-0 win.

Mustang baseball also earned the two-game sweep with a 7-5 victory. In all, it was a great day for two rival schools to offer its

fans the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful day of competition in one place. Jeff Theisen can be reached

■ RIVALRIES:

win of the day for the

ately following play.

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The venue for MWGA's second tournament of the year is the beauti-



STARTS FRIDAY, APRIL 27 SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT - NO PASSES OR DISCOUNT TICKETS ACCEPTED

Novi boys basketball coach Pat Schluter is hosting three summer

basketball camps.

The Boys basketball camp for grades 2-5 will run 8:30 a.m.-noon

and grades 6-9 will be 1-4:30 p.m. July 18-22 at Novi Middle School. Cost of the camp is \$140 and will include all aspects of basketball and player development. Participants will also receive a T-shirt and outdoor

The boys and girls shooting camp for grades 2-5 will run [2:30-2 nn, and for grades 6-9 215-345 pm. July 23-27 at the Novi Middle School. The camp costs \$68 and will concentrate on all shooting aspects with awards being given to contest winners.

The boys and girls K-2 camp will run 8:30-10 a.m. for one class and 10:15-11:45 for another class July 23-27 at the Novi Middle School. The cost is \$68 for each class and will teach the basic skills of basket-

Gym clothes and gym shoes are required for all camps Registration begins April 16 by calling Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

All-Area 4-Star Baskethall Camp

Novi basketball head coach Pat Schluter is teaming up with South Lyon head coach Daren Clayton to run the All-Area 4-Star Basketball Camp at Livonia Stevenson High School.

The first camp is for boys entering grades 3-6 from 8:30-noon with boys entering grades 7-8 from 1-4:30 p.m. July 9-13.

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Each camp cost \$165 and is aimed at improving the serious basket-

ill player. Space is limited to 100 campers per session. Visit www.allareabasketballcamp.com for m

Rick Green and the Novi Wildcat baseball team are conducting another baseball camp (only outdoors this tinie) on Saturday, April 28 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Novi High School field for players ages 7-14. The cost is \$50. Checks should be made out to the Novi Heat and sent to the attention of Rick Green at Novi High School, 24062 Taft Rd. Novi, MI 48375. Any questions, please contact Rick Green at (248) 420-6637 or at rrgreen@servicesports.net.

Novi Lady Wildcats basketball camp

The Novi basketball camp run by for girls in grades two through

An emphasis will be placed on all game phases including dribbling, shooting, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship, and an introduction to the Lady Wildcats offensive and defensive schemes. Gym clothes and shoes are required. All participants will receive a T shirt and outdoor basketball. The camp for grades 2-5 will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon each day in

the fieldhouse. The camp for grades 6-9 will run from 1-4:30 p.m.
The camp is run by Wildeat head coach Bill Kelp.
The fee is \$140, and registration begins April 16 by calling Novi
Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

NHS 2007-08 Football Round-Up Meeting will be held 7 p.m. May

14 in the Northville High School cafeteria/auditorium, All interested incoming 9-12th grade players (for the 07-08 school year) and parents should plan to attend and register for summer camps, meet coaches, obtain schedule details, order fan gear, etc for next fall. More information can be found on the football program's website at www.northville

One of the largest tournaments of the year, the day will be filled with activities for MWGA members and guests at the beautiful Dunham Hills Golf Club and clubhouse, Swap meet setup begins at 10 a.m., annual meeting and luncheon at 11 a.m., shotgun start for the 4 woman scramble at 1 p.m., and awards and more swap meet immedi-

ful Northville Hills Golf Club in Northville. The tournament is a two-person best ball event, with women's and mixed divisions, to be held May 26. Tee times begin at 8 a.m., and the cost is \$70. for memhers and male partners (mixed division), \$90 for non-members Inez Bridges is tournament director, and may be reached at bridges@mwgolf.org, or (248) 890-4461.





Novi's Amanda Diacono

waits for a throw Saturday

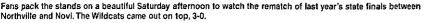
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team tournament starting 8:30 a.m.



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■ WILDCATS: Still undefeated

past Watza into the upper-left corner of the net for a 2-0 lead with 28:56 left to no shots on goal." play.
"A great pass from Jenna

(Carosio)," Janssens said, "Great crowd. They can be crazy, but they're good." Crawford sealed the deal,

"h was really exciting," Crawford said, "h was hot

Saturday was the first time both teams had to play in warmer temperatures.
O'Leary said getting everyone in the game played a big

minutes today. I think we and Morgan Haffey, kept fresh legs in, and that's Zerio made six saves for kept fresh legs in, and that's why we secred three in the second half."

Zerio man the shutout.

The defense was another

for her and outran a Mustaing they were." he said they were." he said they were he w

More victories

On April 18, Novi thumped Lakeland 8-0 to azy, but they're good.
Novi senior Stephanic open KVC play.
The Wikleas poured in capping the scoring with
4:40 left. Esbrook sent a corner kick that might have

0 at the break, Novi scored

gone in, but Watza fipped the ball off the crossbar that went right to a waiting Kate Chaklos, Esbrook Crawford for an easy header. a pair of goals. Crawford and Janssens each added a goal.
Picking up assists were
Chaklos (2), Eshrook,
Janssens, Fratto, Shannon

Cody and Crawford. Novi also dispatched of South Lyon on Friday, 5-0. Scoring for the Wildeats art in the win.
"I think our depth paid off lot," he said, "I played tot," played very player at least 10-15 from Janssens, Megan Burns

> Jeff Theisen can be according to reached at jtheisen@gar



Novi defenders surround Mustang senior Danielle Toney on Saturday at Northville.



Novi's Stephanie Crawford, next to goalkeeper Liz Watza, eyes the ball before heading in the final goal in a 3-0

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Novi's Stephanie Janssens brings the ball up the field. She scored the second goal Saturday, which was also her birthday

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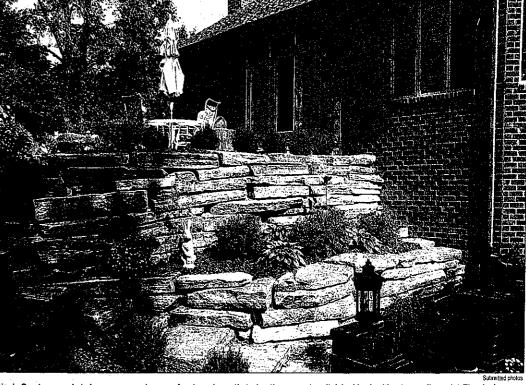
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Brien's Services still best deal

By Kate Phillips

uring times when money is tight,
Brien's Services is truly the best
value for a dollar. North of Pontiac Trail in Milford

Can you afford to go anywhere clse?
The well-known maintenance service and landscaper may not always quote a cheaper price than other companies. But Brien's truly does cost less, when factoring in future costs and major headaches associated with less-experi-enced landscapers.

we're right there in the middle," said Brien who has owned and operated the

DEPENDABLE EMPLOYEES

It all starts with the dependable full-time professionals at Brien's Services. These men and women work hard to

crews mowing lawns, each employee is expected to perform top-notch work. Brien hires only those who want to make a career out of full-time landscape work instead of just hiring cheap temporary help.

"We hire long-term employees who take pride in their work and do everything with a sense of professionalism," Briefi

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Top-of-the-line equipment enables employees to do quality work at a reason-able price. Since employees carefully maintain the professional-grade mowers weed whips, trimmers, dozer and skidsteer, they perform better and more effi-ciently, keeping prices low. Brien's can outperform other landscap-

ers for the same price or an even cheaper price because he has the right equipment for the job and has an organized staff that can make sure equipment is available at each job site when needed. "This helps us stay competitive in our prices," Brien said.

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time as scheduled for weekly maintenance or one-time jobs.
"If builders or Realtors are trying to sell homes and the common areas in the neigh-borhood area't mowed on time, they'll

lose business because the place looks unkempt," Brien explained. "Every time business owners have to take time out of their schedules and call to find out why the bushes weren't trimmed

or weeds removed, it costs them money because they could be doing something else a lot more productive.

"We're going to get the job done per-fectly and do it on time: That means a lot."

AFFORDABLE

Brien's Services can save money for commercial or residential customers who need new landscaping that doesn't cost a

Brien can help homeowners choose a few key pieces that give the property a fin-ished look without spending a lot. It may turn out to be much cheaper than buying dozens of small shrubs and plants from

large garden centers.

The design can be set up in stages so only parts of the yard are completed each year and the price stays low. Or Brien's can help with financing.

Many customers actually save money by hiring Brien's instead of going it alone. The plants they choose will last for the long run, instead of fizzling away in a couple years.

Staff are experienced enough to know

which plants thrive in sandy, clay and rich soil and which are best for dry, sunny, trouwill be off to the best start possible.

Brien's Services offers guarantees on its

sprinkler systems, hydro-seed and sod PROTECTING AN INVESTMENT

Any New

Trees and shrubs need pruning once or twice a year or they will become tall and spindly. Plants that aren't regularly trimmed lose several years of growth when they are finally trimmed back. Even details like mole treatment can do wonders to preserve a beautiful yard

soil and which are best for dry, sunny, trouble spots or damp, shady cowes. Expert planting methods also assure that each tree uill be off to the best care prosection. lawn and plants.

Those who can't afford a full-service a beautiful place for everyone to enjoy.

Brien's is a full-service landscape company that can take care of every aspect of a residential or commercial project. The company installs stone and brick walkways, patios and retaining walls, plus provides exterior lighting, sprinkler systems, hydro-seed and sod.

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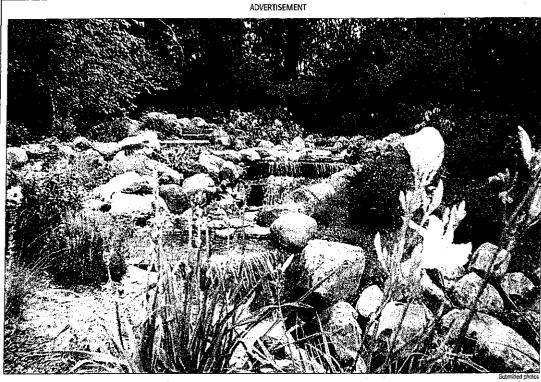
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Milford Landscape & Design installs many garden ponds, complete with stone waterfalls, making each backyard an easis of relaxation. The company is also well-known for beautiful boulder work and exceptional trees from their Milford Tree Farm.

Popular landscaper celebrates 46 years

By Kate Phillips SPECIAL WRITER

LANDSCAPE & DESIGN

Many don't realize that the well-known Milford Tree Farm is also home to large landscape company, Milford

Landscape & Design.
It's not a run-of-the-mill operation.
Long-time professional landscaper
Scott Derisley heads the landscaping divi-

sion.

Greg Palmer, owner, proudly explains that he and Derisley have been best friends since age 5. Derisley's landscape division has a lifetime relationship — and alfetime of experience behind it.

After decades of experience, Derisley knows how to install the loveliest brick party realized that the property and the property of th

paver walkways and patios around. He has the knowledge and the know-how to create and install long-lasting brick paver

walkways and patios. .

Derisley installs many garden ponds, complete with stone waterfalls. make each backyard seem like an oasis of

"It's the tranquility of sitting in your backyard and hearing the soothing sounds

of water," explained Derisley.

The company is also well-known for beautiful boulder work. Boulder walls and steps crafted by Milford Landscape & Design will practically take your

breath away.

Another customer favorite are the winding limestone stairways and paths.

"We take such pride in our jobs," said Derisley. "You are going to get the same quality whether it's one tree or a \$250,000 job."

The landscaping starts with expert

planning by in-house architects. They work closely with customers to make sure that the landscape plan is nothing less than a "dream come true.

Staff master gardeners help customers choose the perfect perennials for the soil and sun type. They can even locate hard-to-find favorites or particular colors of flowering plants.

flowering plants. When construction is under way, or trees are being planted, customers really get to see how a commument to quality kes a difference and sets it apart from other landscape suppliers and installers. Instead of being plagued by mounds of dirt and jobs that go unfinished over a number of weeks, customers of Milford

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Landscape & Design are surprised at how pleasant the process can be.

'We make it a point to clean up the job. At the end of the day, we line up our tools and make your yard look good," explained Palmer. "When we are done we leave your yard looking neater than before — not a stone out of place."

Milford Landscape & Design normally works in Oakland, Livingston and Genesee counties. But the landscapers have traveled throughout the state working on vacation homes for regular cus-tomers. Loyal customers won't settle for anything besides Milford Landscape & Design. The company has even been asked to travel to California to work on a

"We get repeat business from 20 years ago," said Palmer. "People don't forget quality work,"

MILFORD TREE FARM

Milford Tree Farm has enjoyed contin-ued success in landscape supply and design since 1961 when Howard Palmer

started the company.

Howard quickly developed a reputation for high quality and hard work. Quality came through his meticulous way of ensuring that nothing but the best was in store for each job.

Having been raised in the business, son Greg Palmer learned first hand life's les-



Milford Landscape & Design works in Oakland, Livingston and Genesee counties, and has traveled throughout the state working on vacation homes for regular customers.

sons practiced in the fields of the Milford and Highland community where the family lived. From early on, he was taught that everything starts with a good founda-

that everymme tion.
"Whether it is planting trees, building stone walls, laying brick pavers and most importantly, raising a family — it all starts with a good foundation," said Greg

Palmer.

With a solid foundation already in

place, Greg Palmer took over the business as he grew older. Palmer has expanded the business, built a charming office and barn complex, and now offers more landscape options than

before. Greg Palmer never strays far from the foundation his father taught him. "This company grew from hard work and taking pride in what we do," explained Palmer.

The sales yard at Milford Tree Farm is located just east of the Milford border on Old Plank Road between Pontiac Trail and Grand River Avenue, in a quiet country setting. The sales yard is filled with the best trees and plants in Michigan from local stock. Many of the trees are grown

in Palmer's own field. Trees of every size are available—some up to 24 feet, Palmer grows some of the hardiest varieties of Michigan trees,

from spruce to mapies.

These are trees that are fed and nourished throughout the years to grow into more beautiful, mature specimens - not

more beautiful, mature specimens — 601 fizzle out in a small pot.

Many of Palmer's trees last for several generations of family.

Driving through the area, Palmer can pick out some of his trees planted throughout the community. They've spread their mature branches wide and have made homes and neighborhoods. have made homes and neighborhoods more beautiful places to live.

The beautiful trees also come with a quality guarantee.

quality guarantee.

A friendly nursery staff is always available in the sales yard to talk about what tree is suited for a particular spot and to educate customers on tree care. They can give customers a ride around on a golf cart, showing them the different types of trees.

"We take good care of our customers and help answer any questions they might have," said Palmer.

Milford Tree Farm also delivers and

carefully plants trees, when needed.

The Palmer family commitment to quality is evident throughout the tree farm - from the beautiful cabin-style office complex to the immaculate sales yard and knowledgeable staff.





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