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Remember to spring forward. Before you go to bed Saturday night, set



your clocks ahead one hour. That means the morning will be a little darker when you go to work on Monday, but the skies will stay lighter an hour longer in the evening.

Seussical Jr.

Sixty actors, ages 7-15, will bring Dr. Seuss characters to life in the Novi Theatres production of "Seussical Jr." at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. Performances are March 6, 7, 14 and 15. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for children and seniors and are available online at www. cityofnovi.org or at the Novi Parks

Relay for Life



The American Cancer Society invites the Novi community to celebrate cancer survivorship, remember loved ones and fight

back against cancer at this year's Relay For Life event, Residents will kick off the American Cancer Society's signature event 6 p.m. today at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. For more information about the kick-off event, contact Carmie Novak at (248)663-3427 or carmelle.novak@

Bowl-A-Thon

Novi Youth Assistance is hosting the 27th annual Bowl-A-Thon 1-4 p.m. Saturday. The goal is to raise \$25,000 to benefit the Novi community. The Bowl-A-Thon is held at Novi Bowl, 21700 Novi Road. For more information, contact the Novi Youth Assistance at (248) 347-0410.

Conferences

The Novi High School Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held 5-8 nm. Wednesday March 25 at the high school, 24062 Taft Road. The conferences were originally sched-uled for March 18. A letter is being sent home explaining the reason for the change.



PHOTO BY JOHN HEIDER/NOVI NEWS

Novi Woods fourth-grade student Taylor Kalemaj tries out an eyesight mask and cane to see what it's fike to be blind during a disabilities workshop last week.

Living with disabilities

District students participate in annual awareness day

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL STAFF WRITER

Think if you were sitting in class trying to listen to your teacher, but all you could really think

about is how to balance in your seat? Parent volunteer Tim Matson asked Novi Woods students this question last week as they attempted balancing on a teeter-totter like device during the school's disability awareness

learning day Groups of fourth-graders made their way

through stations representing what it would be like to be disabled in their daily lives. Students tried buttoning a shirt while wear-ing gloves, walking with braces, maneuvering with wheelchairs and writing with a vibrating

pen and pliers. All exercises simulated a specific physical disability.

"I was really struggling," said student Brent Mennerich after trying to move about in a

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Novi property owners dispute assessments next week

Assessment values may not be ideal for property owners in a declining housing market, but Novi City Assessor Glenn Lemmon doesn't anticipate an increase in appeals from last year, during next week's Board of

Review hearings.
"As of the end of the day Friday, we had 107 appointments given out," he said. "I had right around 250 appointments (total) last year. We're hoping that we end up some-where under that."
Property owners interested in



appealing their assessed or taxable values have until 5 p.m. tomorrow to make an appointment to appear in front of the board, or until 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, to submit a written protest

board, or until 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, to submit a written protest.

In order to make an appointment, property owners must complete a petition, which can be found at the City Assessor's office in the Novi Civic Center or by visiting www.cityofnovi.org.

The hearings are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, March 9; 1-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 10; and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, March II.

"If we fill up all those appointments we will open up appointments for Thursday," Lemmon said.

"We're trying to accommodate everybody that's trying to be heard."

The three-member board reviews property

The three-member board reviews property assessments set by the city assessor, and will determine whether to grant appeals to the property owners who choose to dispute them.

It hink the people we're getting are more sophisticated than five to 10 years ago," Lemmon

said. "Most of the people who are coming in have done their homework."

Property owners may prove their assessment is incorrect by a bank or independent appraisal, or through an assessor's correction, which requires substantial evidence to prove the assessment includes inaccurate information, such as the square footage of the property.

In such a case, the assessor will go to the board on the person's behalf.

Lemmon said about 20 percent of the residential property courses who appealed last year via a hear-

property owners who appealed last year via a hear-ing or letter received some relief.

If a property owner is still not satisfied with the decision of the Board of Review, he or she may take the appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

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BOARD OF REVIEW HEARINGS

9 a.m. to noon and 2-6 p.m. Monday, March 9 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 10 9 a.m. to noon and 2-6 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 All hearings are by appointment only and will be held in council chambers at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Appointments must be made by 5 p.m. Friday.

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Novi roads will reap the rewards of stimulus funding

A portion of Oakland County's \$26.6 million in federal stimulus funding will go to the City of Novi for three road projects, slated for completion in 2009. The Oakland County Federal

Aid Task Force Funding Committee granted the City of Novi \$1.8 million for restoration of Nine Mile Road, from Novi to Taft roads; Meadowbrook Road, from Eight Mile to Nine Mile roads; and Nine Mile Road, from Meadowbrook to Haggerty

These projects are just rehabilitation projects," said City

Engineer Rob Hayes, explaining they are not reconstruction projects. "Our goal is to start construction late summer, and

complete them by late fall.*
The projects were previously prioritized and scheduled to begin during the 2011-12 fiscal

"It was good we already had these projects scoped out," Hayes said. Novi will also benefit from

more than \$800,000 awarded to the Road Commission of Oakland County for the rehabilitation of Novi Road, from Interstate 96 to 12 Mile Road. The City of Novi also

received about \$850,000 in

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Brownies make a difference for petite Providence patients

The girls of Brownie troop 6754 made a Novi Providence Park Hospital emergency 8-year-old Caroline Kawada

As part of a community ser vice act, the Brownies made stuffed animals for donation to pediatric patients at the the first to receive one last

'It makes a world of difference for those kids to get that little token," pediatric nurse Danielle Donaldson said, "It's not everybody that gets one,

Even through the tears of a knee injury suffered at dance class, Kawada, who happens to be a former member of the

the white furry pet, gener-ously donated by her friends. "When you girls go home,

you get to know you made a difference in someone's life," Donaldson said to the Orchard Hills and Village Oaks third-graders. "That's pretty cool when you're 8." The girls made the stuffed

pets and played with live animals at Family of Pets, in Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, last month We try to think of things

they can do for the communi y," said Jackie Pringle, whose laughters Alexandra and Emily Pringle are members of the troop. "They paid for the animals with the money they raised from last year's cook-

dance were Kady Simsick, Arianna Carballo, Morgan Cusick, Jaclyn Kempisty and

Along with their act of kindness, emergency room director Jeff Brown believes having the girls present in the emergency room and pediatric unit makes the concept of a hospital less intimidating for everyone involved.

"There's just something about little kids, they make everyone smile," he said.

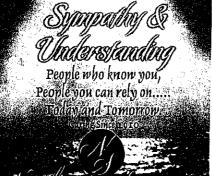
The girls also received a rooms, X-ray machines and instruments used to acquire patients' blood pressure, heart rate and pulse. "I was a Brownie, then I

start." Providence Park ni



went to college and became a nurse, so I think this is a good The girls of Brownie troop 6754 make a Novi Providence Park Hospital emergency room visit less scary for Byear-old Caroline Kawada. As part of a community service act, the Brownies made stuffed animals for donation to pediatric patients at the hospital. Brownies at the hospital last Tuesday included Kady Simsick, Alexandra Pringle,





Experience Japan

The Japan Foundation has chosen Novi as the only Michigan stop for its world touring exhibit, The Spirit of Budo: The History of Japan's Martial Arts. The exhibit will be available for public viewing 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, until March 13 in the Atrium of the Novi Civic Center,

Consulate General of Japan in Detroit, the City of Novi. Novi Schools, Novi Chamber of Commerce Suzuki Myers & Associates and Arts Novi has created a number of opportuni ties for community members to learn and take part in the Japanese culture while the xhibit is in town

Event: Kendo & Judo Demonstration - Experience the martial arts visit detroitk-

Location: Novi Civic Center

Event: Manga/Anime - Meet Mark Crilley, manga creator and author, and see him demonstrate his drawing techniques, and tell stories of his many visits to Japan. Ages 8 and older wel-

Location: Novi Civic Center ■ Japan Photo Display Event: Photos from School to Japan in 2006 will be on dis play throughout February and March. Origami created by Nov Meadows students will also be

For more information regard ing the activities and events, visi



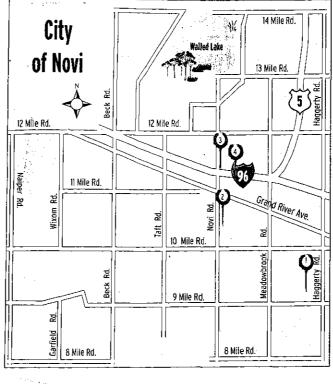


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Investigation of Novi school bus shootings continues

Alex Schmidt

The ongoing investigation ontinues into the Jan. 8 school bus BB shootings in Novi Jay Schmidt, 21, and 17-year old Ashley Beane of South Lyon were scheduled to appear in front of Judge Brian MacKenzie of the 52-1 District Court yesterday.

But Jeff Beane, of South Lyon, believes his daughter is innocent and said she was not involved.

"I'm just trying to help Ashley get back to school and face the world," he said. According to Jeff, the princi-pal of South Lyon High School verified Ashley was in her sixth-hour class, and the park ing lot monitor said she did not leave early from the school, No one was injured in either of which is located at 11 Mile

tion of property, which is a felony carrying a penalty of un

Novi Police Chief David Molloy said it is possible charges will be amended, but it is believed the South Lyon female was involved in both incidents. As of Tuesday, police said the Ashley has no previous crim inal record.

ivestigation continues. "Nothing has changed," said Schmidt is currently on probation in Wayne County for Detective Mike Wilson. "I'm intent to deliver marijuana. His criminal record also includes still interviewing witnesses." The incident occurred at onvictions for identity theft about 2:41 p.m. as five occu-pied Novi Community Schools in Novi in 2006, and breaking district buses were leaving the area of Novi Middle School, at and entering in Garden City in 11 Mile and Wiyom roads

regarding the incident, contact Detective Mike Wilson at the Police are also investigating a Jan. 7 incident where BBs were shot at Novi's Detroit Catholic Novi Police Department at Central cross country runners

kmurad@gannett.com

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Missing chrome wheels and tires

♣Four chrome wheels and Michelin tires are suspected stolen from a black Lincoln Zephyr between 7 p.m. Feb. 20 and 6:30 a.m. Feb. 21, reports

The vehicle was parked in front of the victim's Pavilion Court apartment on Fireside Court, near Nine Mile and

The unknown suspect(s) placed the Lincoln on two patio blocks and left the lug nuts on the ground, police said.
According to reports, it is unknown if there was damage to the vehicle's undercarriage

during the incident. Police nab two brothers

2 The driver of a silver Chevy Trailblazer was arrested for ust before 2 a.m. Feb. 24, while his brother, who was the varrant in Livingston County for child neglect

cle cross the double yellow line the suspect was driving on the and weave within its lane while heading south on Novi Road from Main Street, reports said. A traffic stop was initiated in the parking lot of the Speedway

The officer smelled an odor of intoxicants and the driver said he drank two beers at home, then went to pick up his brother from the bar. A preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol concentration

of .14 percent. According to reports, the brother's arrest warrant was for civil child neglect, and he was also arrested.

Drunk driving arrest

3 The driver of a beige Toyota Corolla was arrested for operating while intoxicated iust after 2 a.m. Feb. 21.

reports said.

An officer observed the vehicle change lanes abruptly without using a turn signal or northbound Novi Road, near Interstate 96. While following the vehicle, the officer noticed

fog line and initiated a traffic stop in the Hagopian carpet parking lot, on 12 Mile Road east of Novi Road.

The officer smelled an odor gas station at 10 Mile and Novi of intoxicants coming from the driver, who admitted to having three beers, the last of which was finished 30 minutes prior, reports said.

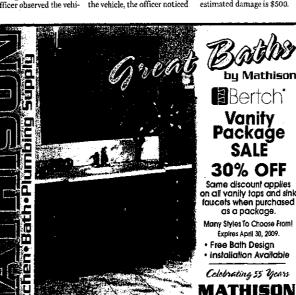
A preliminary breath test registered the driver's blood alcohol concentration at .16

Vehicle damaged in T.G.I. Friday's lot.....

A vehicle parked in the lot of T.G.I. Friday's on Town Center Drive, near Novi Road and Interstate 96 was damaged between 11 p.m. Feb. 21 and 9 a.m. Feb. 22, reports

An unknown suspect senger door, but nothing was missing from the vehicle, police

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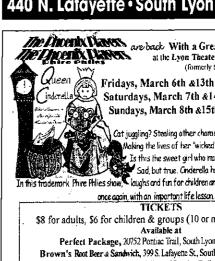
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Novi resident represents Indian community as Michigan Democratic Party treasurer

Verma's Novi home are covered with pictures of Democratic native's political career.

accepting of diversity, and they encourage you to get involved," said Verma, 71. The retired Novi resident is

actively involved in politics, and was recently elected treasurer of the Michigan Democratic Party.

'He's the first person of Indo-Asian decent to hold a statelevel officer position with the Democratic Party in Michigan. chairman Mark Brewer. "It's a goal for us to be broadly represented by the entire population of Michigan." As treasurer, Verma will be

responsible for the party's cam paign finance reports and funding efforts. raising efforts.
"I'm so honored that I've been asked to be the treasurer for Mark Brewer," he said. "I feel like I will be doing something

for my community. Verma said his interest in politics began before coming to the United States in 1972. "Even in India I liked politics.

but because I was in the Army l couldn't get involved in it," said the former Indian Army Captain in the Corps of Engineers. then I fully got involved with the Michigan Democratic Party." Verma said one main differ-

ence in U.S. politics is the public

and worked with different Security is so tight. It's very, very Asian-Pacific communities cam paigning for various democratic "He's demonstrated leader-

very approachable. There's so

much openness," he said, "There

Khloe Delores Duneske Jeff and Joy Duneske of Novi are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter. October 1, 2008 at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in

Novi resident Ramesh Verma was recently elected Michigan Democratic Party treasurer, Verma stands in his Novi

man of the Michigan Indo-

American Democratic Caucus

by her 4-year-old sister, Kayla and grandparents, Tony and Gail Kolman of Commerce and John and Donna Duneske of Novi. Her great-grandparents are Floyd and Delores

ship over the years," Brewer said.
"We're very pleased he's joined

the leadership team, and I'm

Verma also serves as vice

president of the Novi Library Board.

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CITY OF NOVI OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment appeals in the Novi City Council Chambers at 45175 W. The Mile Road on March 9, 10 & 11, 2009. All appearances before the Board will be by appointment only. If you or your representative want to appear in person, the appointment must be made en or before 6500 p.m. EST, Friday, March 6, 2009. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or less. Petitions are awailable at the Assessor's Office or at www.cityofnovi.org NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

Letters of protest will be accepted on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Tuesday, March 10, 2009. Postmarks will not be considered. When submitting a letter of protest for the Board of Review consideration, you must attach a completed petition along with any supporting information.

BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE BUARD UP REVIEW COLDIDATE.

Monday, March 9, 2009 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Treaday, March 10, 2009 - 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11, 2009 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Any questions should be directed to the Assessing Department at MARYANNE CORNELIUS CITY CLERK

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Red Wings vs. Novi PD

Novi Police Officers will face off against Red Wing Alumni 8 p.m. Thursday March 12. The annual hockey game will be played at the Novi Ice Avena, 42400 Arena Drive, off Novi Road just south of 10 Mile Road, Tickets can be purchased at the door

Relay for Life kick-off

The American Cancer munity to celebrate cancer against cancer at this year's Relay For Life event, Resident: vill kick off the American Cancer Society's signature event 6 p.m. March 5 at the Novi Civic Center, located at 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

The Relay For Life of Novi will take place June 6-7 at Novi Middle School, but now s the time to get involved and learn how to become part of the overnight event that can lead to a cure for cancer.

Donations can be made to the local Relay For Life event by visiting www.relayforlife. org/novimi. Community memrs can also start or join a im by following the links to the local event at www.relay

the kick-off event, contact 3427 or carmelle, novak@

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are \$15 for adults and \$12 for children and seniors, and are available online at www. cityofnovi.org or at the Novi-Parks office in the Civic Center. For more information, call the parks office at (248)

Board of Review hearings

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Anyone interested can form a team, sponsor a bowler, or sponsor a lane for \$100. For more information or pledge sheets contact the Novi Youth



Terrific Tourney!

The weather may have been snowy and cold, but that did not stop kids from coming to the Novi library on Saturday, Feb. 2) to take part in a Mario Kart video game tournament. The library had 30 kids who participated in the tournament hosted by the Novi Public Library's Youth Department under the direction of youth librarian Suzanne Carpenter. (At left) The winners of the Mario Kart video game tournament, Alex Foutch Left, and Sarah Erno, runner up, pose the newest craze for kids to take part in and the Novi Public Library is the destination place for great



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Then, he posts songs as MP3s on his Web site for participants to download.

"From a teaching standpoint kids in third or fourth grade, when they write a story they want to turn it in right away, not edit it or look at it. When we're writ-

ing a song they feel more comfortable going back and reviewing it, cutting out words and syllables for rhym-ing," he said. "It's unbeard of for kids to get excited

about editing. It's one of the best ways I found to teach

Hesaid songwriting is educational

Inspired ideas come alive with grants

Novi Educational Foundation provides new tools for innovative instruction

BY BOBBIE MURPHY

(NN)

Publication is the goal of most aspiring writers. And reading published works is a nust for all students.

Inspired teachers at Novi schools are helping their students realize both of these lofty aspirations.
The children in Judy Sauer's

class at Novi Meadows and Orchard Hills Elementary are benefiting from new instructional aids in their class rooms due to grant funding through the Novi Educational Foundation (NEF). available in the library for oth-Israel's third-grade students

are all published authors. Her passion for writing and the success of the Read and Be Well program that contrib-uted published books by Novi

ROSELLA BANKUS

Age 88, passed away February 28, 2009. She lived in Pennsylvania for

84 years. Rosella is survived by her

84 years. Rosella is survived by her son Stanley T. (Margarel) Bankus of South Lyon; grandson: Stan Bankus Jr. of Royal Oak; siblings: Louis yfurentko of PA, Agnes Ewing of GA, and Ann (Albart) Crisconi. She was preceded in death by her son Robert Bankus in 2004; her husband Flonds Golf Tour and was an assistance y. Bankus in 2002; and two the stanley J. Bankus in 2004; and Annus J. Bankus in

students to the Providence Park Hospital inspired her to apply for a grant through the NEF.

"When kids realize that their stories can have a purpose and impact others, they are more excited to write," Israel said. Her S.E.E.D.S (Students Eagerly Engaged in the Development of Stories) pro

gram is just one of many NEF grants awarded at the end of 2008-09 school year. Israel's students have used the Bare Books, covers and templates provided by the grant to author their own fables. The published works are

ers to read, and the feedback from other students about the books has been incredibly posi tive.
"It has impacted the excite-ment in the building about

RICHARD CROCKFORD

"DICK" TALBOT

February 27, 2009. Age 88. OI Northville, Michigan. Beloved husband of Amby.

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BARBARA D.

(STEEN) THOMAS

from Lower Burrell High School and

seamstress, knitter and quilter. She

enjoyed playing the piano, was a fan of the Pistons and South Lyon

Football and enjoyed playing Burgo

writing," Israel said, "We celchrate our efforts in writing whether it is in the process or a completed work."

Her hope is that each child will publish four books this year. They are currently workng on a non-fiction piece, and will pen both poetry and personal narratives before the end of this school year.
"It has been a win-win situa-

tion for everyone," Israel said. Another win-win is occur-ring at Novi Meadows in Sauer's classroom.

Her sixth-grade students are building their vocabularies, visual skills and stamina audio books and portable com pact disc players Sauer pursed through her NEF grant this past year.

Sauer's foray into audio books for her classroom was the result of her personal and nmewhat recent experience her children on lengthy family

tasy novels, but through the voice and narrative of the audio books found herself drawn into the story. She thought it might just do the same for some of her students.

"In 16 years, it is the best thing I've stumbled upon to motivate reluctant readers. I've never been so excited," Sauer

books by listening on portable CD players or computers as they follow along on a hard Bankus in 2004; her husband stanley J. Bankus in 2002; and two brothers and Jour sisters. Services are being held in Summit Hill, PA Memorial contributions may be made in South Lyon Senior Care & Sehab Center, 700 Reynold Sweet McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W 12—Parkway. South Lyon. 48178. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNER AL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com copy. Sauer originally intended for the audio books to help motivate students, but the esponse has been greater than

"Students have been taken to new levels in their reading, but it has also given teachers a new tool for greater differentiation to meet the needs of all students." Saner said.

she envisioned.

It has also been helping students whose native language is not English with pronun-This additional benefit has the



Authors in Melissa Israel's class display their published works. Standing in the classroom are Robert Chen, left, Stephen Juncai and Adam Krueger. Kneeling in front are Melissa Ansara, left, and Ally Kobakoff.

Novi Meadows, as well as the portable CD players. Inspiring writers and motivating readers are just two ways NEF grants have impacted students at Novi schools Each year, teachers, PTOs and other staff have the oppor-tunity to apply to the Novi

audio books in great demand at Educational Foundation (NEF) for Educational Enrichment Grants, and each year the NEF awards money to many of

These efforts are supported through two annual fund-raising events: The Green Gala annual golf outing.

(11th), Peter Jiang (10th) and

For more information on how you can become involved and support Novi's aspiring students visit www.novieduca tionalfoundation.org.

Bobbie Murphy is a Novi Community Schools district Board of Education member and parent. She is also a Novi Educational Foundation member.

CLASS NOTES

Age 46, passed away February 26, 2009 at home. She was born on February 10, 1963, in Lower Burrell, (Mitchell) Steen. Barbara graduate

DONNA GALYON Age 50, died Feb. 24, 2009. Private family service was h family service was held 3, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL

ANN M. CAMPAU

wife of 60 years of Jack. Leving mother of Jeffrey Campau and Amanda (John) Handley. Proud

grandmother of two. Also survived by many loving family and friends. No Memorial Service will be held at

Age 83, February 26, 2009, Beloved and Lymphoma Society.

MURNA I. HARTNER

Age 84. life long resident of Northville, passed away 3/2/2009. Funeral Mass today, 3/5/2009, 11 a.m. with visitation beginning 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory. Contributions to Northville Senior

Football, and enjoyed playing Burnco Age 84, of Milford. Passed Daving Port Playaray in Fort Pierce, FL. on Monday, March 2, 2009. Survived by his beloved wife, Dora Jane (nee Sheffield) and their chief dan Joanne (the late Dale) Sorensen, Diana Abgarlan, Marion (Jim) Souden, Robo (Pam) Robinson, (Mornan) Thomas of EL; parents-in-law Jack (Mornan) Thomas of EL; parents-in-law (Mornan) Thomas of EL; parents-in Age 84, of Milford, Passed Survived by his beloved wife, Oora Jane (nee Sheffield) and their chil-dren, Joanne (the late Dale) Sorensen, Diana Abgarlan, Marion (Norma) Thomas of FL: and nun 7, Saturday, at 11:00 a.m. at Lord of Valley Rd., Brighton, MI 48114 and Saturday, March 14, at 1:00 p.m. at Bethesda Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3084 Leechburg Rd., Lower Burrell, PA 15068. Memorial contri-Service arrangements are pending Church, 3084 Leechburg Rd., Lower Burreli, PA 15068. Memorial contri-butions may be made to Brain Tumor Research, U of M Health Fund, 1914 Taubman Center, 1500 E. Medicat Center Dr., Ann Arbor, M 48109. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNER-AL HOME. South Lyon. Online guest-book waven willingeringers com n Millord at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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NHS 2009 National Honor Society Inductees

received her BSN degree as a Registered Nurse from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1985, She married Steven Thomas in 1985. A total of 83 students from Novi High School were Barbara worked in a number of nursing positions, and was a substitute
teacher for South Lyon Community
Schools, and also worked for Paris
Asthma Clinic in Brighton. She was in
the Praise Band "Soul Purpose" at
Lord of Life Lutheran Church. She
are schields insolved with South the National Honor Society in a ceremony held at the school on Sunday, March 1. Members were selected by a Faculty Council for meeting high stan-dards of scholarship, service, was actively involved with South Lyon relay for Life. Barbara was very creative, a cub scout leader, an avid leadership and character. Julie Abrams, recently retired Novi School Board member, was the keynote speaker at the

were 70 sophomores and 13 join a group of 130 previous members of the organization at Novi High School.
"National Honor Society

members are chosen for and to the school and community, said Barbara Clift, chant adviser. The Novi High School Chapter has been active since The new members are:

Alora Adams, Rahul Ahluwalia, Teena Anto Alyssa Armiak, Shubhangi Arora, Josh Barman, Rick Timothy Bello, Brianna Blossfeld, Alexa Boron, Taylor Jacqueline Carless, Shital Chanhan, Sivi Chen, Chase Jessica DiPaola, Elizabetl Engelsen, Kristia Faraon, Nathan Farooq, Austin Feight, Kirtana Ghandikota, Brett Giampa, Geoffrey Giese Brad Grabow, Jonathan Hart, Kaitlyn Hart, Megan Henry, Kaitlin Hogan, Melissa Hulverson, Chase

Huston, Allison Jennens.

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Peter Jiang, Meng Meng Jie,

Travis Vincent, Erika Wong NHS students

participate in math competition Twenty-one Novi High School students participated in the 60th annual American Mathematics Contest 12, and or the 10th annual American Mathematics Contest 10. The February 10. The students competed for local, regional school awards. The contest is given in participating schools. Its purpose is to spur interest in mathematics and develop talent through the exciteat problem solving in a timed format. Top scorers at Novi High school were: Sudharsha

Mohanram (12th), Vinnakkota

Anirudh (11th), Yunbo Nie

Chaitanya Kanitkar (10th). Novi High School also had eight students who qualified to take the American Invitational Mathematics Exam (AIME) by achieving an AMC 10 score of 120.0. Those qualifiers were: Sudharshan Mohanram (12th), Vinnakko Anirudh (11th), Yunbo Nie (11th) Peter Jiang (10th) Chaitanya Kanitkar (10th), Spencer Kim (10th), Nikhita Surapaneni (10th) and Sachia concerning the 2009 AMC 10/12 contests for Novi High AMC's programs, are available

on the AMC Web site: www unl.edu/amc/. **Novi Athletic Boosters**

The next Novi Athletic oster meeting will be 7 p.m Wednesday, March 11 in roor 24062 Taft Road. Meetings cover the various fund-rais ing efforts of the Boosters along with updates on athlet ics at the high and middle schools. In February, the Novi Athletic Boosters donated \$29,000 to Novi High School spring sports teams for items including \$12,650 for a pole vault pit, \$2,000 for a soft-ball pitching machine and \$6,000 to continue the on-site strength and conditioning athletes. The donation also included various items for and golf teams along with the girls soccer team. The Novi

to support Novi Wildcat stu-dent athletes. NHS Scholarship Packets Local Scholarship Packets

are now available in the Novi High School student service center. Please note that the completed applicathe student service center by 2 p.m. Wednesday, March is available on the Novi High School Web site at http:// www.novi.k12.mi.us/Schools/ noviHigh/default.aspx.

Novi Middle School stu-

dents donated T-shirts for

Quilters Needed

making a Spirit Quilt a few years ago. The quilt was about 18x38 feet. And now it is time to make a new quilt for this year. The project will be a Celebration of Diversity quilt representing the countries of origin of the school's student body. Project organizers would love to involve the community, parents and grand-parents in the making of this intergenerational-internation a! pride quilt. Each quilted. be made by one student and one community member after school, here at Novi Middle School. Yes, this is an adventuresome project, but with our community's help we are up for the challenge. Assistant sewers are also needed. If you can help, contact Novi Middle School teacher and volunteer

liams@novi.k12.mi.us.

Green Gala Event

The Novi Educational ndation's third annual Green Gala event is 7 p.m. Saturday, March 21 at the Rock Financial Sho This is an evening of fun, food and dance - all to ben District students.

Sing-along with Mr. Seley at the library



online at hometownlife.com

Tom Seley picked up his guitar and took matters

for that age group is hard to come by.
"There's a lot of Barney and Raffi but that's too young for my kids, and there's the stuff on the radio

which is too old for them, so I wrote my own songs," said Seley, who teaches a third and fourth grade split Birmingham Covington School. Seley started writing his own music, and now, the

30-year-old Royal Oak resident takes his sing-alongs on tour, visiting libraries throughout Metro Detroit workshops for kids. performing and teaching kids to write their own songs.

Brothers, but even they have so many love songs, they sing then and they love the melodies, but they're not ready to identify with that yet."

Books (And Read Your Vegetables)."

in a Castle)," he said.

In Seley's songwriting workshops, he starts out with

He says his music, which parallels the level of com-plexity in the novels popular with his kids, fills a void for tweens, who want challenging lyrics and themes

Away," "Don't Take My Hat," and "The Best Day Ever," along with the title track of his debut CD, "Eat Your

"They are ready for more clever word play than the younger kids, who need something a little more lit-eral. They're ready for songs with more substance," he said. "They like "High School Musical" and the Jonas

Seley, who grew up in Farmington and graduated from Farmington High School, taught himself guitar and started writing songs in college. It wasn't until he explored the children's music genre that he became so Kids respond to Mr. Selev's songs, like "My Fish Ran

Adults like "You're So Wonderful (You Should Live "I've been a teacher for a long time and a musician for a long time and all my skills ended up blending together and it turned into something special," he said.

a framework of lyries, asking students to insert words. Magy F then lines, until they have a complete song.

Seley captures the song on portable recording equip-EAT ment, and later adds instrumentation, ranging from electric guitar and drums to piano and ukulele, which he plays himself.

Mr. Seley's CD is avaitable

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AWARENESS

Disabilities simulated included vision, speech and hearing impairment along with gross motor impairments. "Il was hard to keep on

the stool," said student Joyce Cucksey, after her turn at Matson's balance station.

The exercise was created to nstrate what it would be like to have an inner-ear defi-

ciency. "I learned if you don't have mechanisms in your ear, it would be hard to do activities. You would spill breakfast all over yourself." When asked if she would

view those with disabilities differently now, Cucksey said, "No. They are just like me and you. They are just people." The awareness event is hosted at Novi district schools each

"Teachers allocate their time s well," said parent Melissa

Matson was one of the parents involved with bringing the awareness day to Novi Woods. Other parent organizers included Karen Katinas and

Natasha Goodman.
"It's really an excellent program," Katinas said. "The kids really enjoy it." The materials are provided

through Oakland Schools. The event was preceded by a visit from paraplegic and group speaker Tom Floatlin from the Ann Arbor Center fo Independent Living. The students also received a visit from Pat Boyd, Margaret Fee and many furry friends represent-

ing Eves Against Darkness, a group that socializes canines for Leader Dogs for the Blind. "I think it is a great opportu nity for the kids to learn about all people and have under-



normal federal funding, which is allocated every year, for two projects slated for 2013. "For 2009, 2010, 2011 and

2012, there were already projects in the pipeline," said Hayes, noting the funds could be available sooner since the stimulus program moved other projects forward. The two projects include

Meadowbrook Road, from 10 Mile to Cherry Hill roads; and Nine Mile, from Beck to standing and compassion,"

also awarded funding for the rehabilitation of Grand River Avenue from Novi to Haggerty roads in 2013. The city submitted a list of about \$5 million worth of road projects to the county to be considered for funding, follow-ing President Barack Obama's signing of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, a nationwide effort to

ump-start the economy. The \$787 billion stimulus plan includes job creation, tax cuts, economic investments



Baqel Buddies

Matthew Bednarski eniovs a bage! with his at Orchard Hills



Rich Carrell with son, Sean Carrell, and Steve Davis with his son, Jonny Davis, at the Orchard Hills Bagels with a Buddy event held three mornings during the week of Feb. 9.

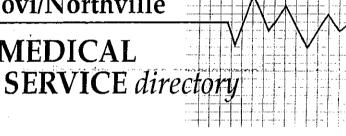


Students and parents at Orchard Hills Elementary School's annual Bagel With a Buddy Event. Students had the opportunity to enjoy breakfast with their dad, grandpa, uncle or other significant male in their life. Of course, if mom or grandma was their buddy of choice, they were welcomed as well.

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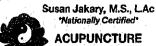
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Diligence pays off for Novi police, sets example

On Feb. 27, the second suspect wanted for shooting BBs at a number of Novi school buses was arraigned on charges related to the incident. The arraignment of Novi resident Alexander Jay Schmidt, 21, comes two days after Ashley Beane, a 17-year-old South Lyon high school student, was also charged for her involvement in the

The buses had just left Novi Middle School last month, at 11 Mile and Wixom roads, and were occupied, but no one was injured.

Schmidt and Reane are also suspects for other vandalism complaints in the area, including incidents in a pearly neighborhood, and an incident where BBs were shot at Detroit Catholic Central in Novi cross country runners.

We applaud the Novi Police Department's diligence to this matter. The department's persistence has resulted in the charges filed against the two individuals. Shooting BBs at school buses is not a joke, or a

childhood prank, but rather a very serious matter that cannot be ignored. In fact, both suspects were charged with mali-

cious destruction of property, which is a felony carrying a penalty of up to five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine. If the two individuals are found guilty of this crime, they will not only be out a large sum of

money, but will also be convicted of a felony with possible prison time attached. To some, shooting BBs may be a prank, or a rite of passage, but when shooting at school buses, and possibly even students or other city structures will not be tolerated in Novi and our police department has solidified this position.

ONLINE *** **VOICES & VIEWS**

Here is what you had to say online after reading the Novi News:

GoatsFarm wrote in response to the story Millage proposal slated for May:
Did you see the example being proposed at
Northville? A huge tract of the old hospital
land is on the market at a depressed price. The
land is at a cheap price only due to the economy and the slow Real Estate Development narket. Northville has a proposal to take advantage of the Real Estate environment and

building later when demand presents itself. The Novi City Council, on the other hand, takes the purchase of land at a depressed price out of their proposal. Northville presents a proposal for investment. Novi presen an opportunity to spend money. There is a difference.

Join the discussion 🔍

Gov. Jennifer Granholm says liquor sales and longer bar hours will bring in more money for Michigan's budget. Her plan involves liquor stores and restaurants selling spirits on Sunday mornings and bar owners buying permits to stay open until 4 a.m. Do you think it's a good idea?

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Victoria Mitchell | Jeannie Parent | Community Editor | Senior Director of Sales & Marketing Susan Roslei

COMMUNITY VOICE

As the community begins observing March is Reading Month, we asked residents, What is your favorite book? We asked this question at the Novi Public Library



"A Million Little Pieces."



'The Ugliest' series.'

"Janet Evanovich books."



- Kira Haas

LETTERS

The survey says

Based upon the following results of the recent Novi Citizen surveys, is the City's proposed Signature Park project a citizen eed" or a City council "want?

- Tommy Vereilen

Of those who responded to the 2008 National Citizen Survey: 55 percent never used Novi recreation centers in 12 months: 21 percent used Novi recreation center once or twice; 65 percent never participated in a recreation program or activity in 12 months; 16 percent participated once or twice; 23 percent never visited a neighborhood park or City park in 12 months; 29 percent visited once or twice; 20 percent rated recreational opportunities as excellent: 51 percent rated opportunities as good; 21 percent rated the quality of recreation centers of facilities as excellent; 54 percent rated the quality as good; 25 percent rated the quality of recreation 25 percent rated the quality of recreation programs or classes as excellent; 51 percent rated the quality as good; 29 percent rated the quality of City parks as excellent; 51 percent rated the quality as good; 29 percent rated the quality of City parks as excellent; and 51 percent rated the quality

Of those who responded to the 2007 Community Assessment Survey for Older Adults: 86 percent never used the Novi Senior Center in 12 months; 10 percent used the Center once or twice; 5 percent never used a recreation center in Novi in 12 months; 95 percent used a Novi center once or twice; 58 percent never participated in a recreation program or group activity during a typical week; 25 percent participated one-three hours; 40 percent never visited a neighborhood park in 12 months; and 31

percent visited a park once or twice. I look forward to the News providing additional facts in order for Novi taxpayers to make an informed decision.

Laura J. Lorenzo

Editor's note: We are rerunning this letter to editor due to a typo appearing in last week's edition. Of those who responded to the 2008 National Citizen. Survey: 65 percent never participated in a recreation program or activity in 12 months, not 6 percent as appeared in the Feb. 26 edition.

McCotter must go

I live in Farmington Hills. We in the 9th District removed the Republican Knollenberg last election and replaced him with a Democrat, Gary Peters. It looks like 11th who again has proved that main street Americans cannot count on him to represent their interests. He voted against the overy legislation and has followed the Republican line, supporting the wealthi est of our citizens consistently. Only out of fear did he vote to extend health care to our dren. In the past he has voted against it and supported Bush's veto of the heath care for kids act. He has to go in 2010.

Farmington Hills



- Trista Stillion

New wheels!

The Novi Senior Transportation Program recently took delivery of this 14-passenger van to assist in the hundreds of rides it offers each week for Novi's seniors.

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edition Blog: You may also let your opinions be

heard with your own blog at hometownlife.com Thanks, but no thanks, McCotter

I had the opportunity to listen to a con-ference call held by Congressman Thaddeus McCotter regarding the Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which is aimed at trying to right America's eco-

nomic ship.

During the call, McCotter called for industry during this time of economic tur-moil. However, he also said he hopes the "federal government understands we need an American auto industry." Of course, he's right, however, it has been members of his party, the Republicans, specifically senators from southern states, like Sen. Richard Shelby and Sen. Bob Corker, who have taken the position bankruptcy may be good 1010. for the auto industry. I don't know what they're smoking, but losing an additional three-four million jobs isn't good for anyone in this country.

Another opinion Congressman McCotter expressed was his opposition to the Economic Recovery Act and this is where I take exception with what he told those on the conference call. The economic disaster that we are currently facing is the result of the tinkle-down economic policies that have been in place ever since the Reagan administration. The economic disaster we face is the equivalent of 9/11, caused by economic terrorists on American soil. Where is the support from Republicans for our President in this time of crisis? Even after President Obama reached out a hand of bipartisanship, Republicans slapped his hand away and gave him zero support. This lack of support is un-American. We need to rally behind President Obama for the good of the country.

My second problem with Congressman McCotter is the ad he is currently running touting his vote on the recent expansion of the Children's Health Insurance Program Congressman McCotter voted against this legislation on prior occasions and helped sustain President Bush's veto in the last Congress. However, barely surviving his reelection bid, receiving only 51 percent of the vote against a weak opponent that raised only \$29,000, he has apparently had a Come-to-Jesus moment on this legislation him for his vote. Why? Because he has realized voters support giving health care to children and II Congressmen that voted against SCHIP lost their seats. To quote another Republican hypocrite, Sarah Palin, Thanks, but no thanks, Congressman. You have no soul, Congressman, and in 2010 you'll be unemployed like many in your district, as a result of failed Republican

> Bruce Feall Rochester Hills

BLOGS

Flywheel and mounting flange?

Posted 2/18/2009 11:29 AM EST on hometownlife.com MindRodySoul wrote:

I find living on my own rather liberating, on most days. I think of myself as a fairly independent person, capable of handling day-to-day tasks around the home. But it's when those not-so-mundar nts occur, that I realize I am very much a girl.

While cleaning my kitchen the other night, my garbage disposal decided to fail me. Although it was running, it was making this hideous humming sound and nothing was draining. I shut it off and reached my hand down to see if anything was stuck, but came 'up empty-handed. After a few minutes, I realized the sink, which he empsyltations are the minutes, it patterns the sink, which was now draining very slowly and seemed dogged, was leaking.

In an effort to prove my independence, to no one other than myself, I jumped on my computer and Googled "How to repair a garbage disposal." After choosing what seemed like the most basic DIY site, I was confronted with words such as flywhoel and mounting flange and soon realized, I may not be as self-sufficient as I hoped. After that, I gave in and called my landlord.

Literary suggestions

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MindBodySoul wrote:

Contrary to original hesitations, I recently joined an online book club with some friends and family. It's not that I don't like reading, obviously given my career, I just tend to be a picky reader and don't like to be forced to read a certain book in a certain amount of time. Anyway, I'm looking for some suggestions for our next book. I'm open to any suggestions, so please let me know what you think!

online at hometownlife.com

NORTHVILLE AREA CHURCH EVENTS

week session. Sign up for the entire year

NOVI UNITED METHODIST

Logos Youth Club

activities

Sunday Worship

TIME: 9:45 a m.

FIRST PRESUYTERIAN CHURCH OF MONTHVILLE LOCATION: 200 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit first-

presnville.org Sunday Worship TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m. Walking in the Parl

LOCATION: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads) **DETAILS**: Group meets for lunch after

Single Place Ministries TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. social time, 7:45 p.m. opening: 8-9 p.m. program, every

CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-0016

DETAILS: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 pe person. Check Web site for details single place.org.

ONE POINTE CHURCH

LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit pake Worship Services

TIME: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m ReNew Life Ministries

TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, hea ing, learning and change from a Christia

CONTACT: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org

TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday DETAILS: Studying the book "Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage CONTACT: Joy Ruby at joy@oakpointe.org or call the church

FIRST UNITED METHODIST OF MORTHWELF LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road

ville.ora TIME: 8, 9:15 and II a.m. Coffee hour at 11 a.m. Healing Service TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first Monday of every

Radical Joy Thursday of every month. en their faith and connect with other

your personal relationship with Chris Single Purpose Connexions - 20-30 of church affiliation. Cost is \$25 per four-

for only \$60. Dinner is served and child care is available on request. TIME/DATE: 5:15-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday, through May. DETAILS: For children in grades 4-12. Every CONTACT: (248) 374-5920 week, this four part program includes On the study, dinner, choir/worship and

Learner's Bibte Study Men's Bible Study LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Room C309 Softball League Sign-up

every month Peace Viol Aug. 6. CONTACT: (248) 374-5920.

CONTACT: (248) 374-5920. DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace. Advent Service TIME/DATE: 9:45 a m. Sunday Musical Notes

DATE: Sunday, April 5 DETAILS: The Easter Cantata will be presented during the Sunday morning worship service. The Cantata this season will be Save in the Cross, Created by Mike Harland and Chris Machen with arrangements by Richard Kingsmore. This lyrical drama is written from the perspective of Paul's evangelistic preaching about the sacrifice of Jesus.

AN 560. The WMUZ Word Station.

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH familyngyi.org LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-Sunday Worship TIME: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:0 a.m. Traditional; 9:30 a.m. Contemporary. Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and II a.m. services. Reconciliation, beginning 9 a.m. Service Broadcast Saturdays or by appointment DETAILS: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDT

Single Point Ministries - 45 and older TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Sunday for fellowship DETAILS: Free, informational meetand Bible study.
Single Focus Ministries - 35-50 years ing open to all adoptive families in TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deeper Registration is required.

DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE TIME/DATE: II a.m. Sunday in the Chapel LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of for singing, Bible study, and fellowship.

DETAILS: For single adults. Active ministry

CONTACE: (248) 348-7600 or visit discussed in have to be a parishioner to join.

offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, (ellowship, friendships and more. Contact the number below for more

LOCAL NEWS

Bible Studies and Prayer Hights TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A101 TIME/DATE: 6:30 a.m. Wednesday Single Adult Ministries office Single's Bible Study

Healing Service and Holy Communion **DETAILS:** Sign up begins for single guys TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m., first Sunday of and gals; all skill levels welcome. \$30 due at sign up. Games played Thursday evenings at 6:15 and 7:30 p.m. May 7 through

LOCATION: In front of the church Singles Book Club Discussion Group TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m., April 5 **DETAILS**: Discussions from a single adult Christian perspective. Currently reading

"Under the Overpass" by Mike Yankoski CONTACT: (248) 374-5920. Divorce Recovery TIME/DATE: 7-9:30 p.m., Thursday eve nings through March 19 **DETAILS:** \$35 at the door includes materi als and refreshments. Free child care available for infants through 6th grade. CONTACT: (248) 374-5920.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit holy-

TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday Thursday, friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 7 p.m. Tuesday, 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Adaptive Parent Networking Meeting TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday o

a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday Oakland County. Child care is available Mothers Grou TIME/DATE: 9:30-11 a.m. first and third

CONTACT: Becky at (248) 305-5924 or Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship ser-Jeanne at (248) 380-6361

Novi Lions members Ron Martin, left, and Jerry Coonce donate a low-vision reading machine to Novi's

Whitehall Nursing Home. Whitehall's recreational therapist Sharon Babicz, right, takes delivery of the machine

vice with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHYILLE am Fellowship and refreshments; Ha.m LOCATION: 217 N. Wing Traditional worship service, Children's CONTACT: (24B) 34B-1020 Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.n Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Children's program, Youth Worship Service Ladfes Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30 - 11:15 Tuesdays a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday

childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Mon's Fuening Rible Study Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYFERIAN Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit faith-Quilling, Adult Classes, Youth Blast community-novi.ora Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

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in the facility's meeting room.

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and opportunities to grow faith. Childcare

available. Suggested donation \$20. Don't

CONTACT: (248) 347-7778

LOGOS TIME/DATE: 4:30 p.m. every Wednesday DETAILS: For children in kindergarten to 6th grade. Enjoy recreation, Bible study, LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi music and dimner

MEADUMBADDA CONGREGATIONAL

LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road

between Eight and Nine Mile roads

TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday: 9 ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCK LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-3140 Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Blended; 11 a.m. Contemporary; 11:30 a.m. Traditional Wednesday every month, through May 20 DETAILS: Providing fellowship, support

CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter. Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.

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Community Weeklies | Thursday, March 5, 2009

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. YogaFit Classes ME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. every Monday DETAILS: Eight weeks, \$55 continuous or Merry Widows Luncheon TIME/DATE: II:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month

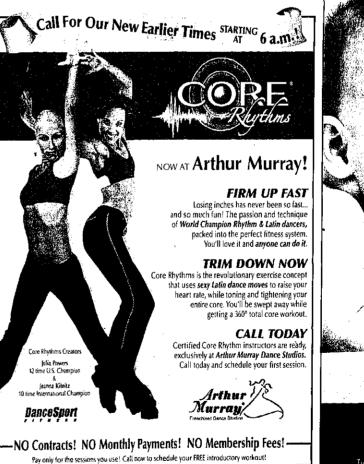
Spiritual Journey's TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. every Sunday Lenten Programs Book Discussion and Dessert TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 18

TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m., Wednesday, April I Paím Sunday TIME/DATE: 10:00 a.m., April 5 **DETAILS:** Worship followed by Pancake Breakfast

Maundy Thursday Worship TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 9 Community Good Friday Service LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church Easter Sunday TIME/DATE: 9 a.m., April 12 DETAILS: Worship with youth participation, 10 a.m. Easter Egg Kunt

Easter Sunday

TIME: II a.m. Traditional Easter service Please see CHURCHES, A13



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Community Weeklies | Thursday, March 5, 2009

Novi Theatres presents Seussical Jr TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 14; 2 p.m. Salurday, March 7 and Sunday, LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Rd, located between Taft and Novi Roads DETAILS: Sixty actors, ages 7-15, will bring all of our favorite Dr. Seuss characters to life, including Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz, Lazy Mayzie, alf of the Hat! Tickets are available online al cityofnovi org or at the Novi Parks Tickets are \$15/adults, \$12/children and seniors and all seats are

CONTACT: For more information, calthe Novi Parks office at (248) 347-0400 or visit cityofnovi.org.

27th Annual Bowl-A-Thon LOCATION: Novi Bowl is located on

DETAILS: All money raised is used in he Novi Community, Goal \$25,000 form a team - sponsor a bowler sponsor a lane for \$100 - free bowl ing - free pizza and refreshments

 prizes for all bowlers, NYA Jeanne Clarke Summer Teen Center opens June 22. CONTACT: For pledge sheets or information call Novi Youth Assistance (248) 347-0410.

Two Broads Abroad! TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. Networking - 6:45 p.m. Dinner Meeting, Wednesday, March 11 LOCATION: DoubleTree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi DETAILS: The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of The American Business Women's Association presents The artistry of his work will engage Kathy Crawford, Kathy Crawford and delight your senses. The show entertains wherever she goes! s on display now through April Enjoy her hilarious stories and 30. The art gallery is open Monday interesting information on how she and her good friend went to Ireland to "meet people who look like us," and then published an account of

Statements of Light TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday,

Fun in the Sun

Highlights:

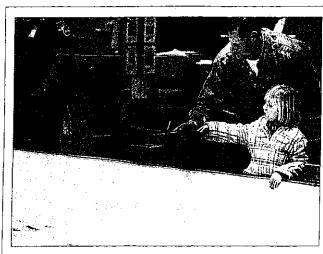


PHOTO BY JOHN HEIDER/NOVINEWS

LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church

DETAILS: Lunch is \$10 at meeting

Visitors welcome. Check Web site

for speaker information; noviro

American Business Women's

TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. second

LOCATION: Crowne Plaza Hotel

27000 Sheraton Dr. (west off Novi Road, north of 1-96)

nany advantages to today's work

DETAILS: Local chapter provides

ing women and offers a strong

community service program that

includes raising money for scholar

CONTACT: (248)-330-6315 or abwa-

LIBRARY LINES

Wednesday of every month

Association Meetings

41671 W. 10 Mile Road

tary.org.

Land a Big One!

Tim Guitar helps his daughter Kendra, 4, ply the waters of a trout pool at last weekend's Outdoorama at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. The four-day event had something for all outdoor enthusiasts including fishing gear, boats, camping gear and travel and hunting trip information

LOCATION: Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery. located in the Assarian Cancer Center on the Providence Park campus at 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi DETAILS: Providence Center for the Healing Arts proudly presents Statements of Light, a showing of original photography by world CONTACT: (248) 449-1206 renowned artist and photographer Monte Nagler. This extraordinary exhibit features a collection of breathtaking obotography from Michigan and around the world Farmington Hills resident Monte Nagler is a master photographer who studied under Ansell Adams

through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Professional Children's Theater

Series TIME/DATE: All shows 7-8 p.m.; Rob Reider's Mime Show, Friday, March 20: Roland the Minstrel Pig. Wild Swan Theater, Friday, April 3; Cirque Amongus, Friday, April 24

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our company and our loyal customers from unreasonable demands which would cause the cost of our service to rise excessively. Our agreements with the following stations or channels are expiring March 31, 2009 and we may have to cease carriage if our authority to continue distribution is withheld: HD NET and HD Net Movies from our HD tier

For more information on Bright House Networks programming, please call 1 866 898 9101 or visit our website at http://www.mybrighthouse.com;

LOCATION: Novi Middle School Performing Arts Center DETAILS: Providence Park is sponsoring Novi Community Education in offering a Professional Children's Theater Series, Each show is \$5 per

Comfy Couch Concerts TIME/DATE: Doors open 7 p.m. for potluck, concert begins 8 p.m., one Saturday per month LOCATION: Newport Furnishings. DETAILS: Monthly concert series featuring live acoustic music. Casual, comfortable, smoke-free family friendly event. Bring a dish to share and join the polluck before

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Contact: comfycouchconcerts.com

Novi Rotary Club TIME/DATE: Noon every Thursday

ements with cable channels and television.

Taste of Northville

Business Showcase

Saturday, March 14, 2009

Noon - 3 pm

Northville High School

Independence Village of Plymouth

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LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile Road HOURS: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. CONTACT: (248) 349-0720 or novili-Unless noted below; all programs

take place at the library

Novi Public Library

Museum Adventure Pass DETAILS: Card holders can check out free passes, for two to four people, to many area museums, cul-tural centers and historical sites. See detroitadventurepass.org for more information Senior Book Discussion

TIME/DATE: Noon to 1:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month DETAILS: Book discussion group for other adults facilitated by librarian: please call to join. Library Board Meeting TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. third Wednesday of each month LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, City

Council Chambers RETAILS: Congral magning of the entire Library Board, Broadcast live on cable channel 13. Enalish Conversation Group FINE/DATE: Noon to 1 p.m., Tuesday,

March 10, 17 DETAILS: Make friends while you practice your English pronunciation and conversation skills. The group will be guided by a voluntee from the Oakland County Literacy Council. No need to register. Library Tech Time TIME/DATE: 1 p.m., 1:15 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, 18

DETAILS: Fifteen-minute one-on-one tutoring with either a librarian or computer lech on a topic of your choice. Investigating your fam-ily tree? Microsoft Word have you stumped? We have the tools to help. Intro to the Internet for Adults DATE: Thursday, March 5

TIME: 7-8:30 p.m. DETAILS: This hands-on class includes a 20-minute lecture followed by 20 minutes of Q&A. Students will then be assisted with hands-on searching. Basic comput er knowledge and experience using a mouse required. Registration required. Library Sleuths: Mystery Book

TIME/DATE: 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, March DETAILS: A book discussion group enjoying all types of mysteries. Please register. Limited to 20 par ticipants, Discussing Frames by Loren Estelman Booked for Lunch - Afternoon Book

Discussion Group TIME/DATE: Noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 DETAILS: Join your neighbors in a lively book discussion during your lunch hour. Bring your lunch and the library will provide a beverage No registration. Discussion Run by Ann Patchett. Intro to the Internet for Seniors

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Market State Control

* Huron Valley Ambulance

TIME/DATE: 1-2 p.m. Wednesday.

DETAILS: This class introduces the basics of the internet in a relaxed supportive environment. The class includes interactive discussion and hands-on practice. Registration required. Photo Editing with Picasa for

TIME/DATE: 3 p.m. Friday, March 13 DETAILS: Teens, celebrate "Teen Tech Week" by learning how to master Picasa to edit your digital photos. Feel free to bring your own lanton and/or photos to work on Registration required. Kiddie Crafts

TIME/DATE: 10:30-11 a.m. Saturday.

DETAILS: Children 18 months to 4 rears can create a work of art. Child must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required. Stories with Our Community Helpers IME/DATE: 7-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17

DETAILS: Join us for this special evening story time where we will be treated to stories read by some pecial community helners like a city councilman, a firefighter, and a policeman. This event is sponsored by Community Financial Credit Union. TIME/DATE: 3-3 p.m. Wednesday March 18

DETAILS: If you're in grades three four do we have a club for you! Join us every other month to have a snack, play a game or do a craft, and talk about a hook we've all read, This month, read Yolanda's Genius, by Carol Fenner

Wixom Public Library LOCATION: 49015 Pontiac Trail,

Wixom HOURS: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday Saturday: and 1-5 p.m. Sunday CONTACT: (248) 624-2512 or visit wixomlibrary.org Museum Adventure Pass DETAILS: Card holders can check out free passes, for two to four

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people, to many area museums, cuttural centers and historical sites. See detroitadventurepass org for more information. ESL Cafe TIME/DATE: 3:30 p.m. every DETAILS: Coffee and conversation

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Accomplishments

Martha

Adamson

While preparing for a job search, one of the most impor-tant things to do is to review your past work to identify and prepare accomplishment statements. The accomplishments that you demonstrated on the job will serve many purposes: 1. You will be able to list them on

> 2. You will be hem in network

your resume to

ing meetings to strengths 3. You will them to answer

examples.
Accomplishments differ from descriptions of your duties and descriptions of your duties and responsibilities by describ-ing "how" you did your job, not "what was expected" in your job. Accomplishments showcase your knowledge, skills, abilities and personal qualities. They ofter reflect your values. They differentiate you from any one else who has worked in the same job because your accomplishments are

interview questions with real life

strengths.

Identifying your accomplishments is often difficult for job seekers. It often helps to start the process by listing your duties and responsibilities, then look at those

influenced by your interests and

and ask some questions:

1. Did I face any problems, situations, or tasks in this job that made it difficult for me to complete my

duties and responsibilities?

2. What did I do to solve the problem, address the situation or accomplish the task? 3. What was the result of what

Then, describe the problem, situation or task very clearly. Follow that by writing down each action step that you took to address the issue, It's helpful here to break down your story into step by step actions. Finally, describe the result of your efforts

The description of your result becomes your accomplishment statement. Common results in business address decreasing costs, increasing revenues or improv-ing productivity or quality. Other

results can be rewards or recogni-tion for a job well done, or personal satisfaction for making improvements.

ments can be added to your resum to showcase your abilities. Selected of your Personal Infomercial when you are introducing yourself in

networking meetings or interviews Finally, your accomplishments can be used as real examples to answer questions with concrete examples you are giving the employer a realistic picture of the abilities you have used in the past that can be put to use for them if they hire was

Accomplishments are particu arly powerful when you can attach some kind of measure to then to show the impact they had. For example:

• Increased sales by 15% in first year by targeting new business Cut scrap by 50% by instituting

quality verification process at every stage of manufacturing.

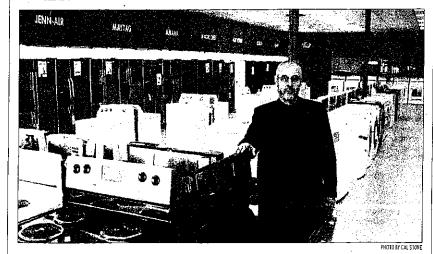
• Created spreadsheet to track account representative's travel expenses and identify out of budget expenditures. Sometimes, it is difficult to

measure, but you know it made a difference: Suggested streamlining daily mail processing to eliminate dupli-

cate handling • Received Employee of the Month' award five times in 2008 Managed calendars, expense reports and travel arrangements for five members of the executive team,

providing seamless support. Everyone has accomplishments in their jobs. Don't let yours go

Martha D. Adamson is a consulting professional with a diverse background in luman Resource Management and Caree Development, She is a Certified Career Development Facilitator, a Certified Caree & Job Search Coach, and a Certified Professional Resume Writer. She is the co-author of Job Search Navigator, a workbook-style guide to assessing your self and managing your job search (www inhsearch navinator com) which was firs revised and republished by Success Press in 2005. From 1993 to 1996, she authored the Saratoga Springs, NY newspaper - The



Grand opening

Bargain Appliances will hold its grand opening at 4 p.m. Friday at 44465 Ann Arbor Road (southwest corner of Sheldon) in Plymouth. The store officially opened Dec. 15; hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Owner Chuck Abboud has partnered with longlime friend Abe Abboud (part owner of Oxford Tailors in Novi) to offer customers discounts of 30-60 percent on slightly-blemished products from Whirlpool (KitchenAid, JennAir, Maytag, Amena, Magic Chef, Hot Point, Estate and Roper), "The Islemishes are very minor and cosmetic, nothing serious, and the warranties still apply," said Chuck, who says the location is great. "We'd been looking for year and a half in Plymouth.

I live in Canton and I've been in this area a long time and know it very well. It's a great city. We had a couple that we were looking at, but I love this location much better ... We'll beat any deal, same model, any time." Phone (734) 453-2222.

CHURCHES

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCK I OCATION: 770 Thayer, Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-2621 or alvnorthville.org

TIME: 5 p.m. TIME: 7:30, 9, 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

> GRACEPOINTE PRESBYTERIAN CIRIUMCH LOCATION: The Novi Civic Center,

Council Chambers CONTACT: Rev. Brian C. Sleeth, Pastor (248) 497-3178 or gracepointe@mac.com,

TIME: 10 a.m. DETAILS: Nursery staffed by Nanny

OUR SHEPHERD PRESBYTERAU CHURCH LOCATION: 140 N. Center, above Tutto's in Old Church Square, Northville CONTACT: Pastor Rill Bucke at (734)

Sunday Worship: 11:30 a.m. with fellow-, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMELY

MITEGRATED CHRISCH LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road CONTACT: (24B) 349-3647 or firstbantist

Family Bible Hour, 9:45 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m.

LOCATION: 41355 Six Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 348-9030 ORCHARD HIELS HAPTIST CHURCH

Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth

MORTHYM I F CHRISTIANI ASSENSI Y

Sunday of every month.

LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665 Preschool/Kids Chair TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p.m. every

DETAILS: For ages three to six: ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

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south of 13 Mile Road

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TIME: 10 a.m. Worship Service Alzheimer's Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second Saturday of

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DETA(LS: Nursery and older children

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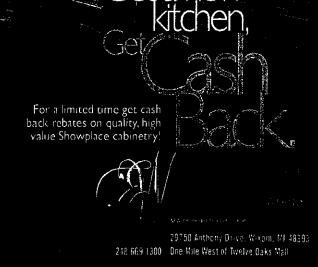
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Novi finishes season strong

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Wildcats set to begin postseason

Novi faces Salem on Monday at home

BY JEFF THEISEN Sports Writer

It's playoff time, and the Wildcats can't complain about where they will play their district tournament ... at home. The Wildcats begin 7 p.m. Monday against Salem, a divisional opponent Novi swept this

year.
While head coach Cory
Heitsch is excited to get things
going, his goal is fixed down the

"Obviously we would like to finish the job this year, and that has been the mindset of this group all season," he said. "We have a very tough draw by being on the same half of the bracket

as Salem and Canton.
"It Should be a good tournament with several quality



Wildcat Samer Ozeir goes in for a

Canton did receive a bye and awaits the winner of Novi and Salem for a 7 p.m. March 11

game.
It's no secret who makes the Wildcats run. Chris Bellamy averages 23 points a game, leads in rebounds with seven and in steals with a little more than two a game.



Novi's Brandon Bryant, left, and Brad Kotylo team up to pressure a South Lyon Lion.

While Bellamy needs to have a good run to keep the Wildcats alive, it takes more than one

person to keep the ship afloat. Brandon Bryant is next with nine points a game, and sopho-more center Samer Ozeir aver-ages six as an inside-outside threat. Ozeir also averages 5.2 rebounds. Nick Brockman leads

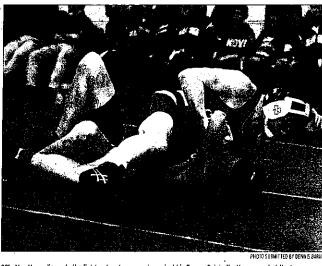
the team with 4.5 assists

"I think we are one of the rare teams that is continuing to improve even this late in the year," Heitsch said "we are starting to get much better pro-duction from some underclass-men like Jeremy Mims (teams top defender) and Samer Ozeir. That just makes us that much

deeper and offensively potent." The finals are set for 7 p.m. Friday. On the other side of the

bracket is Catholic Central. The Shamrocks won last year's district against the Wildcats last

Check www.hometownlife. com for results after each



CC's Alec Mooradian puts the finishes touches on a pin against his Grosse Pointe North opponent at the team regionals. He improved to 43-0 this weekend with an individual regional title at 112 pounds.

Shamrock wrestlers well represented at state finals

It was a very successful week for the Catholic Central wrestling team.

On Feb. 25, the Shamrocks rolled through team regionals and punched a ticket to the team state finals this weekend in Battle Creek.

The night started with a 43-19 win against Livonia Churchill. The win put the Shamrocks in the regional finals, where it was no contest.

CC won all but two matches for a 63-9 whipping of Grosse

Pointe North to capture the regional title.

The team state finals begin Friday at the Kellogg Center. Division begins at 3:15 p.m. with fourth-seeded Catholic Central (15-4) taking on Lake Orion (31-7).

Individual regionals
The Shamrocks took nine
wrestlers to the Woodhaven regional and will enter the state meet with seven of those.

Alec Mooradian claimed the lone title at 112 pounds. He won the final 13-3 against

Please see WRESTLING, B3

GAME WRAPS

NOVI FRESHMEN FINISH UNDEFEATED

The Novi girls freshman team finished the season a perfect 20-0 with wins against Plymouth and

In the 35-24 win against Plymouth, Taylor Scott had seven points and six rebounds to help on both ends of the floor. Natalie Kosma and Emily Bielski each helped lead the

defense.
The perfect journey was capped by a 44-12 win against Milford.

The game was close in the first half with the Wildcats holding an 18-10 lead. Novi went on a 26-2 run to blow the game wide

"As was the case all season, Novi was led by a bal-anced attack," Novi head coach Corey Markos said. "Each girl made significant contributions towards the team's success.

"The team played aggressive and together, and their commitment to the program was evident each time the team took the floor."

POSTSEASON RUN ENDS FOR NOVI WRESTLER

Novi wrestler Clayton Caldwell was eliminated from the regional tournament with two losses

Caldwell lost by fall to Belleville's Tommy Kozak in the opening round at 130 pounds.
Lincoln Park's Jason

Vanwasshenova beat Caldwell by technical fall in the next match to end Caldwell's postseason run. He finishes 22-15.

NOVI JV GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Wildcats finished the season with a split in the final week.

Novi started with a 35-18 victory against Plymouth.
Ally D'Annibale led the charge with 10 points and eight rebounds. Alyssa Mills added eight points,

and Megan Henry provided four points and five steals. On Friday, the Wildcats came up short in a 40-32 loss to Milford. Rachel Staudt led

Novi with seven points. D'Annibale scored six points and snagged II rebounds.

CC STARTS BASKETBALL DISTRICTS MONDAY

Fresh off a run to the CHSL basketball A-B finals, the Shamrocks begin postseason play Monday. CC will face Plymouth 5 p.m. at Novi. The win-

ner faces Northville, which received a bye, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, also at Novi.
The finals are 7 p.m.

Check www.hometownlife.com for all local basket-

Novi swimmers sixth at **KLAA Conference meet**

The 200 medley relay team of senior Alex Zabinski, sophomore Joon Chung, senior Tyler Vincent and sophomore Wes Smith swam to a third-place finish (1:41.53),

Please see SWIMMING, B3

South Lyon East High School on Feb. 26.



Wildcat Joon Chung swims in the KLAA



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ment as the No. 1 seed, but lost

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Danny Bara scored two goals

and three assists in the semi-

scored four goals and one assist

in the final championship

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8-3 in the semifinal round of a

to GVS 4-3 in the second round

Shamrocks go ice cold in fourth

(NN)

BY JEFF THEISEN

Catholic Central went in a shooting slump to start the fourth quarter, and Warren DeLaSalle took full advantage for a 51-44 win Sunday at Calihan Hall to claim the CHSL A-B championship.

The Shamrocks entered the ourth quarter tied at 33, but the Pilots started with a 5-0

Steve Harding hit a three to pull within 38-36, but CC off seven straight to pull ahead and put it away at the line. The Pilots' Alex Marcotullio hit six freebies in a row to end the

game.
"We didn't make plays in the fourth quarter," CC head coach Bill Dyer said, "I really thought when it was tied at the end of the third and the game was a little bit slower, that it was kind

of in our favor.
"We only had three points for a long time in the fourth

DeLaSalle started the game with a 5-0 run, only to be tied at 11 late in the quarter. An old fashioned three-point play left the Pilots up 14-11 at the end

The Shamrock defense took over in the second, and CC managed a 23-22 halftime

The Pilots (14-5) went inside early to big 6-10 center Kevir McCarthy and started the second half with a 6-0 run.

But CC (14-5) would battle

back to force a 33-all tie heading into the final quarter.
The Shamrocks connected on just one of their first nine shots, and the hole became too deep to dig out of.

Harding was the lone Shamrock to score consis tently throughout the game He racked up a game-high 17



LOCAL SPORTS

CC goard Chris Barnes flies through the lane during Sunday's CHSL A-B championship against DeLaSalle.

Tim Dezelski was next with eight, but he was shut out in the second half. But Dezelski's workload con-

sisted mostly of trying to keep the big Pilot center from having his way inside

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him. We're going to have to "Nothing. They're just tough to play against," he said. "It was tough. That's the way both find somebody to replace him

McCarthy and Marcotullio led the Pilots with 13 points each. Inside bruiser Ben Hayes finished with 11 points. Despite playing each other for the third time this year,

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The hockey hernia

athletes have been unpleasantly introduced to a phenomenon known as the sports hernia. Among sports physi-cians it is known as "athletic pubalgia" whereas among athletes it is more frequently referred to as the "hockey hernia" due to its predilectio for hockey players and, to a slightly lesser extent, soccer players. It is the reason the Red Wings have been without Tomas Holmstrom for parts of the last two seasons but it was the imury to Donovan for this injury's notoriety

Sports hernias are far different to the standard hernia with which most of us are loosely familiar. The standard hernia refers to a weakness or defect in the abdominal wall which can cause painful protrusion of abdominal contents and is usually repaired with a mesh patch. An athletic hernia occurs when the abdominal muscle actually tears off its pelvis. While sports requiring sprinting, cutting and kicking can stress this area of the body, hockey takes it to un entirely different level due o the already high demand balancing on skates places on the athlete's core muscles. In general, a hockey hernia is not painful with normal activities but can be quite painful with explosive movements involving the torso in certain sports. In today's era of emphasis on physical conditioning involving the "core." a sports hernia is to the core what a cardiac arrest is to the heart.

Onset of a sports hernia can occur suddenly but it can also happen with over-use with which a specific incident or injury cannot be identified. Athletes with this condition will feel abdominal or groin pain with sudden, xplosive movements such s kicking, sprinting, skating or even sneezing. It is often misinterpreted as "just a

that of a strain so even when missed, a delay in the diagany lost time. Rest, ice and core strengthening exercises are used in the early treatment of this problem. One of the prominent features of prolonged rest. In fact, many athletes with a sports hernia will rest in the offseason and feel much better until they start back to vigorous pla and then the symptoms ofter immediately return. This is typical of a sports hernia but atypical of a simple strain which responds well to a

Elite athletes in the more demanding sports often without repair of the sports muscle back to the pelvic bone with strong stitches and occasionally an artificial mesh support. Fortunately tion is high but the length of recovery is variable and ity of the tear. Unfortunately many insurance carriers be experimental and recon mend its use he limited to elite (according to their definition, professional) athletes whom they, ironically enough, do not cover. Until their position changes, the athletes can get is prevention by maintaining strong core cles and proper stretch

and an orthopaedic surgeon who specializes in shoulder reconstructakes care of the athletes of several area universities and high schools. Orthopedic Surgery, is located at the Novi Orthopaedic Center on the campus of Providence Park Hospital.

Vildcat Kelsey Masserant puts up a shot against Livonia Stevenson on Feb. 17.

Novi finishes regular season on high note

to 18-17 by halftime and went

on to take a 28-24 lead into

the third before coming away

Alyssa Armiak led the

for-8 at the free-throw line

to score nine points to go with three assists and three

Wildcats with 10 points. Caroline Johnson went 7

SPORTS WRITER

It took a little while for Novi to get its offense going

Friday, but things worked out well for the Wildeats after the first quarter in a 42-36 win against Milford.
Things went a little easier

for Novi earlier in the week with a 43-30 victory against

only one they would win. The Wildcats cut the lead

NOVI 43, PLYMOUTH 30 The Wildcats turned a 9-8 lead after the first into a 24-15 lead by halftime and neve

Johnson scored 10 points to lead the charge. Armiak was next with nine, followed by Jessica Cingel with seven. Stacy Klondowski led

Plymonth with 12 pourse. Check online at hometown-

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SWIMMING

qualifying for the Division 1 MHSAA State Mect, This also broke the previous Novi High School record set in 2001.
Additional state qualifiers included Chung, placing first in the 100 breaststroke (59.84)

> Other top-eight finisher were Wes Smith placing for in the 50 freestyle (22.93);

Travis Vincent taking eighth in the 500 freestyle (5:03.79);

Alex Zabinski carning seventl

in the 100 backstroke (58.14):

Groechel and John Lu) placing

Vincent and Chung) swam to a

relav team (Zabinski, Lu.

Rvan Keller gowered Catholic Central to the victory.

and finishing third in the 200 individual medlev (2:01.17) and Tyler Vincent earning eighth in the 100 fly (56.29)



Novi's Alec Collins swims at last week's KLAA divisional championships at

Additional top-16 swim-mers consisted of Groechel (200 freestyle), Travis Vincent (200 freestyle), V Jagannath (200 individual medley and 100 backstroke), Jongmin

Kim (200 individual medley

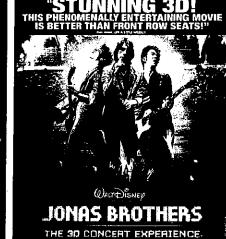
South Lyon East.

The Michigan High School Junior Varsity Hockey League playoffs were held this past weekend at Orchard

Lake. Catholic Central won the Championship game Saturday night with a 4-2 win against a bough Orthora Lake St. Mary's team. Solid goaltending by Alex Nork and goals by Dan Vigi, lan Jacobs, Anthony Rossi and

nd 100 breaststroke), Tyle Vincent (50 freestyle) and Tiger Bourque (diving). The Division 1 MHSAA State Meet will be held at Eastern Michigan University

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NOVI 42, MILFORD 36 Milford jumped out to a 10-6 lead by the end of the first

Kelsey Masserant added seven points to the cause. Milford's Taylor Prokes led

playoff game.

WRESTLING

through the first two rounds at 119 but lost a close, 6-4 deci-sion to Leon Shannon from Wyandotte-Roosevelt in the

Trevor O'Connor (37-8) won by fall and came out on the

reached the finals at 189 pounds with a 5-0 decisi

Three others advanced with third-place finishes: Todd Melick (34-3) at 103, Charlie

weekends away. March 12-14 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

CC's Charlie Joseph has his arm raised in victory at 125 pounds at Saturday's regional tournament. He finished third and moves onto the state meet.

Canton's Waleed Faraj. Mooradian enters the state

made the finals.

good side of a 3-1 decision to reach the finals at 152 pounds. Tyler Romijn of Temperance Bedford ended the run with a 2-0 victory in the finals. Mike Kinville (33-10) also

and a pin. He lost 12-5 to Nick Whitenburg of Temperance Bedford in the finals.

Joseph (33-12) at 125 and Doug Eldridge (35-9) at 130. The individual finals are two



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SPECIAL HAPPENINGS

LOFT, a division of Ann Taylor Stores Corporation, and Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit are giving customers a chance to clean out their closets to make room for new spring styles with the "Out with the Old, Save on the New" event.

Customers who donate their gently-worn pants at any LOFT store will receive \$15 off each full-price pant purchased now through Sunday, March 8. All locally collected pants from the partnership will be donated to clients of Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit who are enrolled in training and career placement services. LOFT is located in Twelve Oaks Malf, 27234

Community Financial

Children are invited to attend special story time hours, sponsored by Community Financial, at the Novi library during "March is Reading Month." Natalie McLaughlin, Community Financial's senior education partnership coordinator, is spearheading the effort for local public officials, including school superintendents, police officers and firefighters to read from selected books during special story time hours. The story time will take place 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 17 at the Novi Public Library on 45245 W. 10 Mile Road.

Art Van Furniture Art Van Furniture is celebrating 50 years of serving Michigan communities with monthly initiatives. In March, the company will donate mattresses to Ional shelters On Sunday March 22 guests purchasing a mattress set from Art Van, including the Novi Town Center location, will be supporting a local shelter. Art Van will donate a mattress to a local shelter for each mattress purchased that day

Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit announces its Bowling for Jobs pro-gram through the month of March. The event will not only raise money for Goodwill to help but people to work. but it's also a great value for families looking for something to do together. The cost to bowl for jobs is \$10 and bowlers will receive five games bowling at Novi Bowl, Bowlers must call ahead to confirm open-bowling Novi Bowl may be reached at (248) 348-9120, interested bowlers may also visit www.bowlingforjobs.org for mare information

RELOCATION The Running Fit store in Novi has price

v again relocated its position within the confines of the Novi Town Center.

Long-time customers often reminisce

Running Fit

建筑的大型 (1975年) Join members of the Men's Round Table in a suite 7:30

p.m. March 9 as the Detroit Pistons take on the Orlando

ments, but not dinner. Contact

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■ The Business to Business

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and refreshments. The \$5 event

Novi. Join us for networking

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pooling information, (248) 380-6669.

Breakfast and New Member Reception is 8-9 a.m. March 11 hosted by Network Source One.

Magic. The cost is \$85 per person and includes refresh-

City of Novi 11 Mile Rd. River Ave. 8 Mile Rd. 8 Mile Rd.

about the store's previous sites, this being its fourth move in 20 years. The new home for Running Fit's Novi location is situated on 11 Mile Road, the 'Grand River side" of the Town Center. in a larger, more noticeable space. Recently the company

added triathlon gear to its exceptional stock of running and walking shoes, apparel and equipment. The new store will also house an Endless Pool. The Endless Pool allows the multi sport gang to demo wet suits and analyze their stroke in the r on the pool bottom. For I information on Running Fit, visit www. runninofit.net.

Comerica Bank relocated its 10 Mile

and Beck roads banking center to 47440 Grand River Ave, at Beck Road in Novi. Comerica's new location has additional self-serve safe deposit boxes available to customers. Lobby hours at Comerica's Grand River Avenue and Beck, Road office are Monday through Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Drive-through service is available during lebby hours and is also available until 6 p.m. on Thursdays and

Novi Internal Medicine and Pediatrics Northern Equities Group, recently announced a long-term lease of 5,400 square feet in the Lewis Medical Office Centre (LMOC) to Novi Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, P.L.L.C. A specialist of preventative medicine and health care services for all ages, Novi Internal Medicine and Pediatrics offers X-ray services, bone density testing

CHAMBER CHAT

The Business to Business

Breakfast and New Member

Bonus Reception is 8-9 a.m. March 17 hosted by Modern Floors, 1145 N. Pontiac Trail

in Walled Lake. Join us for

networking and refreshments.

The \$5 event fee is payable at

event is 5-7 p.m. Thursday, March 26 at Urgent Care of Novi, 44000 12 Mile Road,

Suite 101. Join us for network-

ing and refreshments. Advance

registration is \$15; \$25 after

Committees and Round

🖪 An After Five Networking

EKG, school/sports physicals, well child care, immunizations, in-house laboratory, and other diagnostic testing for the entire family. The practice will move its offices to the LMCC, located at 39475 Lewis Drive, near the 12 Mile and Haggerty roads intersection in June. Novi Internal Medicine and Pediatrics is currently located at 42450 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite 105 in Novi.

TOP HONORS

At a time when critical infrastructure security is a national priority, ITC Holdings Corp. in Novi was recognized for its efforts to safeguard the reliability of the high voltage electric system in Michigan. The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC). an international regulatory authority for the reliability of the bulk power system in North America, cited ITC's sysof Excellence as part of its Reliability Readiness Evaluation and Improvemen Program. ITC Holdings Corp. (NYSE: ITC) invests in the electricity transmission orid to improve electric reliability. improve access to markets and lower the overall cost of delivered energy.

CLASSES

ABC Warehouse

ABC Warehouse is offering free cooking tion in West Oaks Mall. Tonight Francine Pamela Salvatore presents Spanish to Paella. On March 12, Mary Spencer presents Hearty Irish Fare, featuring meat, potatoes and more signatur Irish dishes. All classes begin at 6:30

• March 5 - Woman's Round

Table 5 p.m. Modern Floors
• March 9 - Men's Round

Table, Pistons game
• March 10 - Sales Leads

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operations. Q. When was the business opened?

A. November 2000. How many locations do you have? A. 21 stores in Michigan. Q. Number of employees?

A. 14 employees at the Novi location.

Q. What is your business specialty? A. Retail pharmacy Q. Tell us about your business, including the types of services and products you feature.

A. Personalized pharmacy , drive up window, free Rx delivery, and guaranteed lowest prescription prices. We will special order hard to find products for our customers Q. What makes your business

A. We offer free Rx delivery, senior discounts and specialized packaging for senior homes and special needs facilities. O. How did you first decide to open our own business?

A. We are part of a neighborhood chain that is similar to Busch's. Our Sav-On Drugs headquarters are located in Southfield.

Q. How did you decide to locate in the Novi community? A. We purchased an already

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Andrew Mac. vice president of pharmacy operations at Sav-On Novi Drugs on Meadowbrook Road, closely studies a recent prescription.

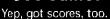
Q. Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a

small business owner? A. Some of our long-time customers bring their dogs into the store while out for a walk and the dogs love the candy section and can always pick out our new candy items

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Tuesday, March 24

Jonathan Brateman

Jonathan Brateman, president of Jopathan Brateman Properties, Inc., a Novi based commercial real estate brokerage company, recently cele-brated a professional milestor with the company's recent 20th Anniversary.

Anthony Sikora Fanning Howey, Architects' Engineers ate Anthony Sikora has obtained Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification, LEED Professional Accreditation distinguishes building professionals with the knowledge and skills to success-fully steward the LEED certification process. LEED Accredited Professionals demonstrate a thorough understanding of green building practices and prin-ciples and the LEED Rating System, Sikora, an intern architect at Fanning Howey, joined the firm in 2007.

He obtained a Bachelor of



Science in Architecture from Lawrence Technological University and a Masters of Architecture from Lawrence Technological University. Sikora resides in Novi.

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