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## NOVI NUTSHELL Get out and vote

The City of Novi special election is Tuesday, May 5. Residents will be faced with a ballot proposal asking residents if they want to vote "yes" or "no" to a .5 mill increase to the parks, recreation and forestry levy, for the development of a Signature Park. All polling locations will be open 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

### Friendraiser

The Friends of the Novi Public Library present a "Community Friendraiser Concert" by the Saline Fiddlers 3 p.m. Sunday at the Novi Middle School, 49000 11 Mile Road. The concert performed by a group of young musicians features a variety of songs and music for all ages. Tickets are available at the Novi Public Library for \$5. For more information, visit [www.novipubliclibrary.org](http://www.novipubliclibrary.org), or e-mail [friendslib@hotmail.com](mailto:friendslib@hotmail.com).

### Attention, ladies

If you are interested in participating on stage in a swimwear fashion show as well as getting a swimwear makeover from swimwear designer Carol Wior of Los Angeles, here's your chance. Carol is coming to the Michigan International Women's show this weekend at the Rock Financial Showplace. She's looking for women of all body types and sizes each day to appear on stage for her "before and after" swimwear makeover. Each volunteer will receive a Carol Wior patented designer "Slimsuit" for their participation. Call Bob Mazza today at (310) 994-4847.

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### Concert Band

Novi Parks Performing Arts presents "A Spring Concert of Sun Dances" 2 p.m. Sunday, May 3 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. The Novi Concert Band will perform, with a special guest performance by the Southeast Michigan Flute Association Flute Choir. For more information, call (248) 347-0400 or visit [www.novi-concertband.org](http://www.novi-concertband.org).

### Road work

Ramps from both directions of Novi Road to eastbound I-96 are closed through late October. Crews will resurface nearly four miles of I-96 in the City, resulting in the ramp shutdowns.

## Special election set for Tuesday

BY KELLY MURAD  
STAFF WRITER

The Novi City Clerk's office, located inside the Civic Center at 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, will be open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday for those interested in voting by absentee in Tuesday's special election.

As of Monday, Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius was unsure what to expect in terms of voter turnout, but said the amount of absentee ballots issued was in line with that of a local election for mayor and council.



Cornelius

The special election ballot will feature a parks and recreation millage proposal for the development of a 73-acre Signature Park, at the southwest corner of 11 Mile and Beck roads.

City officials said attributes of the park include a full array of recreation opportunities, structured programs and activities, as well as festivals and events for all ages. Initial development includes trails, a multi-generational recreation center (theater, gymnasiums, wellness area, multi-use activity space), sprayground/outdoor ice skating area, community festival area and outdoor sports fields (cricket, soccer, football).

If approved, the City Charter will be amended to increase the parks, recreation and forestry levy by .5

mills, which translates to about \$75 a year for a resident with a \$300,000 home.

Cornelius could not recall the last time the City held a special election, but said the major difference voters will notice is the combination of precincts located in the same polling location.

"There is no change to the physical location of any precincts," she said explaining precincts 1 and 2 will remain at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, but voters will cast their ballots in one area, as opposed to being divided into two separate precinct groups. The same goes for precincts 6 and 7 at Holy Family Catholic Church; precincts 9 and 11 at Brightmoor Christian

Church; precincts 16 and 17 at the Novi Civic Center; and precincts 20 and 21 at Deerfield Elementary.

All polling locations will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Cornelius said combining precincts is one way the City lessened the anticipated \$30,000 cost to hold a special election.

"It will be closer to \$25,000," she said. "We are also counting absentee ballots in the precincts, which will save us hiring 12 extra people."

For more information regarding precincts, polling locations or absentee ballots visit [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org) or contact the City Clerk's office at (248) 347-0456.

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Novi postal carriers will be collecting food on Saturday, May 9 for the annual Letter Carrier Food Drive, benefiting local food banks. From left are carriers Linda Linville, Jill Bobola, Jenni Boyle, Randy Bylski and Caryl McCarthy.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Help Novi letter carriers Stamp Out Hunger

BY KELLY MURAD  
STAFF WRITER

As the unemployment rates increase, so does the need for food donations and assistance.

A recent survey conducted by Feeding America of its food bank members reported a 30 percent increase in requests for emergency food assistance.

"The families that used to donate are the ones who are seeking assistance now," said Novi letter carrier Jenni Boyle. "The need is so much greater."

Saturday, May 9, marks the National

### STAMP OUT HUNGER! 2009

What: Letter Carrier Food Drive

When: Saturday, May 9

How: Leave nonperishable food donations inside or under your mailbox to be picked up by letter carrier.

Association of Letter Carriers' 17th annual Stamp Out Hunger! food drive, which provides food to local food banks and pantries to carry them through the summer months.

"It's the largest food drive in the country," Boyle said. "In Novi, we

donate it to two different parishes in the city; St. James Catholic Church and Faith Community Church. Their cupboards are bare."

Novi residents interested in participating in Stamp Out Hunger! 2009 can leave nonperishable donations either inside or under their mailbox for a letter carrier or volunteer to collect.

Examples of non-perishable food items include canned soup, vegetables, fruit, juices, meat and fish; and boxed cereal, rice and pasta, that are within the expiration date.

"Last year we raised 18,000 pounds of food, so we want to surpass that

since the need is so much greater," said Boyle, adding she hopes Novi letter carriers will collect 20,000 pounds of food.

Along with the two local parishes, J'nash House of Livonia will also receive donations from the Novi food drive.

Novi letter carriers are also trying to team up with local restaurants to organize events and promote the cause.

For more information visit [www.helpstampouthunger.com](http://www.helpstampouthunger.com) or contact the Novi Post Office at (248) 349-3152.

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## Head west

### Novi educators advocate for team teaching

This is the second story in a series focusing on the Novi Community Schools district's 2009-10 budget.

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL  
STAFF WRITER

When Seth Furlow looks into the classroom, he sees a tremendous amount of opportunity for his students resulting from team teaching at Novi Middle School.

Furlow is one of four teachers combining resources to provide students with learning opportunities he says only team teaching can provide. He teaches science at the school.

"It really allows us to focus on the kids and not just their

### BUDGET PUBLIC MEETINGS

A budget community forum will be held 7 p.m. tonight at Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road. Board of education members will be holding a budget workshop 9 a.m. Saturday at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road.

actions," he said.

Middle school team teaching is one item on a long list up for consideration by the board of education for elimination in order to cut \$2.4 million dollars from the Novi Community School

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## Novi volunteers honored for service

With more than 500 volunteers supporting its programs for patients and their families, Angela Hospice has a lot to be grateful for when it comes to the dedication of its amazing heroes.

Volunteers assist the organization in a multitude of ways, whether providing companionship for patients, completing clerical tasks, answering phones, baking cookies and pies, or any of the other duties they embrace. Volunteers make up the heart and soul of many organizations, and Angela Hospice is no exception.



Gahman



Cain

"I know I speak on behalf of all of our staff and those we serve when I say how grateful I am for the volunteers who give their time and talents to Angela Hospice," said Sister Mary Giovanni, Angela

Hospice president and CEO. "I am always amazed when the hours are tallied up, to realize how much they give to our mission. Some volunteers have been with us more than 20 years."

The hospice took the opportunity to say "Thank You" last week during National Volunteer Week. Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland hosted a dinner and awards ceremony for Angela Hospice's volunteers on April 21, where awards were presented to volunteers who reached milestones for each five years or 500 hours of service.

Ninety-one volunteers received pins for their achievements. Novi residents Tom Cain and Terry Gahman were among those honored - Cain

for five years and 1,000 hours, Gahman for 1,000 service hours.

"Tom provides spiritual care; sharing prayer, presence and Communion with patients and families seeking those services," said Donna Kolodisick, volunteer and spiritual care manager for Angela Hospice. "Terry's quiet presence and skill as a massage therapist bring comfort and relaxation to the patients, families and staff he serves."

In total, volunteers contribute 35,000 hours each year to the programs of Angela Hospice. For more information or to apply as a volunteer at Angela Hospice, visit [www.angela-hospice.org](http://www.angela-hospice.org), or contact Donna Kolodisick at (734) 953-6024.



Church-Kalinowsky

### NOVI ENGAGEMENT

#### Church-Kalinowsky

Michael and Janice Church of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter Amanda Church to Peter Kalinowsky, son of Roger and Sandy Kalinowsky of Novi.

Amanda is a 2004 graduate of Novi High School and a December 2008 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in elementary education. She is currently a substitute teacher in South Lyon and

Novi and teaches riding lessons at Wildwind Equestrian Center in South Lyon.

Peter is a 2004 graduate of Novi High School and a 2008 graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed at Meiden America in Northville.

The couple plan a November 24, 2009 wedding at Faith Community Presbyterian Church in Novi.

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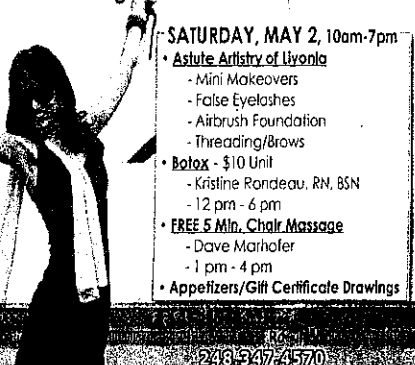
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# NEIGHBORS

## Novi resident empowers women through self-awareness

BY KELLY MURAO  
STAFF WRITER

After experiencing some of life's most painful lessons, Novi resident Suzanne Young was able to learn how to be happy for no reason.

"Our individual experiences are a result of who we are, said the 62-year-old women's life coach. "Awareness is the first step to personal growth in your life."

Young teaches Women's SELF Awareness workshops and classes out of her Novi home through Personal Success Programs, LLC, the business started by herself and husband, Kevin Young.

"I teach self-empowering programs designed for women from all ages and walks of life," Young said. "In the classes, women learn how to manage their lives in a more effective and positive manner. They receive training on how to keep a bal-

anced life and they learn how to break old habits."

Young offers a one-time introductory workshop that introduces women to the core concepts of self-awareness and prepares them for the three-month, six-session SELF Awareness Class.

"An important concept that is covered in detail during this workshop is that you do not have to change your environment, the economy, or the people around you to start having a more enjoyable life," Young said. "By changing the quality of your thoughts, you can immediately change the quality of your life."

The workshop costs \$100 and is not required to take the class, but highly recommended. The workshop fee will be applied to the \$1,000 cost of the class for the women who wish to continue with the program.

"I want to attract women who really do want personal



Women's SELF Awareness workshop leader Suzanne Young talks about her program while former student, Kathy Fisher listens in. Young began the SELF classes in 2006.

growth and are willing to listen with an open mind," she said. "By the end of the three-month program women always feel happier and have the skills and knowledge to

improve their entire lives if they choose to." A combination of factors, including her participation in a Dale Carnegie Course in 2006, and running into a

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way they perceive things to make themselves happy. It's so powerful, but it's so simple."

Young said she has been helping women better their lives for about 28 years through teaching personal growth workshops, a career as a divisional leader and trainer with UndercoverWear, Home Parties, and the Women's SELF Awareness program, which she began about two years ago.

"I form classes according to the needs," said Young, noting the classes are limited to five or six people. "I hold it in my home here in Novi. It's a wonderful, warm environment."

"The women that are drawn to the class tend to be 30-60 (years old). Those who are hungry for more out of their life."

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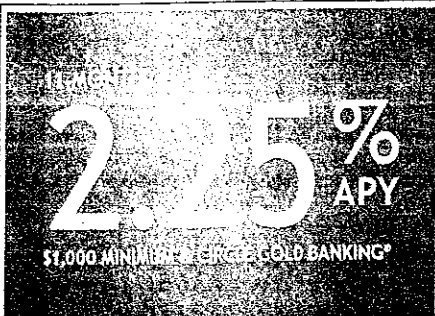


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## Co-op Student of the Month

Novi High School senior Stephanie Wilson was selected as the Outstanding Co-op/Work Experience Student of the Month for April 2009. Wilson has worked as an office assistant for the past year in the main office of Novi Woods Elementary School. Stephanie's supervisor, principal Pam Outquitt said, "Stephanie is delightful, her positive attitude and great work ethic has been appreciated in our office. She is kind to children and respectful to all of the adults in the building. I am confident she will be very successful in whatever career path she chooses."

## Community Financial awards scholarships

Community Financial recently awarded \$13,000 in scholarships to area students, including Novi High School.

The winners were selected from eligible students who are Community Financial members and will use the funds to attend an accredited post-secondary educational institution.

In collaboration with the Community Foundation of Plymouth (CFP) and the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation (AAACF), 11 \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to honor of Margaret Dunning, a longtime credit union volunteer, and to honor the memory of George Lawton, the credit union's general manager of 29 years.

"We strongly support financial literacy and educational opportunities for youth in our communities in a variety of ways," said Bill Lawton, Community Financial CEO and CFP advisory committee member.

Assisting with the awards presentation was Albert Berrie, Community Financial Board Chairman.

The annual scholarship program has provided more than \$10,000 since it was introduced in 1988," Berrie said.

"Our scholarship program truly reflects the credit union philosophy of 'people helping people,' and we are pleased to assist young people with their academic goals."

There were 10 local winners of this year's scholarships including Plymouth resident Garrett Rogers and Canton residents Kyle Bricker, Kirsten Clemans and Armani Patel graduating from Salem High School. Also, from Canton, is Leslie Botts graduating from Westland John Glenn.

Novi High School seniors and Novi residents are Treasa Anthony and Justin Farooq. Other winners include Novi resident, Shane Joychan from Catholic Central, Ann Arbor resident, Rose Bamfo, gradu-



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Community Financial scholarship recipients are pictured front row, from left, Treasa Anthony, Novi High School; Shane Joychan, Detroit Catholic Central High School; Justin Farooq, Novi High School; Armani Patel, Salem High School; Mallorie Blaylock, Eastern Michigan University. Back row, from left, Nina Niemetta, Madonna University; Kirsten Clemans, Salem High School; Garrett Rogers, Salem High School; Marissa Birrell, Franklin High School; and Leslie Botts, Westland John Glenn.

ating from Greenhills School and Nina Niemetta of Macomb Township and a student at Madonna University.

From our north district, a scholarship was awarded to Lewiston resident Kelsey Michael of Johannesburg-Lewiston High School.

Community Financial

invited all the local scholarship recipients and their families to attend a special reception in their honor at the credit union's Plymouth headquarters.

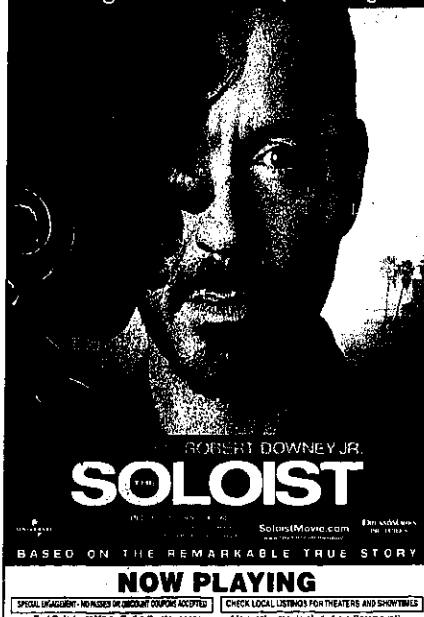
Cheryl Elliott, president and CEO of the AAACF, which manages the funds for 34 scholarship programs including Community Financial,

attended the event.

"The Community Foundation of Plymouth is honored to have this philanthropic partnership with Community Financial and that the true beneficiaries of this relationship are the scholarship recipients - today and tomorrow," she said.

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## NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

### Suspect uses lights for batting practice

Two outdoor landscaping lights were damaged between 11 p.m. April 22 and 8 a.m. April 24 at a residence on Drakes Bay Drive, near 10 Mile and Wixom roads, reports said.

According to the complainant, at about midnight he heard a car pull up and

stop, then he heard two loud bangs. He said he never saw the car or suspect(s) and did not call police.

The officer said it appeared as though the unknown suspect(s) walked up to the lights, which were located at the end of the driveway, and struck them with a baseball bat. Both lights were knocked completely off the concrete bases, reports said.

### Items suspected stolen

A vehicle, belonging to an employee of the Sports Club of Novi, was broken into between 9-11:15 a.m. April 23, while the victim was working, reports said.

The Chevrolet Suburban was parked in the southeast portion of the lot, off Arena Drive, near 10 Mile and Novi roads.

According to reports, about \$800 worth of missing items included a portable global positioning system, and a Dooney & Bourke purse, containing money, credit and debit cards and personal checks.

The complainant said the navigation system was attached to the windshield and the purse was located in the unlocked center console area.

Police said the unknown suspect(s) gained access to the locked vehicle by breaking the driver's window and entering through the driver-side door. A small dent and pry marks were found at the bottom right portion of the frame, reports said.

No other damage was reported or seen in the area.

**Faulty brake light leads to drunk driving arrest**

A woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated just after 2 a.m. April 23, at Grand River Avenue and Lannys Road, between Taft and Novi roads, reports said.

An officer patrolling west-

bound Grand River Avenue, west of Novi Road, observed a green Ford ahead of him with the driver-side brake light out.

The officer initiated a traffic stop and could smell an odor of intoxicants com-

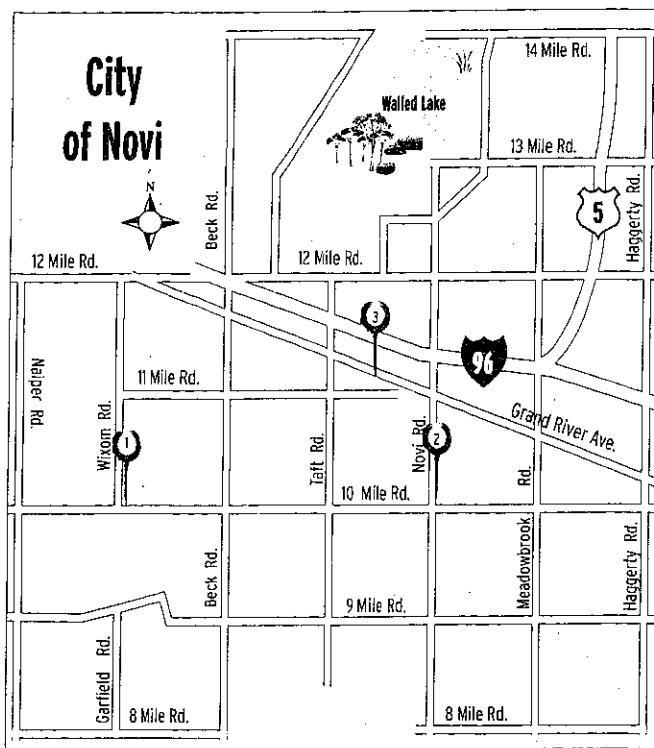
ing from inside the vehicle, reports said.

The driver said she was returning to her Wixom home and had a couple of drinks, with the last one consumed about one hour prior.

A number of field sobriety

tests were conducted and a preliminary breath test registered her blood alcohol concentration at .15 percent, reports said.

The woman was arrested and the passenger of the suspect vehicle was released.



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## Case dismissed against one teen suspected in Novi BB shooting

BY KELLY MURAD  
STAFF WRITER

Charges against South Lyon resident Ashley Beane, 17, were dropped, following further investigation into the Jan. 8 school bus BB shooting in Novi.



Ashley Beane

Beane and Novi resident Alexander Jay Schmidt, 21, were arrested in February in connection to the incident, but ever since, Ashley's

father, Jeff Beane, has been defending her innocence, claiming his daughter was not even there.

"As more information surfaced it has become evident that Ashley was not involved," he said in March. And it turns out he was right.

"She was not even there," said Detective Mike Wilson of the Novi Police Department. "She was taking the blame to protect Schmidt, who was ultimately violating the terms of his probation."

Schmidt was on probation in Wayne County for intent to deliver marijuana. His criminal record also includes a 2006 conviction for identity theft in Novi.

and a 2004 conviction for breaking and entering in Garden City.

The Novi resident was scheduled to appear in front of Judge Colleen O'Brien of Oakland County Circuit Court in Pontiac this month on charges of malicious destruction of property, which is a felony carrying a penalty of up to five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

Ashley Beane has no previous criminal record.

"She passed a polygraph. She was covering for some other kids," said Jeff Beane.

According to Wilson, three other juveniles were in the car at the time of the incident, which occurred at about 2:41 p.m. as five occupied Novi Community Schools district buses were leaving the area of Novi Middle School, at 11 Mile and Wixom roads.

Investigation revealed the three witnesses were not involved in the shootings, Wilson said.

"There was a lot of lying going on, but once people started going to jail, the truth started coming out," he said. "When police are involved, the best thing to do is just tell the truth."

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### MADD recognizes Novi officer

BY KELLY MURAD  
STAFF WRITER

Working midnight shifts as a Novi Police Department patrol officer keeps Chris Frankowiak busy, and drunk drivers off the road.

"I'm on the midnight shift, which leaves me out on the road at bar closing time," said the 34-year-old officer. "As a police officer, it's my job to ensure people can drive safely throughout Novi."

Frankowiak was selected by the department for the 2008 Mothers Against Drunk Driving Lifesaver Award.

"It is with great pleasure that the Novi Police Department and the City of Novi wish to formally recognize Officer Christopher Frankowiak for his commitment and dedication in the detection and arrest of drunk drivers from the roadways of the City of Novi," said Novi Police Chief David Molloy.

MADD of Southeastern Michigan will honor Frankowiak, along with other police officers from Oakland and Macomb counties next month at its annual Lifesaver Awards luncheon at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Troy.

"MADD selects an officer from each area department that has made the most alco-



JOHN HEIDER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi police officer Chris Frankowiak is being recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving for having the most drunk-driving arrests in the city in 2008.

hol-related driving arrests in 2008," Frankowiak said. "It's a good feeling to know I've prevented a driver who has been consuming alcohol from killing or injuring another driver."

According to MADD, every year, about 14,000 people are killed by drunk drivers with an illegal alcohol level of .08 percent blood alcohol concentration or above, meaning more than 1,400 families every

month must live with the tragic consequences of drunken driving.

"Officer Frankowiak was credited with arresting 28 drivers for the offense of operating while intoxicated," Molloy said. "This total surpasses any other officer in the department. (His actions bring great credit upon himself, the Novi Police Department and the City of Novi."

This is the first time Frankowiak, who has been with the Novi Police Department for three years, is being recognized for this award.

Macomb County Prosecutor Eric J. Smith will serve as the honorary chairman and keynote speaker of the May 15 event.

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# EDUCATION

## Catholic Central High School among winners for Quiz Bowl State Championship

Detroit Catholic Central, Detroit Country Day and Kalamazoo Christian high schools emerged from the 2009 State Championship Quiz Bowl tournament with state titles in their respective classes.

More than 700 Michigan high school students from across the state gathered at Michigan State University on April 24-25 to participate in the competition. Former Senate Majority Leader Dan L. DeGroot began as an annual event 22 years ago.

The event, sponsored by the Michigan State University Honors College and Meijer, Inc., was held at MSU for the ninth time this year.

State Quiz Bowl consists of three simultaneous round tournaments: Class A, Class B and Class C/D. The competition is double-elimination and is open to quiz teams who have won either a league championship or major tournament.

In the Class A finals, Detroit Catholic Central took first place after beating Grosse Pointe North in the final match. Members of the Detroit Catholic Central team, coached by Eugene Jones, Ben Herman and Joseph Polzin, included Alex King, Alan Huang, Bryan Brown, Kevin Rashidi, Sean Bridenbaugh, Shane Joycham, Michael Yurko and Matthew Nicholas. The second place team from Grosse

Pointe North, coached by Mike Rennell included Jamie Ding, Will Colding, David Ulmer, Mike Matula, Matthew Yengali, Stephen Morrison, Andrew Rensner, Roxanne Jagun, Nathan Vengali, Mark Livingston and Jesse Ding. The team from Okemos High School placed third in this bracket.

In the Class B competition, Detroit Country Day beat DeWitt in the final match. The Detroit Country Day team, coached by Eugene Jurkiewicz and Brad McNeel, consisted of Alex King, Alan Huang, Bryan Brown, Kevin Rashidi, Sean Bridenbaugh, Shane Joycham, Michael Yurko and Matthew Nicholas. The second place team from Grosse

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LOCATION: 4415 N. Main St., corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi  
CONTACT: (248) 349-0565  
Sunday School  
TIME: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship

**CONTACT:** See (734) 459-0016  
Single Place Ministries  
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8:30 p.m. program, every Thursday  
DETAILS: Informative and entertaining program of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details: single-place.org

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**  
LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.  
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresby.org  
Sunday Worship  
TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m.  
Walking in the Park  
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m., every Saturday  
LOCATION: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 mile roads)  
DETAILS: Group meets for lunch after wards

**OAK POINTE CHURCH**  
LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road  
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Worship Services  
TIME: 9:15 a.m. Saturday, 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday  
ReNew Life Ministries  
TIME/DATE: 7:15 p.m. every Monday  
DETAILS: Openings Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective

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LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road  
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Coffee hour at 10:15 a.m.  
Healing Service  
TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month  
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ing, learning and change from a Christian perspective  
CONTACT: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org  
Charmed Influence  
TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday  
DETAILS: Studying the book "Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage"  
CONTACT: Joy Raby at joy@oakpointe.org or call the church

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month  
DETAILS: All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women are invited to attend, irrespective of church affiliation  
Logos Youth Club  
TIME/DATE: 5:15-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday, through May  
DETAILS: For children in grades 4-12. Every week, this four part program includes Bible study, dinner, choir worship and activities

TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month  
LOCATION: In front of the church  
DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace  
Advent Service  
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday  
Spring Into Summer  
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, June 13  
DETAILS: Annual Junior Art/Craft Show. Go to www.mccnovi.com to view some last year's vendor booths. All handmade crafts including but not limited to painting, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, needlework, lawn art, doll clothing, photography, glass, stained glass, wood carving and scrolling, sweaters, stone work, candles, welcome lamps, children's books, face painting, frames, and more. All items for sale. CONTACT: For an application to this year's show, e-mail your request to Pam Davis, Church Yard Sale - Open to the Public

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## OBITUARIES

### ELEANOR MARGARET DERY

Age 89, of Petoskey and formerly of South Lyon, MI, passed away on Monday, April 20, 2009 with loving care at Autumn Joy Adult Foster Care. Eleanor was born in Petoskey, Michigan. She was a member of the Petoskey United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard John Dery, her brother, Melvin F. Auch and her sister-in-law, Ethel Auch. She is survived by her daughter, Carolyn (Terry) Chas of Conway, MI, granddaughter, Tamara (Dorothy) Longene of Brighton, MI, grandson, Ryan Chase (Jenny) Dem of Indian River, MI, great-grandchildren, Chase, Cora and Morgan Torrence and step great-grandchildren, Taylor, Max and Jacob Dem. Private family services are planned at a later date on Crooked Lake. Family and friends wishing to honor Eleanor's memory with a charitable contribution are asked to consider Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, One Highland Drive, Petoskey, MI 49770 or Hospice of Northwestern Michigan, 220 West Garfield St., Charlevoix, MI 49722. Anyone wishing to offer condolences or share memories of Eleanor with her family is encouraged to do so online at [www.stonelanefuneralhome.com](http://www.stonelanefuneralhome.com).

### EDWARD W. DODDS

Of St. Ignace, MI. Born August 5, 1970 in Royal Oak, MI. Passed away Monday, April 20, 2009 at Northern Michigan Hospital, Petoskey, MI. Ed was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, the St. Ignace Men's Bowling League and an avid hunter. He was a USA Hockey Referee and recently officiated as a linesman for the United States Hockey Team at the Little Bear Arena. He was employed as a corrections officer at the Hiawatha Correctional Facility. Survived by his wife, Amy Smith, children, Mike, Haley, and Joel, mother Carol Dadds of South Lyon, MI, brother Robert (Kelly) Dadds of Novi, MI, father-in-law David (Nancy) Smith of Paradise, MI, mother-in-law Gerda (Maury) Ustalo of Moray, MI, sister-in-law Kimberly (Andrew) Dunikowski of St. Ignace, MI, step sister-in-law Lisa (Jim) Stabile and their daughter Emily of Petoskey, MI, step brother-in-law Jeff Clarke of Paradise, MI, nieces and nephews Rachel Dadds and Ryan Dadds of Novi, MI, and Jana Dunikowski of St. Ignace, MI, also survived by many aunts and uncles. Predeceased by his father, Gerald Dadds and many grandparents. Visitation was 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Friday, April 24, 2009 and funeral was 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 25, 2009 at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church with Pastor George Kaiser officiating. Committal services were held on Saturday, April 25, 2009, 2:00 p.m. at the Northrup Cemetery. Memorial contributions to a memorial fund for Ed's children at the UP State Credit Union, St. Ignace, MI would be appreciated. Dodson Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

### ARLENE A. DUDGEON

Age 74 of Milford, April 24, 2009. Survived by her beloved husband, Robert and their children, Pamela (Ken) Emerson, Deborah (Doug) Aubry, Linda (Tom) Krumm, Bob Dudgeon, Lisa Wilson, George (Arlene) Dudgeon, 13 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, brothers, Ralph (Lynn) Maly, Roy (Roseanne) Maly and Ken (Sharon) Maly. Also survived by her sisters-in-law, numerous nieces, nephews and loving friends. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, Thursday, April 30th at 12 p.m. with Fr. Leo Luko officiating. For further information please call 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com).

### DIANE L. HERTLING

Age 67, of Milford, formerly of W. Bloomfield, passed away on her birthday, 4-22-09. Services were held through Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford on 4-25. For further info, please call 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com).

### KATHLEEN KUCINSKI

Age 51, of Milford, April 22, 2009. Beloved wife of Randy. Loving mother of Randy and John Sheehan. No services are planned. The family suggests memorials to M.D.A., 3300 East Sunrise Dr., Tucson, AZ 85718 or mda.org. Memorial Service was held Wednesday, 10 a.m. at St. Raphael Church, Garden City. Generations Funeral & Cremation Services.

### EDNA L. MOORE

Age 86, and a lifelong resident of the Milford area, passed away in the care of her family on April 23, 2009. She is survived by her children, Terry Moore and Lisa Moore, both of Highland, grandsons, Pat, Ryan, Bartok, U.S. Army, Nicholas Cooper and Christopher Cooper, brother, Henry, both and many dear friends. She was preceded in death by her sister, Katherine Hogan. Edna was well known for her work at National City Bank in Milford, where she worked as an assistant manager for many years. Funeral Services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, on Wednesday, April 29, 2009, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery. Memorials may be made in her name to Hospice Advantage. For further information please call 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com).

### WILLARD B. NEWMAN

Age 87, of Northville, passed away peacefully April 25, 2009. A Funeral Service was held last Tuesday at Casseltime Funeral Home, Inc. (248) 349-0811. Contributions appreciated to The Capuchins or Mercy Hospice.

### RALPH POHL

Age 77, of Milford, April 24, 2009. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Barbara (d. 2008). He is survived by his sons, Ralph Jr. (Jackie), Scott (Jennifer), Jean, grandchildren, Terra, Jamie, Jennifer, Kevin, siblings, Jackie (Jack) Edwards and Melvin Pohl. Also leaves many loving nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends. Funeral Service and Military Honors were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, April 28, 2009. Memorials may be made to Hospice Advantage. For further information please call 248-684-6645 or visit [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com).

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### GRACE G. RICHARDSON

Passed away peacefully on her 94th birthday, April 18, 2009. Mother of Robert A. (Chari) Burdick and the late Suzanne and William. Oreston. Grandmother of 5 and great-grandmother of 13. Sister of the late Rose, Fred and Robert. Aunt of many nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 25. Memorial donations may be made to either the Eureka Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library or the Novi Public Library in memory of Grace Richardson. Online condolences: [www.obituariesonline.com](http://www.obituariesonline.com)

### KATHLEEN L. ALCON STREETMAN

Age 38 April 25, 2009. Beloved wife of Brett. Loving mother of Abigail Justice and Brett John Alcon. Adored daughter of Mark and Alice Alcon. Dearest sister of Mark K. (Carrie) and John (Karin). Dear aunt of Nicholas, Timothy, Audrey and Jackson. Daughter-in-law of Gary and Rosemary Streetman. Sister-in-law of "D" (Diane) Hill, McWilliams and Adam (Carla) Streetman. Aunt of Russell, Emma, Bradley, Kyle, and Ethan. Funeral Services were held at First United Methodist Church in Northville. Memorial contributions may be made to CARE House ([www.carehouse.org](http://www.carehouse.org)). Please leave a message for the family at [www.rrsfuneralhome.com](http://www.rrsfuneralhome.com)

### REV. EDMUND H. WILT

Age 79, passed away April 21, 2009. A service was held on April 25 at Fellowship Baptist Church. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com)

### ALFRED ROBBE "WOODY" WOOD SR.

Age 86, of Milford, formerly of Bloomfield Hills. Passed away on April 26, 2009. He is survived by his wife Shirley (Marianne) Wood, children, A. Robb (Mary Ellen), Bruce C. Wood, Mrs. M. Chabot, Lisa C. Carney, (Kathy), and seven grandchildren. Woody was a highly decorated Naval fighter pilot in WWII. He will be greatly missed by family and friends. Memorials may be made in his name to your favorite charities. Condolences may be sent to: [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

### THE NOVI HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS (NHSBB)

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### The performances are free and the public is invited to attend.

### Summer Child C.A.R.E.

Looking for a positive, enriching, educational summer full of adventure and fun? Join the Novi Community Education summer C.A.R.E. program for preschool to middle-school aged children. Activities are age appropriate, innovative, relevant, affordable learning opportunities for your children this summer? Oakland Schools Career Focused Education is offering 72 classes throughout the summer to students in grades 4-12 who are interested in exploring their interests in various career fields such as biotechnology, landscape design, employability skills, Microsoft



### Bagels with a Buddy

Novi Woods students enjoy breakfast with their special buddies during a special event held last week. The bagels with a buddy event was possible because of generous local businesses. Novi woods would like to thank Larson Jewelry, Hattie's Hallmark, Bush's, McDonalds at Novi, Spillane & Reynolds orthodontics, Oberweis Dairy, Trader Joe's, Einstein Bros. Bagels, Big Apple Bagels, Cadillac Coffee and Sam's Club.

### CLASS NOTES

#### Camp Invention

Invest now kids and The Discover Program present Camp Invention coming to Novi Middle School 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. July 20-24. The summer camp will include the themes of Viking Treasure Trek: The Quest Begins, Comic Book Science: Flyback and Jill, LandSled X-Treme, I Can Invent: Fantasy Inventions & Complicated Machines II and Recess Remix. The popular program is once again being directed by Novi Middle School science teacher Seth Furrow. The base price is \$220, but if you register three or more siblings, receive \$40 off the base price. Daily snacks and a Camp Invention T-shirt will be provided. For more information, call (248) 449-1600 or e-mail [sfurrow@novi.k12.mi.us](mailto:sfurrow@novi.k12.mi.us).

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## TEACHERS

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District's 2009-10 budget. The reductions would balance the upcoming budget, while maintaining the district's fund equity, or rainy day account, at 12 percent.

Eliminating team teaching would allow the district to cut seven teachers, as the teaching style requires a larger staff.

Recently, Furlow and fellow team teachers Dave Kniaz, math; Linda Crawford, history; Joanne Petrach, ELA; and Stephanie Peterson, student teacher completed their Head West unit, the 12th time the school has completed this ever-changing endeavor.

For the two-week project, classroom walls are removed and academic disciplines are intertwined for a comprehensive investigation into western expansion.

Students move their hand-made wagons daily, experiencing an array of scenarios while journaling their experiences.

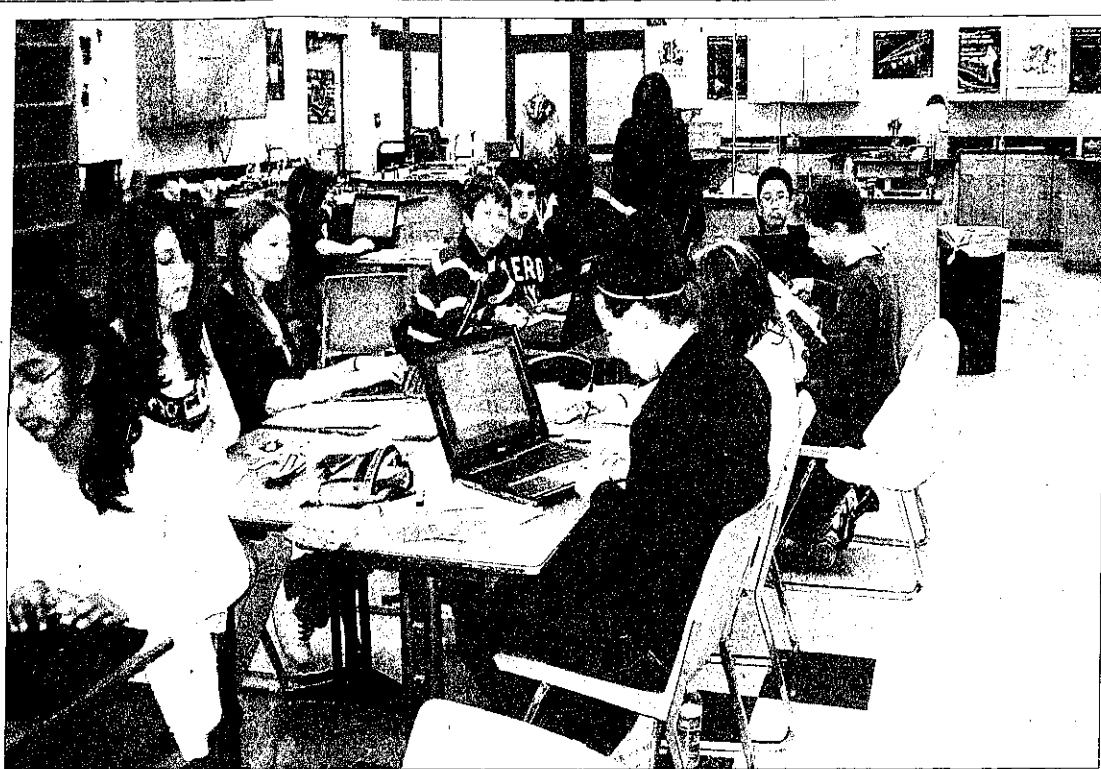
The disciplines covered included a perpetual calendar, ad making and calculating area and perimeter for math, researching diseases and medicines and trail research for history, and writing historical journals for ELA.

"I think they see the connection between disciplines," Kniaz said. "They see how it all fits together in the real world."

Since team teaching allows students to come together and teachers the time to plan daily, the project is one of others Novl Middle School students experience yearly.

Other comprehensive projects include a CSI unit and an election project during presidential election years.

"This is possible because we have teaming in this building," Furlow said.



Students in Seth Furlow's Novl Middle School science class work on their Head West team-teaching project.

### SIDE EFFECTS

Aside from the academic lessons learned during team projects, teachers say students learn lessons in time management, socialization and the ability to recognize the strengths and weaknesses of others.

As part of the team-teaching schedule, teachers offer an enrichment period where topics such as recognizing personality types, work styles and conflict resolution are discussed.

The middle school's team-teaching schedule also allows for an educational planning period each day.

Furlow said the planning meetings are invaluable as this is a time teachers can

discuss students' progress, often uncovering underlying issues or learning patterns. The educators say team teaching also allows students to befriend a teacher they feel more comfortable with.

"I would like to think part of it is we're developing such strong relationships," Kniaz said.

Educators point out the Novl Middle School building is also physically set up for teams, incorporating collapsible walls between team rooms and hubs accommodating grades and teams.

"It's nice," Kniaz said. "The taxpayers allowed for a building constructed for team teaching."

No action will be taken on these recommendations until the May 7 Board of Education meeting.

A complete list of budget reductions and enhancements may be found at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

Other district cuts proposed include reducing literacy specialists, reducing high school graduation expenses and increasing the high school walk zone.

District officials are also proposing \$1.09 in revenue enhancements including implementing club fees at Novl Meadows and increasing Novl High School pay-to-participate sports fees and student parking fees up to \$70.

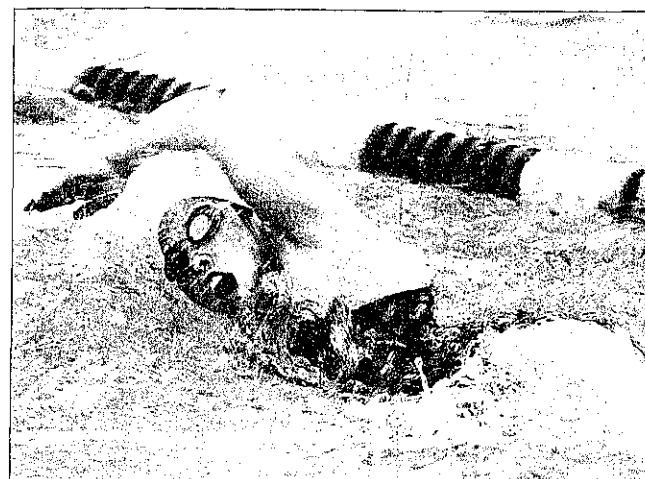
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Novl Middle School students construct wagons which headed west during a two-week team-teaching western expansion project.



Kelsey Schurmer practices with the Novl Sturgeons swim club at the Sports Club of Novi on April 22. More than 200 children from Novi, Northville and surrounding communities swim with the club and race for its team.

## Swim team makes waves across state

BY KELLY MURAD  
STAFF WRITER

### NOVI STURGEON SWIM TEAM

Members of the Novl Sturgeon Swim Team spend almost as much time in winter as the aquatic species they are named after.

"Training is very important," said head coach Mark Winter. "Our top group, they'll swim up to nine-10 miles a day."

The Novl Sturgeon Swim Team runs out of the Sports Club of Novi, and consists of about 200 athletes.

"We're a U.S.A. Swim-affiliated competitive swim team, which is the same outfit Michael Phelps and all our Olympians come from," said Winter, noting they are governed by Michigan Swimming.

### Training

The athletes are divided into four teams based on age and ability. Swimmers range in age from 5-18.

"We really try to sell that little kid group by getting them to go to swim meet," Winter said. "Competing just hooks them."

The team trains and competes year-round, with a one-week break at the end of each season.

"It takes a special kind of person to be able to do the kind of things we do here," said Bob Jenrow, the other head coach of the Sturgeons. "Swimming's a

What U.S.S. competitive swim team, governed by Michigan Swimming.  
Who: Kids 5-18  
Where: Sports Club of Novi, 42500 Arena Drive  
When: Year-round  
For more information, visit [www.thesportsclubofnovi.com](http://www.thesportsclubofnovi.com)

menters made Junior National qualifiers this year.

Coaching  
"Each year, our Sturgeon team keeps growing and building," said Connie Loftus, sports director for the Sports Club of Novi. "We have the strongest coaching staff in the area, for developmental swimmers, to the highest state level swimmer."

Winter and Jenrow are assisted by three additional coaches, Cammy Jenrow, Mark VanderMeer and Teri Ohlgren. "I think to have five coaches of our caliber is very uncommon," Winter said. "Out of all five of us, we have 84 years of coaching experience combined."

"We try to cover all our bases as far as endurance training and technique work and we also do some strength training, dry land training, where we'll get in the weight room."

Both coaches said a high percentage of the athletes continue to swim at the college level.

"Efficiency is enhanced because you have very experienced coaches," Jenrow said. "Success sort of breeds success. We know what we want to see in our little kids that will grow them into what we want them to be when they're older."

"We have a lot of kids that started out with us in the developmental group and worked their way all the way through," said Winter, explaining that the kids maintain team camaraderie, even though they compete against one another. "What stands out about our team is the commitment level."

The Novl Sturgeons just began their long-course season, which is technically shorter than the short-course season, but more intense with more training.

"The key is it's got to be fun and they've got to enjoy it, and swimming fast is really fun," Winter said.

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Novl Sturgeons teammates pause for a moment before swimming another series of laps at their pool in the Sports Club of Novi.

Along with Novi and Northville, the swim team consists of athletes from Milford, Farmington, Bloomfield Hills, West Bloomfield, Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, South Lyon, New Hudson and even one from Howell.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM NOVI CITY COUNCIL

Council unanimously approved to grant Fox Run Village Inc. with one of their three Class C liquor licenses available as a result of a special census. Fox Run is a gated retirement community, situated on a 108-acre campus, near 13 Mile and Meadowbrook roads. The new liquor license will allow Fox Run to serve alcohol to its residents in all structures of the facility. Mayor Pro Tem Bob Gatt said Fox Run meets the guidelines of being a unique business, invested in the Novi community.

Council adopted, by a 7-0 vote, a resolution authorizing the Oakland County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to undertake review of a Brownfield Plan proposal for the renovation or build-out of an existing building, located at 25775 Regency Drive for occupancy by OXID Corporation of Farmington Hills. The property, near Haggerty Road and Grand River Avenue, is eligible to receive financing for the environmental clean-up of the property by using a tax recapture method under the Brownfield Redevelopment and Financing Act. OXID Corporation manufactures laser beam delivery systems and projects an investment of about \$1.4 million in improvements and equipment. It is projected that the estimated \$138,679 in clean-up

costs would be paid within nine years, through the incremental taxes. Councilwoman Terry Margolis said she supports encouraging economic development through infrastructure improvements.

Council members unanimously approved and adopted a resolution in support of Detroit Region Aerropolis, which is intended to become a creative logistics, mobility hub, linking air with road, rail and even water, to move people, products and information. According to the City, the real potential of a Detroit Region Aerropolis is it will create an engine of economic development, which allows the creation of logistical

businesses to locate and relocate in Michigan, like Ryder System in Novi. It is believed a Detroit Region Aerropolis will invigorate the state of Michigan's current economy with significant new commercial investment.

Thirty-six students applied for positions on Youth Council, or as a representative on City Boards and Commissions. There are 10 available seats on Youth Council; two available seats on both the Library Board, and Housing and Community Development Committee; and one vacancy on the Historical Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission. Each applicant was given three minutes to speak at the Council

meeting, explaining why they would be a good candidate, and what they would like to take away from this experience. The candidates are Rahul Ahluwalia, Adam Awdish, Emily Bank, Marianne Caddy, Shital Chauhan, Robert Hsu, Ayush Jain, Zoe Jenkins, Meng Meng Jie, Katelyn Kerbrat, Derek Kim, Andrew Lee, Samantha Macy, Krithika Mahesh, Dyanita Moskallan, Ekene Mzie, Sai Mahabala, Janani Naidu, Rubini Naidu, Matthew Nicholas, Suzana Prati, Jay Raina, Anwesha Ray, Madhu Sanam, Jessica Saran, Roxane Seidgh, Eugene Song, Rachel Standt, Braladheeswar Sundararajan, Debnita

Talapatra, Monica Thipparthi, Pabavi Vadamalli, Vishnu Venugopal, Anirudh Vinnakota, Alison Widner and (Lily) Xiac Zhang.

A public hearing on the City of Novi's proposed 2009-10 budget is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, May 18 at the regular Novi City Council meeting. For more information or to view the City Council agenda visit [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org).

Notes were taken from the April 27 Novi City Council regular meeting. All council members were present. Next regular meeting: 7 p.m. May 4 at the Novi Civic Center, 45775 W. 10 Mile Road.

NOVI BRIEFLY

Internet safety program

Are you concerned about what your children might be picking up on the Internet? Do you know what's on their Facebook? Do you know who they are contacting and who is contacting them? Stories about children being contacted inappropriately are frequently in the news.

Detective Kristie Gruenwald of the Novi Police Department will give a presentation on

how to keep you and your children safe while using the Internet, 7 p.m. tonight at Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. 10 Mile Road.

Gruenwald will discuss the growing dangers of using the Internet and point out the warning signs that could be putting yourself in danger. She will also outline the steps that can be taken to keep yourself or your children safe when using the

Internet.

The program is free and open to the public. It is provided as a public service by the Adult Education Committee of Faith Community Presbyterian Church. For more information call (248) 349-2345.

Spring concert

Novi Parks Performing Arts presents "A Spring Concert of Sun Dances" 2 p.m. Sunday, May 3 at the Novi Civic Center, located at 45775 W. 10 Mile Road.

The Novi Concert Band will perform, with a special guest performance by the Southeast Michigan Flute Association Flute Choir.

For more information contact (248) 347-0400 or visit [www.noviconcertband.org](http://www.noviconcertband.org).

Friend-raising concert

Friends of the Novi Library presents the Saline Fiddlers, a group of thirty musicians, dancers and singers performing a fusion of folk, bluegrass and western swing with a dash of Celtic flair.

The high energy performance will be held 3 p.m. May 3 at Novi Middle School. Tickets are \$5 each, or five for \$20, and available at the Novi Public Library, 45245 W. 10 Mile Road.

Arbor Day celebration

The annual Arbor Day celebration will take place 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, May 2 at Lakeshore Park.

Novi residents can embrace the opportunity to give back to their community, and the environment, by planting and mulching trees at Lakeshore Park, while receiving information about tree care.

Providence Park Hospital names new president

Jean Meyer, R.N., M.S.N., has been selected as the new president of Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

She will be responsible for the hospital's day-to-day operations and continued growth. She will assume her role immediately.

During her 22 year career in health care, Meyer has held various leadership positions. Prior to serving as senior vice president and chief nursing officer for St. John Health System, chief operating officer

for the Providence Region and interim Providence Park administrator, she served as senior vice president, operations and chief nursing officer for St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

Prior to this position, she served as the executive director of the oncology service line and director, breast services and cancer screening for St. Vincent Hospital.

Meyer received her bachelor's degree in public health education, from the University of Wisconsin, LaCrosse. She completed her work for a bachelor's and master's of science in nursing from Loyola University of Chicago.

Providence Park Hospital

is the first hospital to open in southeastern Michigan in more than 20 years.

The new hospital features a 24-Hour Emergency Department; a comprehensive Women's and Infant Health Center, state-of-the-art imaging technologies, pediatric care, dedicated pediatric emergency services, heart care and more.

Also on the Providence Park campus is the Assurant Cancer Center, a new physician-owned Novi Orthopedics Center, including The Bone & Joint Surgery Center of Novi; a new physician-owned Park Medical Offices building; and the Van Elsland Neurosciences Institute.



Dr. Judith Margerum, left, Jennifer Harvey, Eudora Adolph and Yodit Mesfin Johnson will speak in Novi May 13 as part of "The Wealth of Women" program presented by the American Business Women's Association.

The Wealth of Women  
Novi program offers success tips for females

One meeting, four voices and great tips for personal and professional success. That is what Eudora Adolph and three top professionals will bring with their program called, "The Wealth of Women" on Wednesday, May 13.

Organizers said the program will fill a need for women to take more control of their lives, especially where it concerns their families and their wallets.

"The Wealth of Women" developers include Adolph, who is a financial growth engineer with AvertTrust Advisors LLC, psychologist and author Dr. Judith Margerum; attorney Jennifer Harvey; and Yodit Mesfin Johnson, a business consultant with YMJ and Associates.

The four women vowed the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association in

February with their keen and sometimes humorous insights into how women handle their financial lives. The warm reception spurred the ABWA to bring the program back to Novi in May.

Attendees of the program will gain practical tips on getting their life in order, from how to handle critical family life issues - including divorce child inheritance issues - to organizing family documents.

The experts will also approach the topic of money from all avenues, answering such questions as, "Why do I relate in this way to money?" and "How do I handle this legally?"

"Our mission is to enable women to be more successful in their daily lives. The statistics for women show that we aren't prepared enough," Adolph said. "Money is just a tool for us to do what really matters, and we need to learn

how to manage it better and how to have a good relationship with it."

The May 13 and Aug. 12 sessions of "The Wealth of Women" will be held in Novi at the DoubleTree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., southeast of Interstate 96 @ Novi Road, near Ball's.

Dinner and meeting reservations are \$16 per person and pre-registration is required. All area women in the community that would like to attend the program, may visit [www.abwa-novi.org](http://www.abwa-novi.org) to download a mail-in registration form or to register using PayPal.

ABWA is an organization for all women: working, retired, returning to work or just starting a career. The Novi chapter meets on the second Wednesday of every month. All women are welcome to come and check us out.

You can help move a mountain (of cash)

In an uncertain economy, it's natural for people to "tighten their belts" by cutting down on their spending. And yet by having too much cash on hand today, you could actually slow your progress toward your financial goals of tomorrow.

Before we get to the possible pitfalls of hoarding cash, let's consider your fellow Americans' recent savings habits:

How much? In the last quarter of 2008, the personal savings rate was 2.9 percent, the highest level since the third quarter of 2001, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Where? People are putting their money in what they consider safe vehicles. At the end of 2008, the ratio of money market fund assets and bank savings deposits to stocks - as measured by the Wilshire 5000 index, one of the broadest market indices - was 95.4 percent, according to Ned Davis Research. (Keep in mind that the Wilshire 5000 index is unmanaged and not available for direct investment.) This ratio is the highest it's been since money market accounts were created in the early 1980s.

Of course, given the stock market decline, it's not surprising that so much money is going into these accounts, because people are looking above all else, to preserve their principal. Consequently, as a nation, we are now sitting on a "mountain" of cash.

However, the trip up this mountain does not come free. While it's true that these vehicles may help preserve your principal, they may not provide you with returns that can keep up with inflation, which means that the more of these instruments you own, and the longer you own them, the greater the likelihood that you will lose purchasing power.

Furthermore, if you're putting most of your assets into cash, you're incurring "opportunity cost" - the chance to invest that money into vehicles that have the potential to provide the growth you need to help achieve your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement.

So here's the situation: On the one hand, you have a tough economy and a stock market that has probably already saddled you with losses. On the other hand, you need to consider investing in

stocks or other growth-oriented investments to help you reach your long-term goals. What's the solution? Balance. There's probably a place in your portfolio for short-term instruments whose chief benefit is helping to preserve your principal. But you may need to balance these holdings with investments that can potentially reward you with growth. The exact mix of assets depends on your risk tolerance, time horizon and individual goals.

In these days, you may need a leap of faith to invest some of your cash. But history is on your side. Downturns have typically been followed by market rallies. Plus, we will eventually see the unleashing of all that pent-up cash seeking higher returns, and that force should have a positive impact on the financial markets.

It may feel comforting to have a lot of cash on hand. But if you're going to be comfortable in the years ahead, you should consider putting some of that cash to work.

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## 14TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S SHOW

NOVI — The 14th annual Midway International Women's Show will come to Rock Financial Showplace in Novi today through May 3. The event includes shopping, makeovers, cooking demonstrations, entertainment, giveaways and more. Highlights include Justin Martin from "High School Musical 3: Senior Year," beach volleyball star Gabrielle Reece, Author and Junkmaster Sue Whitney, and Cooking Light magazine's Executive Chef Billy Strzykowski. Show hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$9, adults \$8, youth 6-12, and free, children 5 and under. Advance tickets, which include a one-year subscription to "Ladies Home Journal," are \$8 online; \$7 at Kruger, Call (800) 849-0248 or visit www.InternationalWomenShow.com.

## CONSIGNMENT SALE

NORTHVILLE — Consignment Clothing of Northville will celebrate its 20th anniversary 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, May 2. The entire store will be on sale for 25 percent off. Astute Artistry will be doing makeup applications, brow shaping, lash application, airbrush foundation and threading for small fees. Specialist Kristine Rondoni R.N., B.S.N. (Youtology) will

perform and consult on Botox injections (\$10 unit) from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The party also includes free chair massages, gift certificate drawings, appetizers and special racks of clothing put out just for the sale. Consignment Clothing is located at 42937 W. Seven Mile Road in Highland Lakes Plaza. Call (248) 347-4570.

## TIFFANY AWARDS OPEN CALL

FARMINGTON HILLS — Hairdressers and colorists are invited to enter the 7th Annual Tiffany Michigan Hairdresser of the Year Awards through 5 p.m. May 29. Contestants compete in four categories: Formal, Women's Editorial, Color and Avant Garde. First, second and third place winners in each category are presented with a crystal trophy from Tiffany & Co. Contestants who enter in each of the three categories of Formal, Women's Editorial and Color are eligible to compete live for the title of Michigan Hairdresser of the Year at DREAMS, a benefit for the American Cancer Society, on Sept. 26 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. For information or to enter, visit www.thetiffanyawards.com or call (248) 347-7700 x2922.

## PRETTY IN PLAID

BIRMINGHAM — Jen Lancaster fans are invited to break out their favorite 80s fashion for a "Pretty in Plaid"

event at Borders in Birmingham 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 5. The New York Times bestselling author, who began her literary career as a blogger at www.jenlancaster.com, will sign copies of "Pretty in Plaid: A Life, A Witch, and a Wardrobe, or the Wonder Years Before the Condescending, Egomaniacal, Self-Centered Smart-Ass Phase."

The book is for anyone who has ever found themselves defending the merits of neon tights or a navy blue pantsuit; decided that blue mascara and pastel eye shadow make a winning combination; or that a poncho is a fashion statement. "What I love about 80s style is no other decade has been as iconic in terms of fashion and its direct relationship to pop culture," Lancaster said. "Even in my rural high school, kids defined exactly who they were sartorially. We had the Madonna wannabes, the Flashdancers, the Breakdancers, the Headbangers, the Stray Cats Rockabilly Boys, etc. And a little later, once I hit college, we had the Miami Vice Dudes, the Junior Stockbrokers, and the Heathers." Borders is located at 34300 Woodward Ave. Call (248) 203-0005.

## MR. SONG IN SOUTHFIELD

SOUTHFIELD — Centro Properties Group announced a 5,018-square-foot lease has been executed with Mr. Song Millinery at Southfield Plaza, on Southfield Road between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Southfield. Mr. Song Millinery is an exclusive ladies custom hat designer and manufacturer, offering unique style and exceptional quality. Mr. Song Millinery has been operating for 26 years in Detroit and has been steadily expanding over the past decade through a boutique network of fine retailers. Mr. Song's designs are seen in more than 500 boutiques nationwide and in many countries around the globe. Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul, chose to wear a Luke Song original design during the historical 2009 Presidential Inauguration. Mr. Song Millinery is projected to open at Southfield Plaza in the fall of 2009.

Southfield Plaza was built in 1970 and renovated in 2002. It is home to such retailers as Bath & Body Works, Boston Market, Footlocker, GNC and Payless Shoes.

## DINO THE TAILOR

BIRMINGHAM — Dino the Tailor celebrates 15 years in Birmingham by offering 20 per-

cent off any alterations during the month of May. Dino's professional services include custom alterations, custom suits and shirts, tuxedo rental and wedding parties. More than 40 years ago Kossins Clothing Store on Griswold in Detroit heard about a man in Greece who made custom clothes for movie stars like Antoni Queen (Zorba the Greek). That man was Dino Mitropoulos. Kossins brought Dino to Detroit, and he worked as master tailor at Kossins until the store closed in 1994. Then, "Dino The Tailor" opened in Birmingham.

Dino has made custom clothes for Mohammed Ali, Billy Simms, and Tiger Woods and his wife Elin. From movie stars and rock stars, politicians and pageant winners, businessmen and socialites, Dino's done them all.

Dino the Tailor is located at 725 S. Adams Rd. Suite 186 in the Adams Square. Dino is open Monday through Wednesday 9am to 7pm. 248-645-2700.

## DERBY DAY FASHION

Molly McDonald is sponsoring a Derby Day Race fashion event at 'Tost restaurant in Birmingham on May 2. Event includes a red carpet fashion show, raffle and silent auction of fashionable items including a hat by Mr. Song Millinery.

All proceeds benefit the Pink Fund, providing financial aid to women and men afflicted with breast cancer. Visit thepinkfund.org.

## BACKSTAGE BEAUTY EVENT

TROY — Dior celebrity makeup artist Pati Dubroff and the Diorshow Artists will visit Macy's Somerset 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 29 with Pati Dubroff and the Diorshow Artists.

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## CALLING ALL HATS

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Detroit-based World Medical Relief is throwing a fashionable garden party Saturday May 9 on the Terrace at the Edsel and Eleanor House in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Put on your best hat and spring outfit for "Big Hats and High Tea" on the shores of Lake St. Clair. The event will feature High Tea, champagne, silent auction and boutique. Diana Lewis of WXYZ-TV Channel 7 and MUI Hurley, advanced mas-

ter gardener and television show host of Pointes of Horticulture at Grosse Pointe's WMTV Channel 5, will emcee.

Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased by calling (313) 866-5333.

## SNOW GEAR SALE

BIRMINGHAM — Don Thomas Sporthaus, the Midwest's premier ski shop, is currently holding their annual end-of-season sale event. The sale concludes on Sunday, May 3. All items will be reduced a minimum of 40 percent from suggested retail prices.

Following the sale, Don Thomas Sporthaus employees will take summer vacation and return to the shop in mid-Aug.

Snowboard prices have been marked down 40 percent; skis are reduced by 40 to 50 percent; and other gear and apparel are reduced 40 to 70 percent. Don Thomas Sporthaus offers a variety of equipment, fashion-forward apparel and accessories for the winter season, including from sought after manufacturers such as K2, North Face, Obermeyer and Tecnica.

## RETAIL IN DETROIT

DETROIT — The Detroit Historical Society continues its Author Series with the new Arcadia Publishing title "20th Century Retailing in Downtown Detroit" 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 13 at the Detroit Historical Museum. The book, co-authored by Michael Hauser and Marianne Weiden, features more than 200 rarely seen images and chronicles the glory days of downtown Detroit retailing on Woodward Avenue.

The program includes the sale of rare and historic images depicting downtown's historic landmarks and events, as well as a book signing and discussion by Hauser. Proceeds will benefit educational programming at the Detroit Historical Museum. The cost is \$10 or free for DHS members. Call (313) 833-1801 or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

## FASHIONISTS FUND RAISER

ANN ARBOR — Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan's spring fundraiser, Fashionists 2009, will provide guests with an evening of exciting spring fashions and a fine way to support Girl Scouting 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14, at Kensington Court, 610 Hilltop Blvd., Ann Arbor. Alicia Smith, morning news anchor for

WXYZ-TV is celebrity emcee for the fashion show and dinner. More than 40 baskets will be raffled off, filled with jewelry, gift items, gift certificates, tickets to the University of Michigan home games and two one-week stays in a condo in the ski resort community of Winter Park, Colo. Organizers hope to raise \$25,000 for Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan. Tickets are \$40 per person, or \$360 for a table of ten. Call (734) 971-8800 or visit www.gslion.org.

## WIC MATRIX AWARDS

TROY — Save the date for Women In Communication's annual Matrix Awards, 6 p.m. Monday, May 18, at the Sponker Inn, Troy. Keynote speaker is Marla Dantz, vice president & general manager of WDIV-Detroit. Price, \$45 WIC members; \$55 nonmembers; \$35 full-time students, includes dinner. Nominations the Feb. 28, Register by May 11, at info@womenindetroit.org or (248) 582-8465.

## JEANS SWAP

WEST BLOOMFIELD — Guys N Gals will present its 20th annual "Zip Up the Homeless" blue jean trade-in event 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, May 2. Donate one pair of jeans, and buy a pair for 50 percent off. Other donations are welcome, including housewares, clothing and baby items. All donations go to New Bethel Outreach Ministries Shelter for the Homeless. Guys N Gals expects to collect at least 500 pairs of jeans again this year. Guys N Gals is located at Orchard Mall, at Orchard Lake and Maple roads in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 851-1200.

## NEW BUSINESSES

WEST BLOOMFIELD — Orchard Mall will host a special grand opening to welcome five new businesses to a.m.-4 p.m. May 30. Your Dreams Come True at Orchard Mall will offer craft activities, refreshments and live entertainment as well as informational handouts about Miria's Bridal Couture, Nancy's Linens, Framable Faces Photography, La Fata Cabinets and Top Driver, the newest businesses to set up shop in the mall.

Orchard Mall was built in 1972 as a one-of-a-kind enclosed, small retail center with natural light streaming in through skylights and windows. It is 95 percent occupied today. Located at Maple and Orchard Lake Roads in the heart of West Bloomfield, Orchard Mall hosts regular mall-wide promotions and events connecting consumers and retailers.

## FREE BREAKFAST

BIRMINGHAM — To celebrate the arrival of outdoor dining season, Forte will offer the entire community a free breakfast. Choices will include

## More orange heads to I-696 bridges

FREE PRESS DRIVING COLUMNIST

Transportation said crews will begin routine upkeep on 20-year-old overpasses in south Oakland County starting today, part of the ongoing project to fix 50 bridges and 18 miles of pavement this year on I-696 and Interstate 96 spanning Oakland County. The work will result in a number of lane restrictions in

the area near the Detroit Zoo through mid- or late May: ■ Campbell-Hilton will go down to one lane each way. ■ Scotia Road over I-696 will close, with traffic detoured to adjacent overpasses. ■ The south Washington Boulevard overpass above Woodward Avenue just north

of I-696 will be reduced to one lane. ■ I-696 overpasses just west of Woodward Avenue near the zoo will go down to one lane. MDOT spokesman Rob Morosi said there wouldn't be any immediate impact today on I-696 traffic, but the new bridge work could result in night and weekend lane

restrictions on the freeway. The stretch of I-696 from Southfield opened in 1989, so the bridges in the Royal Oak area aren't old enough to need extensive upgrades. Morosi said the overpasses will get routine repairs to pavement, joints and barrier walls while I-696 is under the construc-

tion knife in spots from end to end. Stretches of I-696 have lane restrictions from I-94 in Roseville all the way west to I-96 in Novi.

"This is our opportunity to get in and take care of some structural issues with the bridges that would have been taken care of in the near future anyway," Morosi said.

## CITY BITES

## BBQ RIB COOK OFF

NOVI — The first-ever West Oakland Rib Cook Off and Family Fest, is set for Sunday Aug. 9 at Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. in Novi. The all-day event will feature as many as fifty BBQ Rib Teams, live music, local restaurant tastings, family activities including a furry creature petting zoo, and more.

"Experience West Oakland," a committee of the Novi Chamber of Commerce, was recently granted a sanction from the Memphis Barbecue Network for their inaugural event, which will offer BBQ competitors the chance to compete for Prize Packages totaling \$10,000. A panel of 40 professional and amateur judges will determine the contest results. The Grand Prize Winner will be invited to compete in the "Memphis in May" Barbecue Network Finals, May 2010.

More information on the sanctioning body can be found at www.MBNBQ.com. Registration information for interested contestants can be found at www.experiencewco.com.

Restaurants located in Western Oakland County are invited to participate in the fun by offering samples of their most popular dishes. Exhibitors featuring cooking and barbecue related products are also welcome. For additional information about the West Oakland Rib Cook Off and Family Fest, contact Linda Daly at the Novi Chamber of Commerce, (248) 349-3743, or e-mail info@novichamber.com.

## FREE BREAKFAST

BIRMINGHAM — To celebrate the arrival of outdoor dining season, Forte will offer the entire community a free breakfast. Choices will include Spam and eggs, pancakes with bacon, or the popular "Woodward Truck Stop" with bacon. The promotion runs from 8-10 a.m. this Friday, May 1. Forte is located at 201

S. Old Woodward in downtown Birmingham. Breakfast is available daily beginning at 7:30 a.m. Lunch and dinner are also served, seven days a week. Birmingham's best happy hour is from 2-6 p.m. Call (248) 594-7300, or visit fortorestaurant.com.

## GIVE THANKS BAKERY

ROCHESTER — On May 8, Give Thanks Bakery in downtown Rochester will celebrate its 10th anniversary by serving free "Number 10" cookies and coffee. The Give Thanks Bakery is now recognized as one of Michigan's leading European bakeries — offering a wide selection of pastries, cakes, Viennoiserie and Artisan breads. The bakery, which opened in 1999, began as a germ of an idea in 1985, when owner Gerald Mattheis discovered his ancestors' bakery in a tiny German village, just five days before the centuries-old building was gutted to become apartments. Inspired by this find, Mattheis spent the next 14 years preparing to walk in his ancestors' footsteps. He trained in the craft of making artisan bread the way it was made in Europe generations ago — with yeast, using pure ingredients and naturally fermented starters. Today, the bakery and cafe provide the feeling of "stepping into Europe."

The Give Thanks Bakery and Cafe is located at 225 Main St. in the heart of downtown Rochester. Hours are 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. Community House Cooking BIRMINGHAM — The Community House continues its spring cooking classes. They are: A Taste of the Mediterranean, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 19; The Breakfast Of Champions, 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday June 2; A Tour Through Tuscany, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21; Sauting Italian Style, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 12;

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# LOCAL OPINION

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

## OUR VIEWS

### In our opinion: Signature Park a want, not a need

Our mayor eloquently wrote in a letter to residents about why the May 5 parks and recreation .5-mill ballot proposal, intended to build a Signature Park, is a need and not a want.

He stated, businesses locate to communities that offer recreational opportunities for their workers. Parks attract businesses and jobs. Workers purchase homes and patronize businesses. This in turn maintains a healthy tax base and holds up the value of our homes.

But, we do have many amenities in existence that we feel offer a large draw. One that comes to mind is Lakeshore Park.

There are not many communities that encompass such a beautiful park, containing open space and trails, with a lakefront beach.

And for those not focused on parks, Novi offers a state-of-the-art hospital, mall anchored by Nordstrom's, convenient access to major expressways and, what we believe is the No. 1 draw, a top-rated school district.

Novi Community Schools district is one of the top-rated districts in the state of Michigan, if not the nation.

For these reasons, we believe the construction of a Signature Park, which city officials say is the reason they are proposing the .5-mill increase on May 5, is a want and not a need.

Would a Signature Park be nice for Novi? Absolutely.

One model offered by city officials is Summit on the Park in Canton. They said ours, too, would be a signature destination, including a full array of recreation opportunities, structured programs and activities, as well as festivals and events for all ages. Initial development includes trails, a multi-generational recreation center (theater, gymnasium, wellness area, multi-use activity space), sprayground/outdoor ice skating area, community festival area and outdoor sports fields (cricket, soccer, football).

But in this economy, we cannot say the city needs a Signature Park. And if residents want what is proposed, they should vote "yes." We believe this is an individual decision.

We don't argue the city needs more of its own gymnasium space, and that a permanent theater would be a benefit to Novi's program.

It is a valid point that it is hard to use the schools' theater space, which is offered when the district doesn't need it. Also, it would be easier for the theater department to erect a set that could remain in place.

But a theater may be better suited in a more heavily trafficked area such as Main Street. And, could a corporate or residential donor opportunity be available?

In Northville, The Tipping Point Theatre was created in the City's downtown thanks to the generosity of Northville residents.

So many are without jobs, or lesser paying jobs than what they are accustomed to.

To those residents, saying passage of this proposal would only cost a homeowner with a \$300,000 market value home about \$75 a year, seems insurmountable.

Mayor David Landry said we must do something about this economy, and we can be boosting the value of our homes with this proposal.

We encourage all voters to go the City Web site and look at the plans for the proposed Signature Park.

The plans are available and the city's financing proposals are also presented through five years. These dollar amounts include operating costs.

This is another important aspect of the plan, that must be considered before making your decision on May 5.

The mayor states, tax revenue from businesses and residential property pays for the long term maintenance of parks which in turn attract businesses. This is a virtuous circle.

Parks are notoriously known for being low revenue generating endeavors, so it is important residents feel comfortable with how the city is proposing to pay for operating the park in perpetuity without using general fund dollars appropriated for essential services such as public safety, roads and water and sewer.

We believe providing fire and police service for residents is a need. Maintaining roadways and keeping up the city's infrastructure for about 55,000 residents and even more who come to Novi on a daily basis is a need, and maintaining the city's water and sewer systems is a need.

### Support park land acquisition, not ballot proposal

I commend our city leaders for looking ahead in regards to park land however, I will not be supporting the current .5 mills increase. With the current recession and the knowledge we are experiencing declining tax income, this is the time for reducing expenses. In light of the recent government blunders with taxpayer money, I prefer to use caution as my guide. With such vague language on the ballot, future leaders over the next 25 years may use their discretion as to what park activity it may be spent on. I have heard arguments that bond language will be more specific to Signature Park, but with this ballot I am not looking at the bond language. I am looking at a proposed property tax increase. While I agree that this is the perfect time to acquire land at reduced prices, I also believe that we should do so within our means. Whether it is \$75 or 75 cents per taxpayer, it is a large sum of money. What will we do if next year we find that revenues are so reduced we cannot support current police and fire? In my home, we save for large expenditures.

I also do not support a multipurpose building until such time as the economy supports such a facility. Many communities are unable to sustain multipurpose buildings in this down economy. I support a community theater, but not in a residential location. A recent Novi News article indicated that the hope is that Signature Park will draw people from outside the area to Novi for festivals and events at the park. I cannot support this activity in a residential neighborhood. I would love to see such a proposal in areas where the business community might benefit from the traffic.

I have also heard the argument that business and residents will not move to Novi without an increase in Park land. As a 25-year resident, I don't agree. Park land is desirable and more is always better however, Novi has nothing to be ashamed of with our current parks, and I do not believe we will see a decrease in commercial or residential purchases if this ballot doesn't pass. I hope that should this ballot fail, our leaders will not fail us in looking for other means to acquire park land within our current structure.

Ginger Barrows  
Novi

### Novi Signature Park: A sign of hope

To paraphrase philosopher Edmund Burke: "To make us love our city, our city ought to be lovely."

Lovely cities are places where people want to live, work and raise a family. They are places where businesses want to start, stay and expand.

On May 5, Novi voters can choose to make their city a lovely place by making a modest investment in a Signature Park - a park that reflects the unique character and identity of the community and an investment that will pay dividends to present and future generations.

Parks and recreation services are essential to the local economy. High quality local parks and diverse recreation opportunities rank at the top of the list of community attributes sought by business because they meet worker needs for respite and relief. Especially in this time of economic stress, families in Novi and across Michigan who can't afford to travel to Disneyland or other vacation spots need local recreation options.

Parks and recreation services are essential to the creation of community. Parks are the public places where families connect and the very fabric of community is woven. They are the green spaces and open places that are the focal point of community pride. They are the essential glue that holds communities together even as unemployment, foreclosures and business failures threaten to tear them apart.

Recreation programs are essential to our families. They provide the safe and supervised environment for our children to build character, leadership and self-confidence.

## LETTERS



JOHN MEYER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### Helping hand

Christina Lis and Tom Petty work together to paint a Novi resident's home last Saturday during operation "Rebuilding Together." Petty, Lis and 44 others from Novi's St. James Church, spent a day updating the home of a resident who was deserving of their volunteer efforts. Their work included updating the resident's kitchen, electrical wiring and landscaping.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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E-mail: [vmitchell@gannett.com](mailto:vmitchell@gannett.com).

Deadline: Letters must be received by 10 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com).

### Vote 'no' on park vote

I am recommending a "no" vote on the upcoming park vote. Let's educate the residents and encourage people to use what we have. Secondly, we all know that costs tend to be more than initially quoted so the present amount requested may surely not be enough. Another aspect as for attracting future residents, I do believe lower taxes will attract them before another park. Lastly, it was mentioned that this would be a Signature park that would give Novi more of an identity. I thought that was what Main Street was supposed to do for the city, which is still unfinished. This is not a well-thought-out plan and needs a "no" vote.

Yvette Benson  
Novi

### Say 'no' to more Novi taxes

What must we think of our local politicians that want to raise taxes again in Novi? Our country is in recession, Congress is printing money like it does not matter, more people are out of work in Michigan than in any other state and now this Council wants to increase our taxes.

A favorite scheme of politicians is to break the cost down to the ridiculous in an effort to deceive the community. They like to say "this only cost X number of dollars a year for a house with a taxable value of Y." They never calculate the number of years and the cost to support and maintain their current pet project.

How about exposing the entire picture? If this tax increase is going to cost you \$100 a year why don't you add that to the rest of your pile of taxes?

Add this \$100 to the current taxes for city operating tax, county operating tax, school supplemental tax (times 2), Oakland intermediate tax, Oakland College tax, school sink fund tax, school debt tax, state education tax, county parks and recreation tax, county HCMA tax (what the heck is that?) and all of the other "little taxes" on your annual tax statements. Hey, now we are talking about thousands of dollars.

Now add to that your federal tax, state tax and user taxes and suddenly more than 50 percent of your annual income is gone. It is rarely what the politician tells you, it is always what they don't tell you.

And you must always follow the money when it comes to issues like this. All you need to do is go online and review the committee's donors. So when you see the little vote "yes" for parks signs that have popped up in town, remember to follow the money for the real reason for the vote to increase your Novi taxes.

Please vote "no" to increasing your taxes in Novi on May 5.

Lou Csardas  
Former Novi mayor

### Too much for a park

I agree completely with Patrick Downey's letter, "Too much for a park?" According to an announcement on TV this week, Novi schools will be making some major changes because of budget cuts. Teachers are being laid off and school programs are being cut back. Do the residents of Novi really need to be spending this money on a park during these difficult and trying times? No. If we can't afford teachers and school programs we can't afford this park. Not at a time when there are so many unemployed and uncertain whether we will have a job tomorrow. I for one will vote against passing this proposal. I can't afford it. I'm already paying for the library. We are tapped out.

Pam Van Oost  
Novi

## FROM THE WEB

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

chrismaverick wrote in response to the story Novi Town Center management company files chapter 11; stores will remain open:

This is interesting, but not at all surprising for NTC. Despite the economy, how have the rest of Novi retail centers (Twelve Mile Crossing, Twelve Oaks, even MainStreet) managed to continue flourishing and expanding while NTC has slowly declined since Mervyn's closed?

GoatsFarm wrote in response to the story The Cost of a Novi Signature Park: I more employee? Another math question that is underestimated at best. Say this facility is open from 9A-10P week-

days 10A-10P weekends, that's an 89 hour week. Can someone name a 70,000 square foot facility that is manned at any given time by 1 employee? The main part of this facility is a gymnasium. That's athletic activities. People sweat. Sweat causes cleaning problems and smells. ... Cleaning problems result in mildew. Mildew ... Well, I'm sure most readers have been in a gym before. This is a level of "clean" and janitorial duties that the City has not dealt with before (indoor athletic facilities have been run by the schools). Part time janitor in a 65,000 square foot facility with athletic events as a major activity? (Shared janitorial services from other parts of the Parks system was documented in the original proposal). Very doubtful.

## BLOGS

### Horsing around!

Posted 4/27/2009 12:44 PM EDT on hometownlife.com

where? that was FUN. I spent last Friday night at the Northville Downs with my girlfriend Dorie and Gannett newspaper writer and Northville resident Wendy and her husband Jeff.

We got a spectacular, behind-the-scenes complete tour of the facility by its General Manager Mike Carlo, enjoyed a few libations (how can you say "no" to a couple of \$1 pilsn coladas?), bet on a few races (lost) and enjoyed riding in and photographing from the starter car during the fourth race.

The Downs, which doesn't seem to be enjoyed by the local residents of Northville (just a hunch) is a lot of fun for a beautiful warm night in spring. Check it out some time!

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### Pet Insurance: Is it a good idea for seniors on a budget?

Dear Savvy Senior  
My widowed mother-in-law has two cats and a dog (her adopted family) and would be willing to spend her life savings to take care of them. Is pet insurance a good idea for her? Concerned in-law

reimbursement for offering a reward for lost pets. Other basic plans cover only accidents and illness. Cost, too, will vary ranging from around \$10 to \$25 per month for basic coverage, to \$25 to \$75 for a comprehensive policy.

### SHOPPING TIPS

To help your mother-in-law find a policy that meets her pet's needs and budget, here are a few tips:

• Shop around for meds. Get a written prescription from the vet (ask for generic if possible) so she can shop for the best price. Discountpetmeds.com is a good resource that has links to sites that offer lower-priced medications. And it doesn't hurt to ask the vet if he or she has free samples they can give her.

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### RISING COSTS

The cost of owning a pet has gone up quite a bit in recent years. New technologies in medical treatment now make it possible for pets to undergo similar treatments as humans for many life-threatening diseases. But just as with humans, these treatments don't come cheap.

### PET POLICIES

Pet insurance is actually very similar to human health insurance.

Typically pet policies come with deductibles, co-pays and caps that limit how much will be paid out annually. Pre-existing health problems and hereditary conditions can exclude many animals, and the older the pet is, the more you'll have to pay out in premiums. Some insurers won't even cover pets older than 8.

Pet policies also vary widely on what's covered. Some policies are comprehensive, including such things as annual checkups and vaccinations, spaying/neutering, death benefits and even

### COST CUTTERS

Whether your mother-in-law chooses pet insurance or not, here are some other ways she can cut her vet bills.

• Look for discounts: Humane societies often best local clinics where she can get pet care and vaccinations at reduced prices. Also, find out if her vet offers discounts to seniors or offers reduced fees for annual checkups if she brings in multiple pets.

• Get a second opinion. Before committing to expen-

sive treatments or drugs, get a second opinion from another vet. Another option is to consult the Merck Veterinary Manual ([www.merckvet-manual.com](http://www.merckvet-manual.com)) for a rundown on her pet's condition and recommended treatments.

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Savvy Tips: Studies have shown that many pet owners can manage medical expenses between \$500 and \$1,000, but have difficulty paying beyond that level. If your mother-in-law fits that category, low-cost, high-deductible plans that cover catastrophic injury or illness are considered a sensible option. To help her decide, the American Animal Hospital Association offers a pet insurance buyer's guide that she can access at [www.healthypet.com/sealofaccept.aspx](http://www.healthypet.com/sealofaccept.aspx).

You also need to know that many animal advocates think most pet owners are better off forgoing pet insurance and instead putting the money they would have spent on premiums into a savings account.

Depending on the policy, pet coverage can cost \$1,500 to \$6,000 over the life of an average pet, and most pet owners will never spend that much for treatment.

Send your senior questions to Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [www.savvysenior.org](http://www.savvysenior.org). Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

## Changing careers - education & training for new occupation

Once you have decided to change careers, you may also decide that you need further education or training to be able to enter the new field or to fine tune or update your skills or knowledge to current standards.

There are various ways to go about selecting the best options for yourself. Start with your network. Talk to knowledgeable people engaged in the occupation you are considering and review your educational and work history with them to identify areas in need of updating or learning new.

Ask for advice on your best options for getting this training or education. Contacts who are already involved in your field of interest will know what kind of education or training you need and which schools or training organizations provide the best preparation.

Then interview the schools. Find out what their programs entail, and how much your prior education and work experience might apply toward the new programs.

Determine if they are accredited by recognized educational accreditation organizations. Ask for information on where their graduates have found jobs. Find out if they include internship experiences.

Your gateway to this program is through your Michigan Works! office. You can review program information online at <http://www.michigan.gov/awb> to learn about the high demand occupations and how to get started.

Your chosen new occupation might be one in which apprenticeships are used to learn the job.

### YOUR NEXT JOB

You can learn about apprenticeship programs through trade groups and unions associated with the occupation.

You may find that the only way to learn your newly chosen occupation is to learn on the job. Ask for a chance to volunteer to job shadow for a time to determine if you are interested in pursuing the field.

If you are considering starting a business, seek an entry-level position in a similar business to learn the ins and outs of daily life. You can also seek consulting through SCORE - Service Corps of Retired Executives or the Small Business Administration which runs workshops on all aspects of starting and running a business.

Your dream of changing careers can come true if you take the time to learn what you need to know to be successful.

In Michigan, we have a program called "No Worker Left Behind" which is currently making grants for tuition to education or training you need which most requirements for training people to go into selected high demand occupations.

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TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28-June 16  
LOCATION: Novi Middle School  
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TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, April 20-June 15 (omit May 25)  
LOCATION: Novi Middle School  
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ture. Students will learn basic Italian grammar and sentence structure, while acquiring useful vocabulary for travel and conversation. No previous Italian experience required. Please bring a three-ring binder. The fee is \$100.

**Beginning Japanese**  
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21-June 9  
LOCATION: Novi Middle School  
DETAILS: This is a great introductory class for those who want to learn basic Japanese vocabulary and sentence structure. The class is designed to provide a foundation for those who wish to continue the study of the Japanese language either in a classroom or on their own. We will also work on pronunciation, reading and writing, while learning about the culture and people of Japan. The fee is \$78 (information about book purchase will be given at first class)

**Spanish**  
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21-May 26  
LOCATION: Novi Middle School  
DETAILS: This class will focus on helping students learn how to pronounce

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**Introduction to Chinese**  
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, April 20-June 15 (omit May 25)  
LOCATION: Novi Middle School  
DETAILS: This is a basic and systematic introduction to the Chinese language and its culture. You will master the basic skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing through practicing vocabulary and sentence pattern drills. It is designed for those who don't have any foundation of the language, as well as those who want to reinforce the knowledge. The fee is \$72 (information about book purchase will be given at first class)

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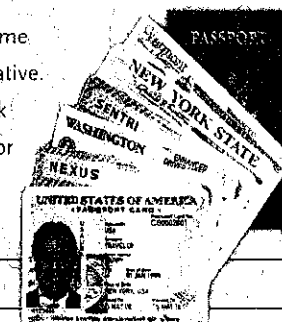
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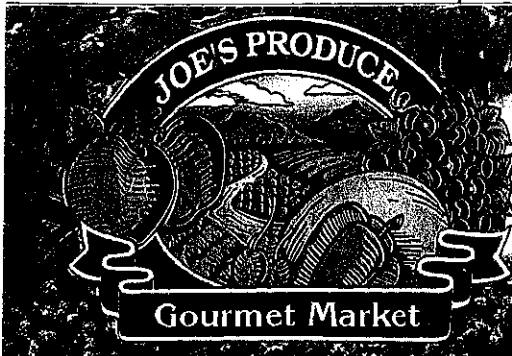
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Strictly Business, B5

## Novi tennis blitzes Central foes



Wildcat Amanda Border follows through on a shot against South Lyon East.

PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

BY JEFF THEISEN  
SPORTS WRITER

The Wildcat tennis team took care of business in Central Division play before heading out to play the big boys this weekend at the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invite.

Novi 9, South Lyon 0  
The Wildcats blanked the Lions in straight sets. No 1-4 singles lost just two games total.

**NOVI 9, STEVENSON 0**  
Novi again won in straight sets, improving to a perfect 6-0 in divisional play.

**AA PIONEER INVITE**  
The Cats got a true test of

where they stand Saturday at the Pioneer Invite. Novi tied with Grosse Pointe South for third with 13 points. Ann Arbor Pioneer won the title with 17, followed by Northville with 14.

The Wildcats scores points at every flight.

The singles players — Amanda Border at No. 1, Sara Carlson at No. 2, Abby Wang at No. 3 and Jennifer Feleher at No. 4 — won two games each.

The No. 2 doubles tandem of Jenna Snyder and Megan Wenzl also won two games to help lead the Wildcats.

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Novi's Jennifer Feleher returns a serve during a match at South Lyon East High.

## GAME WRAPS

### NOVI GOLFERS DOWN SL EAST

April 24: The Wildcats got a 40 from Tom Goers for medalist and walked away with a 165-182 victory against East. Travis Niehoff and Chuck Mallo were one stroke back, and Steve Guertin fired a 43 to round out the scoring.

The win opened the KLAAs season for the Wildcats.

### NOVI SOFTBALL

Novi knocked off Central Division foe Stevenson on Monday, 3-2. Rebecca Richter allowed five hits and one earned run with four strikeouts to get the win.

Tied at two in the fifth, Colleen Kolis singled and moved to second on a sacrifice. She stole third and scored on a wild throw for the winning run.

On Saturday, Novi went 1-1 in a rain-shortened tournament. The Wildcats opened with a 5-4 loss to Carlton-Airport before beating Andover 8-4.

The Wildcats also traveled to Salem on April 22 and fell 14-4 to the Rocks.

### NOVI GIRLS TRACK THIRD AT INVITE

Novi placed third at the West Bloomfield Invitational, featuring a field of almost 20 teams. Lake Orion won with 63 points, followed by Rochester Adams with 62 and Novi with 48.

The highlight for Novi was the 400 relay of Brittany Davis, Lauren Forche, Brianne Pieprzak and D'Maya Davis capturing first place in 51.3.

Other top finishes included Katlyn Shelar with a second-place finish in the pole vault (10-6), Kelly McClosky placed second in the 300 hurdles (48.1) with teammate Rogina Barbosa in third (48.5), the sprint medley team placed third (4:24.9), a fourth-place finish by Elle Robinson in the 3,200 (11:46) and a fourth-place finish by the 4x800 relay (9:54).

### NOVI 121, SOUTH LYON 16

The Novi girls track team won all but one event against the Lions. The Wildcats are off to a 4-0 start.

### CC SPLITS WITH ST. MARY'S

Catholic Central lost the opener 5-3 before winning the nightcap 6-1.

Steve Hardin knocked out two hits in the opener to lead the CC offense. St. Mary's broke open a three-run tie in the fourth with two runs.

In the second game, Brett Gossett tossed a two-hitter, striking out 10 to get the win. The Shamrocks (6-7) scored two runs each in the second, fifth and seventh innings.

## Duleba played above her height

BY JEFF THEISEN  
SPORTS WRITER

The KLAAs Conference was on the line, and the Lakeland Eagles were down more than 10 in the second half at Brighton.

Jessica Duleba put the Eagles on her back and the 5-8 forward went relentlessly to the bucket for 20 of her game high 27 points in the second-half to lead the Eagles to victory. The Eagles ultimately lost a late come-back attempt against Salem in the KLAAs finals on their way to a 16-5 overall record.

Duleba earns the All-Area Player of the Year honor.

"She always seemed to find a way to get the basket that we needed," head coach Mike Head said. "I knew she would have a good year, I just was surprised at how good it was."

Duleba is the manual for a player putting in maximum effort. She averaged 13.1 points a game with 7.4 rebounds. She also averaged 1.5 assists and 1.4 steals to fill out the stat sheet. She was money at the free-throw line, leading the Eagles with 77 percent.

"She just decided she was going to outplay opponents and help this team win some big games," said Head. "I think we have a different season if she doesn't play as well as she did."

Please see ALL-AREA, B4



HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lakeland senior Jessica Duleba helped the Eagles earn the KLAAs Lakes Conference championship. She is the All-Area Player of the Year.

## Wildcats winning streak hits 7

BY JEFF THEISEN  
SPORTS WRITER

The Wildcats pulled off a pair of impressive wins last week, smashing past Stevenson and earning a second shutout against Troy.

### NOVI 5, STEVENSON 0

Nikki Greenhalgh put on an offensive clinic, scoring a hat trick. Morgan Haffey and Lindsey Pehrson put in the other tallies. Assists went to Mary Reid, Taylor Hoover, Haffey, Rachel Barndt and Nicky Caruso.

Erin Zerio kept the net clean for the shutout.

### NOVI 1, TROY 0

The Wildcats won their seventh-straight game with a 1-0 win against the Colts. Greenhalgh scored the lone goal with Caruso getting the assist.

Gabby Gauruder stopped all six shots for the shutout.

The Cats host the upstart South Lyon East Cougars tonight.

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Novi's Nikki Greenhalgh battles with a Northville Mustang for possession of the ball.

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## ALL-AREA

Off the court, the senior is no stranger to working hard, earning All-Academic honors. "She's a fantastic student, definitely a driven individual," said Head. "She did things the right way. She earned her opportunity by working hard and applying herself."

### ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

**CAROLINE JOHNSON**  
NOVI JUNIOR

Johnson, last year's Player of the Year, put together another strong season, despite dealing with lingering injuries that kept her out of the lineup early in the year.

Johnson finished with 11.5 points and four rebounds a game. She earned All-Conference in the KLA. "She is very versatile and can play all five positions," said head coach Bill Kelp. "She was challenged this year because all other teams num-

ber one goal was to stop her. She had to work through this and develop other areas of her game which she did — proven by her leading us in scoring."

### DANIELLE GOTHAM

SOUTH LYON SENIOR

Gotham put in a season that earned votes by more than one coach for Player of the Year honors.

At 6-2, she not only is tall, but plays tall. She led the Lions in scoring with 11.7 points and 9.3 rebounds and 2.4 blocks a game — categories she has led South Lyon in for three straight years. Gotham was no slouch at the free-throw line either, connecting on 71 percent.

The four-year starter is the career record holder in rebounds, blocks and steals in a season for the Lions.

### KRISTIN SHORT

SOUTH LYON SOPHOMORE

The underclassman was the floor general for the KLA. Central Division winning Lions. She averaged 10.4 points, 2.8 steals, 4.0 rebounds and 2.3 assists a game. At 72

percent, she led the team at the charity stripe, while second in scoring and third in rebounding.

Short earned KLA. First Team honors along with several others from local publica-

## ALL-AREA BASKETBALL

### Player of the Year

Jessica Dubea, Lakeland senior

### First Team

Caroline Johnson, Novi junior

Danielle Gotham, South Lyon senior

Kristin Short, South Lyon sophomore

Stephanie Lock, Lakeland sophomore

Melissa Bageris, Milford senior

### Second Team

Taylor Prokes, Milford senior

Amanda Thomas, South Lyon senior

Kelsey Masserant, Novi junior

Maghan Kunze, Lakeland senior

### Honorable Mention

South Lyon's Courtney Harrison (Sr.) and Jenny Maslany (Jr.)

Milford's Lindsey Bandyk (So)

South Lyon East's Courtney Emery (Jr.) and Kate Grunewald (Jr.)

Lakeland Amy Carlton (Jr.) and Katie O'Leary (Sr.)

Northville's Kelsey Baskins (Sr.)

She finished second on the team in scoring with 11.2 points and led with 9.2 rebounds.

"She's 5-10 and can play bigger than that but can also do some things from outside," said Head. "She's just such a physical presence. She has shoulders that just tell you those are basketball shoulders."

"She hasn't really utilized her strength yet. That's to come for the next couple of years."

### MELISSA BAGERIS

MILFORD SENIOR

Bageris led the Mavericks with 9.1 points, 5.1 rebounds and hit 58 three-pointers to help lead the Mavericks.

"Melissa Bageris was one of those extremely rare athletes that got the absolute best out of her ability," head coach Don Palmer said. "Melissa combined an extraordinary work ethic with a never-say-die attitude."

### ALL-AREA SECOND TEAM

**AMANDA THOMAS**  
SOUTH LYON SENIOR

Thomas was a key role player, contributed 6.8 points and 6.1 rebounds a game, while hitting 40 percent of her shots to lead the Lions. Her main duty was guarding the other team's top players. She earned KLA. Honorable Mention in her fourth year as a starter.

### KELSEY MASSERANT

NOVI JUNIOR

Masserant was fearless in going to the hole while being a presence on the boards. She

averaged nine points and 5.5 rebounds while earning All-Conference KLA. Honors.

### MAGHAN KUNZE

LAKELAND SENIOR

Kunze finished her career with 86 consecutive starts in her fourth year on Lakeland varsity. She averaged 5.3 points, 2.7 rebounds, 2.1 assists and 1.6 steals for the KLA Lakes Conference champs.

### TAYLOR PROKES

MILFORD SENIOR

Prokes put in a solid season for the Mavericks, averaging 8.0 points and 4.2 rebounds a game.

### CHELSEA ATZINGER

NORTHVILLE SENIOR

Atzinger had to play big and did for the Mustangs. Northville faced a lot of changes this year with a new coach, but Atzinger was the main focus of the opposition's defense all year and continually produced on both ends of the floor.

### HONORABLE MENTION

Earning All-Area Honorable Mention are South Lyon's Courtney Harrison (Sr.) and Jenny Maslany (Jr.)

Milford's Lindsey Bandyk (So), South Lyon East's Courtney Emery (Jr.) and Kate Grunewald (Jr.), Novi's Chantel Hill (Sr.), Lakeland's Maghan Kunze (Sr.), Amy Carlton (Jr.) and Katie O'Leary (Sr.), and Northville's Kelsey Baskins (Sr.)

*These are the winners of the 2008-2009 KLA. For more information, visit [www.klaonline.com](http://www.klaonline.com).*

# Strictly Business

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

BUSINESS MILESTONES

BY SYLVIA RECTOR  
FREE PRESS STAFF WRITER

## Sanders Candy to open store in Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi

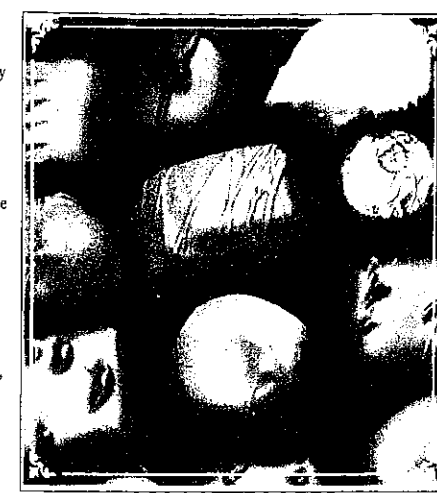
The Sanders Candy Company will open a flagship store and restaurant at Twelve Oaks Mall this fall with a menu featuring its old-time favorite sandwiches, soups, salads and light morning fare, as well as panini, espresso drinks and the full array of its old-fashioned desserts.

Two other new restaurants — an A&W and an elaborate new Tin Fish — also will open at Twelve Oaks later this year, the mall announced.

The Sanders Candy Company has dessert shops in Grosse Pointe, Wyandotte, Birmingham and Livonia's Laurel Park Place and will open one this month on Mackinac Island. But the Twelve Oaks restaurant will be the company's first effort to reintroduce the Sanders lunch-counter concept, said operations director Walter Pilon.

The Sanders restaurants had all closed by the time the company was purchased in 2002 by Morley Candy Makers.

The popular chicken salad, tuna salad and egg salad sandwiches will return, he said. The morning offerings will include fresh-baked Madeline cookies and savory popovers made with gruyere cheese.



The Sanders Candy Company announced it will open a flagship store, including lunch counter, inside Twelve Oaks Mall.

"And we're working to bring back Sanders' raisin toast," he added.

The restaurant will seat about 20 people, he said, and is slated to open in mid-August.

The new Tin Fish restaurant will be the third for owner Candis Koch, whose original waterfront Tin Fish on Anchor

Bay opened in 2001. Her second location — an ambitious entertainment and dining destination — opened last year in Clinton Township's Mall at Partridge Creek.

The Twelve Oaks location is supposed to open before the holidays in the mall's Nordstrom wing.

## CHAMBER CHAT

The Novi Chamber Membership Luncheon is 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, May 6 at the Sheraton Detroit Novi, 2111 Haggerty Road. Join us for a delicious lunch and networking. The event is sponsored by Dr. Patrick Qataha of Dream Dental. \$20 advance registration required.

A Novi Chamber Business to Business Breakfast will take place 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, May 12 at Advanced Vein Therapies, 46225 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite 335. Join us for a light breakfast and networking. \$5 at the door.

New Summer BBQ Rib Contest seeks contestants, exhibitors and judges. The West Oakland Rib Cook Off and Family Fest will take place Sunday, Aug. 9 at the Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. The all-day event will feature as many as fifty BBQ Rib Teams, live music, local restaurant tastings, family activities

including a furry creature petting zoo and much more. Experience West Oakland, a committee of the Novi Chamber of Commerce, was recently granted a sanction from the Memphis Barbecue Network for the inaugural event, which will offer BBQ competitors the chance to compete for Prize Packages totaling \$10,000. A panel of 40 professional and amateur judges will determine the contest results. The Grand Prize Winner will be invited to compete in the "Memphis in May" Barbecue Network Finals, May 2010. For additional information about the West Oakland Rib Cook Off and Family Fest, please contact Linda Daly at the Novi Chamber of Commerce, (248) 349-3743, or e-mail [info@novichamber.com](mailto:info@novichamber.com).

The Novi Chamber of Commerce is offering the upcoming sponsorship opportunities: No. VI Dinner Tour

5-10 p.m. Tuesday, June 16; Membership Luncheon on Tuesday, June 23, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18. Contact the chamber office for details.

The Novi Chamber of Commerce presents a new Diversity Round Table with the mission to celebrate diversity among Novi businesses at noon on the fourth Wednesday of each month. A Novi Chamber of Commerce member restaurant will host each meeting. Network with local business owners, share your experiences and teach/learn about the business practices of other cultures.

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## NEWSMAKERS

**Edward M. Rahill**

In a move designed to more fully support the expansion and development of its regional business and growth objectives, Novi-based ITC Holdings Corp. appointed chief financial officer Edward M. Rahill

to president of ITC Grid Development, LLC. In this newly created position, Rahill will manage ITC Grid Development and its subsid-

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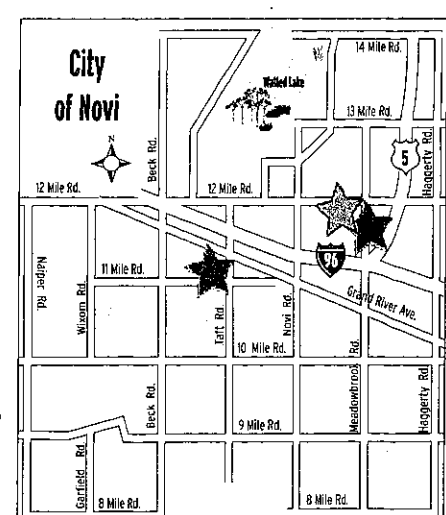
**David Marcellino**

Botsford Health Care promoted David Marcellino to executive vice president and chief financial officer. With 22 FTEs and 61 cost centers reporting to him, Marcellino now has responsibility for several clinical departments and services and most non-clinical functions.

Marcellino began working for Botsford in 1989 and most recently served as corporate vice president and chief financial officer. Previously,

this Novi resident held a variety of increasingly responsible positions in accounting and finance. He serves on the board of directors of the Michigan Peer Review Organization (MPRO) and holds membership in several accounting and finance professional organizations. Marcellino is a certified public accountant as well as a certified health care financial professional-physician practices. He holds degrees from Indiana University and Butler University.

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**Walsh College**  
Walsh College is hosting the Third Annual Small Business Conference from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, May 6 at the Novi campus, 41500 Gardenbrook Road. Highlights of this year's conference include keynote speaker Jim Hiller, president and CEO, Hiller's Markets; and a chance to sign up to be considered for two small business makers next year valued at \$50,000 each. In recognition of the economic climate, ticket prices are reduced to \$25 for the general public. During the half-day conference, participants will learn the results of the extreme small business makers for 2008. Contact Bob Mazza Public Relations (313) 994-4847 for details.

**Bally Total Fitness**  
Zumba is not just a dance class, it's a lifestyle. Zumba, self-described as a "party" rather than a workout, is a Latin-infused cardio class that burns up to 800 calories in one class. The class is moderate to high impact but can be done at any level, and the music is fresh and the dances incorporate everything from salsa to reggae to Bollywood. Zumba classes are one hour, held Saturdays at 10 a.m. and Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 a.m. at the Novi Bally Total Fitness in the Novi Town Center at Grand River Avenue and Novi Road. Classes are \$5 a session and participants don't have to hold a Bally membership to attend, so anyone can join at anytime.

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# TEE TIME

One person's view of Tiger's impact on golf

By David Graham

As golf fans, we have all seen it and all have been part of it. Isn't it amazing how Tiger Woods creates interest in golf tournaments?

When he is in a tournament, galleries grow dramatically and TV ratings sky rocket. Why is that? In my humble opinion, there are a number of reasons for this extraordinary popularity.

He is a great player. He has extraordinary power beyond what he has such extraordinary touch around the greens. He can shape shots too. Stuck behind a tree? No problem — just draw the ball around the tree and leave it below the hole for a very makeable birdie putt.

His creativity is legendary. At the Buick Open years ago when Phil Cowan was still his caddy, we watched in awe as he put on a virtual clinic practicing out of a sand bunker. Phil would drop two balls in the bunker; Tiger would hit each ball, with the first coming out low and with a lot of spin. The second would be high and soft and both would land next to the hole. Over and over they practiced this drill, alternating between the two types of shots. Oh yeah, the whole time he held his left arm behind his back and was making the shot just gripping the club in his right hand.

He is a great athlete. If he

weren't a great golfer, he is so strong and so fit, you could easily envision him as a star NFL defensive halfback or an NBA point guard.

He is handsome and has a stunningly beautiful wife and two healthy kids are the All-American family. He looks so strong you aren't surprised when you read about his workout regimen. So the guy looks like a stud and truly is dressed for success on the course. His clothes complement his physique, and he is simply a pleasure to watch. No surprise that women, young and old are absolutely drawn to him. But the fact is guys are drawn to him, too. I have seen more men in their Sunday red shirts and Tiger Nike golf caps because it is Tiger cool.

He has succeeded in making thoughtful comments about the stuff he knows about golf. He avoids controversy. He could have acted sooner in support of Tiger's younger years back when Fuzzy made his unfortunate comments regarding the Masters' Champions dinner menu. But time has helped us forget his oversight.

He seizes the moment better than anyone before him. He just seems to thrive under pressure and seek out those opportunities when he has to perform when everything is on the line. We all have watched in awe as he has rolled in putts to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational at

Bayhill on the 18th green the last two years in a row. How about the putt on 18 to force the playoff with Rocco Mediate at Torrey Pines South at last year's U.S. Open? And how cool are those fist pumps he employs after dropping yet another great putt?

When Tiger returned to his first tournament this spring in Arizona following knee surgery and an extended period of rehabilitation, there were a couple of schools of thought on how he would perform. One group said it would be a long time before he would get his tournament game back while another seemed to think that he would turn it on immediately and pick up where he had left off. Winning. I was honestly split in my view. I did not think he would win the WGC event in Arizona however I also felt that if he had, I would not have been surprised. The mystique and legend simply grows bigger with each championship win.

Will he break Jack Nicklaus' record for major championships? In my mind, the only question is when. And that is why Tiger has had such an impact on the game of golf.

David Graham is the Executive Director of the Golf Association of Michigan and lifelong fan of the game of golf.

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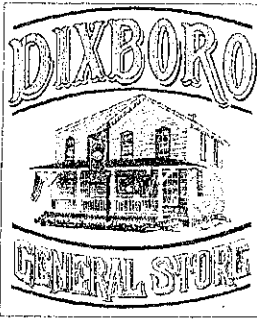
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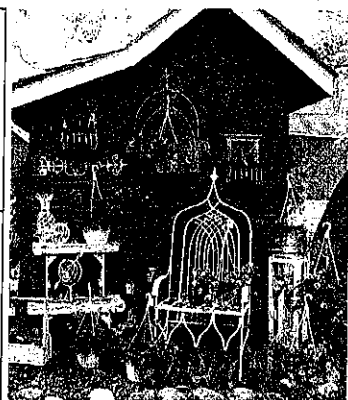
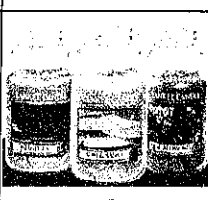
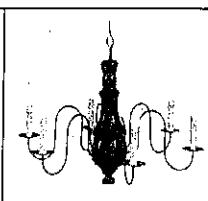
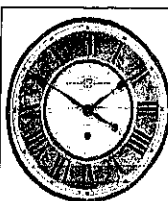
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