

Novi News to add Monday issue

The Novi News and its sister publication, The Northville Record, will publish Monday editions beginning May 14. The News will come out twice weekly on Mondays and Thursdays, under the new publishing schedule.

"The new editions are our response to satisfying the communities' needs which have developed over the past 10 years," Rich Perlberg, vice president and general manager of Sliger/Livingston Publications Inc., said in announcing the

change. "For business and residents alike, Northville and Novi have developed into prime locations and both the Novi News and The Northville Record are now expanding to maintain the pace of the communities they serve."

"As essential community institutions, as well as the voice of Northville and Novi, it is our role to reflect the communities we serve. With the new editions we will do just that," Philip Jerome, executive editor of Sliger/Livingston, noted. "The

new Monday editions will contain expanded regional coverage — reflecting the two communities growing impact on the northwestern Detroit area as well as additional local news."

"Regional and local advertisers who want to reach suburban northwest Detroit customers at home will now have a greatly expanded opportunity as a result of the Monday Northville Record and the Novi News," Perlberg said. "Regional classified and display advertising

packages will be made available to advertisers, tying in with all 18 Observer & Eccentric and Sliger/Livingston papers, providing blanket coverage of northwest suburban Detroit."

The Novi News and The Northville Record are Sliger/Livingston Publications papers. Other Sliger/Livingston papers are The Milford Times, The South Lyon Herald, The Brighton Argus and The Livingston County Press.

Hills driver is ticketed for hit-and-run accident

A Farmington Hills man was issued four traffic tickets last week after police said a Westland boy, 5, was struck and injured by a hit-and-run driver while biking near his home.

Brad Guetschoff, 34, was charged by Westland police with operating under the influence of liquor, driving with a suspended license, leaving the scene of a personal injury accident and leaving the scene of a property damage accident.

He was arraigned Monday before Westland District Judge Thomas Smith and stood mute. Smith entered a not guilty plea and released the defendant after 10 percent of a \$2,500 bond was posted. No court hearing date on the charges has been set.

WESTLAND POLICE said a driver was speeding on Christine near Venoy Saturday night when he struck a boy, Scott Stoutenburg, 5, who was riding his bike on a grassy strip.

The boy suffered a broken nose, facial injuries and required 20 stitches, said the boy's father, David.

The youngster was taken to Mott Children's Hospital, Ann Arbor, and is expected to be released this weekend.

Police said the driver of the car didn't stop after striking the boy, continued down the street, hitting two parked cars and finally came to a stop in the city of Wayne after hitting a water hydrant and a house in the Venoy-Michigan Avenue area.

Suspect sought in bank holdups

An armed, unidentified man in his mid-30s is being sought by Farmington Hills police after a robbery occurred at the United Savings Bank, 33505 14 Mile, Tuesday morning.

Farmington Hills police are working with the Federal Bureau of Investigation to find the man who they believe is linked to similar armed bank robberies in Southfield, Royal Oak and Troy, said Sgt. Charles Nebus of the Farmington Hills police.

At 11:04 a.m. Tuesday, an unidentified man walked to a teller window, gave the teller a hold up note and opened his brown, soft-sided briefcase, displaying a handgun, Nebus said.

"He was armed with a handgun in his briefcase, which he displayed to the victim, but did not actually take out of the briefcase or point at the teller," Nebus said.

The teller obeyed the note and handed over an undisclosed amount

of money. There were no customers in the bank at the time of the robbery, Nebus said. "He very coolly and calmly exited the bank and began running once he got to the sidewalk," Nebus added.

When he reached his car in the bank parking lot, witnesses saw him drive east on 14 Mile Road, then north onto Farmington Road, Nebus said.

Police described the man as a professional-looking businessman in his

mid-30s, 5 feet-10 inches tall, of medium build, with brown hair and a gray beard, which may be dyed, Nebus said.

According to witnesses, the man's car is described as a medium blue colored four-door station wagon, which could be 3-5 years old with Michigan license plates.

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