

CORRECTION

The March 13 edition of the *Novi News* stated former Novi Library Board vice-president Kathy Mutch had been on the board since 1991. The story titled "Library board changes with new appointments" should have read Mutch served on the board since 2001.

INSIDE



Get this Buell cycle

Time's growing short to get tickets to the Novi Chamber of Commerce's 11th annual charity auction and tickets themselves are getting scarce for what the chamber is billing as "A Celebration of Life, Art and Healing."

— Page 6A

Fire at Expo Center

Attracting a great deal of attention was a Tuesday morning explosion on the property of the Novi Expo Center. Fire officials said two employees of a Private Eye Investigation and Security Systems, a security firm used by the center, were injured in the blast.

— Page 2A

SPORTS

Spring previews

Excited for spring sports? Well, you're not the only one. This year, the Wildcats are looking to be contenders across the board and will be looking to get in the hunt for their conference title and maybe even more.

— B Section

INDEX

Business	10A
Classifieds	3D
Entertainment	17A
In the Service	11A
Library Lines	7A
Novi City Briefs	6A
Obituaries	11A
Opinion	20A
Police Report	2A
Regional Marketplace	23A
Schools	13A
Senior Calendar	11A
Sports	1B

CONTACT US

Novi News
104 W. Main
Northville, MI 48167

- Classifieds: 888-999-1288
- Newsroom: 248-349-1700
- Fax: 248-349-9832
- Home Delivery: 888-840-4809



Clark, Lanny's remain unchanged

City council unanimously rescinds its original decision

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

After an outpouring of citizen concern, members of Novi City Council decided to leave both Clark Street and Lanny's Lane just the way the roadways are - open and accessible to the public.

The unanimous late-night decision to rescind council's March 3 approval recommending to the Road Commission for Oakland County that Clark be permanently

closed and Lanny's turned into a one-way southbound road were greeted with audience applause.

Members of council expressed the revised decision was based on an overwhelming response from those living in the areas of Clark and Lanny's not wanting the roadways modified.

Initially, members of council received a petition signed by about 90 residents stating they wanted Clark Street closed sparking the first ruling.

But once word about the request and decision to approve was out, a petition signed by residents wanting Clark kept open more than doubled the initial request.

"We need to have more access to ease the traffic problem," said area resident Ted Lee.

Lee conveyed many of the residents' sentiments that more access to Grand River was needed instead of forcing an estimated 1,800 travelers to Taft and 11 Mile roads as the only way to access the avenue.

"We would have less traffic if Clark and Lanny's remain open," he said.

Not contributing to the decision to leave the roadways untouched was a traffic analysis conducted by the city's traffic engineer consultant, deemed inconclusive by members of council.

Members also approved a motion to have a detailed, conclusive report delivered to them about traffic calming measures which could possibly be incorporated into the post Grand River Avenue improvement project design for Clark Street.

"We need to have more access to ease the traffic problem."

Ted Lee
area resident

Possibilities include traffic islands contributing to a right-in, right-out-only at the intersection of Clark and Grand River or placing a no-left-turn sign at the same intersection.

City officials had hand delivered new information about the ramifications of the street adjustments to about 450 homes and businesses in the area of the closing before the

Monday night meeting.

Novi City Councilman Dr. Mav Sanghvi deemed the process of rescinding council's prior decision a "victory for democracy."

Victoria Sadlocha is a staff writer for the *Novi News*. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 103 or at vsadlocha@ht.hometown.net.

Questions surround roadway's redesign

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

A meeting of the minds on how to redesign South Lake Drive brought many questions and issues to the forefront, prompting members of city council to agree on bringing the discussions back during the April 21 regular meeting.

Hot South Lake topics during the March 3 council meeting included if traffic tables used to slow traffic down would pose a safety issue and whether or not city administration is ignoring past South Lake Drive task force recommendations and lake area residents' concerns.

"What is being proposed is a travesty," stated lakes area resident Sarah Gray in a letter to members of city council.

Among other issues, Gray objects to the proposed traffic tables at the end of the streets in the Idlemere Park subdivision.

"These streets are used by the back lot owners to launch our boats, sometimes daily, on our access lots," Gray stated. "A table

would increase the road height at the end of my street (Maudlin) so I would have to back my boat trailer up over a table, then drop down to my access lot and back down-hill to the lake level to launch. That makes absolutely no sense."

Another concern surrounding the tables came from City of Novi Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan. Based on research involving departments from other states, he concluded the tables would decrease response time by the fire department on South Lake Drive.

"It will slow our response time although it will not require, as far as I can tell, stopping at every one," Lenaghan said.

Lenaghan says the response time will increase by about eight seconds per table.

Novi City Councilman David Landry calculates the speed tables would be equivalent to 20 stop signs when fire apparatus went down the road.

"I'm concerned with the tables," Landry said. "I will support this (redesign) without the tables."

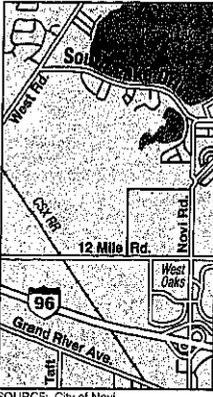
Since the meeting, Novi Assistant City Manager Clay Pearson announced no traffic tables or raised intersections will be used in the redesign of South Lake Drive, eliminating all causes for concern by residents and city public safety officials.

Lakes area residents also voiced their concerns the city was not following through on past information learned from task force meetings and prior resident input.

"If you do not pay attention to us and what we have already told you, you are, in my opinion, no better than the previous administration," Gray stated to council in her letter.

Gray said she has been monitoring the process for about 10 years, and the current proposal

South Lake Drive



SOURCE: City of Novi

Please see DESIGN page 4

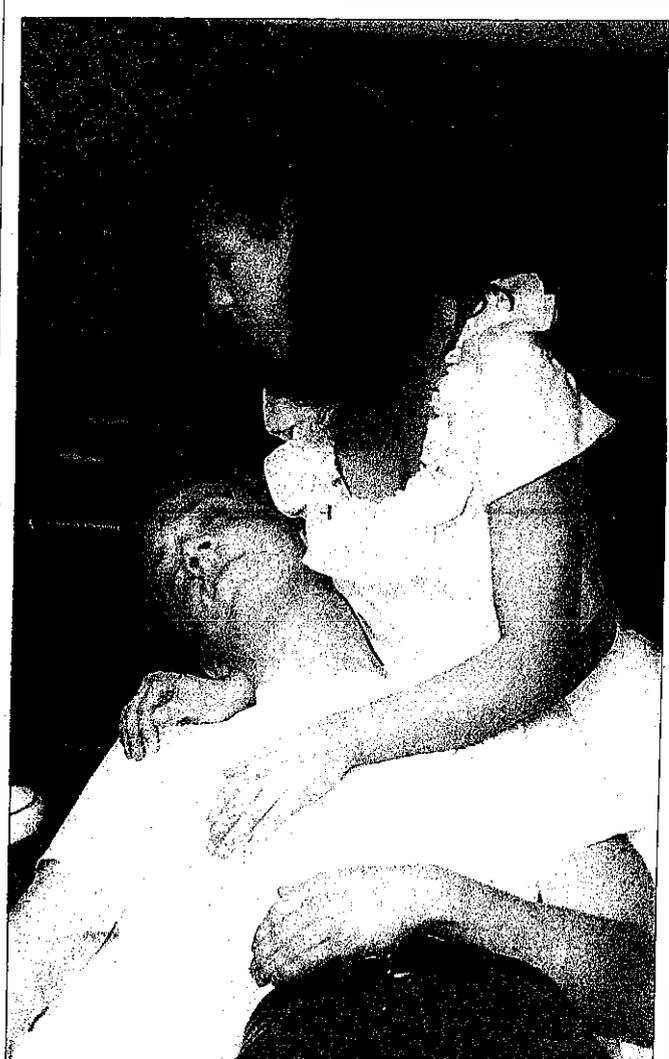


Photo by John Heider

Jet down

Tim Kava (Tony) lies in the arms of Bethany Snow (Marla) during a run-through of Novi High's production of "West Side Story." For more photos and the story on the Jets and Sharks gangs, please see page 18.

Federal judge orders Wixom, county to give back building keys



Photo by Phil Foley

Detroit attorneys Christopher Mengel and Eric Berkley hand over the keys to the Clover Technology building in Wixom to Leonard Kruszewski.

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

Attorneys for a Farmington Hills businessman and his Milford partner say the City of Wixom and Oakland County "illegally and unconstitutionally commandeered" their company's 93,000-square-foot, high-tech office building in Wixom Feb. 21.

Detroit Attorneys Eric Berkley and Christopher Mengel convinced Federal Judge Bernard Friedman to issue a temporary restraining order March 14 instructing the city and county to return the keys to the Clover Court Building to Riley Properties LLC. However, the building owners and the government were also ordered not to touch anything inside the building until after a

second hearing scheduled before Judge Friedman April 3.

Riley Properties is owned by George Riley of Farmington Hills and Leonard Kruszewski of Milford.

Berkley called the city's action "astounding."

"We were just following standard tax practice," said Wixom City Manager Michael Doman. He added that March 1, the Oakland County Treasurer's office became responsible for collecting the \$289,000 in delinquent personal property taxes owed by Clover Technologies.

Oakland County Treasurer Patrick Dohany said that while his office doesn't padlock buildings for unpaid taxes very often, "it happens occasionally." He stressed the building's owner "had

access at all times."

Dohany added that generally building owners are fairly cooperative since a tax auction often means their building is cleared that much faster.

Berkley countered that if the city and county want to use his client's building as a "u-store-it," they should pay rent. Clover Technologies, he said, had signed a lease to pay \$131,856.25 a month for the building.

He said if the city wants Clover Technologies, it should have taken it.

Jennifer Elowsky, one of two attorneys representing Wixom said that would not have been practical since it "would have taken 15 semis to move every-

Please see CLOVER page 4

000000 02914 *****00AR-RT L0TRAC-092
NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY
45515 N 10 MILE RD
NOVI MI 48375-3014

Pontiac Automotive Group

2530 E. HIGHLAND RD. • HIGHLAND '03 ENVOY (888) 222-7081 \$325*

'03 ENVOY XL \$362*

Expo Center, house fires keep Novi department busy

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Novi fire fighters had yet another busy week, responding to two city fires in the past week.

Attracting a great deal of attention was a Tuesday morning explosion on the property of the Novi Expo Center.

Fire officials said two employees of Private Eye Investigation and Security Systems, a security firm used by the center, were injured in the blast.

Both unidentified employees were transported to the hospital for non-life threatening injuries.

Novi Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan said because the 7:30 a.m. March 14 fire derived from an explosion, word spread quickly and calls came into the fire department from Washington, D.C. and the ATF wanting details.

Fire officials said preliminary investigations reveal foul play was not a cause.

Lenaghan said initial findings indicate the trailer explosion was caused by a cigarette and a leaky propane tank.

"The trailer itself was heated by propane," Lenaghan said. "Apparently there was some type of leak."

The fire chief said the preliminary investigations revealed a female employee of the security firm went to light her cigarette while on break, and the trailer exploded.

The female was transported to University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor for treatment of serious burns.

Lenaghan said he heard the explosion from his home at about 7:34 a.m.

"I heard it and it sounded like a fire blowing out," he said.

The exploding trailer was an extension to the Novi Expo Center where security guards servicing the Novi Road and Interstate 96 located destination stay.

Lenaghan said the trailer fire extended into the expo building in the area of the center's offices.

Damage in the center included dropped ceiling tiles, broken windows and excessive debris.

The damage closed the office area for about four hours.

The Novi Fire Department called the city's building inspectors to verify the expo center structure was safe to reenter.

The gas company and the Oakland County Sheriff's Department were also called to the scene, the chief said.

"The fire was probably under control in 20 to 25 minutes,"



Tuesday's fire at the Novi Expo Center was caused by a cigarette and a leaky propane tank.

Courtesy photo

Lenaghan said. The scene was cleared before 11 a.m.

House fire

On Saturday, March 15, fire fighters were called to a home in the 22400 block of Finnhorse located in the area of Nine Mile and Meadbrook roads.

No one was injured in the late afternoon fire although two family members were home at the time, Lenaghan said.

"The man and his son were home at the time and were actually told their house was on fire," the chief said.

Officials said the home was a tri-level, and the fire originated at the top of the house spreading

from one end of the attic to the other end.

Lenaghan said the 5 p.m. fire was actually spotted by a passerby. Damage estimated at about \$100,000 included excessive heat and water destruction along with heavy charring.

Lenaghan said unfortunately, heavy damage was incurred by many of the family's personal contents like their clothing.

"Extensive repairs will have to be done," the chief said.

The Novi Fire Department has responded to six fires since Feb. 12.

Victoria Sadlocha is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 or vsadlocha@ht.homecomm.net.

POLICE REPORT

Watch that shoulder

A Novi officer was patrolling westbound on Interstate 96 at about 3:15 a.m. on March 15 when he noticed the vehicle in front of him weaving within its lane. The vehicle then swerved to the right and began driving on the shoulder of the road. After pulling the vehicle over, the officer learned the 19-year-old Milford resident behind wheel was driving home from The Fight Club in Inkster where she is employed. The driver told the officer she had about two shots around 10 p.m. that evening. After failing field sobriety tests, the officer issued the Milford woman a preliminary breath test. She blew a .047 and was arrested for operating a motor vehicle under the age of 21 with a blood alcohol level. The driver was taken to the station, and her Pontiac Sunfire was impounded.

Iron man

A strong man carrying a bench

may be on the loose in Novi. A Novi woman living on Chase Drive between Eight and Nine Mile roads called police last week to report a burglary from her front porch. The 51-year-old woman said sometime between 6 p.m. on March 14 and 1:30 p.m. the next day, an unknown person(s) stole her outdoor iron bench from the front porch. The woman said she has no idea where it could be or who would take it. In the report, the police officer noted because of the position of the house relative to other homes on the street and its adjacency to the woods, the likelihood of potential witnesses to the crime is minimal.

Oh my gosh

A Novi officer was stopped at a red light on 12 Mile Road near M-5 on March 16 at about 9 p.m. when he heard an out-of-control vehicle coming toward him. He then noticed the silver vehicle, which had went over the curb and across the grass median, travel

within inches of the front of his patrol car and strike the north curb on 12 Mile Road head-on. The police officer noted the vehicle struck the curb with enough force to blow out both of the front tires. Dispatch was called and the officer went to check on the driver. As the 37-year-old Westland man told the police he was not injured, a strong odor of intoxicants was coming from his breath. When asked how much he had to drink, the man said two beers. The officer said he didn't believe him and he changed his answer to four beers. In the report, the officer wrote that he "was unable to understand most of what the driver was saying due to his slurred speech." The man had no driver information or vehicle information on him. When asked to recite the alphabet from A to Q, the man said "A, B, C, D, E, F, G, Q." The driver also was unable to count correctly and perform physical sobriety tasks because of his lack of balance. He blew a .21 and was arrested by police.

"Do you have headaches, neck, low back or ANY OTHER pain? Call me and I will help you RIGHT NOW!"

If headaches (or neck, low back or ANY OTHER pain) are interfering with your life, you don't have to just live it. If you find yourself taking drugs just to get through your day, STOP! There's a safe, effective, time-tested method of eliminating these painful conditions forever—through chiropractic care.

Don't spend another day in excruciating pain. Do what millions of others have done to permanently, safely get rid of their pain, see a chiropractor. Call me, Dr. Tucker Ford and I will see you right now and get you on the road to a pain-free life today!



Tucker Ford, D.C.

FIRST CHOICE CHIROPRACTIC

Call today, get in today. We get results.



(248) 465-0000

41620 Six Mile Road
(one mile west of Haggerty Rd.)

Relief from your pain is only minutes away.

Attention: Homeowners

FREE AMORTIZATION REPORT

- We Can Work With You Regardless Of Credit
- No Closing Cost Loans
- 0 Down Purchase
- Eliminate PMI
- Down Payment Assistance
- No Income Verification

2.45%

1 Year Fixed

APR 3.25%

NO POINTS!!

- Full Approvals In Minutes
- 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week

www.michiganloanlink.com

100%

Financing

3 YEAR FIXED APR

5.25%

NO POINTS

30 YEAR FIXED APR

5.5%

NO POINTS

3 YEAR HYBRID APR

5.875%

NO POINTS

30 YEAR HYBRID APR

6.125%

NO POINTS

3 YEAR HYBRID APR

4.625%

NO POINTS

30 YEAR HYBRID APR

4.8%

NO POINTS

1st Metropolitan Mortgage

(810) 844-0411 Toll Free (866) 932-0832

455 East Grand River Ave, Suite 2045, Brighton



BIGGER SAVINGS THAN YOU EVER IMAGINED. NOW UNTIL MARCH 31.

Big thinking leads to big rewards. That notion is especially true right now at your Lincoln Mercury dealer's Think Big National Sales Event. From now through March 31st, get big savings on every Lincoln and Mercury. See your Lincoln Mercury dealer now, where it really pays to think big.

THINK BIG

SALES EVENT

Lincoln.com | mercuryvehicles.com

2003 LINCOLN LS

A/Z/D-PLAN EMPLOYEES & ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS

ONLY \$399** \$1,824

A MONTH/36-MONTH LEASE CASH DUE AT SIGNING

(After \$1,750 cash back for returning lessees.)

Includes refundable security deposit. Excludes tax, title and license fees.

LS BASE V-6 A-PLAN PRICE STARTING AT

\$28,364 AFTER \$750 A/Z CASH***

2003 MERCURY SABLE

LS PREMIUM WITH NO-CHARGE LEATHER AND ABS

A/Z/D-PLAN EMPLOYEES & ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS

ONLY \$289** \$1,489

A MONTH/36-MONTH LEASE CASH DUE AT SIGNING

(After \$2,500 cash back for returning lessees.)

Includes refundable security deposit. Excludes tax, title and license fees.

SABLE GS A-PLAN PRICE STARTING AT

\$15,789 AFTER \$3,000 A/Z CASH***

2003 MERCURY MOUNTAINEER

A/Z/D-PLAN EMPLOYEES & ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS

ONLY \$339** \$989

A MONTH/36-MONTH LEASE CASH DUE AT SIGNING

(After \$2,500 cash back for returning lessees.)

Includes refundable security deposit. Excludes tax, title and license fees.

MOUNTAINEER BASE A-PLAN PRICE STARTING AT

\$25,490 AFTER \$2,500 A/Z CASH***

2003 LINCOLN AVIATOR

A/Z/D-PLAN EMPLOYEES & ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS

ONLY \$499** \$1,649

A MONTH/36-MONTH LEASE CASH DUE AT SIGNING

(After \$2,000 cash back for returning lessees.)

Security deposit waived. Excludes tax, title and license fees.

AVIATOR A-PLAN PRICE STARTING AT

\$37,382 AFTER \$1,000 A/Z CASH***

2003 LINCOLN NAVIGATOR

A/Z/D-PLAN EMPLOYEES & ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS

ONLY \$599** \$1,249

A MONTH/36-MONTH LEASE CASH DUE AT SIGNING

(After \$1,750 cash back for returning lessees.)

Includes refundable security deposit. Excludes tax, title and license fees.

NAVIGATOR A-PLAN PRICE STARTING AT

\$44,138 AFTER \$750 A/Z CASH***

2003 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS

0.0% APR FINANCING OR \$3,500 CASH BACK*

FOR A/Z/D-PLAN EMPLOYEES & ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS:

PRE-PAY A TWO-YEAR LEASE WITH ONE EASY PAYMENT OF

\$6,509 AFTER \$4,250 CASH BACK**

FOR RETURNING LESSEES

Security deposit not required. Excludes tax, title and license fees.

GRAND MARQUIS A-PLAN PRICE STARTING AT

\$18,061 AFTER \$4,250 A/Z CASH***

2003 LINCOLN TOWN CAR

0.0% APR FINANCING OR \$4,000 CASH BACK*

FOR A/Z/D-PLAN EMPLOYEES & ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS:

\$477 PER MONTH/36-MONTH LEASE DOWN OR \$1,002 CASH DUE AT SIGNING

AFTER \$5,250 CASH BACK**

FOR RETURNING LESSEES**

Includes refundable security deposit. Excludes tax, title and license fees.

TOWN CAR A-PLAN PRICE STARTING AT

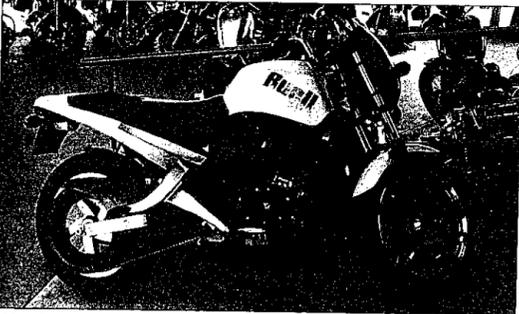
\$31,771 AFTER \$5,250 A/Z CASH***

*Visit thinkbigwinbig.com now through March 19 and have a chance to win a Grand Prize trip to New Orleans during the men's college basketball tournament a \$50,000 Second Prize or a \$25,000 Third Prize.**

<p>VISIT YOUR METRO DETROIT LINCOLN MERCURY DEALERS.</p>	<p>ANN ARBOR Sesi 2100 W. Stadium Blvd. at Liberty (734) 668-6900 sesi.com</p>	<p>GENIOIN TOWNSHIP Sk Evans Lakeside 17500 Hall Rd. at Forest Park (586) 840-2000 skewanslakeside.com</p>	<p>DEARBORN Jack Demmer 21331 Mack Ave. at Oakwood (313) 274-8800 jdemmer.com</p>	<p>DETROIT Bob Maxey 16901 Mack Ave. at Oakwood (313) 885-4000 bobmaxey.com</p>	<p>DETROIT Park Motor 28100 Woodward Ave. at Cypress Pointe Park (313) 869-5000 parkmotor.com</p>	<p>GARDEN CITY Sk Evans Garden City 32000 Ford Rd. at West of Mackwood (734) 425-4300 skewansgardencity.com</p>	<p>NOVI Varsity 49251 Grand River at 18th Ave. Rd. (East Side) Two Eas West of 12 Oaks Mall (248) 305-5300 varsity.com</p>
<p>PLYMOUTH Hines Park 40601 Ann Arbor Rd. at 1275 (734) 453-2424 hinespark.com</p>	<p>ROCHESTER HILLS Crissman 1185 South Rochester Rd. between North & Ann Rd. (248) 657-4700 crissman.com</p>	<p>ROSELAND Bob Maxey 29000 Central at 13 30th Rd. (586) 552-6000 bobmaxey.com</p>	<p>SOUTHFIELD Star 24350 Van 12 Mile Rd. at Regency (248) 354-4900 star.com</p>	<p>SOUTHGATE Southgate 16600 Fort Street at Brentwood (734) 285-8800 southgate@lincolnmotor.com</p>	<p>STERLING HEIGHTS Crest 36200 Van Dyke at 15 12 Mile Rd. (586) 939-6000 crest@lincolnmotor.com</p>	<p>TROY Bob Borst 1920 West Maple at West Hill (248) 643-6600 bobborst.com</p>	<p>YPSILANTI Sesi 930 East Michigan at Nine Mile at 925 (734) 482-7133 sesi.com</p>

*NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. ODDS OF WINNING SECOND OR THIRD PRIZE ARE 1:524,288. Odds of winning other prizes depend on the number of eligible entries received. Must be 18 or older, a licensed driver, and reside in select Detroit counties. Sweepstakes ends March 26. See your local dealer or thinkbigwinbig.com for full details. **Not all buyers will qualify for Ford Credit financing. APR varies by term. For APR or cash back on a purchase, take delivery from dealer stock by 3/31/2003. *** Not all buyers will qualify for Red Carpet Lease. Some payments higher, some lower. Customers eligible for the \$500 renewal incentive on Grand Marquis and \$1000 renewal incentive on Town Car must terminate their new or used Lincoln Mercury RCL contract by 3/31/2003. Proof of ownership required. **A-Plan prices after cash back exclude taxes, title and license fees. Residency restrictions apply. Offers subject to change.

Tickets still available for Novi Chamber's charity auction



This yellow and black Buell Blaster is just one of the items to be auctioned April 12.

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

Time's growing short to get tickets to the Novi Chamber of Commerce's 11th annual charity auction and tickets themselves are getting scarcer for what the chamber is billing as "A Celebration of Life, Art and Healing."

According to auction chairman Nikki Pearce, 200 of the auction's 500 tickets have already been sold for the April 12 event and another 300 invitations were mailed out last week.

Pearce told chamber members at their March 11 luncheon that Fox2 News' Charles Pugh has agreed to serve as emcee for the event, which will raise funds for the Assarian Cancer Center at the Assarian Hospital and Medical Center's Novi campus.

Along with Pugh, entertainment for the semi-formal event will include a disc jockey.

According to Chamber President Nora Champion, the chamber's annual charity auction has raised more than \$60,000 for area charities over the past decade. Last year alone, the event generated \$15,600 for local charities.

"This year, said Pearce, there is a long and growing list of art, collectibles, celebrity items and trips going on the auction block. Among the items up for auction are signed Red Wings jerseys, a trip to Ixtapa, Mexico, and a 2001 yellow and black Harley Davidson Buell Blaster.

Phil Foley is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or at pfoley@nlh.comcast.net.

Walsh College Gala celebrates the arts, supports scholarships

Over 200 guests gathered to celebrate the arts and support student success at Walsh College's first annual Gala held at the Novi campus March 1. With the help of presenting sponsors (Bob Sellers Pontiac-GMC and the Walsh College Alumni Association) the event raised over \$14,000 in support of a newly established Novi scholarship fund and art endowment.

"The Gala was a tremendous show of true community as trustees, business leaders from the Novi area, and friends of the College came together and shared a unique evening for the arts," said Walsh President Keith Presty.

Their efforts will enable Walsh students to overcome financial obstacles to academic success and add their name to the long list of business leaders Walsh has produced over the years.

Patrons were treated to a strolling dinner catered by Unique Restaurant Corporation while guests to accompany the wine and savory desserts were provided by Nino Salvaggio International Marketplace. Attendees also sampled rare and Northern Michigan wines, enjoyed a diverse array of items in a silent auction, Wine enthusiasts at the event heard commentary from Master Sommelier

Madeline Trifon & Sommelier Rick Rubel as they tasted such rare wines as a 1981 Opus One (very likely the only bottle of its kind in the country) and a 1985 Diamond Creek from the Red Rock Terrace Vineyard, a vineyard producing only 600 cases of wine a year, compliments of the private cellars of Bob Cummings.

"The Opus One has shown beautifully in both the nine liter bottle as well as the 750 ml. bottle. The larger bottle gave a distinct pause before the flavors arrived," said Trifon.

Art lovers viewed the works of Alphonse Mucha (a leader in art nouveau) from the personal collection of Walsh Trustee Pat Kurtz and husband Don, Zimbabean Shona Sculpture from the collection of Walsh Trustee William Jones and wife Marion, the renowned photography of Balhazar Korab, and watercolor lithographs depicting sports heroes by Doug West from the Jack Krusula collection. Guests had the opportunity to meet two of the featured artists as Mr. West and Mr. Korab personally presented their works, offered insight into their art, and shared the rare stories behind their works.

The evening ended with many guests marking their calendar for next year's Gala.



Walsh College Trustee William Jones (far left) and wife Marion (center-left) exhibited Zimbabean Shona Sculpture from their private collection at the Gala and shared a moment with friends Huel Perkins (far right) and wife Priscilla (center-right). Marion Jones led a presentation that explained the history and meaning of Zimbabean sculpture.

LIBRARY LINES

Novi Public Library

Hours

The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. We are located at 45245 W. 10 Mile Road, just east of Tat. For more information, call (248) 349-0720.

Advanced Internet searching

Experienced Internet users are invited to explore the advanced features of the Google search engine and learn additional search skills using keywords, Boolean searching, and nested queries on Wednesday, March 26, from 1-3 p.m. This class includes interactive discussion and hands-on practice. Suggested prerequisite: "Mastering the Mouse for Seniors."

LOSING A LOVED ONE TO DRUGS?

If addiction is killing a loved one, we have the answer. We deliver the most effective drug and alcohol rehab program in the world, with a success rate over 70%. It's a 4-5 month long-term residential program located on a private lake in Battle Creek, MI. Seven detox beds, toxin and drug residues out of the body, eliminating physical cravings. Life skills training courses prepare our students for long-term success in life. We have a large job-referral network in place!

NARCONON® STONE HAWK
800-420-3147
www.narcononstonehawk.com

Did You Know?

College students can claim the Hope Tax Credit for college tuition if their parents' income is too high to qualify for the credit? Since the student's income is lower, the parents do not claim the student as a dependent, allowing the student to take the dependency deduction and the Hope Credit.

Miss, Wilmarth & Parr, P.C.
Northwood Corporate Park
41789 Six Mile Rd., Suite 102
Northville, MI 48167 Tel: 248-735-9650

IS IT SPRING YET?

Scott's BEST QUALITY
Lawn Fertilizer Program
4-STEP \$59.99
4 Days 5,000 sq. ft. each

Scott's BEST QUALITY

THISTLE SEED 99¢/lb.
2530-110
20% OFF ANY thistle feeder

Northrup King SEEDS 40% OFF
Complete seeding accessories available

PLYMOUTH NURSERY AND GARDEN CENTER
734-453-5500
9900 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth Rd.
EARTH SPRING HOUSE
7000 W. 11th St., Ann Arbor, MI 48106
OFFERS EXTEND 3/20/03

Internet practice lab for seniors

Practice makes perfect! Join us for an opportunity to practice any of the skills you've learned in our Internet classes on Thursday, March 27, from 1-3 p.m. During this two-hour session, you may

Story Time with Jackie Puritan

Radio personality Jackie Puritan, of WOMC's "Puritan's People," reads favorite stories to children on Monday, March 24, 5:30 p.m. For all ages; no registration necessary.

Mastering the mouse for seniors

choose to work on any Internet skills you wish, with librarians to assist you and answer any computer-related questions. Note: There is no set agenda for this class; you may come and go as you please during the two-hour session.

Give America's Best National Wireless Network A Test Drive

and find out how confident we are in our network. We're so sure you'll love the confidence and reliability you get from our network, we're standing behind it with our Worry Free Guarantee™. Plus the Worry Free Guarantee gives you the freedom to change rate plans at any time. And with rate plans starting as low as \$25 monthly access, there's no reason not to join in today.

TEST the BEST

VERIZON WIRELESS HAS THE BEST NATIONAL WIRELESS NETWORK IN AMERICA. But don't just take our word for it. If you're not 100% satisfied during your first 15 days, simply return your phone and pay for only the service you've used. It's all a part of our Worry Free Guarantee™ to you.

TEST the BEST

Save up to \$30 on a Deluxe Accessory Bundle

2-way TXT Messaging Capable
LG VX-10
\$49.99 After Rebate

Brilliant Full-Color Display
LG VX-4400
\$99.99 After Rebate

TEST the BEST

With a new 2-year customer agreement on each phone on calling plans \$35 or higher. While supplies last. Restrictions may apply.

TEST the BEST

VERIZON WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS STORES

ANN ARBOR
2577 Jackson Ave.
(Next to Blockbuster)
734-769-1722

BRIARWOOD MALL
(In Sears Wing, Near Center Ct.)
8159 Chalmers, Suite C
(Off Grand River, in front of Target)
810-225-4789

CANTON
4247 Ford Rd.
(Corner of Ford & Lilley Pk.)
Canton Centers
734-944-9461

DEARBORN
24417 Ford Rd.
(Just West of Telegraph)
(24th St. & Ford)
(5th Floor Next to Sears)
313-441-0168

DETROIT
1125 Woodward
(Market T Plaza)
313-859-7392

FARMINGTON HILLS
51011 E. Chalmers Rd.
(S.W. Corner of Orchard Lake Rd. & 14 Mile Rd.)
248-553-0500

FENTON
17245 Silver Pkwy
(In the Sears' plaza)
810-629-2733

GRAND BLANC
10221 S. Saginaw St.
(In Grand Blanc Mall)
810-505-1700

LAKE ORION
2531 S. Lapeer Rd.
(Corner Mail 2 Miles N. of the Palace)
248-353-3700

WARREN
43025 12 Mile Rd.
(Twelve Oaks Service Dr., North of Sears)
248-305-6002

WESTLAND
2817 Telegraph Rd.
(South of 12 Mile Rd.)
248-358-3700

STERLING HEIGHTS
45111 Park Ave.
(M-58 & M-33, Ulica Park Plaza)
566-997-9500

LANSING MALL
(Corner of Lansing & Grand)
248-353-3700

TAYLOR
23495 Eureka Rd.
(Across from Southland Mall)
734-287-1770

ROCHESTER HILLS
3035 S. Rochester Rd.
(At Aurora Rd.)
248-526-0500

ST. CLAIR SHORES
26401 Harper Ave.
(At 10 1/2 Miles)
586-777-4010

TRUY
1912 E. Big Beaver Rd.
(Troy Sports Center)
248-526-0040

WESTLAND
35115 Warren Rd.
(S.W. Corner of Warren & Wayne Rds.)
734-722-7330

WAL-MART LOCATIONS
Newly
2559 Grand River E.
517-345-5511

Peri Route
4475 25th Ave.
810-365-1231

Warren
25240 Van Dyke
586-751-4047

White Lake
9180 Highland Rd.
248-536-0343

TEST the BEST

1.800.2 JOIN IN
verizonwireless.com
any of our stores

TEST the BEST

AUTHORIZED RETAILERS
Equipment offer and Worry Free Guarantee may vary.

AuthorNet Cellular
Multiple Locations
800-VIP-PLUS

Auto One Brighton
Multiple Locations
810-227-2938

BLOOMFIELD
Global Wireless
248-335-3345

CRIVETERFIELD TWP.
Verizon Communications
586-421-9900

CLANSON
Communications USA
248-260-8200

COMMERCIAL
Cellular Service
248-500-9400

FARMINGTON HILLS
Cellular City
248-649-8800

BOWELL
Cellular
517-549-7705

MONROE
Hickory Ridge
734-242-6806

ROCHESTER
Digital Technology
248-299-0008

WATERFORD
Infinity Wireless
248-322-3733

CLANSON
Communications USA
248-260-8200

COMMERCIAL
Cellular Service
248-500-9400

RadioShack.
The big selection. The big name.

Free handset Software Upgrade!

CITY COUNCIL

Pawnbroker license

Members of the Novi City Council approved the renewal of a pawnbroker license and provisions items dealer license for Weinstein jewelry during the March 17 meeting. The jewelry store located at 41990 Grand River Avenue

has been licensed since 1998. The Novi Police Department found no reason to deny the request and the building and fire departments recommended approval.

Bullet Proof Vest Grant

The approval to apply for, and accept if granted, the Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance was

given during Novi's March 17 city council meeting. The approval is for the 2003 grant period. The grant is designed to provide reimbursement up to 50 percent of the cost of approved vests requested in the application. The purpose of the grant is to save the lives of law enforcement officers by helping states, units of local and tribal governments equip every law enforcement officer with an armor vest. Novi police uniformed officers are required to wear their vests at all times while on duty. The department budgets a vest for every officer hired. In the 2002 grant period, the city was reimbursed \$3,486.

New softball

Members of council gave their approvals during the March 17 meeting to award a bid for softballs to Burke's Sport Haven for \$4,011. The equipment is for the city's Spring softball leagues. The city received four bids and Burke's was the lowest bidder.

Equipment purchase

Members of council gave their approvals during the March 17 meeting to award a bid for softballs to Burke's Sport Haven for \$4,011. The equipment is for the city's Spring softball leagues. The city received four bids and Burke's was the lowest bidder.

ment equipment from Greware Equipment Company in the amount of \$4,028. The March 17 approval was for the purchase of one cable and pipe locator used primarily for utility locating and staking. Greware Equipment Company offered the lowest quotation. The purchase of this equipment was included in the 2002-2003 Annual Budget.

NOVI CITY BRIEFS

Calling all Veterans

On Sunday, June 22 at 1 p.m., the City of Novi will recognize the men and women of our community and the surrounding area serving in the armed forces from 1945 to 2003 at the Veteran's Recognition Day event. This event will honor veterans of the Cold War, Grenada, Panama, Desert Storm, Afghanistan, Bosnia, Somalia and Kosovo. Additionally, we recognize that many men and women in our area have been called to active duty from the Reserves or National Guard Units and, while they may not be able to attend, we would ask that their families join us so we can honor them. Please contact the City of Novi Community Relations Office, 45375 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 or (248) 735-5628 for a registration form for this event.

three of her favorite children's stories to all in attendance. The event will take place 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 24 inside the Novi Public Library located at 45245 W. 10 Mile Road, just east of Fair Road. Registration is not required. For more information, call (248) 349-0720.

Senior Dance

All area seniors are invited to the Novi Senior Activities Center to dance with a live band Tuesday, March 25 at 1 p.m. The band Saint Sounds will provide the tunes and refreshments will be served. The cost is \$4 per person payable at the door. The center is located inside Meadowbrook Commons at 25075 Meadowbrook Road, between 10 Mile Road and Grand River Avenue. For more information, call (248) 349-0414.

DeRoche Breakfast Club

State Rep. Craig DeRoche's next breakfast meeting will take place Friday, April 11, at the Novi Expo Center. The topic of discussion will be "The Tax Cutting Agenda" and will feature guest speaker U.S. Congressman

Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia). A legislative update will also be provided by DeRoche. The intent of the "DeRoche Breakfast Club" is for the former congressman to meet with leaders in the community to have a dialog on timely, important topics. The one-hour, 7:30 a.m. program is free to the public. However, a breakfast buffet is available for \$15. A coffee-and-conversation session will take place before the program at 7 a.m. The event will take place in the McKenzie Room inside the center at 43700 Expo Center Drive. For reservations, please call Shanna Wycoff at (517) 373-0827.

Senior Holiday Luncheons

Tickets are now on sale for two upcoming holiday luncheons at the Novi Senior Activities Center. The first event is the city's April Fool Luncheon and Fashion Show. Prizes will be awarded for the most foolish in the room. Games will also be played at the Tuesday, April 1 happening. Next, wear your favorite hat and gloves to the Easter Bonnet Parade and Luncheon. The Thursday, April 17 festive event will feature entertainment and prizes.

Novi Ice Arena

The Novi Ice Arena offers open skating Monday through Friday from noon to 1:50 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 3 to 4:50 p.m. The charge for the

Monday through Friday sessions is \$2. Open skate on Saturday is \$4 for residents and \$5 for non-residents. Skate rental is \$2. The Novi Ice Arena is located at 42400 Arena Drive, east of Novi Road between Nine and 10 Mile roads. For more information, call (248)347-1010 or visit www.suburbanbekey.com.

CHANGE YOUR LIFE
WITH **ANN ARBORFIT**
Run a marathon.

28 wk marathon training program in a non-competitive environment to safely get you in the best shape of your life while having fun. Register at www.usafit.com, or at Running Fit, Ann Arbor, 8am March 29, 2003.

Group runs every Saturday with informative seminars, training schedules and coaching support. CALL 734-668-4760 for more information.

Offer Absolutely Ends March 28th!

4-Wheel Drive!
sale

RX 300
Fully Equipped with 6-Disc CD, Leather, Moonroof, & More!

\$419
48 MONTH LEASE
ZERO
Down!
ZERO
Out of Pocket!

ALL ARE 4-WHEEL DRIVE

EX 470
Fully Equipped with 6-Disc CD, Leather, Moonroof, & More!

\$639
48 MONTH LEASE
ZERO
Due at Delivery!
ZERO
Security Deposit!

ALL ARE 4-WHEEL DRIVE

LEXUS

48 Month Lease. Qualified credit Tier 1, \$0 down. \$0 sec. plus tax, title, license.

LEXUS

ANN ARBOR
590 Auto Mall Dr.
Ann Arbor
866.226.7754
734.996.1662
lexusannarbor@usa.net

LANSING
5709 S. Pennsylvania
Lansing
800.539.8748
517.394.8000
lexusofflansing@usa.net

A Safe, Secure Investment.

with rates as high as **2.40%** Annual Percentage Yield*

When planning the security of your future, a Community Federal 13-Month Certificate of Deposit can give you peace of mind. Simply stop by one of our offices or call (734) 453-1200 or (877) 937-2328 today and find out how you can take advantage of this great rate. You can also open an account on the web at www.cfcu.org.

If you live or work in Plymouth, Canton, Northville or Novi you can belong.

Community Federal CREDIT UNION

AT YOUR SERVICE. IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

(734) 453-1200 or (877) 937-2328
www.cfcu.org

*Minimum deposit of \$10,000 required. Rates as of 3/17/03, subject to change. 2.40% APY is available for members of our President's Club. Additional rates available depending on Member Reward Club membership. Member Reward Club status is determined by the total deposit held from balance, excluding 1st mortgage balance, held at Community Federal. A \$10,000 deposit automatically qualifies you for our Advantage Club and an APY of 2.30%. APY for Savings Club members is 2.25%. Subject to penalty for early withdrawal, fee may reduce the amount of earnings. *NCA - Your savings federally insured to \$100,000 by the National Credit Union Administration, U.S. Government Agency. ©2003 Community Federal Credit Union.

Plymouth • Canton • Northville • Novi

MATTRESS & FUTON SHOPPE

MARCH MADNESS SERTA MATTRESS SALE! SERTA'S LOWEST PRICES of the YEAR!

SUPERIOR Sertapedic Plush or Firm Great Value			ELANA Pillow Top Our Best Value			TWIN SIZE MATTRESSES from \$59 ⁹⁵	
Regular	Was	NOW	Regular	Was	NOW		
Twin	\$499	\$399	\$285	Twin	\$599	\$499	\$385
Full Set	\$549	\$449	\$335	Full Set	\$699	\$599	\$429
Queen Set	\$599	\$499	\$385	Queen Set	\$799	\$699	\$485
King Set	\$849	\$749	\$635	King Set	\$999	\$899	\$665



0% FINANCING



FREE DELIVERY* **FREE BED FRAME*** **FREE DISPOSAL OF OLD MATTRESS***

*With Minimum Purchase of \$599

COME IN AND TRY A FUTON



Largest Selection In Michigan
Over 30 Futons • 100's of Covers In Stock
MICHIGAN'S LARGEST FUTON DEALER!



\$229⁹⁹	\$179	\$399
---------------------------	--------------	--------------

ALSO A GREAT SELECTION OF...

\$399	\$119	\$129⁹⁵	\$129
--------------	--------------	---------------------------	--------------

NOV TOWN CENTER (Near Men's Warehouse) (SOUTH OF I-96) 248-348-5494	DEARBORN 1860 N. Telegraph Rd. (2 Bks. S. of Ford Rd.) 313-724-1160	CANTON 42489 Ford Rd. (at Lilley in Canton Corners) 734-844-0400	LIVONIA 31629 Plymouth Rd. (1 blk. W. of Merriman) 734-425-1500	YPSI / ANN ARBOR 4563 Washtenaw Rd. (1/4 Mile E. of US-23) 734-975-9200
BIRMINGHAM 32767 Woodward (1 bks. S. of 14 Mile) 248-549-1951	ROYAL OAK 28074 N. Woodward (S. of 12 Mile Rd.) 248-414-6909	SOUTHGATE 17820 Eureka Rd. (Bet. Reeck & Allen Rd.) 734-281-7766	NEW 2nd TAYLOR LOCATION! (Near Southland Mall across from Value City) formerly Mattress Discounters 734-287-0454	TAYLOR 22385 Ecorse (1/2 Mile E. of Telegraph) 313-291-3603

FUTON MATTRESSES & COVERS SOLD SEPARATELY

Religious community gets planning commission nod

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

Three months after they first appeared in front of the Novi Planning Commission and an administration building later, the members of Seelye Sanctuary finally have approval to build their religious complex on 13 Mile Road between M-5 and Meadowbrook Road.

Planning commission members voted unanimously at their March 12 meeting to approve the religious community's revised plans.

However, according to Khanh Pham, the approval delay probably means construction on the 29,203 square foot sanctuary building likely won't begin before spring 2004. He said that's because his company, Singh Development, has

Seelye Sanctuary drawing courtesy Alexander V. Doganis & Associates, P.C.



completed final construction drawings because of uncertainty over planning commission approval.

In December planning commission members came close to rejecting the project because they felt the inclusion of a 7,200-square-foot administration building created too much impact on the site.

Commission member John Avdiukos called the elimination of the two-story building from the religious community's site plans a "marked improvement."

Pham also reconfigured the project's parking lot to eliminate parking in the facility's front yard, which is prohibited by city ordinance.

"There are not a lot of changes," to the Seelye Sanctuary plans, noted Commission member Lynn Kocan, "but they are significant to the wetland impacts. About a third

of the 9.659-acre site is wetlands. In order to build the sanctuary and its parking, Pham said about 85 percent of the trees on the site will have to be removed. Since there is little space on the site for replanting, sanctuary members would be required to either plant trees on other sites in the city or pay \$181,675 into the city's tree fund under the city's current tree ordinance.

However, Pham said he is closely monitoring attempts by backers of Catholic Central High School's plans to relocate to Novi to either modify the ordinance or win an exemption.

Commission members did grant waivers for zoning requirements

around much of the property since building the required berms would have meant cutting down more trees and filling wetlands. However, Kocan called on the developer to plant more evergreens along the property's eastern boundary to shield nearby residences.

Once completed, the \$8 million building will be capable of providing worship space for 800 people.

Seelye Sanctuary is a Unitarian-like religious community that combines elements of Hinduism and Buddhism. The predominantly Indian religious community holds one service lasting from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Sunday.

Phil Foley is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or at pfoley@hi.homecomm.net.

Condo project gets planning commission approval

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

A 7-1 vote at the Novi Planning Commission March 12 brought Anthony Randazzo's four-year struggle to develop a 7.38-acre site near Nine Mile and Haggerty roads one step closer to completion.

The Grosse Pointe Shore developer's plans to build 34 condominiums along the city's eastern edge had been on hold since the commission's November 6 meeting when commissioners voted to table it until they had a clearer idea of what they were being asked to review.

What they wanted, and got, was a parallel plan showing lot lines and a promise that final condominium documents would contain language requiring unit owners to maintain setbacks for decks and such as if there were individual lot lines.

Still, commission member Tim Shroyer, who expressed "mixed feelings" about the project from the outset, said the site plan was "overbuilt." Shroyer added, "I feel this part of Novi is being deluged with apartments and condominiums. In the end he voted against the project."

Randazzo noted that if the residential site had been built as densely as the Pavilion Court Apartments that wrap around his to the north and west, it could have held 84 apartments.

"I feel we're offering a product that's desirable for Novi," he said.

Randazzo's plans also call for preserving and incorporating a stone house built on Nine Mile in 1899. "We feel it's an asset to the community and to Novi history," he said.

Commission member Lynne Paul said she was concerned that a two-story 20,644 square foot office planned for the corner of Nine Mile and Haggerty would be replaced by a Walgreens. She said she was worried about how that change in traffic flow would affect the planned shared entrance off Haggerty for the two properties.

"I think the odds of a Walgreen being approved there is, at best, minimal," said Randazzo.

Still, commission member Given Markham treated, "a lot of

this project relies on the [Thomas Palushaj] site. What happens if their plans don't go forward?"

Randazzo countered, "regardless of what Palushaj does with his property, his group has an easement for a shared access to the two properties."

Along with the existing 104-year-old home on the site, Randazzo is planning to build 27 townhouses and seven story-and-a-half units. He said while prices have yet to be set, he expects the 1,700 square foot condominiums will have base prices in the \$225,000 to \$250,000 range.

Phil Foley is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 108 or at pfoley@hi.homecomm.net.

THE NOV NEWS
Published Each Thursday
By The Novi News
104 W. Main Street
Northville, Michigan 48167
Periodical
At Northville, Michigan

Subscription Rates:
Inside Counties \$26 one year home delivery, \$35 one year mail delivery.
Outside Counties (in Michigan) are \$40 per year, prepaid. Out of state, \$50 per year.

HomeTown Newspapers™
A Subsidiary of HomeTown Communications Network, Postmaster, send address changes to: The Novi News, Post Office Box 470, Howell, MI 48844. POLICY STATEMENT: All advertising published in HomeTown Newspapers™ is subject to the conditions stated in the applicable rate card, copies of which are available from the advertising department. The Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167, (248-549-1700). HomeTown Newspapers™ reserves the right not to accept an advertiser's order. HomeTown Newspapers™ and its affiliates have no authority to bind the newspaper and only publication of an advertisement shall constitute final acceptance of the advertiser's order. Postmaster, send address changes to: The Novi News, Post Office Box 470, Howell, MI 48844.

Publication Number USPS 396290

NOW OPEN

Braid & Beads
The Bead Store

- Wide Selection of Swarovski Beads
- Jewelry/Beading Classes
- Beading Parties
- Sterling Silver
- 10% Discount with this AD

Call 248-888-9925
248-417-2875

31826 Grand River Avenue
Downtown Farmington

Hours:
Monday thru Saturday
10am - 6pm

LET'S TALK
Jewelry
GARY S. WEINSTEIN
GEMOLOGIST

SEA AND SKY

The birthstone for March, aquamarine, is a sister stone to emerald in the beryl family. For many, it is as beautiful and desirable as its famous green family member. This beautiful gemstone possesses a clear blue largest array in the area to meet and fill every request for the most exquisite stones your eyes have ever feasted upon.

Come see us soon at 41990 Grand River Ave. (248-347-0303). We are aquamarine is often cut with the table facet parallel to the length of the crystal. Large step-cut aquamarines captures the attention of casual observers like few other gemstones.

Aquamarine, March's birthstone, and other gemstones abound at WEINSTEIN JEWELERS OF

Estate Planning Seminar
Join us for this free and informative seminar at the...

Northville District Library
212 West Cady Street, Northville, MI 48167
Wednesday, April 2nd, 2003, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Beverages and Snacks Served

Please call for reservations and information...
(248) 559-8700 (x110)

Topics will include...

- Wills and Living Trusts - the basics.
- Simple ways to avoid probate.
- Eliminating estate taxes - the new law.
- Retirement Plans - designating the "beneficiary."
- Funding your trust - a very important step.
- Powers of Attorney.
- Nursing home costs - how to avoid them.

Free 1/2 Hour Private Consultation Offered
Our Speaker...

William H. Gaggos - Attorney & CPA
Calhoun, DI Fonia & Gaggos, PLC
18411 W. Twelve Mile, Suite 100
Lathrup Village, MI 48076-2612

His Membership...

- Michigan Bar Association;
- Michigan Association of CPAs;
- Oakland County Bar Tax Committee; and
- AARP Legal Services Network.

(No insurance or financial products sold at this seminar)

Great Value. Great Plan.

Unlimited
Night & Weekend
Airtime Minutes when on the America's Choice Network

Plus
1000 Anytime Mobile To Mobile
Minutes to call any of our 33 million customers nationwide on our national mobile to mobile network.

And Now Get **100 Bonus Anytime Minutes**

\$30 Mail-In Sony Ericsson Rebate Offer
When you buy and activate a Sony Ericsson 161c digital phone through March 31, 2003.

\$30⁰⁰ Regular Price
\$30⁰⁰ Less \$30 Rebate
NOW ONLY \$0

Now annual agreement required. Phone and price may vary by location.

AMERICA'S CHOICE

300 anytime minutes FOR \$39⁹⁹ monthly access
With 1 or 2 year agreement.

Unlimited nationwide long distance.
No roaming charges coast-to-coast.

All when calling on the America's Choice™ network.

The America's Choice network covers over 250 million people in the U.S. Network not available in all areas. Calls placed outside the calling plan area are 69¢/min. CDMA tri-mode phone with updated software required. Mobile to Mobile not available throughout the America's Choice Network.

@Wireless
www.shopatwireless.com

BLOOMFIELD 2519 W. Maple Rd. (SW corner of Center & Maple) 248-723-9000	HARTLAND 10112 Highland Rd. 94-59 & 104 US-23 810-632-9300	LANSHING 400 E. Edgewood 517-291-7441	NEW HUDSON 56754 Grand River (East of Millard Rd.) 248-437-3332	PLYMOUTH 903 W. Ann Arbor Rd. (West of Main St.) 734-334-6000
BRIGHTON 315 E. Grand River (East of Main St.) 810-227-7440	HASLET 1620 Haslet Rd. (NE corner of Haslet & Main) 517-339-7440	LIVONIA 31330 Schoolcraft Rd. (at Merriman) 734-422-7440	NOVI 27793-C West Oaks Dr. (at West Oaks II) 248-596-1900	SOUTH LYON 509 S. Lathrop 248-437-5300
CANTON 4401 I. Ford Rd. (3 bks. East of Sibley Rd.) 734-981-7440	HOWELL 4207 E. Grand River Ave. (in Green Plaza) 517-545-7220	MILFORD 101 E. Commerce (at Main St.) 248-684-7440	OKEMOS 4738 Central Park Dr. • Suite C (Near W. Forest Road) 517-249-0300	WHITMORE LAKE 7245 N. 36 (West of US-23) 734-449-7199
FENTON 18010 Silver Parkway (in Silver Lake Village) 810-627-7440				WILSON 723 Grand River 517-555-9898

Bring in this ad and receive 25% OFF any wireless phone accessory. * At participating @Wireless locations.

verizon wireless

Important Consumer Information: Night & weekend hours: Mon-Fri, 9:00pm-5:59pm Sat, 11am-5pm, Sun, 11:59pm. Subject to Customer Agreement and Calling Plan. \$35 activation fee applies. \$15 early termination fee applies. Credit card payment. Cannot be combined with other service promotions. Usage limited to 100 minutes. Unlimited nationwide long distance. Mobile to mobile calls available during night and weekend hours. Allow 10-12 weeks for rebate check. Rebate to continue for 30 consecutive days for rebate. Phone may not be returned after rebate has been submitted. Subject to terms & other charges. Not available in all markets. Geographic and other restrictions apply. See brochure and store representative for details. ©2002 Verizon Wireless.

HOT TUB WARNING:

DON'T BUY A HOT TUB BEFORE YOU READ: 7 DEADLY HOT TUB BUYING MISTAKES REVEALED!

This FREE special report reveals the seven worst mistakes that most hot tub buyers make that end up costing them hundreds or even thousands of dollars.

If you are thinking of buying a hot tub - DON'T - without having read this FREE consumer special report. We will rush this report to the **FIRST 50 CALLERS** so hurry, call now!

Toll-Free Recorded Message
1-866-663-3279
ext. 4001

BUSINESS

Phil Foley, business reporter (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 pfoley@ht.homecomm.net

Premiers help draw attention to Emagine

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

Okay, so it wasn't another Titanic and Leonard D'Capri did not stroll down the red carpet, but Novi's Emagine has hosted its fourth film premier in just three months.

So far the biggest thing to premier in Novi has been "The Boat" which is a slow night for theater. And since Emagine often runs first-run films on more than one screen, "What Am I Preempting?" You can still see anything you want anyway," noted Daniels.

Besides, added Daniels, one never knows who today's struggling independent film producer may turn out to be. She recalled as an undergraduate at Michigan State University in the early '80s she met struggling young director by the name of Sam Raimi who was trying to do a film on his film.

"My professor warned me to stay away from this guy. They said, 'You never know if your face will end up on somebody else's body,'" she said.

Raimi became the director of the

blockbuster film adaptation of Stan Lee's "Spiderman."

"You just don't know who one of these guys is going to turn out to be," said Daniels.

Besides, she said, she just enjoys supporting small filmmakers. In the late 1980s and early '90s, Daniels was the manager of the old Maple Theater. As an art house, she said, the Maple was one of the few theaters in Metro Detroit with a 15mm projector, the film size favored by film students and low budget producers.

Today, Emagine is one of only two theaters in Metro Detroit with a digital projector, said Daniels. That means filmmakers like Royal Oak's Scott Kennedy or Berkley's Jim Dadek, have three options, the Emagine, Southfield's Star Theater or spending the \$4,000-plus to have their movie converted to 35mm film.

Emagine's digital auditorium seats 350 people. Daniels said the theater's other auditoriums range from 180 to 500 seats.

After Dadek's "PH Blues," a spoof of 1940's detective films,

premiered last month, Daniels said she got more than a dozen calls from local filmmakers and a group called the Underground Film Society, which was interested in doing a film festival.

Daniels said she's got three or four more ideas lined up for this spring, but she added that independent premier will probably get put on hold once the lucrative summer movie season gets in gear.

"After all, she said, 'We are operating a business and have an \$18 million building to pay for.'

Still, said Daniels, she wants to do what she can to help support local film makers. One of those things will be a contest to produce Emagine's policy trailer, those short films where theater management tells you to turn off your cell-phones and take out your trash and urge you to visit the concession stand.

Phil Foley is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or at pfoley@ht.homecomm.net.

Women's group holds business expo

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Oaks Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) is gearing up for its annual mini-expo at Wyndham Gardens Hotel March 24.

According to ABWA spokeswoman Mimi Robinson, "It's a great opportunity for business owners to display their business and for business women to network." Robinson said there's a \$10 fee for exhibitors and admission is free for non-exhibitors.

ABWA is open to all working women. Robinson said her group's 33-member roster ranges from women with home businesses to corporate middle managers.

With the exception of its mini-expo in March, the Novi Oaks Chapter meets the third Monday of every month at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel. The group starts with networking at 6:30 p.m. followed by business meeting and a guest speaker and dinner at 7 p.m. Most meetings end by 8:30 p.m.

Phil Foley is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or at pfoley@ht.homecomm.net.

The March 24 mini-expo will start at 5:30 p.m. with exhibitor set-up, followed by networking at 6 p.m. and a presentation by Susan Todd at 7:40 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres, refreshments and a cash bar will be provided.

Todd is a certified Dale Carnegie Course instructor with the Ralph Nichols Group in Livonia. In addition to the Dale Carnegie Course, Todd also conducts programs in selling skills, team building, customer service and stress management.

For more information call Lorita Rossi Galla at (248) 676-0303.

For reservations for the ABWA's regular monthly meeting call Chris Struwe at (248) 269-2035 or Christina Struwe@huntington.com the Wednesday before the scheduled meeting.

Phil Foley is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or at pfoley@ht.homecomm.net.

BUSINESS SHORTS

Finding gold

Southfield-based Operation ABLE is offering new ways for area companies to find experienced employees. On ABLE's Website, www.OperationABLE.org, companies can submit job openings via email, download the ABLE job order form to send by email, postal mail or fax, or complete the job order form online.

Companies can also sign up for the 17th Annual "Ability is Ageless" Job Fair slated for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 2 at the Ambassador Hotel and Conference Center in Southfield. The event is expected to draw more than 1,000 qualified job seekers who are 40 years of age or older. The hotel is located at 16400 L.L. Hudson Drive.

Registration forms are available online at www.OperationABLE.org or by calling 248-443-4370. Participating companies receive

booth space, signage, and a continental breakfast and deli lunch for two company representatives. The registration fee is \$175.

Taxing proposition

Nobody likes paying taxes, but if you can get them prepared for free it at least takes a little of the sting out of it. Liberty Tax Service, located at 41744 W. 10 Mile, is offering free tax preparation for Novit police, firefighters and EMS workers through March 24. Teachers and hospital workers can get their taxes done free at Liberty March 23 through 31. To schedule an appointment call (248) 465-1829.

Rockwell Signs Supply Contract

Rockwell Medical Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ:RMT), a Wisconsin-based hemodialysis concentrate

manufacturer announced March 13 that it has signed a supply contract with DeVita Inc. (NYSE:DLV). Rockwell estimates that the supply contract could generate approximately \$3.5 million in annual sales revenue.

DeVita Inc., headquartered in Torrance, CA, is the largest independent provider of dialysis services in the United States for patients suffering from chronic kidney failure. The company owns and operates kidney dialysis centers and home peritoneal dialysis programs domestically in 33 states, as well as Washington, D.C., serving more than 45,000 patients. DeVita currently operates 515 outpatient dialysis facilities, including 3,300 patients in 30 centers under management. The company also provides acute hemodialysis services to inpatients at approximately 280 hospitals. For more information visit Rockwell's Web site at www.rockwellinc.com.

Guernsey Farms Dairy's Easter Drawing

1st Prize
3 ft. tall 17lb Stuffed Plush Duck, Free Ice Cream & McGuire's Hot Fudge for a year.

2nd Prize
Free Ice Cream & McGuire's Hot Fudge for a year

3rd Prize (3 winners)
Free Ice Cream & McGuire's Hot Fudge for six months

Drawing
will be April 12th at 4 p.m. Enter as many times as you want (must buy product).

One entry form with each 1/2 gallon of Ice Cream & McGuire's Hot Fudge Purchased at Novi Store Only.

Gift Shop
stocked with goodies to make your Easter Basket!

Restaurant
will be featuring Breakfast Cook dinner on Friday night.

Holiday Sale
Guernsey Chg. Dip 50¢ Off
Guernsey Ice Cream 1/2 Gallon 50¢ Off
Guernsey 1/2 Gallon of Heavy Whipping Cream 50¢ Off
Guernsey 1lb. Star Cream 50¢ Off

Guernsey FARMS DAIRY
21300 Novi Road
Between 8-9 Mile
248-349-1466

SENIOR CALENDAR

Thursday 3/20	9 a.m.-12 p.m. Massage Therapy	Tuesday 3/25	9 a.m.-12 p.m. Massage Therapy
9:30 a.m. Line Dance*	9:30 a.m. Travel Club	9 a.m. Panera bread	9 a.m. Line Dance*
noon Lunch & 12:15 Bridge*	10 a.m. Lunch & 12:15 Bridge*	9:30 a.m. Crafts	10 a.m. Asian Pacific
NEW! 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Crafts-Bunny Straw Hat	11:15 a.m. Osteoporosis the bone thinner	10 a.m. Lunch	12:30 p.m. BINGO
1 p.m. Line Dance-Beginners	12:30 p.m. Lunch	1 p.m.-3 p.m. DANCE	1 p.m.-3 p.m. Porgy & Bess Trip
2 p.m. Line Dance-Advanced			Variations of Art Trip
Friday 3/21		Wednesday 3/26	
10 a.m. Stretch & Strength	10 a.m. Body Recall	9 a.m. Stretch & Strength	10 a.m. Body Recall
11 a.m. Crime Prevention: Detective Joyce Nelson	11 a.m. Quilting	10 a.m. Quilting	10:30 a.m. Blood Pressure
noon Lunch	11 a.m. Sundry Shop Open	11 a.m. Sundry Shop Open	11 a.m. TOPS Class
12:30 Clogging*	12:30 p.m. Lunch	12:30 p.m. Clogging*	12:30 p.m. Clogging*
12:30 Bingo			
1 p.m.-2 p.m. Dupl. Bridge			
1 p.m.-2 p.m. Computer Class			
Monday 3/24			
9 a.m. Stretch & Strength			
9 a.m.-11 a.m. Computer Class			
10 a.m. Body Recall			
10 a.m.-12 p.m. Sketches by Sharon Rosenthal-S1-appt. needed.			
11 a.m. Goodie Lady			
11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Sundry Shop Open			
noon Lunch			
12:30 Pinchle Tournament*			
1 p.m.-3 p.m. Healing Touch			
6:30 p.m. Clogging*			

*Activities will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. All other activities will take place at the Meadowbrook Commons Community Center. Note: ALL TRIPS will depart from the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile Rd. The City of Novi Senior Center is in the Meadowbrook Commons senior residential community at 25075 Meadowbrook Road (between 10 Mile Rd. and Grand River). (248) 347-0414.

OBITUARIES

Michael J. Santello
Michael J. Santello, Sr. of Novi died March 10, 2003. He was 92. He was a WWII veteran and a proud member of Monaghan Knights of Columbus in Farmington Hills. Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Rose; one son, Robert; one daughter, Joanne Cronin; one sister, Josephine, one brother, Joseph; and many loving nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one son, Michael Jr.; and four siblings, Mary, Samuel, Carmella and Antonette.

A funeral service was held March 15 at Holy Family Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi. Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

The family requests memorials may be made to Catholic Central High School Building Fund, 14200 Breakfast Drive, Redford, Mich. 48239. Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

Marilyn J. Hubbard
Marilyn Hubbard died March 15, 2003. Survivors include her husband, Mike; four children, Mitch (Elizabeth), Tracy (John) Saba, Kelly and Grant (Jennifer); five grandchildren, Carly, Alex, Joshua, Natalie and Jordan; six siblings, Don, Chuck and Ray Roderick, Marge Roderick, Janet Roderick and Donna Frazier; many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held March 19, 2003 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 18505 W. 12 Mile Rd., Southfield, Mich. 48076 or Livonia, Mich. 48154-5010. Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

The Music & Motor Fest is looking for volunteers to help out with this year's festival. Call June Thomas at (248) 349-1950.

IN THE SERVICE

Joel Sass

Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Joel E. Sass has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Timothy and Pamela Sass of Novi and a 2000 graduate of Novi High School.

The Novi Chamber of Commerce's annual charity auction is Saturday, April 12 at the Hilton. This year's event benefits the Assarian Cancer Center. Call (248) 349-3743.



St. Patty seniors
With a pair of shamrock glasses, Delores Malhot enjoys Monday afternoon's St. Patrick's Day luncheon and Derby Day gathering at the Novi Senior Center.

Photo by John Heider

Public Safety Career Expo 2003

Investigate a career in Law Enforcement, Fire Fighting, Emergency Medical Technology, Corrections

- Participate in a demonstration using Fire Arms Training System III (FATS), an interactive tool used to train police academy recruits.
- Fire Technology Hazardous Materials Equipment Display.
- Police, EMT and fire vehicles exhibited.

Wednesday, March 26
4:00 to 7:00 pm

- Resumes will be accepted
- No charge for admission
- Open to the public

For more information call 734-462-4421

Schoolcraft College-Radioliff Center
Room RC 115
1751 Radioliff Street
Garden City, MI 48135

DON'T MISS CHEF ROCKY & CHEF DAN'S 8TH ANNUAL

winter delights festival of foods

NOW THROUGH APRIL 12TH



Why let the chill of another Michigan winter keep you indoors when you can relax by the fireplace in our cozy dining room and enjoy Chef Rocky and Chef Dan's latest creations including...

Grilled Teriyaki Glazed Pork Loin Medallions
Rock Shrimp and Scallop Pan Roast
Smoked Salmon Penne Pasta • Cuban Pork Sandwich*
*Chicken Florentine Pot Pie • Heath Bar Cake

What are you waiting for? Join us at Rocky's of Northville today and treat yourself to a dining experience you'll long remember. And all at tremendous savings too during our eighth annual Winter Delights festival of spectacular food and wine.

Rocky's OF NORTHVILLE

41122 WEST SEVEN MILE ROAD, NORTHVILLE, MI
248.349.4434

new furniture - custom - upholstery - special orders - beds - lamps - pictures - candles - sconces

Your Nesting Place

New Furniture & Accessories For Your Well Dressed Home



Stop in and see all of the new arrivals. New merchandise arriving weekly. You won't be disappointed!

Flexsteel

Authorized Sale

40% OFF SPECIAL ORDERS ONLY!

Sofas, Tables, Chairs, Armoires and More!
Starts March 20th, thru April 1st, 2003

30% OFF FLOOR SAMPLES
Including Tables, Sofas, Armoires

HURRY! LIMITED TIME ONLY!

150 W. SUMMIT STREET, MILFORD, MI 48381 (ACROSS FROM RITE AID),
(248) 685-7314

HOURS: TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 11-5 • THURSDAY 11-7 • FRIDAY & SATURDAY 11-5 • CLOSED SUNDAY & MONDAY

new furniture - custom - upholstery - special orders - beds - lamps - pictures - candles - sconces

Spring SALE DAYS

Give your home a new look this spring with outstanding savings!

Replace your old dining room, bedroom or living room group with something new.

We have the brands you want...

- HARDEN
- PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE
- BOB TIMBERLAKE
- KING HICKORY
- HEKMAN
- HITCHCOCK
- HOWARD MILLER
- I. M. DAVID
- SUPERIOR
- RESTONIC
- CHARLESTON FORGE
- SLIGH
- THOMASVILLE
- NICHOLS & STONE
- LEKINGTON
- CONOVER
- DINAIRE
- BRADINGTON-YOUNG
- HOOKER
- CANAL DOVER

...and... as an added incentive, FOR ONE WEEK ONLY... We'll pay your 6% Sales Tax!

CLASSIC INTERIORS FURNITURE

20292 MIDDLEBELT LIVONIA (SOUTH OF 8 MILE)
Visit Us at www.classicint.com
248.474.6900

Visit Our In-Store Clearance Sale

Hours: Mon., Thurs., Fri. 9:30-9
Tues., Wed., Sat. 9:30-5:30 Sun. 1-5

*All discounts are off manufacturers suggested retail. **Offer not valid in conjunction with any other promotional discount.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN THE CHICAGO AUTO SHOW USED CARPET SALE!!!

Trailers of Used Auto Show Carpet will be unloaded daily. All Used Berber, Plush & Commercial Carpets at Incredible Savings!!!

Padding Prices Slashed!
All Used Carpet 22¢ SF
Discontinued Carpet 44¢ SF to 88¢ SF
Berber Blowout Starting at 55¢ SF

Sale Starts Thursday, March 27th & ends Sunday, March 30th

Sale Hours:
Thursday, March 27th, Friday, March 28th & Saturday, March 29th
9:00 am to 8:00 pm
Sunday, March 30th - 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

MUST TAKE CARPET WITH YOU FOR THIS SALE!!
To prepare for this event our Warehouse will be closed Wednesday, March 26th and will re-open Thursday, March 27th at 9:00 am

DONALD E. McNABB CARPET COMPANY

31250 S. Milford
Milford • (248) 437-8146
5000 Westford Oaks Mall, East Lansing

CLEARANCE SALE

SAVE UP TO 60% OFF

on Gold and Gemstone Jewelry

40 % Off Suggested Retail Price on All Omega Watches, and select Bulova, Citizen, Movado Watches.

25% Off on All Speidel and Leather Watch bands.

Save an Additional 10% Off on our Already Guaranteed Lowest prices, on Large selection of Loose certified Diamonds.

Instant Credit up to One Year 0% APR.

Save on Hundreds of Beautiful Jewelry, Gold, Gemstones Rings, Bracelets and Pendants.

Clearance Sale Will be From March 1st - April 15th

Sale prices good for new purchases only.
90 days of interest free on a purchase w/ Apr. credit. 1 year on purchase \$499 and up, 0% interest with Apr. credit

Diamond Castle

39555 Grand River Ave. • NOVI
(1/4 Mile West of Haggerty)
248-442-2440

Jewelers
Since 1902

CLASS NOTES

Ramez Khuri, school reporter (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net

Novi School District gearing up for two important programs

■ Moving target goals keep administrators guessing

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

The bottom line of a lengthy discussion about the Federal Government's No Child Left Behind program and the state of Michigan's Education Yes program at the Novi Community School District's Board of Education meeting on March 6 was:

Combining the two programs is an attempt to get every child to make annual progress in academics. "Not only each child, but each school and the four disaggregated groups, which are economically disadvantaged students, students from major racial or ethnic groups, students with disabilities and students with limited English proficiency, will determine whether or not any school district is making annual progress," said Superintendent Emmett Lippe.

"The determining factor is going to be for the people of Michigan to meet that. That really is what the public needs to know," Superintendent Emmett Lippe said.

"Based on how well those four disaggregated groups are going to do will determine whether we are making annual progress or not. Then it will be reported back to us if we are or are not as determined by MEAP." According to Lippe, the federal government is trying to make sure that every child in this country has a fair chance at succeeding, and in

order to do that it wanted to make sure that every child makes an annual improvement.

"They call that the annual yearly progress," he said. "They are making sure that every child is paid attention to, and that's a good thing. By making sure that the schools are measured on how well the other students achieve, as opposed to just the high achieving students, then they are able to make a judgment about whether that school is making satisfactory progress. That in an essence is what this law is all about."

Education Yes is an annual program created by the state. "It is a combination of the MEAP test, which is going to count roughly about two thirds, and another one third which will be made up of different kinds of questions that each building person has answered about staffing, whether they have a school plan and about all the inputs that they have," Lippe said.

"They are going to put that in a mix with all the MEAP scores and they will come out with a final grade, but it hasn't yet been determined whether it's going to be one through seven or A through F or whatever."

After all of that, each school will be given an Education Yes grade, which is called a performance indicator.

"The bottom line is that you have two major components that are coming in as a big mix," Lippe said. "One third are the indicators, two thirds are the MEAP scores and you come up with a grade or some type of indication of how that school is doing and how each individual school district is doing. All other states have their own way of measuring their student achievement, but the only thing the federal government is saying

is, each state must have a way to measure the student achievement and the students have to make progress each and every year."

Lippe used the sport of high jumping as an example to explain all this. He said that the bar in Michigan may be from the floor to the top of a table. Some other states may be up higher than the table and some of them may be down almost to the floor as a beginning point.

"If you have a short height and everyone can jump over it, according to the federal government, they are doing OK," Lippe said.

"In the state of Michigan, if it's high and a number of students can't jump over that bar, somehow we are not passing, we are failing."

That's exactly what's happening in the federal government, said Lippe. Arkansas, for example, didn't have anybody who was not proficient when it first came out. Michigan had a lot of students who were not proficient because the test was more difficult.

Lippe also said that Education Yes is the vehicle by which the school district determines whether mandates are met or not. "A D student, a C student and an A student all have to make progress each year," he said. "If a school district has a 96-percentile proficiency, it's pretty hard to get those last four points. For a school district with a D average, it has 40 points to work with. If the school district with the 96 percentile doesn't make progress and is still at 96 percent, they could label you as a failing school. The whole goal is to be 100 percent."

Although Lippe understands why the lower schools should make annual progress he doesn't

think that a school with a 96 percentile should be penalized if it only improves to 97 or 98. "97 or 98 is pretty good," he said. "I don't think you should be penalized for that. We don't know yet what percentile Novi Schools is working with, but there is a possibility that they could send us a report that we are not making the required annual yearly progress."

That is why there has also been discussion of an assessment system that may need to be implemented, which will be a way of measuring students progress several times per year.

"That's so it doesn't come as a big surprise if we take the test and two months later we find out whether they succeeded or not," Lippe said. "We are just in the

process of beginning to find a system. That is not required at all; it's just something we want to do to make sure that our kids are able to achieve. It's not a practice for the MEAP, it's a measurement of how well our students are doing on those things required."

Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Rita Traynor stressed that there is quite a bit of pressure being brought upon the school districts to deal with this. "The money isn't coming in that should be behind this," she said. "We're not getting any extra funds from the federal government to do this. It's taking up our staff time to organize this and to get staff development to teachers to understand. In our particular

case, our biggest concern is how do we serve the students well? If after two years, the schools don't make the annual yearly progress, there will be consequences to the schools from the state department or from the federal government. That is really what people are watching. What would happen if a school is a failing school? We have not emphasized it because we don't even know what the consequences are, but we are certainly improving our testing so we can improve what we offer to students."

Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.

2003 Novi Community Guide

Advertise in the most comprehensive local retail directory available to Novi businesses and residents.

It will be distributed in the April 24th issue of the Novi News. FREE copies of this directory will also be available throughout 2003.



RESERVATION DEADLINE - Tuesday, March 25
PUBLICATION DATE - Thursday, April 24
Please call Jennifer Walker at (248) 349-1700 ext. 102

TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW!
You don't want to miss this one!

SCHOOL BRIEFS

• Meningitis vaccinations are being offered through Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan by appointment only during April and May 2003 for graduating high school students

beginning college in the fall. Cost is \$75. Call Kay Renny, RN at (800) 882-5720, ext. 8755 for more information.

• PLANS will be hosting Jerry

Kaplan and Nancy Scitlin on Wednesday, March 26 to Discuss Bullying and what parents can do to help their kids. The meeting will be held at Novi Meadows sixth grade cafeteria at 7 p.m.

Relay For Life

The American Cancer Society is hosting Relay For Life in our community again, this year in two locations - Ford Field in Northville and City Hall Field in Walled Lake. We hope you'll join us at one of these events, and help our community continue to fight cancer.

There are many ways that you can get involved, including:

- Forming a team
- Sponsoring the event
- Making a cash donation
- Joining the planning committee
- Walking in the Cancer Survivor's Victory Lap
- Donating good and services
- Purchasing a luminaria in honor or memory
- Hosting a fundraiser for the event

Here's your opportunity to make a difference!
Call us at 248.557.5353 to learn how you can get involved, or click on www.cancer.org.



Sponsored by
NOVI NEWS

HERE'S TO THE CLASS OF 2003

ATTENTION Parents, Grandparents, Friends! Share your pride and joy with the entire city! It seems like only yesterday you were sending them off to kindergarten...Now, they're off to embrace the future! Be sure to include your favorite graduate's childhood or graduation picture in this special tribute to...

The Class of 2003!

Spotlight Your Grad

In this photo tribute to the Class of 2003. Place your graduate's photo along with fellow classmates in the special keepsake edition of the Livingston County Press & Argus on Sunday, June 15 and the Novi News, Northville Record, Milford Times, The Times & South Lyon Herald on Thursday, June 12. Deadline is June 2 for all papers. Limited space available. Don't wait to show how proud you are.

Spotlight Your Grad!

CLIP & MAIL

Mail picture along with payment of \$25 fee to:
HomeTown Newspapers/Class of 2003, Green Sheet Classified, P.O. Box 230P, Howell, MI 48844, Attn: Carolyn
If you have any questions please call 1-888-999-1288. Carolyn ext. 7190.

School: _____
Student Name: _____
Your Name & Number: _____
Message (20 words or less, please): _____
Charge to my Visa or MC Acct. # _____
Exp. _____ Signature _____



Photo by John Heider

Novi High School teacher Jodi Foster, left, with her award-winning DECA team including Jeff Wallen, Matt Haggerty, Amy Auletta, Kim Phillips, Brian Renner, Jeannette Tiso, Anie Jirasek, Brian Frey, Edward Santos, Judy Lai, Evan O'Branovic, and (not pictured) Dana Hicks, Kimberly Storm and Emily Coffield.

DECA selects 14 Novi High School students for National Competition

Winners will fly to Orlando in April to partake in DECA contest

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Fourteen Novi High students and two teachers will be among 19,000 from across the United States who will take a trip to Orlando, Fla., April 26-30 to participate in the DECA National Competition. 22,000 students competed on the state level at the DECA State Competition.

According to Jodi Foster, who teaches marketing, state operations and marketing advanced topics at Novi High, DECA is a Career Curriculum Marketing Organization which is comprised of students from across the U.S. and Canada.

"We had 22 students recognized and 14 students placed to go to the National Competition," Foster said. "At Nationals they compete with students all across the United States. Our students will compete in 49 different events from marketing to business to entrepreneurship. The events

vary from role play simulations to written events. For the role play event, students find out a half hour before what the situation is and they have to act out a business role play and test. For the written events, they write 30-page business plans or research projects.

"The students have gotten that far to the National level to be able to present those," Foster said. "It's amazing. You can choose to do a role play individually, you can choose to do a role play with another partner or you can choose to write a paper."

Last year, Novi High had 10 students make it to the National Level. There is also one student, Brian Renner, who has made it to the National Level through creating a banner ad through 7UP. He won \$500.

Senior Jeff Wallen competed in the role play event. "It's recommended to have a background of at least one marketing class before you enter the competition," he said. "But in my first year I didn't have any marketing background at all. I started last year, so this is my second year involved and I won both times."

Senior Kim Phillips will also be going to Orlando. She entered the written event. "My category was social aspects and recreation," she

said. "My partner and I wrote a three-page paper on how we could improve the social responsibility for our company. When we went to the DECA stage we gave a 10-minute presentation for two judges which basically went over our proposal of what we had come up with and then they had five minutes to ask us questions. So, I'm going to Orlando now and I'm very excited. This is my third year in DECA and this is the first year that we made it to Nationals. Last year we were state finalists, but we did not qualify for Nationals."

Foster is proud of her students. "We do have a DECA quiz bowl and they came in fifth out of 38 teams," Foster said. "They only take the top two through. In Orlando the kids will go to several different sessions, they will compete, they go to their first preliminary competition and then they could advance throughout the four days they are there. Hopefully that happens and they are awarded on stage with 19,000 people watching them."

Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 119 or by e-mail at khuri@ht.homecomm.net.

The Novi Chamber of Commerce's annual charity auction is Saturday, April 12 at the Hilton. This year's event benefits the Assarian Cancer Center. Call (248) 349-3743.

WL Education Center now available

The Walled Lake Schools' Outdoor Education Center, 3577 South C.C. Commerce, is available for schools, scouts, corporate, church, and community groups for both day and overnight camps. The Center can be rented year-round, weekdays and weekends by district residents and outside organizations. The Outdoor Center offers full-service food service and comfortable accommodations for a maximum of 108 people in the dormitory and cafeteria.

Built in 1972, the thousands of students from throughout the Detroit-area have participated in a wide variety of environmental education programs. The facility is located on 11 acres adjacent to 3,800 acres of the Proud Lake Recreation Area. Hiking trails, fishing, canoeing and cross-country skiing can all be easily

accessed from the Center as well as a wide variety of educational programs that includes hikes on the grounds and through the Proud Lake Recreation Area, and offer an integrated curriculum that is directly related to statewide standards. Detroit Country Day, Novi Public Schools and Livonia Public Schools' Hayes Elementary have been using Walled Lake School's Outdoor Education Center for more than 20 years for their science programs.

Marlene Maicki, science coordinator from Detroit Country Day, said, "When I came to this facility the first time, I said this is exactly what I've been looking for. This is the only place that I know of in Southeast Michigan where you can go and walk through several different ecologi-

cal areas on one hike. It's my favorite place; I would live here if I could."

Greg Karmacchi, assistant principal from Novi Public Schools, said, "The Outdoor Education Center environment has ponds, lakes, streams, rivers, a climax forest, and open areas that really allow us an opportunity to teach a variety of areas in the life sciences and the earth sciences."

Judi Fisher, sixth grade teacher from Livonia Hayes Elementary, said, "Our students are able to do things here that they've probably never experienced before."

For more information about Walled Lake Consolidated Schools Outdoor Education Center, contact Stuart Riley at (248) 685-2600 or visit them on the Web at www.wlcc.home-stud.com.

Women Stand Up & Celebrate Your Achievements!

This publication will celebrate women and allow you to share your success story with our readers!

Space Reservation Deadline: Monday March 31, 2003

Coming In May!



HOME TOWN

Newspapers

Livingston Call John Utter (517) 548-7060	Oakland Call Lisa Dranginis (248) 437-2011	Livingston Livingston County Daily Press & Argus
--	---	---



Photo by John Heider

Mystery of Science presenter Doug Scheer gets some help in an experiment showcasing gas-displacement from Novi Meadows student Brian Lachman during last Thursday's assembly.

Doug Scheer brings Wacky Science to Meadows

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Doug Scheer of "Scheer Genius Productions" returned to Novi Meadows elementary on Thursday to entertain and educate sixth graders with a show called "Wacky Science," which is only one of 10 different shows that he puts on in the state of Michigan.

"This is a science show. It's not a magic show," Scheer said. "We teach the kids science experiments. Most kids look at science and say, 'Oh wow, it's a magic trick, cool. How fun is that?' What I'm doing is relating magic to science in the fact that they're both mysterious."

Scheer's Web site describes "Wacky Science" as a high-energy show which invites more than 15 students on stage to discover that they can use simple household items to perform amazing science experiments.

"Science, of course, has simple explanations, and what we are doing is detailing those explanations through the show using science principals that the kids are familiar with from their elementary science curriculum," Scheer said. "It works out really well."

Some of the lessons that kids learn during the show include chemical reactions, levers, optical illusions, science careers, physical, mathematical and life sciences, air pressure, famous scientists, astronomy, botany, zoology, The Scientific Method, pressurized gas, Bernoulli's Principle, everyday science and stinky dinosaurs.

"This assembly was funny and it was cool," he said sixth grader Chris Reynolds. "I liked the magic parts, that was cool. I

learned that you can make magic out of ammonia. You can make water turn pink."

Scheer explained that he started this particular show back in 1987 when Dow Chemical approached him to do a fun science show.

"They commissioned me to go to all the Flint Saginaw Bay City Schools and develop this science program for them and when that grant ran out I started doing it on my own around the state," he said. "We talked about the four sciences - the physical, the life, the mathematical and social sciences. We focus on physical sciences, we do chemistry, we talk about levers, we do air pressure experiments and that sort of thing."

Scheer used a lever to lift three kids into the air, he made a ping

pong ball float in the air by using air pressure and he shoved a balloon into a jar using air pressure as well. "We talked about acid base indicators, which is part of their curriculum right now," he said. "It ties in with what they do and we just make it fun and add a lot of comedy to it. The idea is to get the kids to laugh because when they laugh they have an emotional bond inside and that emotion can help the information lock into their brains, so it works out well."

For more information on Scheer Genius Productions, visit www.assemblyshows.com.

Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 119 or by e-mail at khuri@ht.homecomm.net.

Woods kids hit the alley for day of fun bowling

Once again, Novi elementary students took over Novi Bowl on Friday as Novi Woods first and fourth grade kids celebrated being buddies. They were all bussed to the bowling alley for a day of pizza, pop and bowling.

"The first and fourth graders meet together every Friday for a buddy time," Michelle Doninger said, who is a fourth grade teacher at Novi Woods. "We do all sorts of activities, we read together, we do projects together and we do different science and math activities together. This is just sort of a celebration of our buddy time together. It's just a lot of fun. It's one of my favorite field trips for the kids because it's just neat to see the fourth graders helping out the first graders and encouraging them!"

Other Novi Woods teachers in attendance were Nancy Bain, Heather Dell and Gwen Habelka.



Photo by John Heider

Novi Woods Elementary School student Nicky Cox gets a congratulatory hug from a buddy after picking up a spare at Novi Bowl last Friday morning.

Meet Frank. He just been told he has to hire 12 people...by next Friday.



Hey, Frank! Piece of cake. An ad in your HomeTown newspaper combined with your message on hometownlife.com and you're there! You'll be happy, a dozen people will be ecstatic, and your boss, well, your boss will say, "I knew you could do it!" And with our powerful print/electronic combination—YOU CAN!

hometownlife.com
Brought to you by **HOME TOWN**

Why is Ben Franklin so Happy?



Because he placed an ad in the HomeTown Newspapers Classified Greensheet, and got his ad FREE!!! If you are selling any item for \$100 or less, we'll place your ad for FREE*
*some restrictions apply

GREEN SHEET CLASSIFIEDS
1-888-999-1288
www.greensheetclassifieds.com

Make Car Payment OR JUST SKIP IT!

Not a Telcom Credit Union member? You can be. Call for more information.

Bring Us Your Car Loan, Skip A Payment And Get Cash!

If you have a vehicle financed through another financial institution or dealer, refinance it with Telcom Credit Union, and:

- Skip one, maybe two monthly payments
- Get \$50 cash up front
- Or choose to add \$500 to the loan and get the \$500

But hurry, this offer good only for a limited time. Call or visit either office, or apply on line at telcomcu.com.



SOUTHFIELD
21100 Northwestern Hwy.
Southfield, MI 48075
248.569.1700

CANTON
44300 Warren Rd.
Canton, MI 48187
734.453.4212

telcomcu.com

hold
laugh
love
play
teach
care
read

play

The first 1,900 days are critical

Serious Silliness
A young child views their world as something new—waiting to be explored. Once they learn to crawl and walk, they begin to explore beyond the security of a caregiver's touch. Playing teaches them to process new information, improves motor skills and stimulates their imagination. Look for activities you can do together, and encourage your child to play and safely explore the world around them.

85% of a child's capacity for learning is determined in their first 1,900 days. We can help every child take advantage of this window of opportunity. By nurturing, comforting and stimulating their active, developing brains, their I.Q. could actually be increased by up to 40 points.

The more you hold, read, laugh, play, and teach a young child, the easier it will be for them to learn when they get to school. Kindergarten teachers will see the difference you've made. **That's being a Hero.**

Call **1-888-BE A HERO** (1-888-232-4376) for information on programs in your area, or log on to www.herofromzero.org.

Brought to you by the Michigan Ready to Succeed Partnership and your local Intermediate School District.

Be their Hero from age Zero

NHS bands prepare for District Fest

By Patti and Charlie Hockett

Now that Marching Season is behind them, the members of the Novi High School Instrumental Music program are preparing their concert season. This includes dividing the students into three bands: Concert, symphony, and wind ensemble. The students then meet as a class with directors Mark Hovring and Matt Dwyby to prepare for various performances.

The last performance for these ensembles was on March 6 in the Fucers Auditorium at the high school. Joining the High School Students were the Middle School Bands and all five groups prepared for the District Band Festival. This Pre-Festival Concert gave the students one last performance opportunity before heading off to their respective Festivals. The high school bands performed at Brighton High School on March 8 beginning with the Concert Band.

The District Festival judges the bands at several levels. First they perform a march, and a concert piece of a required music list and then a third piece that is by choice. At this performance three different judges who look at all aspects of musical performance adjudicate them. Following their performance the band returns to a sight reading facility where they are given an allotted amount of time to rehearse, study and then

play two pieces of music that they have never seen before. A Division I rating allows the band to continue on to State Band Festival, which is held at Novi High School in early May.

Novi Drumline on its way

The Novi Drumline is in the midst of another successful season, having two winning competitions under its belt. The Drumline has competed at both South Lyon and Montross with very solid 77.1 and 75.6 scores.

This year, the line under the direction of Matt Dwyby, assistant director of bands at Novi High School, is performing "Virus". The work is an original composition of Dwyby's, and the drumline tells the story of two kids who get pulled into a computer game by a virus.

Throughout the performance one sees their struggle to escape the virus until, at last, they become part of the computer game. The next step on the performance circuit for Novi is the very difficult Midwest Regional in Centerville, Ohio, where they will be competing against 25 other ensembles from the Mid Eastern United States. Following that competition on March 15-16 they will return to South Lyon on March 29. Then it will be on to the State finals at Saginaw Valley State University on April 5 and the World Championships on April 11-13 in Dayton Ohio.

The students rehearse on Monday and Wednesday evenings at the high school with other sectional rehearsals scheduled by the students as they feel they are needed. The drumline has been one of the most successful lines in both the Michigan Color Guard Circuit and the Winter Guard International. The drumline has won the state title eight of the last nine years. It also has been ranked in the top 15 lines in the country for the last six years. The sixth place finish at the regional competition sets the lineup for a run at the World Championships to be held in Dayton on April 11-13.

Drumline promoted

The Novi Winter Percussion Ensemble was promoted last weekend at the Winter Guard International Mid-East Regional Competition in Dayton, Ohio. The ensemble began the competition in the Percussion Scholarship A class, but after scoring 80.1 in the preliminary performance, it was promoted to the more difficult Percussion Scholarship Open class (PSO). This promotion was based on the difficulty of the music and the visual drill.

In final competition, the Ensemble scored 84.6 and placed 6th in a field of 12. The group's music placed second overall in the performance of "Virus", an original composition by Matt Dwyby which tells the story of a video game that two young boys

got pulled into. By the time the performance is over, the boys have become part of the game.

The move to PSO class is an accomplishment for the Novi Drumline. The ensemble is a consistent champion at the state level, having won the state title eight of the last nine years. It also has been ranked in the top 15 lines in the country for the last six years. The sixth place finish at the regional competition sets the lineup for a run at the World Championships to be held in Dayton on April 11-13.

The students, all members of the Novi High School Instrumental music program, had an exciting weekend at the regional competition. Just being there with some of the best units from the Mid east is exciting, but to receive the promotion sent the kids over the moon. Junior Adam Crepeau put it very well. "We may not be champions yet, but this sure is SWEET!"

The next performance opportunities for the ensemble are at South Lyon High School on Saturday, March 29 and then the state championships at Saginaw Valley State University on April 5. Following that the ensemble will journey to Dayton for the World Championships.

Patti and Charlie Hockett are vice presidents of publicity for the Novi High School Band Boosters.



Courtesy photo

M is for Michigan

State Senator Nancy Cassis visited Deerfield Elementary on Friday to read to children for March is Reading Month. She read a book called, "M is for Michigan."

"This wonderful book takes you through Michigan by way of the alphabet," she said. "I want children to know that reading is an essential tool and gift that allows for almost all future learning. It is critical and when I and their teachers and principals show them how much we love reading and that it's so important to us, maybe we can model that and help them become good readers." Cassis said that March is Reading Month was kicked off in the State Senate at the start of March with a green egg and ham breakfast with the press in honor of Dr. Suess's book of the same name. "I actually ate green eggs," she said. "It was all right, but I wouldn't make a daily breakfast out of it."

The Novi Chamber of Commerce's annual charity auction is Saturday, April 12 at the Hilton, Call (248) 349-3743.



Christian Kreipke displays a real human brain to Village Oaks students last week.

Students get their hands on a real human brain

By Ramesh Khuri

STAFF WRITER

Fourth graders at Village Oaks got a boost of brain power last Wednesday, as Christian Kreipke, a Wayne State University School of Medicine PhD Candidate and Michelle Brucal, an Undergraduate in Psychology, brought two real human brains to the school as part of a lesson for Brain Awareness Week.

Kreipke explained that the assembly is a nationally sponsored program where brains are brought out to high schools, middle schools and even community colleges all for the knowledge of getting kids interested in the brain and aspects of neuro sciences.

"They are going to be the future of bringing neuro science to the rest of the world," Kreipke said. "We focus on community aspects. We tell the students exactly what drugs do to the brain by showing them real human brains."

Students were told of how a stroke will affect the brain and what it means to the victim. "Maybe they have a loved one who has had a stroke," Kreipke said. "We will tell them what that means so they are not afraid of it, but they will know about it. That's the community outreach."

The other fact that is stressed to the students is how at a very early age, they can be involved in brain research as well. "Whether it be from just learning about different areas of the brain or when you get a little bit more advanced, trying to apply chemistry or biology, they can be involved," Kreipke said. "There are certain parts of the brain that the kids probably have learned before, like the cortex or higher thinking and we make it real for them by showing them an actual brain."

Fourth graders Lauren Conrad and Beau Bielski both enjoyed the assembly and learned a lot. "I learned that the brain has a tube part down your back that goes up to your brain," Conrad said. "The brain kind of smells bad because of the chemical that they put on it."

This was the first time that Bielski has ever seen a human brain. "I have seen pictures of brains before," he said. "It was mostly slimy, but kind of cool. It smelled. I learned that there is a certain part of the brain, if someone can't move an area on their body, you can take the brain and put it on that part of the body and it will start to move."

Ramesh Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.

GREEN

CHILD CARE DIRECTORY

Published once A WEEK
starting the month of April.

Sundays in the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus and Thursday in the South Lyon Herald, Milford Times, Novi News & Northville Record.

Commit to more than one month and receive a discount.

2 col. x 2"
is \$125
for mo.

1 col. x 2"
is \$125
for mo.

email: ldraheim@ht.homecomm.net

Holiday Inn

FARMINGTON HILLS

dare you to come and enjoy our "Home Away from Home"

March Madness

Two Nights for the Price of One!

Families can enjoy our Holiday featuring...

- INDOOR POOL
- Billiards • Ping Pong
- Putting Greens • Tots Playland
- Video Arcade • Whirlpool
- 24 Hour Fitness Center

\$119⁹⁵

(Based upon availability)

Call For Reservations 248-477-4000

INSURANCE DIRECTORY

Does your insurance agent meet these qualifications:

- HONESTY
- Personal service
- Reliability
- Availability of agent
- Complete explanation of coverage
- Location of Agent
- One agent for all coverage
- Explanation or being offered discounts
- Settling claims quickly & easily
- Options for payment plans
- Agent makes visits to home or location
- Fair Rates

Ron Berry Has Your Insurance Needs In Sight!

- Life • Auto • Home
- Business • IRA's
- Annuities • Health

810-229-3374

690 Hope St. • Brighton, MI 48116

FARM BUREAU INSURANCE

ENTERTAINMENT

The only hunt in this dismal movie is for a plot

By Victoria Sadlocha
STAFF WRITER

Saying "The Hunted" is terrible, wouldn't be fair to the person in charge of blood, knife slashing and neck cracking because there is plenty of that and more throughout the movie.

The rated-R film for strong bloody violence and some language provides plenty of gore, but that is all.

Character building, a worthwhile plot and suspense are three things painfully missing from the Paramount Pictures in conjunction with Lakeshore Entertainment flick.

In fact, if I wasn't seeing the movie for this review, I would have walked out of the theater.

The only reason to waste your hard-earned money on this movie is if you enjoy watching a lot of violence, death and blood, which I know many do.

Considering the stars of the movie are Academy-Award winning actors Tommy Lee Jones ("The Fugitive," "JFK," "Men In Black" and "Men In Black II") and Benicio Del Toro ("Traffic," "Starz," "The Pledge" and "The Usual Suspects") makes watching the disaster even worse.

I was in shock Del Toro, who was great in "Traffic," would be in such a crappy flick.

"Hunted" was also directed by Billy Friedkin who won an Academy-Award for "The French Connection."

The one-hour-and-thirty-four-minute film begins in 1999 with a shot of Aaron Hallam, portrayed by Del Toro, in Kosovo battle where he watches Serbian soldiers massacre women and children.

He is later shown receiving the silver star for valor from the U.S. military for his assassination of a

Serbian officer who was responsible for many of the murders.

Flashbacks of Albanians being killed torment Aaron throughout the movie as the reason he is now morally tormented and a "killing machine."

As the movie switches to the present year, we are introduced to the present year, we are introduced to L.T. Bonham, portrayed by Jones. L.T. is a tracker and Aaron's former teacher, instructing him how to kill and survive.

At the same time the former instructor to the military's elite killing machines is living a secluded life in snowy, northern British Columbia. Aaron is crazily living in the woods murdering and killing two hunters with a homemade knife in Silver Falls, Oregon.

We learn from the FBI and the sheriff's department two others were killed the same way a week prior in Washington state.

So of course, the only way the

but unknown at the time murder-or may be caught, is by trying to pull L.T. out of retirement to search the woods.

One of the dumbest parts of the movie is when L.T. arrives by plane at the scene of the murders.

He has no provisions or anything else for that matter and he literally just goes down on all fours and crawls into the woods telling the law enforcement agencies if he isn't back in two days he is dead.

L.T. immediately tracks the Sg. First Class and this is where the viewer officially learns of the teacher-student relationship.

"I trained him to survive. I trained him to kill," Jones said.

It is kind of like Miyagi and the Karate Kid gone bad.

Aaron is arrested and taken into custody by Oregon law enforcers, but not for long.

Military agents come and take custody of Aaron telling the FBI he

is the military's property, further explaining Aaron has no control over his need to kill anymore.

We also learn at this point L.T. has never killed a man in his life, further building the drama between the sick and twisted Miyagi and Danny Larusso.

While in military custody, Aaron of course escapes and the hunt continues.

I won't bore you with all the details, but the crazed killer is hunted throughout the movie after series of near catches.

He is also shot at by trained FBI agents numerous times, without ever being hit.

"I trained him to survive. I trained him to kill," Jones said.

It is kind of like Miyagi and the Karate Kid gone bad.

Aaron is arrested and taken into custody by Oregon law enforcers, but not for long.

Military agents come and take custody of Aaron telling the FBI he

but happened in the woods, which I was waiting for the entire time I was sitting through the absurd movie.

While they ran, stabbed and crashed throughout the city I kept thinking the final fight would have to be in the wilderness.

It only makes a crappy film sense. So when the film came full circle at the end, there was absolutely no shock or drama.

The only enjoyment this movie provided was hearing "Highway 61 Revisited" and "The Man Comes Around" by Johnny Cash before and after the show.

But if I were you, I would save the price of admission and buy some Cash on vinyl instead.

Victoria Sadlocha is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 or at vsadloch@ht.homecomm.net.

Addictive hardly even describes 'Amplitude'

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
NORTHVILLE RECORD EDITOR

When I say I dislike dance music, what I really mean is that I'd rather endure an IRS audit in a manure-filled sauna than listen to techno.

Having said that, I can tell you playing the video game "Amplitude" somehow managed to push that bias aside and hooked me.

Simply put, "Amplitude" is a game that contains both an incredibly silly premise (becoming the hottest deity in the free world) and an incredibly addictive quality (it's far more potent than Tetris' ever was.) Think of it as a 2003 version of that classic 1970s electronic game "Simon."

The objective in "Amplitude" is to catch, on to the beat of the music, provided by some of the more well-known dance and electronic groups of today. Once you catch it, it's a matter of tapping the control buttons at the precise moment when a target marker on the surface below. Hitting several of these targets consecutively releases the musical energy (whatever that is) and allows you to start playing another track to the song — drums, bass, guitar, vocals.

Each track opened up buys the player more time, and since the ultimate goal is to make it all the way through the song — each tune is about three to five minutes in length — extending play-time is the crux of being a winner.

If it sounds simple, that's because it is. By and large, play-

ers only use three buttons, plus the directional pad. Unlike today's popular fighting games, there are no 16-button-combinations needed to be memorized in order to execute a move, nor does "Amplitude" demand a photographic memory of the location of items.

But where "Amplitude" lacks in complexity it more than makes up for in the way it can consume a player.

"Amplitude" is a lot like riding a bike: once you figure out how it's done, you've mastered 90 percent of what there is to it, know, I should correct myself. It's also about speed. Where "Tetris" became more difficult as the blocks drop at a faster rate, "Amplitude" gets trickier as the targets are spaced more closely together. That, of course, requires even faster eye / hand coordination.

"Amplitude" also demands absolute precision on the part of players. For one thing, shooting the targets requires surgical exactness in the timing of the button-pressing. Being off by even a fraction of a second means the target is missed altogether. It also means that the goal of hitting a string of the targets is interrupted, which is the equivalent of going back to "Simon" in a board game.

But alas, there is help out there. Video game systems with vibration controllers (in my case, a PlayStation2) help players along by pulsing to the beat of the music. At first, I thought this

feature would drive me nuts, since that's the one element of the PS2 that I simply loathe. With "Amplitude," though, I learned on the vibration feature heavily, and I suspect other players would, too.

"Amplitude" also incorporates special power-up features that allow users to clear particularly difficult tracks of a song by merely pressing one button, affectionately known as the "AutoBlaster" in the game. It's not something that's probably needed for the easier game settings, but the advanced modes — the ones that will have a player tapping buttons like he's typing a term paper at 12:30 a.m. — are made significantly easier with the "AutoBlaster" function.

I should correct myself. It's already here hip-hop music will continue to hate "Amplitude," mostly because it's virtually impossible to play without audio. Parents won't, however, have any objections to the all-too-typical easy lyrics of hip-hop, mostly because there aren't any. The songs aren't ready to be piped into a kindergarten classroom, but they won't have parents huffing and puffing their way back to the retailer demanding a refund, either.

"Amplitude" is the kind of game that will have friends arguing over who gets to play next — even if you'd rather drink week-old coffee from a gasoline can than listen to dance.

Chris C. Davis is the editor of the Northville Record. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 114, or at cdavis@ht.homecomm.net.

feature would drive me nuts, since that's the one element of the PS2 that I simply loathe. With "Amplitude," though, I learned on the vibration feature heavily, and I suspect other players would, too.

"Amplitude" also incorporates special power-up features that allow users to clear particularly difficult tracks of a song by merely pressing one button, affectionately known as the "AutoBlaster" in the game. It's not something that's probably needed for the easier game settings, but the advanced modes — the ones that will have a player tapping buttons like he's typing a term paper at 12:30 a.m. — are made significantly easier with the "AutoBlaster" function.

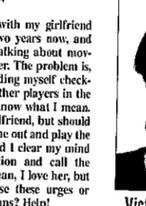
I should correct myself. It's already here hip-hop music will continue to hate "Amplitude," mostly because it's virtually impossible to play without audio. Parents won't, however, have any objections to the all-too-typical easy lyrics of hip-hop, mostly because there aren't any. The songs aren't ready to be piped into a kindergarten classroom, but they won't have parents huffing and puffing their way back to the retailer demanding a refund, either.

"Amplitude" is the kind of game that will have friends arguing over who gets to play next — even if you'd rather drink week-old coffee from a gasoline can than listen to dance.

Chris C. Davis is the editor of the Northville Record. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 114, or at cdavis@ht.homecomm.net.

VIRTUAL VIC

Virtual Vic



Victoria Sadlocha

The more fact you find yourself checking out the other "players in the field" could very well be a strong sign you are not 100 percent ready for the move.

My first reaction to your comment is that you may be seeing out other women because part of you is looking for something better.

Bear in mind just because you are in a committed relationship doesn't mean your eyes must be peeled out of your head.

Everyone's still appreciates a good looking man or woman when they see one, but there is a distinct difference between scouting out and acknowledging in your head someone is attractive.

I have been in relationships before where I found myself seriously sizing up other men and those were the boyfriends that didn't work out.

After asking some of my friends their opinions of someone scanning after two years, we all agreed that is pretty early in the relationship to still not believe your partner is the one for you, hold off on moving in!

Another very important factor

you should consider is moving in with your girlfriend will only complicate your lives.

Once you sign the lease, all of the little life things will start creeping in.

There are bills, chores, nighttime routines and know little possibly annoying habits you don't know about by dating someone no matter how long you have been together. For most people, these little life things may never escalate into more than an occasional tiff, but if you already start on a rocky base the little things may erupt into volcanoes.

Of course there are great times too, and if someone is in a good relationship, living together will be a wonderful experience.

I would also urge before your decision is made, you check with your parents and more importantly her parents out of respect.

If appropriate, you might even want to consult with your priest or pastor about moral implications of living together before marriage.

I believe you should take your best guess for most people, these little life things may never escalate into more than an occasional tiff, but if you already start on a rocky base the little things may erupt into volcanoes.

If you need advice, a little help or a complete over-haul, please forward your questions to vsadloch@ht.homecomm.net or vsadloch@ht.homecomm.net. No topic is off limits, unless it violates the paper's family-friendly rating. If your question is chosen, you just may see it in the next edition of your local paper. And please remember to provide an alternate name or we will provide one for you. Our intention is to give fun advice without exposing you to your neighbors.

SCREEN BEAT

By Brian Renner
THE MOVIE INSIDER

Coming to theaters this weekend is the flying comedy "View from the Top" starring Gwyneth Paltrow as Donna, who dreams of becoming a first class international flight attendant and is willing to do whatever it takes to ensure that her dreams come true. The road to success is not a smooth flight, as she encounters more turbulence than she bargained for. But the real question is whether her bump start will cause her to leave her dreams behind or if it will take her on the journey of a lifetime. "View from the Top" is a Miramax Films release and rated PG-13 for language and sexual references.

Animated adventure "Piglet's Big Movie" focuses on the tiniest member of Winnie the Pooh's extended family. This is the story of the self-confidence that timid Piglet finds when his friends are endangered, and with the Book of Memories, he's the one resident of Hundred Acre Wood who can save them. "Piglet's Big Movie" is a Walt Disney Pictures release and rated G for nothing objectionable.

Water-filled "Boat Trip" is the story of two heterosexual guys (Cuba Gooding Jr., Horatio Sanz) as they embark on a Caribbean cruise on the U.S.S. Calypso, hoping to find a woman, only to discover that they accidentally booked an all-gay cruise instead... undoubtedly, wacky high jinks soon ensue. "Boat Trip" is an Artisan Entertainment release and

rated R for strong sexual content, language and some drug material.

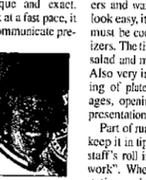
Based on the Stephen King bestselling novel, thriller "Dreamcatcher" follows a group of men who have been friends since childhood as they go on a hunting trip in northern Maine. When a stranger arrives at their cabin, the four telepathically connected pals have to battle the horrors of an invading alien force that takes over people's bodies. As writer, director, producer Lawrence Kasdan explains "Dreamcatcher" is about controlling the fear of the chaos that's out there, whether it's somewhere in the universe, outside in the dark, or in your body as it begins to rebel against you. There are also all the things I've tried to deal with in my other movies, the relationships between characters, friendships, issues of loyalty and redemption, but as with a lot of (Stephen) King's writing, they're married to an exotic, horrific action story. That's something I've always wanted to try." "Dreamcatcher" is a Warner Bros. Pictures release and rated R for violence, gore and language.

Music-soaked drama "8 Mile" (R), college-set thriller "Abandon" (PG-13), fact-based drama "Auto Focus" (R), crime saga "Empire" (R), drama "The Grey Zone" (R), offbeat independent romantic comedy "Just A Kiss" (R), drama "The Man from Elysian Fields" (R), interpersonal drama "Personal Velocity" (R), comedy "Roger Dodger" (R) and crime comedy "Welcome to Collinwood" (R).

Andromeda: Season 1 Vol. 5 (2-DVD Set) (NR), "Bonanza" (2-DVD Set) (NR), "Charlote's Web 2: Wilbur's Great Adventure" (NR), "Gamera: Guardian of the Universe" (Collectors Edition Artwork) (R), "Keeping Up Appearances: Deck the Halls with Hyacinthi" (NR), "Keeping Up Appearances: Home is Where the Hyacinth is" (NR), "Keeping Up Appearances: Hyacinth in Full Bloom" (4-DVD Set) (NR), "NYPD Blue: Season One" (3-DVD Set) (NR), "Futurama: The Movie" (G), "Trading Spaces" (TV) (NR) and "Winter Kills" (2-DVD Set) (NR).

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Chef Mary Brady



The language of the restaurant business is unique and exact. Because we work at a fast pace, it is important to communicate precisely and quickly.

Rarely is there extra time for chit-chat. Commands are direct and to the point. However, courtesy is imperative and there can be no short cuts when it comes to expressing "please and thank you!" The "front of the house," (wait staff, bus staff, door hosts, bartenders and expeditors), use phraseology all their own. It is not uncommon to hear tables referred to as a "two, three or four top." This merely means that there are that number of people sitting at that particular table, and each table is assigned a number. So if a host tells a server that they have a "five top at 30" there are five people sitting at table 30. Easy enough the floor that includes all of the tables is divided into sections and with each shift the tables are equally divided between the wait staff. These "stations" become their personal business for the shift. This is where they make their living. The better they manage the business, the more money they make.

Their number one responsibility is to make you, "our customer," happy! Along with this, they are salespeople and conversationalists. In many instances, they are athletes, too, literally running when it gets busy.

Although true professional waiters and waitresses make the job look easy, it is anything but. It is important to coordinate and organize. The timing of the appetizer, salad and main entrée is critical. Also very important is the clearing of plates, pouring of beverages, opening wine and prompt presentation of the check.

Part of running a business is to keep it in tip-top shape. The wait staff's roll in this is called "side work." When they receive their station assignment for the shift they also are given a specific duty that they're responsible to complete before checking out for the day. They replenish their stations with salt, pepper, sugar, condiments, butter and creamers. Tables and chairs are checked for cleanliness, the floor in their area is swept, side stations stocked, and the all time favorite, silverware rolled in cloth napkins. Needless to say, it is very important that all assignments are completed thoroughly.

My "back of the house" and "front of the house" staff go along great with each other but are not allowed to speak while working. "Expediter" is to coordinate the "front" of the restaurant with the "back" (or kitchen). Imagine that you're a sauté cook and you're having to answer nine waitress questions or their explanations for "see servers," special orders. It wouldn't leave much time to cook, so only one person does the talking in the kitchen, and that's me. The wait staff can devote their time to the service and the kitchen crew to cooking. Just the way it's supposed to be.

At the beginning of a shift, I take count, so only one person does the talking in the kitchen, and that's me. The wait staff can devote their time to the service and the kitchen crew to cooking. Just the way it's supposed to be.

Mary Brady is a certified executive chef and co-owner of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in the Novi Town Center. If you have culinary questions or comments for Chef Mary Brady, you can contact her at e-mail at djbistro@aol.com.

Next week
Dance-themed thriller "Assassination Tango" (R), comedy concert "Blue Collar Comedy Tour: The Movie" (R), futuristic adventure "The Core" (PG-13) and goofy political satire "Head of State" (PG-13).

For more information, please log on to The Movie Insider at www.themovieinsider.com. Please direct any questions, comments and/or feedback to briar@themovieinsider.com.

Jets and Sharks go at it for three nights next week

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

The Novi High School Creative Arts Department has been working hard the last few months to bring the Musical, "West Side Story" to the stage. The play will be performed starting March 27 and running through March 29 at Forest Auditorium at Novi High School.

According to the musical's director Kristen Robb, it is a very serious and challenging play that people can learn from. "Arthur Laurents wrote this as a play on Shakespeare," she said. "There are 48 members in the cast and about 20 in the crew. There are also approximately 30 in the orchestra. I chose this play because the past four years we have done musical comedies, so this is the year for a challenge. I think that people can learn that violence is definitely not the answer and nobody wins. That's how this story ends. Nobody wins."

The two main parts of the musical are played by Tim Kava, who plays the role of Tony and Bethany Snow, who plays the role of Maria. "Tony is a Puerto Rican and Maria is a Puerto Rican immigrant," Kava said. "They meet and fall in love, but it's an impossible love, one that can't happen and so it's just about their struggle to be together just by their family and their friends hating each other so passionately."

According to Snow, Maria is helplessly in love with Tony, but she can't do anything about it. "The two gangs and their families are fighting," she said. "It's a very racial musical because even though they are so in love, their two families are two different people and they are trying to find somewhere they can go. Someday they can get there, but they don't know how, all they know is there love."

Robb explained that the story takes place in the late 1950's on the West Side of New York. "These American teenagers have troubled home lives, so they form a friendship with each other and call themselves the Jets, because that's all they have," she said. "The Jets feel that they own the streets and at this time in America, Puerto Ricans are moving to New York and they all dress differently, they talk differently and the Jets kind of feel threatened by them. There is a lot of offensive remarks going back and forth between the two groups and they pick small fights with each other."

Robb is very pleased with the way the cast is handling the challenge of the play. "The kids are taking it seriously, which is great," she said. "There are also a lot of parent volunteers who are helping us out and a lot of community support from local businesses donating supplies and money and the production staff as well is working great together."

Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.



The cast for Novi High's production of West Side Story.



Part of Novi High's West Side Story director/choreography team Kristin Robb shouts instructions to her players during a run-through last Wednesday afternoon.



Members of the "Jets" gang perform during a rehearsal of Novi High's West Side Story.

CAST

Tony - Tim Kava
Maria - Bethany Snow
Riff - Jeffrey Dodds
Anita - Laura Lopez
Action - Matt Britten
Bernardo - Brent Beeler
Anybodys - Kara O'Connell
Chino - R.J. Larese

JET MEN
Baby John - Matt Nickels
Diesel - Grant Flennyoy
Gee-Tar - Bryan Dechart
Snow boy - Brennan Quenneville
Big Deal - Dan Ping
Mouthpiece - Andrew Camilleri

SHARK MEN
Pepe - Dan Bruder
Indio - John Gobba
Luis - Kyle Bishop
Anxious - Eric Craven
Nibbles - Bryan Glick
Juano - Cameron Lewis
Toro - Gordon Bowdell

JET WOMEN
Valma - Amy Burkhardt
Grazzella - Rachel Mandeville
Minnie - Caitlin Parent
Clarice - Alison Sansom
Pauline - Steph Wittechowsky
Sandy - Amanda McCracken
Florence - Rachel Whitehart
Lorraine - Christina Thompson
Cindy - Carrie Burnet
Jovita - Grace Dzwonkowski
Mary - Kaiti Sigrak

SHARK WOMEN
Rosalia - Kaelyn Garcia
Consuelo - Ashley Atkins
Francisca - Aubry Benjamin
Terecia - Julie Slavers
Estella - Samantha Perry
Margarita - Allie Barsamian
Carmen - Jennifer Baralage
Sierra - Hannah Niendorf
Esperanza - Ana Tester
Josefina - Janine Waranowicz
Val - Rebecca Whitehart
Doc - Shamal Kotcha
Gladys - Rachel Sellar
Lt. Schrank - Jeffrey Bowdell
"Somewhere" Soldier - Emily Paganica
Officer Krupke - Jeremy Adams

Presented by: Novi High School Creative Arts Collaborative

Book: Arthur Laurents
Music: Leonard Bernstein
Lyrics: Stephen Sondheim
Date: March 27, 28, 29, 2003

Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Forest Auditorium at Novi High School
Tickets: \$5.00 Adult; \$5.00 Child and Senior; Tickets went on sale March 6 in the Main Office of Novi High School and will also be available at the door.

For further information, call Novi High School at (248) 449-1500.



Choreographed fighting breaks out between Shark "Bernardo" (Brent Beeler, left) and Jet "Riff" (Jeff Dodds) during a run-through of Novi High's production of West Side Story.

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 03-005

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that George I. Landry, Inc. is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow one construction trailer at 41130 Fox Run Road (Fox Run Village) from April 1, 2003 until April 1, 2004. A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on March 26, 2003 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Department and must be received prior to March 26, 2003.

SARAH MARCHIONI
TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY
(3-20-03 NN 44581) (248) 347-0416

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS TEAM / LEAGUE PHOTOGRAPHY

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Team / League Photography according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 P.M. prevailing Eastern Time, Wednesday, April 2, 2003, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

CITY OF NOVI
CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR
45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.
Novi, MI 48375-3024
All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "TEAM / LEAGUE PHOTOGRAPHY" BID AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER. The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informality or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi.
CAROL J. KALINOVIK
PURCHASING DIRECTOR
(248) 347-0446
(3-20-03 NN 44187)

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT MINOR HOME REPAIR

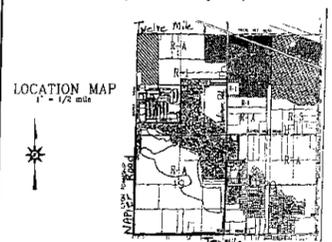
The City of Novi is seeking bid proposals from qualified service providers to manage and administer a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Minor Home Repair Program for the program year July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004. The program will provide minor home repairs to qualified low- and moderate-low income residents of the City of Novi.

Bid proposals must include a detailed outline on how the program will be managed and administered. Bid proposals will be funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and the administrator must be familiar with and comply with all applicable CDBG requirements. When awarded, the term length of the contract will be one (1) year. Sealed proposals will be received until 3:00 P.M. prevailing Eastern Time, Friday, April 11, 2003 at which time proposals will be opened and read. Proposals shall be addressed as follows:

CITY OF NOVI
CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR
45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.
Novi, MI 48375-3024
All proposals must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the proposing firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "CDBG MINOR HOME REPAIR" AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE PROPOSER. The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informality or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi.
CAROL J. KALINOVIK
PURCHASING DIRECTOR
(248) 347-0446
(3-20-03 NN 44189)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 26, 2003 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ISLAND LAKE OF NOVI (PHASE 1B), located on the north side of Ten Mile Road between Waver and Wren Roads, to consider a PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN AND SITE CONDOMINIUM APPROVAL. The applicant is proposing 76 detached single family homes.

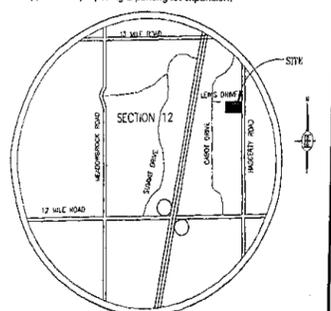


All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, 2003.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
LYNN KOZAN, SECRETARY
(3-20-03 NN 44654)

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 26, 2003 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider MAGNA PARKING LOT EXPANSION SE 91-23, located on the west side of Harper Road and north of Twelve Mile Road, seeking PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN AND WOODLANDS PERMIT APPROVALS. The applicant is proposing a parking lot expansion.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26, 2003.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
LYNN KOZAN, SECRETARY
(3-20-03 NN 44655)

REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES
A Public Service of the USDA Forest Service and Your State Forester.

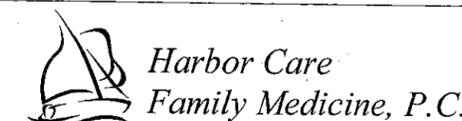
Muscular
Dystrophy Association
Jerry Lewis,
National Chairman
1-800-572-1717
www.mdausa.org



Cub reporters

Fourth graders report the Orchard Hills News every Friday on TV Station WOHS 17.0 (closed circuit). Reporters switch every three weeks to allow a number of fourth graders to get the chance to participate. They use the new Media Production Room, which is part of Orchard Hills' new Media Center. Pictured from left to right are Erin Kwederis, Sarah Waldrop, Laura Subject, Jason Park and Naoko Ukai.

The Novi Chamber of Commerce's annual charity auction is Saturday, April 12 at the Hilton. This year's event benefits the Assarian Cancer Center. Call (248) 349-3743.



"Combining old-fashioned personalized care with the latest in medical knowledge and computer technology"

Karen E. Wilson, M.D. and Edward A. Rose, M.D. proudly present our new practice featuring patient- and family-centered medical care.

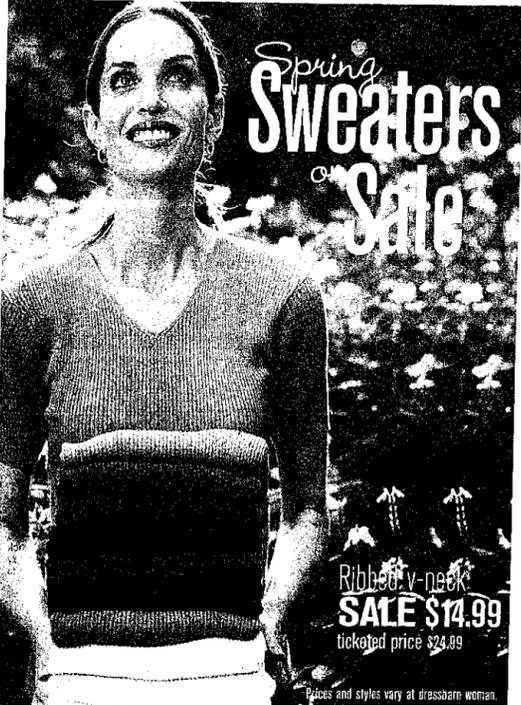
As Board-Certified Family Physicians, we specialize in:

- Adult, adolescent, and pediatric medicine
- Women's health
- Preventative care
- Minor in-office surgeries

Please call us today for an appointment!

(248) 366-3218

8391 Commerce Road, Suite 107
Commerce, MI



save an additional
20% off
any single item

dressbarn
misses & woman sizes 4-24

Not valid on merchandise 50% off or greater discount, previous purchases, layaways and gift certificates. One coupon per customer. Cannot be combined with any other offer or coupon. Expires 03/30/03. Coupon Code 234

Sale ends 3/25/03 • For the store nearest you, call 1-800-dressbarn or visit us at www.dressbarn.com today!

Village Oaks cuts ribbon on its new media center

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Novi teachers, school district administrators and students all gathered at Village Oaks Elementary on Wednesday night to celebrate the grand opening of the school's new media center, computer lab and project room. Guests also got a chance to witness for the first time, a brand new tiled wall which was created by students and teachers called "The Many Seasons of Village Oaks."

"Tonight's event was a ribbon cutting and celebration open house of our new facility," Village Oaks Principal Mary Goedert said. "Half of the project room is the room that we use for multi-media presentations like the filming and taping of our Village Oaks news, and the other half is our teacher resource room where we have all of our teacher materials and teacher resources that help teachers coordinate curriculum."

A wall, which can open up, divides the project room in half. When it is open, it becomes a large project room where guest speakers and assemblies can take

place. "Even though we have been using the office since September and even though we have been using the media center and the project room for about six weeks, we think we are really close to having all of it being completed on the inside, so we had a ribbon cutting and all the representatives were here from the construction firm," Goedert said.

When the festivities started, all the guests gathered in the Pledge of Allegiance was said. There were then introductions from Goedert and representatives from Fanning/Howey Associates Inc., Skanska USA Building Inc. also spoke. To top that off, State Senator Nancy Cassis, who was in attendance, said some kind words before the ribbon was cut by Village Oaks students Joanna Dorella and Rachel Hanson and school administrators, Superintendent Emmet Lippe, School Board President Bruce Bagdady and Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance Jim Koster among others.

"The tile wall represents the fact that we have had a building renovation and also the change in

leadership of the building," Goedert said. "Mr. Dave Brown was here for over 30 years and he was the only principal that the school ever had before me. When he retired we had to start with a new principal, so that would be the renovations represented an opportunity to honor the past and recognize the future."

All of the current students and staff or staff alumni, board members, parents, community members and anyone who had an affiliation with Village Oaks was invited to come and create a tile to be placed on the wall. The result was about 550 tiles which represent the four seasons - winter, summer, spring and fall.

"The children were assigned a season and their classes created all of the designs on the tiles," Goedert said. "It's very cool. It's a one of a kind and a permanent piece. Our children can come back forever and see their tiles."

Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.

ENERGIZED WEIGHT LOSS with no stimulants!

Feel GREAT
while the pounds
melt away

Weight loss that stays lost.
Satisfaction guaranteed.



Call today for details:

866-794-5581

www.wellnessandnutrition.infinity2.com



Do You Want to Honor a HomeTown Hero?

Your Observer & Eccentric, Mirror and HomeTown Newspapers, in conjunction with the United Way Volunteer Center of Oakland, are calling for nominations for the HomeTown Heroes™ Awards, which recognizes, encourages and rewards outstanding volunteers who have given selflessly of themselves to support non-profit organizations in Oakland County. Nominees and awardees will be recognized at the Fourth Annual HomeTown Heroes™ Luncheon that will take place on June 4, 2003 at Marriott Pontiac at Centerpoint in Pontiac, Michigan. For a complete description of the nominating categories, please visit www.unitedwayoakland.org.

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____ IF GROUP, CONTACT PERSON: _____
ADDRESS, CITY, ZIP: _____
DAYTIME PHONE: _____ FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____
NOMINATING CATEGORY: _____ DIRECT SERVICE _____ SENIOR _____ YOUTH
_____ GOVERNANCE _____ FAITH-BASED _____ BUSINESS
NAME OF NOMINEE: _____ AGE: _____
(Must volunteer for an Oakland County non-profit organization)
ADDRESS, CITY, ZIP: _____
DAYTIME PHONE: _____ FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____
SCHOOL ATTENDING (if appropriate): _____
PLACES OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE: _____
YEARS OF SERVICE: _____ AVERAGE NUMBER OF HOURS WORKS PER MONTH: _____

TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED:
On a separate sheet, in 200 words or less, tell why you have nominated this individual, group or business. Describe the nominee's major accomplishments, commitment, self-motivation, problem-solving skills, and measurable impact upon the community. Entries must be typewritten. Do not staple pages. Include a photo (no larger than 5" x 7") of the nominated person or group, or for Business nominees, include a photo of persons participating in the volunteer activity.

Entries must be received by Wednesday, April 16, 2003.
Mail or fax forms to: HomeTown Heroes™ Awards • c/o United Way Volunteer Center
50 Wayne Street • Pontiac, MI 48342 • Fax: 248-456-8809
For questions, further information, or more applications go to www.unitedwayoakland.org or call 248-874-1633.



Cal Stone, Jeanne Towar, VP. EDITORIAL, Grace Perry, Dick Agnini, PUBLISHER, Richard Bradt, Phillip Power, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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

In war or peace, these steps work

No matter where you stand on the issue of war, it's safe to say that given the choice between a world of peace and a world of conflict, hardly a soul could be found that would prefer the latter.

Knowing that to be the case, there are little things we can all do to try to make our own lives just a bit more peaceful here at home.

• Don't allow petty squabbles to cause long-term rifts between you and others. This often we can avoid in our trivial matters and hold meaningful grudges. There's enough bitterness in the world without the added silliness of childish spats.

• Smile. Laugh. There's no law against doing either, and the good cheer it passes along just might make someone's day.

• Advance the natural beauty of the world, or add some of your own. The cruises are starting to pop up from the south, which means tulips and daffodils won't be far behind. These are reminders of new life.

• Always have something to

OPINION

novinews.com

Which is more important, higher education or prisons?

Which is more important: educating young people or warehousing criminals? Most people, I believe, would say the return on investing young minds far outstrips the costs of jailing felons.

But if Gov. Jennifer Granholm's budget proposal for the 2004 fiscal year that begins Oct. 1 is adopted by the legislature, for the first time Michigan will spend more on the corrections system than on our universities.

Granholm's proposed budget for state prisons totals \$1.723 billion, while her spending plan for the 15 public universities in Michigan (plus various scholarship programs) comes to \$1.715 billion.

How has this happened? In part, it's because appropriations for higher education have been cut by almost 12 percent over the past two years, while spending for the corrections system has held steady. Five years ago, for example, state spending on high-

JCK's hip to all that jazz and more

I'm waiting for a call from Joe Kapelezak, a man whom I've never had a conversation with before (even though we are both members of the Novi Rotary Club), so I can congratulate him.

Readers may know him better as owner of JCK & Associates, Inc. I think Joe is one of the smartest businessmen around. Why? Because he understands the importance of "community."

That's an incredible package. But in my mind, that's not even the best part of it all. What's really going to be great for JCK & Associates is the recognition the firm will get for

playing a major role in bringing the world's greatest jazz ensemble to Novi.

That's what I mean by "community." There's lots of other business owners who feel the same way as Mr. Kapelezak, and they're helping the Rotarians pull this off as well - Varsity Lincoln-Mercury, Novi Expo Center, Piano Nation, Novi Community Credit Union, Johnson's Printing Services, Standard Federal, Novi Secretariat, Cayle's Dance Phase, Steve Adams DDS, Rob Barontette, the Novi News and the Northville Record.

If I start to sound like a broken record over the next few months, that's because I'm going keep praising the sponsoring businesses and making sure everyone realizes how great this music is and the importance of the Rotarians' cause - the worldwide elimination of polio.

Come to either the 7:30 or 9:30 p.m. performances or, better yet, call Tony Maun at (248) 465-1370, ext. 404 to become a sponsor. You'll get great tickets and a whole lot more.

I've been excited about this since Rotary decided back in November to do this show. Since Sunday, I'm even more geeked.

That's because my wife and I went down to Orchestra Hall in Detroit to see the Wynton Marsalis Septet, and the music was awe-inspiring, to say the least.

During intermission, we went backstage to say hello to the musicians. After a couple of minutes of greetings, we found ourselves alone in a small room with Wynton, who was sitting at a piano composing a new song.

When a Pulitzer Prize-winning musician is creating, it's best to say very little. It was something I'll be telling my grandchildren about some day. Come June 18, you'll be able to hear what I'm saying loud and clear.

Cal Stone is the editor of the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 or at cstone@ht.homecomm.net.

Novi Middle School Honor Roll 2002-03

- 7th Grade, 3rd Card Marking: Abbood, Nina, Abdul-Wahab, Majed, Alvanelli, Alberto, Auletto, Katherine, Auletto, Kevin, Babichak, Ashley, Bamzai, Vidhi, Bang, Whon, Barbara, Dawn, Barbour, Michael, Barcomb, Marianne, Barcuca, Lia, Barlage, Monica, Bartlett, Lindsey, Barton, Sarah, Boyle, Shannon, Beregovy, Alyson, Bernier, Mark, Black, Brittany, Blahunka, Matthew, Bourque, Samantha, Bowman, Nicholas, Boyle, Shannon, Bradford, Kelly, Brandemihl, Bryan, Brandemihl, Kelsey, Bray, Kristina, Breaugh, Alyssa, Brey, Alexander, Boyle, Shannon, Brudet, Alina, Brunner, James, Burns, Daniel, Burt, Kerrie, Byrnes, Jennifer, Carcione, Nicholas, Carino, Jenna, Carter, Christian, Cash, Matthew, Celoski, Phillip, Chaklos, Kaitlin, Chandrasekaran, Balachandran, Chhang, Amy, Chiti, Amanda, Chung, Soojung, Cigna, Brittany, Cirka, Alexi, Clark, Jonathan, Clay, Melissa, Clined, Matthew, Closs, Stephanie, Cody, Shannon, Collins, Kara, Cooper, Aimee, Costello, Amanda, Cramer, Abigail, Crandell, Collin, Crandell, Jordan, Cripps, Stephanie, Crist, Julie, Crood, Aaron, Cross, Elizabeth, Cynar, Paula, Czekaj, Dana, D'Arcy, Stephanie, Dastmalchi, Yalda, Davis, Scott, DeBono, Steve, DeCato, Vanessa, DeNova, Joseph, Denoyer, Casey, DiTizio, James, Drazic, Paula, Dillman, Jesse, Diner, Alexandra, Dirks, Thomas, Donni, Alessandro, Doss, Kathryn, Dottermusch, Matthias, Drafa, Benjamin, Duan, Chrisy, Dreger, Jonathan, Englik, Kristina, Enright, Daniel, Ericson, Matthew, Esser, Dana, Evans, Matthew, Farley, Lauren, Ferris, Matthew, Ferris, Arthur, Fitzpatrick, John, Flaherty, Megan, Foerg, Benjamin, Fraser, Alyssa, Fratto, Jamie, Fritschen, Paul, Gaffney, Kaitlin, Gardner, Madelyn, Gasiorok, Melissa, Gatzdeki, Nicole, Genoffo, Jocelyn, George, Mikhail, Glaney, Andrew, Gornoll, Erin, Good, Allison, Goodman, Ryan, Goyal, Asthma, Gragore, Jonathan, Grimes, Nicole, Groner, Bailey, Gutowski, Elizabeth, Gutman, Eric, Ha, Jung-A, Hahlitzel, Amy, Hadley, Rachelle, Hagdwell, Erica, Hamelin, Marcia, Hansen, Kristen, Harden, Amanda, Harrington, Andrew, Haught, Aaron, Hay, Kendra, Heinkel, Mark, Henry, Kirsten, Hildreth, Kathryn, Hlavay, Kathleen, Hoer, Becky, Hong, Bryan, Hong, Christine, Hoomanin, Lauren, Hsu, Jason, Islam, Nazifa, Isani, Tausif, Jares, Rebecca, Jeng, Connie, Jenens, Andrea, Jok, Laura, Jones, Christopher, Jones, Eric, Kemski, David, Kenney, Alexandra, Kern, Danielle, Khan, Sami, Kiefer, Daniel, King, Molly, Kirby, Cara, Kiri, Michael, Kizgawa, Yuta, Kochyan, Alyssa, Kodali, Vikas, Kohls, Lindsay, Korte, Lyndsey, Korzoniowski, David, Kosztrawa, Emily, Kozak, Caitlin, Kuczajka, Charles, LaDuca, Andrew, Lakshmanan, Saravanasundaram, Langenherr, John, Lau, Kelsey, Lawrence, Curt, Lee, Patrick, Letzeiser, Aaron, Loviska, Melissa, Lloyd, Brian, Logsdon, Nicole, Longa, Jacquelyn, Loasway, Kristin, Loomis, Kelsey, Lotz, Tiffany, Low, Robert, Lucke, Melissa, Lumley, Joshua, Lumley, Ryan, 7th, 3rd marking con't, Lyons, Melissa, Mader, Breanna, Marsoujian, Michael, Mason, Shannon, Mason, Tara, Masseran, Matthew, Mazza, Paige, McCanna, Kelly, McClosky, Lauren, McDonald, Brian, McNamara, Joseph, Meister, Daniel, Michaluk, Kevin, Micalif, Claudia, Miller, Michele, Minas, Sarah, Mitchell, Richard, Miyatake, Natsuki, Morisset, Brian, Morrill, Andrew, Morrison, Katherine, Moss, Melissa, Murphy, Brendan, Nabay, Sarah, Nadjarian, John, Nemoto, Sean, Nohel, J, Thomas, Nowak, Thomas, Odum, Jocelyn, Odroowski, Michael, Ornes, Bryant, Opucki, David, Paquette, Lauren, Park, Michelle, Peruki, Erin, Pierce, Jennifer, Place, Michael, Portesi, Amanda, Press, Camille, Pritchard, Joseph, Prokoy, Nicholas, Pyett, Adam, Rabban, Alexandra, Racon, Elissa, Reddy, Snigdha, Reilly, Jordan, Reizin, Paulina, Blome, Andrea, Bower, Joel, Bradshaw, Jamie, Brennan, Amy, Broadwell, Melissa, Buchheimer, Charles, Buckley, Laure, Baghee, Sean, Burchard, David, Burgol, Corey, Burkhardt, Adam, Carris, Danielle, Carn, Steven, Carnegie, Brandon, Carroll, Corey, Carroll, Courtney, Carter, Ryan, Caske, Adam, Cesarz, Kaylynn, Chaklos, Kristine, Chandler, Adam, Chen, Liting, Chen, Yan, Chin, Cory, Chupinsky, Craig, Cnolich, Kristie, Crocke, Kelsey, Constas, Morgan, Corless, Kelli, Cossaboon, Gregory, Crawford, Stephanie, Crocker, Shannon, Czekaj, Scott, Dagslet, Jorgen, Dunrath, Amanda, Danielson, Evan, DeWitt, Brendan, DePeters, Claire, Diacono, Amanda, Donato, Danielle, Donohue, Jeffrey, Doster, Adam, Dottermusch, Stephen, Duan, Wen, Duila, Lauren, Dwyer, Michelle, Dwyer, Ryan, Dye, Matt, Efred, Katherine, Engelsen, Kristin, Erickson, Nicholas, Esbrook, Emily, Favorite, Mark, Flennoy, Kristen, Fontaine, Lauren, Fossbick, Kristina, Fraser, Colleen, Frazier, Jonathan, 8th, 3rd marking con't, Frask, Natalia, Frey, Bradley, Fryatt, Daniel, Fudge, Dustin, Gangadhay, Piyel, Gardner, Kaitlyn, Gazette, Jacqueline, Gazley, Dustin, Giacobbe, Adam, Gluhzniski, Amy, Goldsmith, Meghan, Gomes, Andrew, Grabow, Michele, Graef, Anna, Graf, Daniel, Graham, Caitlin, Gray, Kaitlin, Graybill, Taylor, Grunski, Danielle, Guerni, Nicholas, Guffey, Jill, Hagan, Kaitlyn, Hall, Andrew, Hamer, Kimberley, Hamilton, Gabriele, Hardikar, Aditi, Harris, Katherine, Harrison, Eric, Hatagishi, Yukihiko, Heatfield, Jennifer, Heblis, Lisa, Heinowski, Kristia, Hendrick, John, Hepler, Eric, Herc, Adam, Hibi, Tachi, Hillard, Megan, Hiyen, Yuka, Hogan, Kelly, Hoving, Marguerite, Huntley, Jacob, Kawa, Aya, Jafri, Talia, Jain, Tim, Janssens, Stephanie, Jaussi, Stephanie, Jeng, Winnie, Jodoin, Jessica, Johnson, Eric, Johnson, Rebecca, Jones, Kyle, Juszwik, Brett, Kaindl, Jeffrey, Kasik, Robin, Katsamberis, Alexis, Kawasuki, Ayako, Keppes, Jeffrey, Kim, Stephen, Kim, Yoo-Jin, Knudgen, Taryn, Koehyan, Patrick, Kohl, Rachael, Kopak, Kevin, Kotlyo, Lauren, Kovacicinski, Rachel, Kozma, Jodi, Kramer, Andrea, Krisiofik, Audra, Krok, Manisha, Lai, Jeffrey, Lai, Kevin, Landrus, Max, Lantry, Max, Lee, Gerica, Lee, Matthew, Lee, Steven, Less, Jenna, Less, Rachel, Lewis, Chelsea, Lewis, Robert, Loissille, Jessica, Longo, Michael, Luzzan, Jennifer, Luka, Brittany, Lukasiewicz, Aleksa, Lyall, Carly, Ma, Xiaoyi, Maize, Sally, Mammooer, Megan, Manza, Richard, Martin, Corey, Martin, Michael, McCarthy, Catherine, McCoy, Ashley, 8th, 3rd marking con't, McGinnis, James, McGinn, Brenna, McGuire, Kelsey, McQueen, Ann, Meyer, Kirsten, Michaels, Marc, Miller, Elizabeth, Min, Steffi, Morris, Natalie, Mossallam, Abeda, Mucha, Laura, Mugianis, Katina, Muller, Eric, Munteanu, Mihnea, Muqtadir, Umar, Murphy, Lindsay, Murray, Rachel, Nagle, Andrew, Nakashima, Ami, Nally, Timothy, Napier, Robert, Nicklaus, Reid, Niendorf, Emmaline, Niifla, Nicole, Niculaj, Suzzanna, Oikarinen, Robert, Oikowski, Kelsi, Ong, Amy, Oppermann, Katherine, Orlando, Nathan, Pagano, Nicholas, Park, Justine, Parkins, Robert, Parsell, Ashley, Parsell, Elizabeth, Pasquarelli, Christina, Passante, Matthew, Patel, Janki, Patton, Nicole, Pawlicki, Kathryn, Perelli, Amanda, Peters Ryan, Peterson, Lindsey, Pfeiffer, Kelly, Prakash, Tianmay, Prasad, Alexander, Puente, Jacqueline, Pyden, Alexander, Quinley, Breanne, Quinn, Karen, Rabinson, Theodore, Ramchandran, Roshan, Rao, Abhishek, Rao, Megan, Rao, Ravi, Rao, Stephanie, Reecchia, Angela, Reichel, Sarah, Rice, Leah, Richardson, Ryan, Richter, Rachel, Riley, Ryan, Rossy, Victoria, Rosado, Ariosto, Rowe, Kevin, Rybicki, Sarah, Sanchez, Cesar, Sanctorum, Megan, Sanukovic, Kimberly, Sansoni, Anna, Sara, Ashley, Savino, Cory, Schleuder, Steven, Schneider, Joseph, Schoenbach, Marcee, Schoppe, Laura, Schramm, Julia, Schulte, Elizabeth, Sen, Emily, Shat, Sonali, Shaik, Asra, Shraider, Patrick, Sidiqui, Mansoor, Simon, Michelle, Sisson, Alexandra, Skaglin, Matthew, Smith, Brian, Smith, Ellen, Sohidaj, Babak, Son, Ju Youn, Sophia, Joseph, Spears, Kylie, Spinich, Tom, Spitz, Megan, Sreeram, Kaiyan, Stark, Alexander, Stec, Megan, Styles, Danielle, Styles, Gannon, Sullivan, Rebecca, Surapaneni, Nishant, Tang, Duncing, Taranzi, Megan, Taylor, Stephanie, Thim, Jessica, Thomson, Julie, Thorwall, Alan, Tollis, Alexander, Tonkovich, Kristin, Valleau, Aubrey, Van Batten, Eric, Vanden Belt, Jonathan, Vazquez, Alibon, Vellathattan, Albert, Volchoff, Margaret, Wagner, Scott, Walsh, Michael, Watson, Natalie, Webber, John, Wenison, Benjamin, Westerdale, Collette, Wheat, Michael, White, Corlan, Womack, Brittany, Woodruff, John, Woolford, Porsche, Wuerni, Sandra, Yang, Sushan, Yasutake, Shiori, Yeochor, Kantal, Yee, Allison, Yeh, Kevin, Young, Jeremy, Zbranchik, Lauren, Zorio, Kimberly, Zoroya, Nicholas

8th Grade, 3rd Card Marking

- Abraham, Claire, Abrego, Dustin, Adams, Elizabeth, Adams, Abner, Akamatsu, Asako, Alexander, Brittany, Alvarez, Anna, Anderson, Chelsea, Antuna, Danielle, Arbour, Alexander, Aron, Guillermo, Arrington, Casey, Aschwanzen, Amber, Ballantyne, Adam, Bannatz, Amanda, Barbera, Trisha, Barbosa, Amanda, Burden, Kristen, Barmt, Jessica, Burt, Jack, Baker, Shawn, Beard, Michael, Beaver, Stefany, Bello, Michael, Benham, Catherine, Beyer, Nicholas, Bhutadia, Ankit, Bixman, Aubree, Blackledge, Travis, Blanchard, Evan, Blaszyk, James, Blome, Andrea, Bower, Joel, Bradshaw, Jamie, Brennan, Amy, Broadwell, Melissa, Buchheimer, Charles, Buckley, Laure, Baghee, Sean, Burchard, David, Burgol, Corey, Burkhardt, Adam, Carris, Danielle, Carn, Steven, Carnegie, Brandon, Carroll, Corey, Carroll, Courtney, Carter, Ryan, Caske, Adam, Cesarz, Kaylynn, Chaklos, Kristine, Chandler, Adam, Chen, Liting, Chen, Yan, Chin, Cory, Chupinsky, Craig, Cnolich, Kristie, Crocke, Kelsey, Constas, Morgan, Corless, Kelli, Cossaboon, Gregory, Crawford, Stephanie, Crocker, Shannon, Czekaj, Scott, Dagslet, Jorgen, Dunrath, Amanda, Danielson, Evan, DeWitt, Brendan, DePeters, Claire, Diacono, Amanda, Donato, Danielle, Donohue, Jeffrey, Doster, Adam, Dottermusch, Stephen, Duan, Wen, Duila, Lauren, Dwyer, Michelle, Dwyer, Ryan, Dye, Matt, Efred, Katherine, Engelsen, Kristin, Erickson, Nicholas, Esbrook, Emily, Favorite, Mark, Flennoy, Kristen, Fontaine, Lauren, Fossbick, Kristina, Fraser, Colleen, Frazier, Jonathan, 8th, 3rd marking con't, Frask, Natalia, Frey, Bradley, Fryatt, Daniel, Fudge, Dustin, Gangadhay, Piyel, Gardner, Kaitlyn, Gazette, Jacqueline, Gazley, Dustin, Giacobbe, Adam, Gluhzniski, Amy, Goldsmith, Meghan, Gomes, Andrew, Grabow, Michele, Graef, Anna, Graf, Daniel, Graham, Caitlin, Gray, Kaitlin, Graybill, Taylor, Grunski, Danielle, Guerni, Nicholas, Guffey, Jill, Hagan, Kaitlyn, Hall, Andrew, Hamer, Kimberley, Hamilton, Gabriele, Hardikar, Aditi, Harris, Katherine, Harrison, Eric, Hatagishi, Yukihiko, Heatfield, Jennifer, Heblis, Lisa, Heinowski, Kristia, Hendrick, John, Hepler, Eric, Herc, Adam, Hibi, Tachi, Hillard, Megan, Hiyen, Yuka, Hogan, Kelly, Hoving, Marguerite, Huntley, Jacob, Kawa, Aya, Jafri, Talia, Jain, Tim, Janssens, Stephanie, Jaussi, Stephanie, Jeng, Winnie, Jodoin, Jessica, Johnson, Eric, Johnson, Rebecca, Jones, Kyle, Juszwik, Brett, Kaindl, Jeffrey, Kasik, Robin, Katsamberis, Alexis, Kawasuki, Ayako, Keppes, Jeffrey, Kim, Stephen, Kim, Yoo-Jin, Knudgen, Taryn, Koehyan, Patrick, Kohl, Rachael, Kopak, Kevin, Kotlyo, Lauren, Kovacicinski, Rachel, Kozma, Jodi, Kramer, Andrea, Krisiofik, Audra, Krok, Manisha, Lai, Jeffrey, Lai, Kevin, Landrus, Max, Lantry, Max, Lee, Gerica, Lee, Matthew, Lee, Steven, Less, Jenna, Less, Rachel, Lewis, Chelsea, Lewis, Robert, Loissille, Jessica, Longo, Michael, Luzzan, Jennifer, Luka, Brittany, Lukasiewicz, Aleksa, Lyall, Carly, Ma, Xiaoyi, Maize, Sally, Mammooer, Megan, Manza, Richard, Martin, Corey, Martin, Michael, McCarthy, Catherine, McCoy, Ashley, 8th, 3rd marking con't, McGinnis, James, McGinn, Brenna, McGuire, Kelsey, McQueen, Ann, Meyer, Kirsten, Michaels, Marc, Miller, Elizabeth, Min, Steffi, Morris, Natalie, Mossallam, Abeda, Mucha, Laura, Mugianis, Katina, Muller, Eric, Munteanu, Mihnea, Muqtadir, Umar, Murphy, Lindsay, Murray, Rachel, Nagle, Andrew, Nakashima, Ami, Nally, Timothy, Napier, Robert, Nicklaus, Reid, Niendorf, Emmaline, Niifla, Nicole, Niculaj, Suzzanna, Oikarinen, Robert, Oikowski, Kelsi, Ong, Amy, Oppermann, Katherine, Orlando, Nathan, Pagano, Nicholas, Park, Justine, Parkins, Robert, Parsell, Ashley, Parsell, Elizabeth, Pasquarelli, Christina, Passante, Matthew, Patel, Janki, Patton, Nicole, Pawlicki, Kathryn, Perelli, Amanda, Peters Ryan, Peterson, Lindsey, Pfeiffer, Kelly, Prakash, Tianmay, Prasad, Alexander, Puente, Jacqueline, Pyden, Alexander, Quinley, Breanne, Quinn, Karen, Rabinson, Theodore, Ramchandran, Roshan, Rao, Abhishek, Rao, Megan, Rao, Ravi, Rao, Stephanie, Reecchia, Angela, Reichel, Sarah, Rice, Leah, Richardson, Ryan, Richter, Rachel, Riley, Ryan, Rossy, Victoria, Rosado, Ariosto, Rowe, Kevin, Rybicki, Sarah, Sanchez, Cesar, Sanctorum, Megan, Sanukovic, Kimberly, Sansoni, Anna, Sara, Ashley, Savino, Cory, Schleuder, Steven, Schneider, Joseph, Schoenbach, Marcee, Schoppe, Laura, Schramm, Julia, Schulte, Elizabeth, Sen, Emily, Shat, Sonali, Shaik, Asra, Shraider, Patrick, Sidiqui, Mansoor, Simon, Michelle, Sisson, Alexandra, Skaglin, Matthew, Smith, Brian, Smith, Ellen, Sohidaj, Babak, Son, Ju Youn, Sophia, Joseph, Spears, Kylie, Spinich, Tom, Spitz, Megan, Sreeram, Kaiyan, Stark, Alexander, Stec, Megan, Styles, Danielle, Styles, Gannon, Sullivan, Rebecca, Surapaneni, Nishant, Tang, Duncing, Taranzi, Megan, Taylor, Stephanie, Thim, Jessica, Thomson, Julie, Thorwall, Alan, Tollis, Alexander, Tonkovich, Kristin, Valleau, Aubrey, Van Batten, Eric, Vanden Belt, Jonathan, Vazquez, Alibon, Vellathattan, Albert, Volchoff, Margaret, Wagner, Scott, Walsh, Michael, Watson, Natalie, Webber, John, Wenison, Benjamin, Westerdale, Collette, Wheat, Michael, White, Corlan, Womack, Brittany, Woodruff, John, Woolford, Porsche, Wuerni, Sandra, Yang, Sushan, Yasutake, Shiori, Yeochor, Kantal, Yee, Allison, Yeh, Kevin, Young, Jeremy, Zbranchik, Lauren, Zorio, Kimberly, Zoroya, Nicholas

ON CAMPUS

Emily Cross of Novi was named to the 2002 semester Dean's List at Gannon University (Erie, Pa).

Valdis Lenz of Novi received a \$500 scholarship and Luke Xiao, also of Novi, received Honorable Mention in the Michigan

Mathematics Prize Competition sponsored by the Michigan Section of the Mathematics Association of America. Lenz and Xiao are both Novi High School students.

Novi resident Cadet John Denton has been named to the Superintendent's List for the fourth six weeks grading period of the 2002-03 school year at Howe Military School, Howe, Indiana. He is the son of Robert and Rosemarie Denton of Novi.

Novi residents Elie Chedid, Courtney Bowtell, Jesse Paldan, Chad Bowen, Thomas Warren, Michael J. Livermore, and Susan Bear were named to the fall semester 2002 Dean's List at Lawrence Technological University.

The Novi Chamber of Commerce's annual charity auction is Saturday, April 12 at the Hilton. This year's event benefits the Assarian Cancer Center. Call (248) 349-3743.

Diabetics advertisement with image of a person and text: Have your diabetic supplies delivered to your door for little or no cost!

Chick Day - May 7th advertisement for Purina Gold Dealer with images of chickens and text: Meat Builder • Start & Grow Layers • Scratch • Duck Grower

Grand River Equine Feeds advertisement with text: 51880 Grand River • Wixom (248) 348-8310

Martini Mondays at Marco's advertisement with image of a martini glass and text: All Martinis are \$5.00 Starting at 5pm until 9pm

Sugarloaf Art Fair advertisement with image of a woman and text: 225 Fine Artists & Craft Designers • Entertainment

Novi Expo Center • Novi, MI April 11, 12, 13, 2003 advertisement with text: Daily Adult Admission \$6.00

Buy crafts online at www.CraftsOnline.com advertisement with text: Buy crafts online at www.CraftsOnline.com

Here's a partial list of items to be auctioned at the Novi Chamber of Commerce's April 12 benefit for the Assarian Cancer Center at Providence Hospital. For more information, call (248) 349-3743.

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

Mail: Letters to the Editor, Cal Stone, Novi News, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167

E-mail: cstone@ht.homecomm.net Fax to: (248) 349-9832

HomeTown Communications Network logo and contact information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fine arts show
 DATE: through April 10
 TIME: week hours: M-F 8 a.m. - 9 p.m., weekends: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center's Gate VI Gallery
 DETAILS: Kenmore Nursery exhibits silkprint and watercolor art.
 PHONE: (248) 596-1270 or via email: gnoesch12@yahoo.com.

Cassisi's Coffee & Conversation
 DATE: Friday, March 21
 TIME: 9:30 a.m.
 LOCATION: Leon's of Wayne, 29710 Wayne Rd.
 DETAILS: Senator Nancy Cassisi, R-Nowi, will be hosting her first of regular Cassisi's Coffee & Conversation hours for people in the 15th District. All constituents are welcome to come and take part in discussing issues facing western Oakland County.
 PHONE: 888-38-NANCY

Drama Workshop
 DATE: Saturday, March 22
 TIME: 10:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
 LOCATION: Sparks Club of Novi, 42500 Arena Drive
 DETAILS: Ages 7-11 meet first, ages 12 and up meet second.
 PHONE: (248) 735-8850, ext. 3112

Friskies & CFA Mid-Michigan Cat Show
 DATE: Saturday and Sunday, March 22 & 23
 TIME: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
 LOCATION: Novi Expo Center
 DETAILS: The Friskies & CFA Mid-Michigan Cat Show is a charity event benefiting local humane organizations. Friskies will be donating 2,000 cans of Friskies cat food to a local humane and non-profit organization dedicated to promoting responsible pet care. In addition, show attendees can see hundreds of beautiful cats of all breeds being judged in several judging rings and browse local vendors selling everything from cozy cat carriers to novel cat-themed accessories. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for children 5-12 years old.

Seventh Annual Spring Home and Garden Show
 DATE: Friday, April 4 - Sunday, April 6
 TIME: Friday, noon-9 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
 LOCATION: Novi Expo Center, 190 and Novi Rd., Novi
 DETAILS: Proceeds to benefit Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund. \$8/pep team, 4 people sponsored by a local area business or a member of the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce may have a team. No handicapping.

DETAILS: Adults \$6, Senior \$5. Children under 12 will be admitted FREE. Featuring the latest technology, products and services for the Home and Garden. WXYT's Handyman, Joe Gagnon, WJR's Mr. Home Improvement, Murray Gida will be featured attractions of the show.
 PHONE: Please call 248-862-1019 or visit www.builders.org.

City Rose Gardens
 DATE: Friday, April 4
 TIME: 7:30-9:30 p.m.
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road
 DETAILS: Diane Schmitt of Birmingham will present a slide program of rose gardens; free and open to the public.
 PHONE: (248) 449-4626

Saturday Sizzler - Diabetes Support Group
 DATE: Saturday, April 5
 TIME: 9:30-11:30 a.m.
 LOCATION: Botzford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River Avenue, located between Haggerty and Meadowbrook in Novi
 DETAILS: The Diabetes Management Program at Botzford Center for Health Improvement presents "10000 Steps to Good Health," which is open to persons with diabetes and their loved ones. From this remarkable resource for controlling diabetes and optimizing health, participants will learn weight loss strategies from a registered dietitian and fitness tips from a personal trainer.
 PHONE: (248) 477-6100

Drama Auditions
 DATE: Sunday, April 6
 TIME: 2 p.m.
 LOCATION: Sparks Club of Novi, 42500 Arena Drive
 DETAILS: Ages 7-17 welcome for auditions for "How to Eat Like a Child," a modern comedy.
 PHONE: (248) 735-8850, ext. 3112

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Better Business Bowling Tournament
 DATE: Sunday, April 6
 TIME: check in 12:30 p.m., tournament begins 1:30 p.m.
 LOCATION: Woodland Lanes, 8265 Richardson Road, Union Lake
 DETAILS: Proceeds to benefit Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund. \$8/pep team, 4 people sponsored by a local area business or a member of the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce may have a team. No handicapping.

Cassisi's Coffee & Conversation
 DATE: Friday, May 2
 TIME: 9:30 a.m.
 LOCATION: Leon's of Novi
 DETAILS: Chamber of Commerce office, 248-624-2826. Call for registration form.

American Association of University Women Northville-Nowi Branch
 DATE: Tuesday, April 8
 TIME: 7 p.m., light refreshments, 7:30 p.m. speaker
 LOCATION: Hillside Middle School Forum Room, 517 North Center Street, Northville.
 DETAILS: Nancy Barga, Chief of Design Wayne County Parks, will speak on "A Treasure in Your Backyard: A History of Hines Park."
 PHONE: 248-924-2180.

Wixom Library used book sale
 DATE: April 10-12
 TIME: Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
 LOCATION: Wixom Public Library, 49015 Pontiac Trail
 DETAILS: Handbooks will cost 25¢, and trade paperbacks will cost 50¢, in addition to some specially-priced items. During the last three hours of the sale, books will be at "two bucks a bag."
 PHONE: (248) 624-2512

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Fiesta
 DATE: Wednesday, April 23
 TIME: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
 LOCATION: Ole' Ole' Southwestern Grille, 1103 East Lake Drive, Novi
 DETAILS: 11TH Annual Employee Appreciation Day Luncheon, \$15/pep person, \$20 at door, reservations requested.
 PHONE: For more information, call 248-624-2826.

Henry Ford Health System Learning Series
 DATE: Wednesdays, April 30, June 25
 TIME: 7 a.m.-9 p.m.
 LOCATION: Henry Ford Medical Center, Novi, 40000 Eight Mile, one block west of Haggerty
 DETAILS: \$5/pep class. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.
 PHONE: 248-380-6201 or www.henryford.com/cim, to register and for more information on topics.

Oakland County Health Division Expectant Parent Classes
 DATE: ongoing series
 LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 East West Maple, Walked Lake
 TIME: 7-9 p.m.
 DETAILS: Classes will be taught by Public Health Nurses. Topics will include childbirth preparation, labor and delivery, care of the newborn baby, breastfeeding, bottle-feeding, information about keeping chil-

Paintings on Display-Nowi resident artist
 DATE: March-on-going
 TIME: M-F: 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
 LOCATION: Picasso's Cafe, 39915 Grand River, Novi, (W. of Haggerty)
 DETAILS: Barbara Eiko Murphy of Novi will have watercolor paintings on display.

Business referrals
 DATE: every Wed. ongoing
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Rd.
 TIME: 7 - 8:30 a.m.
 DETAILS: Meeting of local professionals and business looking to increase word-of-mouth referral business. Various classifications open and eager to bring you qualified business leads.
 PHONE: (734) 462-6450 for specifics

ON-GOING
Church of the Holy Cross Lenten Studies
 Tuesdays, through May 20, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Study of The Gospel according to Mark with The Rev. Fred Branson, beginning with a pot luck supper.
 Wednesdays, through April 16, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. The Spiritual Disciplines, beginning with simple supper of soup and bread.
 Thursdays, through April 10, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. An Introduction to People of the Bible.
 LOCATION: Church of the Holy Cross, 46200 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi
 PHONE: 248-349-1175.

Novi Toastmasters
 DATE: First and third Tuesdays of the month
 LOCATION: First Nazarene Church, Haggerty near Eight Mile Road
 DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and practice leadership.
 PHONE: For more information, call Colleen at (248) 685-9226.

Breast Cancer Support Group
 DATES: Second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, starting January 28.
 LOCATION: Haron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C on the ground floor of the hospital.
 TIME: 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
 DETAILS: There is no need to call ahead and register.
 PHONE: If you have any questions, call (248) 937-5017.

"Novi Needlers" Quilting Group
 DATE: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month
 LOCATION: Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook, Novi
 TIME: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
 DETAILS: Fabric donations welcome.
 PHONE: (248) 347-0414

Send calendar items to Cal Stone, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48161 or e-mail to cstone@bt.home.com.net.

Send calendar items to Cal Stone, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48161 or e-mail to cstone@bt.home.com.net.

Send calendar items to Cal Stone, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48161 or e-mail to cstone@bt.home.com.net.

Send calendar items to Cal Stone, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48161 or e-mail to cstone@bt.home.com.net.

Send calendar items to Cal Stone, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48161 or e-mail to cstone@bt.home.com.net.

Send calendar items to Cal Stone, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48161 or e-mail to cstone@bt.home.com.net.

Send calendar items to Cal Stone, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48161 or e-mail to cstone@bt.home.com.net.

Send calendar items to Cal Stone, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48161 or e-mail to cstone@bt.home.com.net.

Send calendar items to Cal Stone, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48161 or e-mail to cstone@bt.home.com.net.

Send calendar items to Cal Stone, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48161 or e-mail to cstone@bt.home.com.net.

Send calendar items to Cal Stone, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48161 or e-mail to cstone@bt.home.com.net.

Send calendar items to Cal Stone, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48161 or e-mail to cstone@bt.home.com.net.

Send calendar items to Cal Stone, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48161 or e-mail to cstone@bt.home.com.net.

Send calendar items to Cal Stone, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48161 or e-mail to cstone@bt.home.com.net.

Send calendar items to Cal Stone, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48161 or e-mail to cstone@bt.home.com.net.

REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

Page 23A

NFIB NOTES

Thursday, March 20, 2003

Is There a Trial Lawyer in the House
 The pain is real. It began as a little twinge, but now it's almost unbearable. For small-business owners, this pain is located in the area of the lower back - approximately where their wallets are.
 What's the cause? A health-care system that is very sick and must undergo major surgery if it is to survive. It's so sick that doctors are staging walkouts and work stoppages to protest spiraling malpractice insurance premiums. Recently, hundreds of physicians in New Jersey refused to go to work, following the example of their peers in West Virginia, Florida and Nevada.
 Their diagnosis? It's a cancer called excessive litigation, that's relentlessly devouring our health system. With each outrageous jury award, it spreads, driving medical costs higher and pushing insurance premiums off the charts. This unprecedented wave of lawsuits forces doctors to practice defensive medicine. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reports that nearly 80 percent have ordered more tests than they normally would, just to protect them from liability worries. Some three-fourths have referred patients to specialists more often than they believed was medically necessary.
 It's time to put this legal liability system under the knife. President Bush, in his recent State of the Union address, called on Congress to pass medical liability reform. No one, he said, has ever been healed by a frivolous lawsuit.
 This ailment has already sent some doctors into early retirement and made others set their sights in search of fairer legal systems and affordable malpractice coverage. But for small-business owners and their employees, there's nowhere to run or hide. Today, more than half of all uninsured workers are self-employed, working in a small business. According to a study just released by the Employee Benefit Research Institute, nearly one-fifth of small employers that have health insurance have changed their benefits last year. A majority of those, nearly two-thirds, increased employees' co-payments or deductibles. Others, 30 percent, raised employee premium percentages and nearly as many trimmed back their health offerings. More than one-in-three switched insurers.
 The message I delivered to the U.S. Senate's Small Business Committee on Feb. 5 offered one antidote for this illness: Congress can help small businesses survive by allowing them to band together through their trade or professional associations to purchase health insurance at discounted rates.
 Large corporations and labor unions already enjoy economies of scale because of their size, but this advantage has not been available to those who create most of our nation's new jobs.
 Association Health Plans would save small businesses 15 percent to 30 percent of their premium costs compared with the cost of purchasing coverage directly from an insurance company. But the real cure for our ailing health system will come only when lawmakers have the courage to decide that patients with true medical needs, not trial lawyers in search of big financial awards, are the ones who deserve the benefits.
 Until then, let's hope we have no need of medical attention. There may not be a doctor in the house.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1947, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitols. More information is available on-line at www.nfib.com.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1947, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitols. More information is available on-line at www.nfib.com.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1947, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitols. More information is available on-line at www.nfib.com.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1947, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitols. More information is available on-line at www.nfib.com.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1947, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitols. More information is available on-line at www.nfib.com.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1947, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitols. More information is available on-line at www.nfib.com.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1947, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitols. More information is available on-line at www.nfib.com.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1947, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitols. More information is available on-line at www.nfib.com.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1947, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitols. More information is available on-line at www.nfib.com.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1947, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitols. More information is available on-line at www.nfib.com.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1947, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitols. More information is available on-line at www.nfib.com.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1947, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitols. More information is available on-line at www.nfib.com.



Some of the Rottermond Jewelers staff in Milford includes (left to right) — front row: Joe Cayuela, Libby Dart, Dean Rottermond and Cindi Rottermond; back row: George Teufel, Randy Vrooman, Ron Peterson, Randy Steele and Al Linsner.

Rottermond is the place to go for custom-designed jewelry

Educated and experienced go hand-in-hand with integrity and trust. That is how owner Dean Rottermond views Rottermond Jewelers of Milford and Brighton. "If our staffers possess the necessary education and experience in their field, then our customers will know that we adhere to a code of values and can be trusted," explained Rottermond. "Add nearly three years, earned his graduate degree in gemology in 1999 in Carlsbad, Cal., from the Gemological Institute of America (GIA). He is a registered jeweler and a certified gemologist with the American Gem Society (AGS). This spring he will travel to Austin, Tex., to take his exam to become a certified gemology appraiser, the highest level of certification from AGS.
 Another 23-year veteran in the jewelry business is graduate gemologist Randy Steele, who sold his own store so he can perform hands-on work in the back room at Rottermond's. His GIA degree comes in handy because Steele enjoys hand engraving, jewelry design and diamond setting. The newest graduate gemologist to join Rottermond's is Al Linsner, manager of the Brighton store. With 30 years in the jewelry business, Linsner also likes doing custom design work for clients.
 George Teufel has been a designer for Rottermond's for more than 13 years. "I do just about everything — bracelets, rings, pendants and inlay work," he explained. "Most of my work is one-of-a-kind stuff."
 Cindi Rottermond is certified in diamonds from the GIA, along with Rose Crumley. Crumley has been a staffer at Rottermond's for seven years and is working on her graduate gemology degree. Rottermond said becoming certified is no easy task. "While much of the studying is done on your own time, you take the exam with a proctor," she said.
 Eric Larvick, in the jewelry business for 23 years, designs exclusive custom pieces for Rottermond's. In shows sponsored by the Michigan Jewelers Association, Larvick earned first place and best of show for his entry in 2000 and first place in the Professional Goldsmith category in 2002.
 Membership in the AGS guarantees consumers that they "are doing business with jewelry professionals and that the company owners, principals and employees possess high levels of gemological knowledge, including studying and completing a diamonds course," the spokesperson said.
 In addition, the owners "must have a reputation for impeccable integrity in the business community and must be operated in a way that will enhance the confidence of the public in the jewelry industry. The owners and principals must demonstrate that they are genuinely interested in high business ethics and the firm exemplifies this belief," the spokesperson added.
 "It is a long process to become an AGS store," said Rottermond's Peterson. "It is the only jewelry organization which requires jewelry stores to re-certify its staffers by re-testing on a regular basis. You just can't coast. You have to keep studying and learning."
 Peterson noted he is "really into gemology — thanks to Dean. He (Dean) advocates every employee being educated in his/her field," Peterson explained. "It is a benefit to everybody — the employee, the store and the clientele."
 Yes, education and experience go hand-in-hand with integrity and trust.



Graduate gemologists at Rottermond Jewelers examine some colored stones for a custom-designed piece of jewelry. Pictured are (from left) Joe Cayuela, Randy Steele and Al Linsner.

superior customer service and that is what Rottermond Jewelers is all about." Rottermond, who has been in the jewelry business for 30 years, is proud of his staff and truly values their education and experience. Here is a thumbnail sketch of the Rottermond staff.
 Ron Peterson, who has been with Rottermond Jewelers for

BECAUSE LIFE IS COLORFUL

When making a purchase as important as fine jewelry, you need a jeweler you can trust. Our American Gem Society membership is your guarantee that you are doing business with jewelry professionals, a staff and store that is committed to on-going gemological training, customer service of the highest caliber, and above all, integrity.

AMERICAN GEM SOCIETY
 Dedicated to promoting fine jewelry and gemstone professionals

MILFORD 248.685.1150 BRIGHTON 810.220.0015

THINKING ABOUT CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING? LENNOX

FREE ESTIMATES (734) 525-1930 Our 20th Year! UNITED TEMPERATURE 6919 MIDDLEBURY • LIVONIA

GET A REAL JOB.
 How many jobs out there pay you to learn valuable skills? In the Army National Guard, we teach hundreds of sought after skills. You'll also learn leadership, responsibility and the "can-do" that employers are looking for. You can gain experience, an extra paycheck, college tuition assistance and other military benefits. All while serving your country and community part-time.
 Call today to find out how you can make it to the top.

MICHIGAN YOU CAN

1-800-GO-GUARD • www.1-800-GO-GUARD.com

MI-DAN

Want a fast affordable way to run your 2 x 2 display ad at a reasonable price and reach over 2.1 million readers? Then choose MI-DAN! For just \$949, you can place a 2 column by 2 inch display ad in over 75 publications. You may contact this newspaper for more information or Wendy Meier at Michigan Newspapers Inc.

MICHIGAN NEWS PAPER INC.
 521 West Washington Ave
 Farmington Hills, MI 48334
 Phone 517-272-2424
 Fax 517-272-2429
 www.michigannews.com

Save with the highest available rates on your financial needs & receive a FREE gift of your choice!

Earn the highest available rates on Certificates of Deposit, Totally Free and Classic Checking, IRA, Premier Money Market and Home Equity accounts! Stop in today for complete details on all our high-yielding interest bearing accounts. Premiums shown below are subject to change without notice.

Check out the money saving advantages of Michigan Heritage Bank's **Totally FREE Checking!**

- Unlimited Check Writing
- First Box of Checks Free
- No Minimum Balance
- FREE ATM Access Card
- FREE Telephone Banking
- FREE Advantage Club Account*
- No Transaction Fees
- No Monthly Service Charges

*With the opening of a second account.

Novi 21211 Haggerty Rd. North of 8 Mile (888) 437-6243

Troy 1917 East Big Beaver At John R. Rd. (248) 618-0264

Farmington Hills 28300 Orchard Lake Rd. Suite 101 (800) 914-3524

MICHIGAN HERITAGE Bank

CHURCH DIRECTORY

For information regarding rates call The Northville Record or Novi News (248) 349-1700

CHURCH DIRECTORY

For information regarding rates call The Northville Record or Novi News (248) 349-1700



Weather's right for reading
Andrew Humphrey, Meteorologist on WDIV-TV Channel 4, reads to second graders on March 4 at Orchard Hills as part of March Reading Month.

Ronald McDonald teaches Novi Woods students that reading is fun

■ Kids receive four main messages in half-hour show

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

The golden arches of McDonalds were ever present at Novi Woods on Friday as Ronald McDonald paid a visit to teach students of the importance of reading. McDonald

weaved four important messages during his entertaining show which included: Books are our friends; Take care of your books; Visit your library often; and Read with excitement.

"Ronald McDonald is here as a service that is provided through the owners and operators of McDonalds," Pat Holt said, who is the Marketing Coordinator for Claude and Teresa Murphy, the owners of the 10 Mile and Grand River McDonalds. "It's an assembly program and we provide this service to the community for free, so we use him in the community as much as we can.

Every year they pick a theme, last year it was self-esteem and this year the program is about reading."

McDonald explained that McDonalds restaurants are all about giving back to the community. "It was the founding father of McDonalds who started that," he said. "His philosophy was to always give back more than you receive. This particular show is designed to teach kids the excitement of reading, they will be able to take care of their books and to respect their books just like they would respect their human friends. That's what we are here

for, we are here to teach the kids that reading is exciting and it's a lot of fun and you get a lot of cool stuff out of it."

Students got a chance to see McDonald sing a song, read a map, send a message in a bottle, spell library and make a puppet out of a sock. They also participated by acting out the rolls of rain, wind and thunder while teachers played the part of lightning.

Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.

Walled Lake CS promotes two

Walled Lake Consolidated Schools' Superintendent Dr. James Geisler announced the promotions of Sandra Motz to Assistant superintendent for business services and Craig Aleo to executive director for labor and employee services.

Motz, 11-year executive director for business services, manages the district's \$144 million budget, is the president of the Michigan School Business Officials, is on the Downtown Development Authorities in Commerce, Walled Lake and Wixom, and is the chairperson of the district liability insurance group.

Aleo, six-year director of labor and employee services, negotiates contracts on behalf of the district with its eight unions representing more than 2,000 employees. He also oversees the district's personnel department.

"Ms. Motz and Mr. Aleo are key contributors to Walled Lake School's continued success in managing Oakland County's largest school district that offers some of the best educational programs in the country. Their administrative acumen and business expertise are invaluable assets," Geisler said.

Sugarloaf Art Fair

325 Fine Artists & Craft Designers

Novi Expo Center • Novi, MI
April 11, 12, 13, 2003

Daily Adult Admission \$6.00
Children under 12 & Parking FREE
Friday, Saturday & Sunday 10-6

DIRECTIONS: Take I-96 to Exit 162. Turn south on Novi Road. Turn right onto Expo Center Drive. The Expo Center is located one block on the right.

HOME TOWN Observance & Entertainment

Buy crafts online at www.CraftsOnline.com

For Discount Admission Coupons:

- Visit your local Farmer Jack
- Print them from www.SugarloafCrafts.com
- Call 800-210-9900

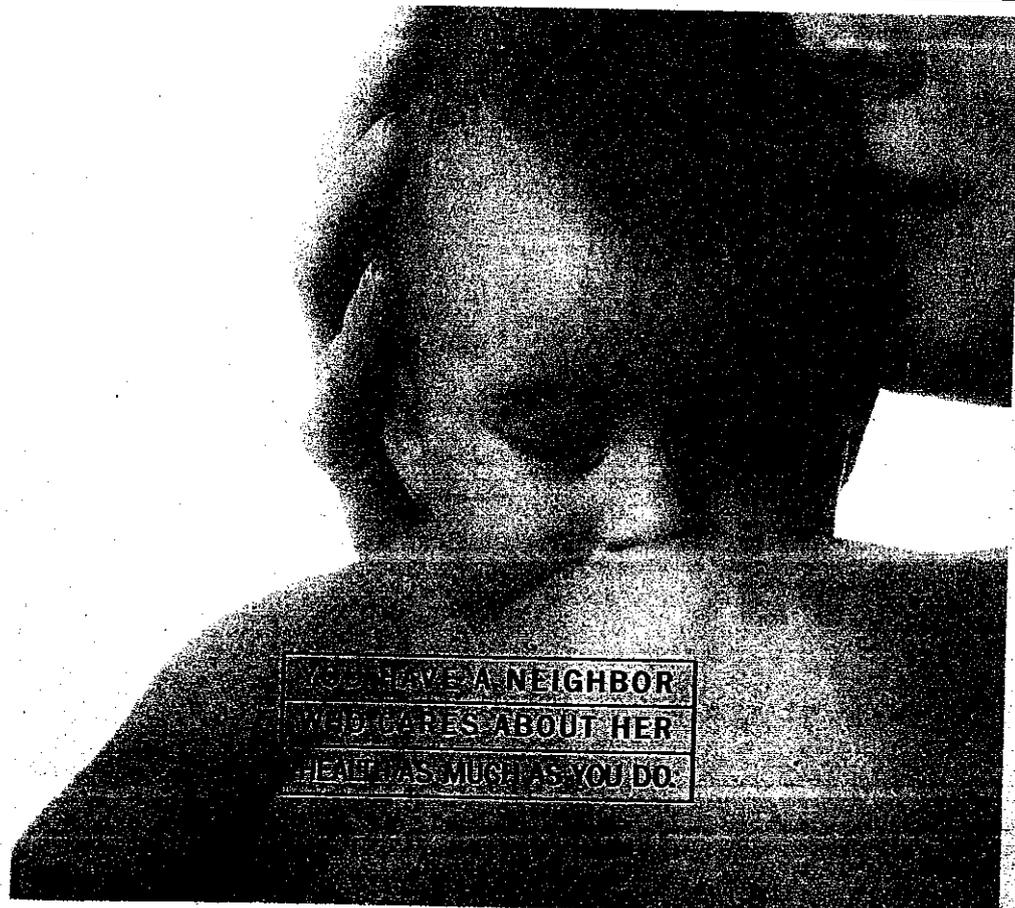
When an accident damages your business, your Citizens agent comes to the rescue. We understand how unsettling disruptions to your daily life can be—even if they're minor. Our pledge is to get you, your family, and your life back to normal as soon as possible.

Citizens Insurance Company of America has been providing auto, home, and business insurance to the people of Michigan since 1915. To find your local independent Citizens agent, look in the yellow pages or visit www.citizensinsurance.biz.

Discover the Benefits of Citizenship.

CITIZENS
INSURANCE

www.citizensinsurance.biz



SHE HAS A NEIGHBOR
 YOU CARE ABOUT HER
 LEARN AS MUCH AS YOU DO.

The University of Michigan Health System is now accepting new pediatric patients.

Pediatricians with the University of Michigan Health Centers are now accepting new patients at Livonia Health Center, West Ann Arbor Health Center, Briarwood Health Associates and Howell Pediatrics. But convenience and superior health care aren't the only things that you can expect by choosing a U-M pediatrician. You'll get a physician who truly cares about your child, your concerns and your questions. Plus, should your child ever need it, you'll have access to one of the top hospitals in the country. For more information, log on to www.med.umich.edu or call 800-211-8181. Because after all, care really knows no boundaries.



PDF029000271

Plenty of talent for the spring

Well, it's that time of year again already.

I have to say, thanks to the outstanding performances by our squads in the post season of the winter sports, I never really had a chance to sit back and try to catch my breath like years past.



Sam Eggleston

That's just fine though, sometimes I'd rather have it this way.

Instead of worry about what I'm going to use to fill my sports pages, I get to get right back into the swing of things with all kinds of exciting new prospects. Both the Novi Wildcats and the Northville Mustangs give me so much to write about that sometimes I have to sit back and decide what I'm going to cut out of which story so I can fit them all in. Other times, because of major victories and such, I've actually had to leave things behind. I know this upsets some parents out there, but I hope all of them understand that it's never my intention to leave sport on the chopping block, it's just a necessity sometimes.

This year, we have a ton of talented athletes that will be vying for the front page with their sporting accomplishments on our local squads.

At Northville High School, I have a whole new sport to cover in their brand-new lacrosse squad. Novi, of course, has an established team that will be looking to compete for the state title again.

In rugby, I don't have to worry about two teams. It's a nice, combined sport that enables me to do double the work in half the time. For me, that's a blessing.

Then, we have baseball. Northville is the defending District champs, but Novi has won their conference three years running and is definitely looking to return to the top again this year.

The boys' tennis teams will be looking good. Northville has a new coach to helm the team while Novi has a very established and very respected man heading them up again this year.

Softball has seen a change in Northville as well. We have a new coach giving direction to a squad that struggled last season. Novi hasn't changed anything on their bench, except for maybe a few new players and the loss of a couple to graduation last season. They will be looking to be much improved this year.

Girls' golf has the same coaches and both are looking to compete in their conference. Of course, Northville lost Kate McDonald to graduation, but they still have plenty of talent. Novi took a few bumps and bruises last year, but they are the stronger for it now.

And the there's girls soccer. Novi is probably expected to have quite the team this year, and their coaching staff has a way of making any team into contenders. Oh yeah, speaking of talented coaching staffs, Northville's will be looking to guide a very enthusiastic crew to wins this year as they hunt for the conference crown.

And who can forget track and field? Novi's girls have a slew of talented athletes that will be taking to the meets for them, as does Northville's. The Mustang boys have some major talent returning, and are looking to improve in all the right places. Novi just seems to breed athletes as they have a very, very strong senior class this year with a group of underclassmen that is showing a lot of promise.

What can I say? I'm blessed to be writing sports in this area. I don't have to worry about horrible losing streaks that last two years and I don't have to worry about teams trying to figure out where they are going to find enough talent to field a squad.

Instead, I wonder which team will be state-finals bound, which will win districts, which will send individuals to the finals meets and which athletes will continue to rise above the rest and show what they are made of.

IN LIKE A LION, OUT LIKE A WILDCAT

• SPRING SPORTS PREVIEW •



Photos by JOHN HEIDER

The Wildcats are ready for Spring: (top to bottom) The Novi boys come out of the high school looking to practice for track; The rugby team practices their rucking; The Novi girls' track team braves the sloop and the snow to get their laps in.

Excited for spring sports? Well, you're not the only one.

This year, the Wildcats are looking to be contenders across the board and will be looking to get in the hunt for their conference title and maybe even more.

What can you hope for out of teams like these? Only the best and the most determined make much noise, and the 'Cats will be looking to make quite the ruckus in 2003.

Here's what you will find in this issue:

■ The boys' and girls' track and field teams are looking to continue their march to be the best they can be. Under the guid-

ance of top-notch coaches, both squads are hoping to add depth and talent with some of the new faces on the teams — that will work nicely with the incredible talent they already have returning from last year. See page B2.

■ The Northville-Novu Knights rugby football club is back and they look better than ever. A tough squad or returning players are beefed up with unbridled enthusiasm this season as they look to dethrone Brighton and take a seat as state champions themselves. See page B2.

■ Will the baseball team be able to repeat as conference

champs? With their return of experienced players and determination to get even better, the future does indeed look bright. See page B4.

■ With a coaching staff as experienced as Novi's, their lacrosse team always seems to build up a squad that is in the hunt for the state title. Will this year prove different? Looks like we'll have to wait and see. See page B3.

■ Under the guidance of one of the best coaches in the conference, the Wildcat tennis team has little more to worry about than going out onto the court and

playing their best tennis. No doubt, they'll do just that. See page B4.

■ The Novi Wildcats softball team is looking to improve over a rough last season that found only three players being lost to graduation. With that kind of experience returning, this looks to be the year of an improved record — and maybe more. An experienced coaching staff and more determination than ever will no doubt help that goal become a reality for the 2003 season. See page B4.

■ Will the Novi golf team be better this year compared to last

season? It looks like that will probably be the case. With a good core of returning linksters to the squad, the 'Cats are hoping to see marked improvements across the board. See page B5.

■ Is there ever any doubt about how good the Novi girls' soccer team is going to be? This year, not only do they have one of the strongest returning groups that has ever been seen in the KVC, but they know how to use it. The Wildcats soccer team is hoping to prove that they are for real this year, and are eyeing the crown that they can wear to prove they are indeed the queens of the KVC. See page B3.

GAME OF THE WEEK

Novi Wildcats

SPRING IS THE TIME FOR BLOOMING SPORTS!

Northville-Novu Knights look tough

Ruggers looking to have an impact on West Division

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

They're back, and they look better than ever.

The Northville-Novu Knights Rugby Football Club is looking to be a major contender this season in hopes of finishing better than their third-place finish in the state in 2002.

Under the guidance of coach Ron Cornell, the Knights have found themselves at a new talent, determination and numbers.

"We've had quite a few new players come out and practice with us," Cornell said. "We've definitely seen some enthusiasm so far this season. If we can keep the numbers up, we should be able to field a pretty tough team."

Some new faces this season include Marc Mueller and Matt Cornelius — both monsters from the Northville football program who are learning the tricks of the trade.

The key to any game is experience through, and the Knights have some of that too. Matt Haggerty, looking to play senior half, has been practicing his passes, while Ben Mason has made his way back to the field in hopes of proving his moxie with his fellow ruggers.

"We have a few kids back from last year that are eager to play," Cornell said. "The more experience we have, the better it is for the team. Right now, we have about the experience level we were hoping for."

And they'll need it too. Landing themselves in the newly formed West Division, the Knights will have the chore of taking on defending state-champion Brighton as well as a tough Washtenaw squad, Howell's rugby squad and a new team in Birmingham that will probably prove tough in its first year. In the East Division, St. Joseph's squad is back to try to better its second-place state standing from last year, while Dearborn, Livonia and Berkley have all returned. A new squad from Lakeview will be hitting the field as well.

"We definitely landed in the tougher of the two divisions," Cornell said. "It's going to be a challenging schedule."

Beyond the regular season and the playoffs, the Knights are hop-

ing to get into the Midwest Playoffs to be held May 3-4 in South Bend, Indiana. Right now, the squad isn't sure how many Michigan teams have put their bid in to the governing body of the tournament, but if it's three or less the Knights are in automatically. If not, they'll be looking at using the Michigan Cup Tournament, scheduled to be held in Southfield and

sponsored by the Detroit Audubon Rugby Club this year, as the proving ground for which teams will advance.

The Knights also have the factors of intensity and size on their side this season. Much bigger than last year in the very fit props and forwards, the Knights should be tough to handle in the rucks and scrums. Their intensity at practice

has already found the coaching staff trying to calm the athletes down to the point that they aren't making full-out tackles on the somewhat still frozen ground of their practice field.

With the numbers, the talent and the experience coming to the field, the fundamentals of the game and everything will size up nicely. Just remember — rugby isn't a game of

meets, it's a game of possession. The Knights' opponents can't win if they can't score.

Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

The possibilities are endless if they get everything rolling in the right direction, and a state-championship is by no means out of their reach.

All the coaches have to do is erase everything the new players learned in football, and teach them the fundamentals of the game and everything will size up nicely. Just remember — rugby isn't a game of

meets, it's a game of possession. The Knights' opponents can't win if they can't score.

Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.



The Northville/Novu Knights rugby team practices their 'rucking' last Friday afternoon at Meads Mill Middle School.

Coach: Ron Cornell
2002 record: 8-6 (Third-Place in the state)
Key losses: Billy Adkins, Nick Clark, Seth Corbin, Alex Burch, Alex Gutierrez
Key returns: Matt Haggerty, Ben Mason, Mike Sobu
Goals for season: To improve over last-season's finish while improving the experience of the members in the program as well
Major opponents: Brighton, Grand Rapids Catholic Central

Coach: Brian O'Leary
Key losses: Tina Fennelly and Karrie Smith
Key returns: A very solid core of soccer players have returned for the Novi squad.
Goals for season: To finish with better marks than last season and possibly make a run at the KVC title.
Major opponents: The KVC is much improved this season.

Coach: Stan Zajdel
2002 result: Novi once again made it to the Final Four semi-finals.
Goals for season: To send as many players to college on scholarship as possible. Make it back to the final four.
Major opponents: Most of the teams Novi plays are major opponents.

Coach: Bob Smith
Key returns: Matt Emmenecker, Chase Chandler, Trent Sisson, Dan Thelen
Major opponents: According to Smith, the KVC is going to be the closest it has been in a long while.

Coach: Marsha Reid
Key returns: Nina Schmitt, Jen Mehl
Major opponents: The Wildcats will have their hands full with a very tough Milford squad, as well as Brighton and Lakeland.

Coach: Marsha Reid
Key returns: Nina Schmitt, Jen Mehl
Major opponents: The Wildcats will have their hands full with a very tough Milford squad, as well as Brighton and Lakeland.

Coach: Marsha Reid
Key returns: Nina Schmitt, Jen Mehl
Major opponents: The Wildcats will have their hands full with a very tough Milford squad, as well as Brighton and Lakeland.

Coach: Marsha Reid
Key returns: Nina Schmitt, Jen Mehl
Major opponents: The Wildcats will have their hands full with a very tough Milford squad, as well as Brighton and Lakeland.

Coach: Marsha Reid
Key returns: Nina Schmitt, Jen Mehl
Major opponents: The Wildcats will have their hands full with a very tough Milford squad, as well as Brighton and Lakeland.

Coach: Marsha Reid
Key returns: Nina Schmitt, Jen Mehl
Major opponents: The Wildcats will have their hands full with a very tough Milford squad, as well as Brighton and Lakeland.

Coach: Marsha Reid
Key returns: Nina Schmitt, Jen Mehl
Major opponents: The Wildcats will have their hands full with a very tough Milford squad, as well as Brighton and Lakeland.

Coach: Marsha Reid
Key returns: Nina Schmitt, Jen Mehl
Major opponents: The Wildcats will have their hands full with a very tough Milford squad, as well as Brighton and Lakeland.

'Cats looking strong

Slew of returning players gives Novi the edge

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Their future's so bright, they gotta wear shades.

The Novi Wildcats girls' soccer team, under the guidance of Brian O'Leary, have what looks to be one of the brightest futures in the Kensington Valley Conference this season.

"With so many returning players, we have high expectations," O'Leary said. "We're returning a strong nucleus of players."

Up front and highly visible as leaders will be juniors Maureen Pawlak and Nikki Herman. Last season, Pawlak notched a staggering 36 goals and 21 assists, while Herman collected 20 goals and 20 assists.

The Wildcats will be strong in every facet this season. They return four defenders — three of which are seniors with four years of varsity experience in Katie Ales, Lisa Checchobelli and Kelly McMann. Also returning to the defense is sophomore Kelly Herbert, considered to be Novi's best marking defender who shut down many of the state's top players last year as a freshman.

Rounding out the defense is Lauren Marchioni and Shae Reichley, who are both freshmen.

When it comes to goaltending, the Wildcats have no worries. Returning between the posts is senior Kellie Pfeiffer, who is also a four-year varsity player. Back-up goalies Amanda Church, a junior, and sophomore Kim Herbst will be ready if they are called into duty.

Church covered the net for the 'Cats after Pfeiffer broke her arm last season and did a stellar job. Herbst started every game for the junior varsity squad last season.

"Our depth in goal is outstanding," O'Leary noted. "The midfield returns two out-

standing starters in sophomore Kristi Timar and junior Colene Brockman. Junior Jamie Harden and sophomore Sarah Schmitt will be eyeing a starting spots as well. Danielle Fennelly, a junior, will be joined by sophomores Julie Johnston and Nicole Barnd as well as freshmen Katie and Kellie Walker to round out the midfield.

And when it comes to leadership, the 'Cats are blessed. "We have excellent leadership

with Katie Ales, Kellie Pfeiffer and Kerri Timar as our captains," O'Leary said.

The 'Cats will be without Kerri Timar though, as a knee injury will have her prowling the sidelines this season.

Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

with Katie Ales, Kellie Pfeiffer and Kerri Timar as our captains," O'Leary said.

The 'Cats will be without Kerri Timar though, as a knee injury will have her prowling the sidelines this season.

Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

with Katie Ales, Kellie Pfeiffer and Kerri Timar as our captains," O'Leary said.

The 'Cats will be without Kerri Timar though, as a knee injury will have her prowling the sidelines this season.

Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

with Katie Ales, Kellie Pfeiffer and Kerri Timar as our captains," O'Leary said.

The 'Cats will be without Kerri Timar though, as a knee injury will have her prowling the sidelines this season.

Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

with Katie Ales, Kellie Pfeiffer and Kerri Timar as our captains," O'Leary said.

The 'Cats will be without Kerri Timar though, as a knee injury will have her prowling the sidelines this season.

Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

with Katie Ales, Kellie Pfeiffer and Kerri Timar as our captains," O'Leary said.

The 'Cats will be without Kerri Timar though, as a knee injury will have her prowling the sidelines this season.

Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

with Katie Ales, Kellie Pfeiffer and Kerri Timar as our captains," O'Leary said.

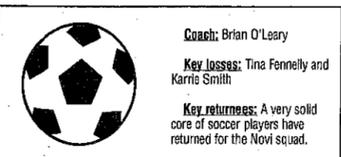
The 'Cats will be without Kerri Timar though, as a knee injury will have her prowling the sidelines this season.

Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

with Katie Ales, Kellie Pfeiffer and Kerri Timar as our captains," O'Leary said.

The 'Cats will be without Kerri Timar though, as a knee injury will have her prowling the sidelines this season.

Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.



SOCCER

Coach: Brian O'Leary
Key losses: Tina Fennelly and Karrie Smith
Key returns: A very solid core of soccer players have returned for the Novi squad.
Goals for season: To finish with better marks than last season and possibly make a run at the KVC title.
Major opponents: The KVC is much improved this season.

Coach: Ron Cornell
2002 record: 8-6 (Third-Place in the state)
Key losses: Billy Adkins, Nick Clark, Seth Corbin, Alex Burch, Alex Gutierrez
Key returns: Matt Haggerty, Ben Mason, Mike Sobu
Goals for season: To improve over last-season's finish while improving the experience of the members in the program as well
Major opponents: Brighton, Grand Rapids Catholic Central

Coach: Stan Zajdel
2002 result: Novi once again made it to the Final Four semi-finals.
Goals for season: To send as many players to college on scholarship as possible. Make it back to the final four.
Major opponents: Most of the teams Novi plays are major opponents.

Coach: Bob Smith
Key returns: Matt Emmenecker, Chase Chandler, Trent Sisson, Dan Thelen
Major opponents: According to Smith, the KVC is going to be the closest it has been in a long while.

Coach: Marsha Reid
Key returns: Nina Schmitt, Jen Mehl
Major opponents: The Wildcats will have their hands full with a very tough Milford squad, as well as Brighton and Lakeland.

Coach: Marsha Reid
Key returns: Nina Schmitt, Jen Mehl
Major opponents: The Wildcats will have their hands full with a very tough Milford squad, as well as Brighton and Lakeland.

Coach: Marsha Reid
Key returns: Nina Schmitt, Jen Mehl
Major opponents: The Wildcats will have their hands full with a very tough Milford squad, as well as Brighton and Lakeland.

Coach: Marsha Reid
Key returns: Nina Schmitt, Jen Mehl
Major opponents: The Wildcats will have their hands full with a very tough Milford squad, as well as Brighton and Lakeland.

Coach: Marsha Reid
Key returns: Nina Schmitt, Jen Mehl
Major opponents: The Wildcats will have their hands full with a very tough Milford squad, as well as Brighton and Lakeland.

Coach: Marsha Reid
Key returns: Nina Schmitt, Jen Mehl
Major opponents: The Wildcats will have their hands full with a very tough Milford squad, as well as Brighton and Lakeland.

Coach: Marsha Reid
Key returns: Nina Schmitt, Jen Mehl
Major opponents: The Wildcats will have their hands full with a very tough Milford squad, as well as Brighton and Lakeland.

Coach: Marsha Reid
Key returns: Nina Schmitt, Jen Mehl
Major opponents: The Wildcats will have their hands full with a very tough Milford squad, as well as Brighton and Lakeland.

Coach: Marsha Reid
Key returns: Nina Schmitt, Jen Mehl
Major opponents: The Wildcats will have their hands full with a very tough Milford squad, as well as Brighton and Lakeland.

Coach: Marsha Reid
Key returns: Nina Schmitt, Jen Mehl
Major opponents: The Wildcats will have their hands full with a very tough Milford squad, as well as Brighton and Lakeland.

Coach: Marsha Reid
Key returns: Nina Schmitt, Jen Mehl
Major opponents: The Wildcats will have their hands full with a very tough Milford squad, as well as Brighton and Lakeland.

Novi still ready to play

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

To lose 17 seniors to graduation is usually so devastating for a team their coach calls the following year a "rebuilding season" — not the Novi Wildcats.

The 'Cats lacrosse team, coached by seasoned helmsman Stan Zajdel, are still planning on competing in their division and hope to make it back to the Final Four semi-finals again this year.

"Our program is at that level and we'd like to maintain that level," Zajdel said of reaching the semi-finals. "It's going to be an interesting season. It just depends on how the younger kids respond on how the season will turn out."

And younger kids are definitely something the Wildcats have. Eight sophomores and three freshmen will be listed on the varsity roster this season. To lead them, Drew Hunt, Shaun Dicken, Matt Murray and Mike Ward have all come back this season.

"We've got something like one or two experienced guys at every spot," Zajdel said.

The experience is full of true veterans too. Hunt alone has made the All-State team as a member of the first team for the past two years.

"He's one of the best long-stick midis in the state," Zajdel said.

And while the younger players are adjusting, Zajdel said that his defense should be able to keep them in most games.

"Our defense this year is tremendous," he said. "We will have to replace our goalie, which is something we knew we'd have to do (because of graduation), but this is probably the best defense we've ever had."

With that in mind, the 'Cats will be able to do the work necessary to make their offense a potent one.

Even with their major losses to graduation such as All-State player Drew Doll, the Wildcats are looking to be competitive across the board.

"A lot of teams graduated a lot of their best guys," Zajdel said. "Birmingham, Catholic Central and Country Day were laden with a lot of seniors. That's what happens every year for the most part."

As a personal goal, Zajdel said that he hopes to have three or four guys go on to make the All-State team — and hopefully that many go on to play at the collegiate level.

San Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

San Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

San Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

San Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

San Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

San Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

San Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

San Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

San Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

San Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

Wildcats ready to tear up the track

Boys are looking to be major factors

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Well, if numbers had anything to do with it the Novi Wildcats boys' track and field team would have the best season ever.

The squad, under veteran coach Robert Smith, has recorded the most-ever participations for their track team with 94 eager athletes looking to make their mark on the Kensington Valley Conference this season.

"It's nice to have a lot to choose from," Smith said. "If attitude is a factor in a good season, then we're going to have a great season."

Though the Wildcats lost a lot of good talent to graduation, including three school-record holders, they are still looking to be competitive this season.

"In some regards, the KVC is even better," Smith said, comparing this year to a very tight-knit last season. "Milford is still the top gun, but South Lyon has really kicked up their program. Novi, Brighton and Howell were virtually tied last year. I really couldn't predict the order of finish."

Don't think that means the 'Cats will be bowing out of anything.

"Oh, we're definitely a contender this year," Smith said. "We are going to go to every meet and perform at every level. If a team doesn't put their A-team on the line, they will lose."

Smith noted that this year should be a good one thanks in part to his dedicated senior class.

"They seem very goal-oriented this year," he said. "The seniors want to go out with a bang and qualify for the finals. That's really the pinnacle for this sport. It's so competitive and it's a huge honor to go."

The Wildcats are hoping to be competitive in each event. They have a strong core of sprinters returning and some fresh faces as well. Chase Chandler, Carl Emmenecker and Eric VanTassel are just some of the names that will be recognized for their track ability.

"Those are probably our deepest events," Smith said.

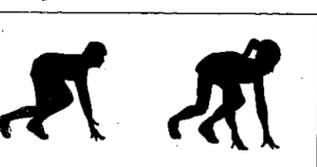
The pole vault looks promising as well, with senior Dan Thelen back to make a bid at the finals.

Even the shot and discus look to be in good hands. Junior Trent Sisson is putting his work ethic to good use in hopes of making some noise with the shot, while Tom Vretas is the number one guy in discus this year.

"We've been up and down in the throwing events in the 20-some years I've been coaching," Smith said. "The last few years have really picked up though."

The 'Cats are hoping to use their numbers, their talents and the determination to succeed to push them into the running for the conference title this season.

Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.



BOYS' TRACK GIRLS' TRACK

Coach: Bob Smith
Key returns: Matt Emmenecker, Chase Chandler, Trent Sisson, Dan Thelen
Major opponents: According to Smith, the KVC is going to be the closest it has been in a long while.

Coach: Marsha Reid
Key returns: Nina Schmitt, Jen Mehl
Major opponents: The Wildcats will have their hands full with a very tough Milford squad, as well as Brighton and Lakeland.

Coach: Marsha Reid
Key returns: Nina Schmitt, Jen Mehl
Major opponents: The Wildcats will have their hands full with a very tough Milford squad, as well as Brighton and Lakeland.

Coach: Marsha Reid
Key returns: Nina Schmitt, Jen Mehl
Major opponents: The Wildcats will have their hands full with a very tough Milford squad, as well as Brighton and Lakeland.

Coach: Marsha Reid
Key returns: Nina Schmitt, Jen Mehl
Major opponents: The Wildcats will have their hands full with a very tough Milford squad, as well as Brighton and Lakeland.

Coach: Marsha Reid
Key returns: Nina Schmitt, Jen Mehl
Major opponents: The Wildcats will have their hands full with a very tough Milford squad, as well as Brighton and Lakeland.

Coach: Marsha Reid
Key returns: Nina Schmitt, Jen Mehl
Major opponents: The Wildcats will have their hands full with a very tough Milford squad, as well as Brighton and Lakeland.

Girls gearing up under new coach

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

A new head coach and a new program will find the Novi Wildcats girls' track and field team looking to improve this season.

With Marsha Reid, a former Novi assistant track coach, taking the helm this season, the Wildcats are looking to install a new program that will build on the successes of the old program.

"It's a little different that last year," Reid said. "The girls are very positive and seem encouraged."

And encouraged they should be. With the return of athletes like Nina Schmitt, Jen Mehl and Erin Reid, the squad is looking tough.

"We have some great leadership," Reid said. "We also have a great work ethic and an eagerness to continue to improve."

The Wildcats definitely have the numbers to pick from. This season, the girls' track team has 100 participants out — their best numbers ever.

"We have a lot of new girls too," Reid said. "We haven't had much of a chance to see what they can do because the weather hasn't cooperated. Hopefully, we'll see more this week."

With the season about to start and such numbers vying for a role on the team, the 'Cats will be looking to make adjustments on the fly in their hopes of making some noise in the Kensington Valley Conference.

"I think we'll grow through the season," Reid said. "We will go through and start rebuilding

and rebuilding the program. It's a good program right now because (former coach) Sue Tomineck did an excellent job while she was here."

According to Reid, Brighton and Pinckney will be two of the top teams in the KVC, as will the ever-tough Milford Mavericks. But, then again, any team can win on any given day.

"You better believe it. It comes down to whatever kids come out and perform."

The 'Cats are looking to have good performances in the pole vault and the distance and middle-distance events.

Reid said, "It comes down to whatever kids come out and perform."

The 'Cats are looking to have good performances in the pole vault and the distance and middle-distance events.

Reid said, "It comes down to whatever kids come out and perform."

The 'Cats are looking to have good performances in the pole vault and the distance and middle-distance events.

J&K & associates, inc. presents

LINCOLN CENTER JAZZ ORCHESTRA

with Wynton Marsalis

Wednesday, June 18
7:30 and 9:30 p.m.
Novi High School

Tickets go on sale Tuesday, April 15

Look for details on the Web: www.veeland.com
Coming soon!

A Novi Rotary Club production:
Call Tony Musu for sponsorship information (248) 465-1370, x 404

WEMU 89.1
JOHNSON'S PRINTING SERVICES

NOVI RECORD
Novi News
Northville Record

Novi ready to show abilities

Last year's rough roads should prove invaluable

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

This season, the Novi Wildcats softball team is looking to take their experiences from last season and improve on them.

Though last year proved a rough one for the Wildcats, they haven't been deterred. With the loss of only three seniors to pesky graduation, the Novi squad is looking to take their bumps and their bruises from 2002 and turn them into a better record this year.

Veteran coach Sunny Jones will have the task of taking her squad and leading them through any rough patches they encounter this season. A tough group of girls, Novi has it set in their minds that in no way will they repeat the rocky results of last year.

With more experience under their belts and a determined mind, the Wildcats will set out to take on some of the toughest teams in the area as they fight for survival in the Kensington Valley Conference.

Milford, Lakeland, Brighton and Howell will prove to be tough opponents, again this season, as will the remaining members of the KVC in South Lyon, Hartland and Pinckney.

The squad's non-league schedule finds them pairing off with strong teams such as Ann Arbor Huron, Walled Lake Western and Walled Lake Central — all three teams that are known to have tough programs. With a heavy schedule such as this one, it's obvious that the "Cats are looking to improve through any means they can — including taking on some of the strongest teams around.

Though the "Cats were on the wrong end of many of their games last season, they are looking to rectify that situation with strong hitting and intense pitching. The experience that has



SOFTBALL

Date	Opponent
March 26	.....WLC
March 29	.....Howell *
April 2	.....Lakeland *
April 4	.....Brighton *
April 7	.....Pinckney *
April 9	.....S. Lyon *
April 11	.....Hartland *
April 16	.....Milford *
H April 29	.....WLW
April 30	.....Howell *
H May 2	.....Lakeland *
H May 6	.....AA Huron
May 7	.....Brighton *
May 9	.....S. Lyon *
May 14	.....Hartland *
May 16	.....Milford *
May 17	.....Novi Invitational
May 21	.....Pinckney *

Editor's note: Bold dates indicate home games. * indicates conference event. Times will be listed in weekly schedule appearing in the sports section.

returned this year will most likely prove invaluable as the Wildcats tighten down their field play and discipline their offensive production in hopes of contending for one of the top spots in the conference.

The veteran coaching of Jones has helped the Novi squad stay in contention in years past and will no doubt prove just as important this season.

Her ability to keep the players in the game both in the mental capacity and physically could prove the difference in those tight contests that are so common in the Kensington Valley Conference.

Expect this season to show marked improvement over last in nearly every category. From hitting to pitching to fielding

Coach: Sunny Jones

Key losses: Meghan Colligan, Liz Stevens

Goals for season: Improved season over last year with experienced players in the ranks.

Major opponents: Once again, the KVC will be one of the toughest conferences in the area.

Wildcats hit hard by graduation last year

By Michael Zerlich
SPECIAL WRITER

Sometimes being a high school coach is tough.

Case in point, hats off to Rick Green, Novi's veteran baseball coach. Lets see, how about losing 15 of your 19 players from last year's squad — now that's turnover.

Last year's team went 25-6 and won the Kensington Valley Conference championship for the third year in a row. Green has now been at Novi and has taken his team to two district and one regional championship.

The players gone from last year's team are Trey Simpson, Matt Gorman, Pete Kobylarek, Jake Ray, Jeff Danwell, Brandon Davis, Eric Zorza, Matt Kolich, Brian Swift, Adam Haberman, Mike Crawford, Tyler Mohr, Trevor Scott, Dan Trema, and Scott Kortland.

Green's approach is you play the cards you are dealt and so far he likes the cards he is holding. "I find this year's team to be a refreshing challenge," he said. "Last year the players I had coming up were with me all four years and know my system. This year, just about everyone is new so my coaching staff and I have to teach them everything in our system from the fundamentals, some new positions, to winning baseball games."

Green's coaches this year are Mike Kozeski who coaches the middle infielders, Scott Combs the pitching coach, and Paul Sahol who coaches the out-

fielders and is the bench coach. What Green likes is the players' minds.

What we have is a bunch of young men who have great attitudes, learn well, and are having fun," Green said. "I can't tell you how much that means to a coach trying to get his players ready for the season ahead."

"Probably our biggest weakness will be the inexperience of our pitchers. Between our entire pitching staff they have a total of 12 innings pitched in varsity games."

Regarding the pitching, the Wildcat's have returning hurler Mike Hart, a junior, who was 2-1 with a 2.30 ERA. Joining Hart are three new players off the JV team and they are junior



BASEBALL

Date	Opponent
March 29	.....Howell *
April 1	.....WLW
April 2	.....Lakeland *
April 4	.....Brighton *
April 7	.....Pinckney *
April 9	.....S. Lyon *
April 11	.....Hartland *
April 12	.....Canton
April 16	.....Milford *
April 20	.....Country Day
April 30	.....Howell *
May 2	.....Lakeland *
May 3	.....Salem
May 6	.....Stevenson
May 7	.....Brighton *
May 9	.....S. Lyon *
May 10	.....Lake Orion
May 14	.....Hartland *
May 16	.....Milford *
May 21	.....Pinckney *

Editor's note: Bold dates indicate home games. * indicates conference event. Times will be listed in weekly schedule appearing in the sports section.

Adam Zorza, plus sophomores Billy Morrison and Kevin Cisko.

Evan Rodriguez, a senior shortstop, will be leading the way with his pure hitting and experience defensively. Chris Scott is a junior first baseman new to the team that has shown lots of pop in his bat. Also, Matt Nickles, another new player and a junior, has speed and with the potential to bat about .450 will be playing centerfield.

Others in the starting line-up at this time will be returning senior Darren Guffey at third base, junior Josh Buck at catcher, junior Adam Brandau in left field, returning senior Doug Ray will be either the designated hitter or first base-

man, junior Steve Gawronski at second base, and junior Kerry Kreuzberg in centerfield.

Michael Zerlich is a special writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. Comments can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

Novi returns experienced

Last season was a great learning curve for linksters

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It looks like they're going to be reloaded and ready to rumble.

The Novi girls' golf team, under the guidance of coach Deb Harris, may not have selected their final squad yet, but everything that has been seen so far points to a much improved season compared to last year.

"We only lost two seniors," Harris said. "Everyone that was on the team last year is trying out again. I have a real good attitude towards the season, and I think it's going to be better than last year."

With the girls that are trying out on the squad, the enthusiasm is definitely present — and was so during the off season as well.

"We had a lot of girls that worked quite a bit during the summer," Harris noted. "We have a real good crew coming back, and they are all very dedicated to improving their game."

And just as important is the team chemistry. Harris said that the girls that are out for the team right now have a great bond, which is important in this particular sport.

"Golf is such a mental game," she said. "It really helps to have support from your teammates. We have that so far."

Though she hasn't made any cuts on the squad yet, Harris noted that there is a lot of potential.

"The scores are going to be much better this year," she said. "We are deeper than what we

were, and with the experience coming back on the team we're going to be better."

The Kensington Valley Conference this season is going to require the "Cats to get right into their game and play to their abilities."

Brighton and Hartland look to be tough again this season, but Harris noted that she really hadn't heard much about the other teams. She did say that in her opinion, Howell was going to be much improved.

"I don't think anyone is weaker this year," she said. "It's just that some of the teams will be stronger than they were last year."

The experience that was gained last season may prove invaluable to the Wildcats of this year.

"They saw what needed to be done and what some girls can do on the course if they put the time into it," Harris said. "We are looking forward to moving up a couple of spots in the league, and are hoping to have a better showing at the Oakland County this season."

It will all come down to who wants to step up this year.

"I'm hoping the seniors step up their game," Harris said. "I'd like to see them fill in and take over what the seniors did last year, or do better."

Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@nl.homecomm.net.



GOLF

Date	Opponent
April 1	.....WLC/WLW
April 7	.....Northville
April 8	.....Lakeland *
April 10	.....Howell *
April 12	.....Grosse Ile Invite
April 15	.....Oak County
April 16	.....Hartland BB
April 29	.....Brighton *
April 30	.....Pre-KVC *
May 1	.....S. Lyon *
May 5	.....Pinckney Invite
May 6	.....Hartland *
May 8	.....Milford *
May 13	.....Pinckney *
May 16	.....Regional
May 21	.....AA Huron
May 22	.....Post-KVC

Editor's note: Bold dates indicate home games. * indicates conference event. Times will be listed in weekly schedule appearing in the sports section.

Coach: Deb Harris
Key losses: Sarah Ehlers, Lindsay Broadwell
Key returns: Sara Goodman, Laura Vuhn, many others
Goals for season: To improve as much as possible and play better throughout season compared to last.

SPORTS SHORTS

Umpire Clinic

Northville's Umpires Association (NUA) is currently looking for people (at least 14 years of age) interested in becoming umpires. Umpiring allows individuals to stay involved with the game, practice leadership skills and earn some great money as well. Scheduling is very flexible. Umpiring will be holding its annual Umpire Clinic at Northville Township Hall/Henningsen Park on May 3 from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and May 4 from noon-4 p.m. Clinic attendance is mandatory. Questions should be directed to Bob Boshoven, Umpire Director, at (248) 347-5915.

Learn to Check

Suburban Hockey Schools will hold its Learn to Check Clinic at the Ice Arena Thursday, April 3.

The program is geared toward squirt players moving up to the pee-wee level, as well as pee-wee and bantam players needing instruction on the techniques of checking. Areas of emphasis during the two-hour clinic will include proper checking techniques, how to receive a check, how to avoid a check, stick checking, back checking, angling and body positioning. The fee is \$45 per participant.

For more information, call (248) 478-1600 or visit www.suburbanhockey.com.

If you're looking for an opportunity to play in a league that is friendly, fun and competitive, but not cut-throat — this is your chance. The league is looking for a few good two-man teams to fill out the roster.

For more information, or to sign up, call Fumio Ohtama at (248) 347-4418 or Terry Barr at (313) 538-5379.

Spring Break Baseball/Softball Camp

Baseball's Total Baseball/Softball Camp will feature professional instruction from Aaron Knieper (Montreal Expos), Lee Bjerke (Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame) and Jessie Milosevic (Bowling Green University, Softball).

Hitting, pitching, fielding, baserunning and more will be covered in this fundamental camp. Participants will be put on radar gun for arm speed as well.

The camp will run April 21-23 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Novi Powers Park. The cost of the camp is \$135 per player with a \$10 discount for a second child. It is open to athletes ages 7-17 years old.

Space is limited. For more information, or to register, call (248) 668-0166 or e-mail totalballwixom@aol.com. Please visit their Web site at www.ecanet.com/totalballwixom.

Table Tennis Tournament

Northville Parks and Recreation will be hosting a table tennis tournament sponsored by the Chinese Association of Greater Detroit.

The event, which is scheduled to be held March 22, will have a 10 a.m. start with three groups consisting of an A-group (1900-2000 USFTA rating or the equivalent), a B-group (1600-1900 rating or equivalent) and a C-group (under-1600).

There will be individual round robin for small groups, with the top players advancing to the second-round playoff. Each group

Space is limited. For more information, or to register, call (248) 668-0166 or e-mail totalballwixom@aol.com. Please visit their Web site at www.ecanet.com/totalballwixom.

AAU Basketball Tryouts

Novi Panthers 5th grade girls AAU basketball tryouts will be held March 22 at the Northville Recreation Center from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Only very competitive players should tryout. Cost to tryout is \$20.00. If you have questions, please call (248) 348-7065.

Muscular Dystrophy Association

Jerry Lewis, National Chairman
1-800-572-1717
www.mdausa.org

MDA

"EVERY BIT THE GAMES YOU WOULD EXPECT"

"DREAMCATCHER LEAVES A HAUNTING SENSE OF CREEPY TERROR"

"HAUNTING!"

"TERRIFYING, SUSPENSEFUL"

"STYLISH, SCARY AND SUPERBLY ACTED"

"A RIVETING CLASSIC"

ALSO PLAYING

FINAL FLIGHT OF THE OSIRIS

STARTS FRIDAY AT THESE THEATRES

AMC LAUREL PARK, AMC LYONIA 20, AMC WUNDERLAND

BEACON EAST, BIRMINGHAM PHILHARM, CANTON 6

INUR SOUTHWATE 20, PHOENIX AT 40, AIR ONE, SHOWCASE WARREN

SHOWCASE PLYMOUTH, SHOWCASE WILSON, SHOWCASE WYOMING

STAR FAIRLAWN 21, STAR GRATIOT, STAR GREAT LAKES COORING

STAR JOHN R, STAR LINCOLN PARK, STAR ROCHESTER

STAR SOUTHFIELD, STAR TAYLOR, UA COMMERCE TOWN

For more information about this movie, visit www.paramount.com

Tennis team looking very strong in KVC

Coach Jim Hanson seems excited at new season and all that KVC and regional have to offer

By Michael Zerlich
SPECIAL WRITER

Last year's Novi Wildcats tennis team slammed their way into another winning Kensington Valley Conference title with a six win, no loss, and one tie season. In overall play their season record stood at seven wins, three losses, and one tie.

His hardest from last year's graduation were three of the team's four doubles combinations. Graduate names like A. J. Samson, Josh Christopherson, Matt Peurash, Phil Schuyten, Vinay Arora, and Eric Liao have moved off the squad.

Returning 10 letterman from last year's squad the 2003 Wildcat's are eyeing more the another KVC title.

One would think that repairing the damage from losing those valuable double teams would doom their chances. Then again, if you know Novi tennis there is much hope on the horizon as usual.

Jim Hanson, coach and mentor of these mighty teams, explains the optimism for this year's squad.

"No doubt we'll miss last year's doubles teams, but our JV tennis team from last year was exceptional," he said. "I think we can fill our varsity vacancies quite well from their talent."

"You never know how the team will materialize from one year to the next but I believe our squad will be as good or better than the one we had last year. All of our players really worked hard over the past summer and really improved themselves which means we will have talent throughout our lineup. Key

"I applaud the Michigan High School Athletic Association for switching our team. It's not fair to schools where the competition sees the best teams wiping themselves out year after year. Now the better teams are seeded throughout the state tournament. We still need to play great tennis but our chances for moving beyond the regionals are better than they have ever been."

Jim Hanson
Novi Tennis Coach

to winning our league is depth and we have it this year."

A major reason why the optimism goes beyond the KVC schedule is that Novi has been placed in a different regional tournament. Hanson was delighted to get the news before this season started.

"The last few seasons we have been placed in regions where the competition was stacked with great teams," Hanson said. "Last year we found ourselves out in Troy facing teams like the Rochester, Troy, and some other excellent programs. This year we will be in Livonia with Northville, Stevenson, Detroit Catholic Central, Churchill, Westland John Glenn, and six teams from Detroit."

"I applaud the Michigan High School Athletic Association for

switching our team. It's not fair to schools where the competition sees the best teams wiping themselves out year after year. Now the better teams are seeded throughout the state tournament. We still need to play great tennis but our chances for moving beyond the regionals are better than they have ever been."

Singles players include three repeat performers from last year's squad.

Prasanna Venugopal, played last year as the team's number one singles player as a freshman and will repeat that role again this year as a sophomore. Suraj Ramachandran, now a junior, again will play at second singles making this his third year on the varsity squad.

Andrew Laskowski, a senior, will move up in his fourth year



TENNIS

Date	Opponent
April 3	.....Howell *
April 8	.....Northville
April 9	.....Lakeland *
April 12	.....Holly Invite
April 14	.....Brighton *
April 15	.....Green Hills
April 16	.....S. Lyon *
April 29	.....Salline
April 30	.....Hartland *
May 3	.....Novi Invite
May 5	.....Milford *
May 6	.....AA Huron
May 7	.....Pinckney *
May 10	.....KVC Meet *

Editor's note: Bold dates indicate home games. * indicates conference event. Times will be listed in weekly schedule appearing in the sports section.

Coach: Jim Hanson
2002 result: Kensington Valley Conference champions
Key losses: A.J. Samson, Josh Christopherson, Matt Peurash, Phil Schuyten, Vinay Arora, and Eric Liao
Goals for season: Repeat as KVC title holders this season with a very strong squad.

Chris Kovacsinski starts his second year on the varsity team but will be moved this year to fourth singles after playing third doubles last year.

Now the doubles reshuffling. Senior and fourth year varsity player Joe Lynch, who played number one doubles last year, will be united with junior and second year varsity member Vishal Rungta who played third singles last year.

Second doubles features senior Connor Hogan who is in his second year on the varsity. Hogan, who played fourth doubles last year, will be paired with a former JV player, junior Steve Chang.

Third and fourth doubles are still up in the air at this time in the preseason.

Drew Dostier, a junior, played third doubles last year and in his third year on the varsity. Senior Jeff Wallen, also in his third year on the squad, played fourth doubles last year.

Newcomers from the JV squad who are competing for doubles spots are juniors James Peurash, Jeff Korby and Solomon Zheng plus senior Robin Lin.

The season starts April 2 at Howell and the home schedule opens with an April 3 match with Lakeland.

Michael Zerlich is a special writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. Comments can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

WESTERN CONFERENCE QUARTERFINALS

WHALERS vs. OWEN SOUND ATTACK



FIRST ROUND HOME SCHEDULE

GAME 1- SAT., MAR. 22 @ 7:30 p.m.
GAME 3- TUES., MAR. 25 @ 7:30 p.m.
*GAME 5- SAT., MAR. 29 @ 7:30 p.m.
*GAME 7- TUES., APR. 1 @ 7:30 p.m.

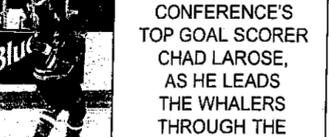
* if necessary in best of seven series

Tickets \$10 & \$15

\$2 off for groups of 20 or more

Charge by phone at (734) 453-8400

VISA, MasterCard, Discover and AMX accepted



CHECK OUT THE CONFERENCE'S TOP GOAL SCORER

CHAD LAROSE, AS HE LEADS THE WHALERS THROUGH THE 2003 OHL PLAYOFFS!

COMPUWARE SPORTS ARENA

M-14 & BECK RD. IN PLYMOUTH

Why is Ben Franklin so Happy?

2003 ALL-AREA DREAM TEAMS

Novi gets Dream Team nods

Matt Emmenecker is Player of the Year; Chris Lewis makes first-team

By Sam Eggleston and Stan Frank
SPORTSWRITERS

Wow, you sure can't complain about the level of talent we had pick from this year. With so much of it, the chore became deciding who would be our first-team selections for the All-Area Basketball Dream Team and who would get bumped down to second team. Though we ultimately came up with our final picks, the one thing that is for sure is that we could start either line-up and still expect one heck of a game.

FIRST TEAM

Kyle Plummer
Guard
Milford
Senior

Despite his appearance here, Plummer is underrated. Ask any fan of Kensington Valley Conference basketball to list the top five players in the league, and chances are Plummer's name wouldn't surface. Opponents knock differently, however, and often centered their entire game plan around stopping the Mavericks guard. Plummer was great off the dribble, where few could stop him. Those who tried often fouled him. Plummer's tool box is full. The six-foot senior would plunge the lane for a layup, snake through an obstruction of big men for a rebound, or just wrench the heart of an opponent by draining a shot from downtown. Plummer lead Milford in both scoring (13.3) and assists (3.3). Playing the point for the majority of the season, Plummer even managed to hand in 4.7 rebounds per game. And when the Mavericks decided to promote a freshman phenom to the varsity level in February, Milford's No. 5 shifted gracefully to the two-guard position without missing a beat.

Chris Lewis
Guard
Novi
Senior

You have to give props to a player like Lewis. Last season he was a role player for the Wildcats — this season he was a role model. Working throughout the summer and increasing everything from his strength to his speed to his vertical, Lewis was determined enough to become a starter that it was like he'd been one all along. His

inside shooting ability and vision to see the open player made him a threat to every team he played against. Thanks to his leadership and his work ethic, the Wildcats stepped up to the plate on nearly every challenge they laid this season. Lewis also gave the underclassmen of his team someone to look to when they want an example of hard work that pays off.

Steven Digsby
Forward
Lakeland
Senior

Got game? Digsby does. In a January tournament, the Eagles forward outscored Fenton by himself, dropping 39 points against his host. Read that again if you need to. That's thirty-nine points — no typos here. For the season, Digsby led the 18-7 district champion Eagles in scoring this season. Lakeland's strength was its size and, as such, the Eagles philosophy was to pound the ball inside for easy points. Digsby was the main weapon, but the 6-3 senior wasn't limited to layups. Digsby scored in a variety of ways, especially with a sweet midrange jump shot.

Scott McNeish
Forward
Northville
Senior

McNeish once wondered what it took to earn first-team honors on the Dream Team — well, now he knows. Averaging 14.5 points per game sure doesn't hurt and neither does being the go-to guy on your team. McNeish was one of those players who came off the bench now and again last season and then turned into an animal out on the floor. His secret? He decided that instead of hoping he would score in a game, he would go out there and score. It sure worked for him and works for us too. McNeish's determination to be the best player he can be earned him a nod above his peers on the Northville squad, and landed him a first-team position on the All-Area cage team.

SECOND TEAM

Chase Chandler
Guard
Novi
Senior

The first thing you'll notice about Chandler is that he protects the ball. In the entire time we've seen him play, we don't think that he's ever been the victim of a strip or a steal. Instead, he protects the ball like a good point guard and he takes care of the rest with a quick move to the bucket or a sweet dish to a team mate. Thanks to Chandler's amazing athletic ability, he was consistently scoring in the dou-

ble digits of practically every game he played in. His quick release made him tough to block and his ability to drive both right and left and finish with the same hand made him a threat on the offensive side of things. His ability to key on a player and stick to them made him a threat on the defense. We sure can't complain about an all-around player, and we're happy to have him on our squad.

Adam Konst
Guard
Northville
Senior

This guy can definitely shoot, that's for sure. Konst has proven time and time again that if you leave him alone outside, the three-point arc he is going to bury it and your hopes of beating his squad. A smooth shooter with the ability to work the pass, Konst has been a major factor for the Mustangs under the guidance of coach Darrel Schumacher. In fact, Konst was one of the captains that gave his team a chance to win a District title, though their bid fell just short to Novi this year in overtime. Expect Konst's outside abilities to be sorely missed next season, but greatly appreciated on the Dream Team.

Nate Spurgess
Guard
South Lyon
Sophomore

Having lost their core of a season before to graduation, the Lions spent this season rebuilding. Lacking a true go-to guy, the squad competing the best it knew — with sheer intensity. In his first year on the varsity squad, Spurgess proved a by-product of the South Lyon hustle, frustrating opponents with determined play. Oftentimes, the results were convincing, such as the night the six-foot forward scored 18 points while hauling in five boards in the Lions' upset victory over Kensington Valley Conference Joe Brighton. Merely a sophomore, South Lyon's No. 20 grabbed a team-leading 3.4 rebounds per game, while finishing second on the squad in points scored (5.1).

Ryan Venditelli
Forward
Lakeland
Senior

Venditelli's game for the Eagles was similar to the biggest cup of coffee available at Starbucks — Venti. Venditelli wasn't merely a lumbering 6-4 big man looking to clog lanes and make an occasional bank shot in the low post. The forward displayed a nice outside

shot and when opponents attempted to double-team Lakeland's top scorer Stephen Digsby, Venditelli made them pay, as his 7 points per game average specifies. The senior proved capable of taking over games in a Venditelli Minute. For an example, take a performance against Kensington Valley Conference champion Novi when Venditelli recorded four points, two steals, one rebound and one block during a 60-second span. So remember next time you go to Starbucks, order Lakeland's No. 43 by ordering a Venti.

Roger Garfield
Forward
Northville
Senior

One of the beautiful things about a player like Roger Garfield is that he just never, ever gives up. He goes out onto the court looking for a win and no matter what the odds are or what the scoreboard says, he plays until the final buzzer sounds. Garfield is an all-around athlete that really concentrated on his game this season in hopes of being one of the best players on the court in the Western Lakes Activities Association. His dedication didn't go unnoticed, and he's now a member of our All-Area team thanks to it.

Jim Presley
Center
Milford
Senior

A specimen, Presley's fame (and fame) is well documented, and well deserved. The 6-3 center is stronger and more athletic than the other kids and proved it by slamming five dunks during the season. An imposing interior force, the senior was a menace to ballhandlers hoping for a peaceful drive down Presley Lane and he cleaned glass like Windex. For an enforcer, Presley exhibited a soft shooting touch, frequently scorching nets with a fade-away jumper. Opposing crowds often jeered Presley, suggesting the U of M football recruit "stick with football." But Milford's No. 34 was unaffected and showed he belonged on the basketball court, as his near double-double game averages (9.3 points and 9.1 rebounds) indicate.

Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@homecom.net. Stan Frank is the sports writer at the Milford Times and the South Lyon Herald.



MATT EMMENECKER
SENIOR GUARD
NOVI

— PLAYER OF THE YEAR —

We often wonder if there is anything that Emmenecker can't do. He can shoot from pretty much anywhere on the floor, and he can pass like there's no tomorrow. Maybe he can't dunk, though we've never bothered to ask him. Emmenecker has proven to be the kind of leader that you can really look to when the going gets tough. This season, he led his team to their first conference title since 1992, and helped bring them to their second-straight District crown. Other than that, he was key in the Wildcats setting the school record in victories with a 21-3 record and was key in their oh-so-close-to-victory against the West Bloomfield Lakers in the Regional tournament. Emmenecker has proven to be the kind of player that a team can depend on, and he's not all about scoring either. Assists are as important to this guard as points, and by his determination and his dedication we've selected Emmenecker as our player of the year.



Novi's Chris Lewis worked through the summer to earn a starting spot with the 'Cats — now he's a Dream Team starter too.

2003 ALL-AREA DREAM TEAMS

All-Area wrestlers have a ton of talent, heart

Surprise, surprise — senior Josh Churella once again earns All-Area Dream Team top honors

By Sam Eggleston and Stan Frank
SPORTSWRITERS

Talk about talented grapplers. Our All-Area Dream Team this year has plenty of guys who climbed to the next level to push themselves to the limit in order to make it to the post-season with the rest of their teams or as individuals. It wasn't hard to sort through the rosters and identify the best of the best this year as we had ourselves plenty of state contenders and, of course, a state champion.

This squad is the stuff that Dream Teams are made of. With a group like this, we'd be looking at contention for a state team title for sure. And if that didn't come to our good graces, no doubt we'd have at least one individual champion.

Jason Sierra
Novi
103-pound division

He's just about as quick as they come, and for a kid that weighs in at 103 pounds, he's strong too. Jason Sierra has proven to be one of those wrestlers who just never gives up. He could be down by all the points in the world but as long as he's out on the mat he's going to wrestle until it's over. Sierra has been a nice leader for the Wildcats, giving his all no matter what the odds were all season long. He's been a good model for the underclassmen to look to and an inspiration for all to feed off of.

Shawn LaChance
South Lyon
125

By many, LaChance was considered a surprise. The Lions expected him to have a big season, however, and the sophomore succeeded, posting a 49-9 record and 28 points. Though a tough grappler with a burning desire to improve, Siwicki's speed and determination helped him earn some very tough wins this season that propelled his team into the post-season where they eventually sputtered to a halt. His techniques and ability to adjust on the go have made him one of the top wrestlers at Northville High School and the kind of athlete you can look to and be proud to have on your squad.

Rick Reigner
Northville
152

The kind of leader that every team wants on their roster, Reigner has proven not only to be a leader while out on the floor but also a leader off the mat. He pushes his team in the right direction, urging them and cheering them on no matter what the odds of victory are. His dedication to the sport has seen him rise into a bright spot on the Northville squad as well as in the Western Lakes Activities Association. His work ethic has found him climbing the ranks until every wrestler he went against knew they would have their hands full. His leadership and his determination to be victorious makes him a key role-player on the Dream Team this season.

Cody McDaniels
South Lyon
152

McDaniels is something of a technical junky in both style and result. The Lions junior recorded a

Novi's Matt Jezior makes his way off the floor after falling in the Individual State Finals March 7.

Matt Thome
Milford
112

Despite suffering from a shoulder injury, Thome racked up some impressive credentials this season, including a district championship. Thome finished his senior campaign at Milford with an 18-7 record. A technical whiz, Thome, a senior, placed second at the KVC meet and fourth at the regional meet.

Craig Hearn
Novi
119

It's a shame to see a wrestler like Hearn graduate. He's improved and improved every chance he's had and there's nothing that would stop him from striving to be his best. A major leader for the Wildcat squad, Hearn wrestled his way into the post season thanks to his determination and his desire to win. Whenever you saw him on the mat, you knew he was there to win — and much of the time he did. Always a good grappler, Hearn has been a staple on the Novi team for more than a handful of years and has made his way onto the All-Area squad more than once. We're more than happy to have him back on our roster, that's for sure.

Mike Siwicki
Northville
145

A tough grappler with a burning desire to improve, Siwicki's speed and determination helped him earn some very tough wins this season that propelled his team into the post-season where they eventually sputtered to a halt. His techniques and ability to adjust on the go have made him one of the top wrestlers at Northville High School and the kind of athlete you can look to and be proud to have on your squad.

Dave Quick
Northville
189

He may not have the most wins of the wrestlers that have made the squad with him this season, but Quick is a stand-up athlete. He doesn't let the temptations of activities outside of sports draw him away from his goals. He leads by example and that's what student-athletes in this day and age need to look to for guidance. Quick is a great selection for this team for two reasons. First

of all, his skills are above average and his willingness to capitalize on technique has made him a tough wrestler to beat. Secondly, his leadership, dedication and burning desire to succeed fit right in with the rest of the All-Area squad. We're happy to have him as a wrestler in a field that produces nothing but winners in our eyes.

Levi Desjarlais
Milford
160

Desjarlais impressed in his first season wrestling in Michigan, notching a 39-7 mark. Besides a KVC championship, the senior placed second in both the district and regional tournaments, while finishing fourth at Oakland County.

Steve Zwolinski
Lakeland
171

Carrying only two seniors on the roster, the Eagles were young and inexperienced this season. In addition, Lakeland had a new coach leading the program. With experience on their side, the Eagles expect to rebound next year and will be led by Zwolinski, who was 14-22 during his junior season.

Jim Rhoad
South Lyon
215

Quick, strong and relentless, Rhoad was a force for the Lions, posting a 38-7 mark with 23 pins. The junior won both the KVC meet and the South Lyon Invitational at 159 pounds, but spent the majority of the season wrestling free up to 265 pounds heavier than he is. 215. Only a season-ending injury seemed capable of stopping Rhoad from continued success. The injury prevented Rhoad from competing at the district meet only one week after

winning a KVC crown.

Josh Haron
Heavyweight

Haron is an imposing presence. His chiseled physique is in direct contrast to most of the behemoths he is pitted against. Haron also tends to be a little quicker than his counterparts and brings coming into his own toward the end of the season. The junior registered a 37-18 mark and 25 pins for the Lions. Haron placed second at the KVC meet and fourth at both the district and regional tournaments. Haron placed sixth at the Oakland County meet.

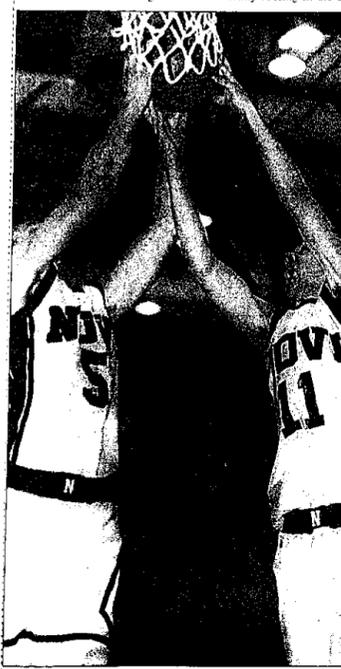
Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@homecom.net. Stan Frank is the sports writer at the Milford Times and the South Lyon Herald.



JOSH CHURELLA
SENIOR
NOVI

— PLAYER OF THE YEAR —

When you say the name Churella, you probably think wrestling. A fan who wrestled, two older brothers that wrestled and — well, it's the end of that legacy. The Churella family will now exit stage right with the graduation of Josh after winning his third-straight state title and losing only one match in the past three years. There was really no contest to who was the wrestler of the year — again. He can step out onto the mat and wrestle and win. The next match he wrestles and wins. The next match is the same — for three years, that has been the story. By the time it all came to an end for Churella and the 'Cats, his name alone must have brought on the shakes to his opponents. We're confident that Churella would be a dominant force on our Dream Team as well, bringing us win after win as we climbed through the ranks in search of a team title — and if that didn't come? Well, at least we know Churella would bring us an individual crown. Thanks for all the great years, Josh!



Novi's Chase Chandler, left, and Matt Emmenecker both landed themselves spots on the All-Area Dream Team this year thanks to their stellar play and desire to win.

Disney presents Piglet's BIG MOVIE. THE SUPERIOR NEW THRILLER, 'THE HUNTED' PITS TOMMY LEE JONES AND BENICIO DEL TORO IN A CONFRONTATION OF FEROCIOUS INTENSITY... 'THE HUNTED' IS WILLIAM FAHROUK'S MOST ENTERTAINING AND THRILLING FILM SINCE 'TO LIVE AND DIE IN L.A.'... 'NOT AN ACTION THRILLER THAT PULLS YOU IN AND WON'T LET YOU GO. GUTTY AND EXCITING!'

ACADEMY AWARD WINNERS TOMMY LEE JONES BENICIO DEL TORO. GENE SHALIT, TODAY 'THE SUPERIOR NEW THRILLER, 'THE HUNTED' PITS TOMMY LEE JONES AND BENICIO DEL TORO IN A CONFRONTATION OF FEROCIOUS INTENSITY... 'THE HUNTED' IS WILLIAM FAHROUK'S MOST ENTERTAINING AND THRILLING FILM SINCE 'TO LIVE AND DIE IN L.A.'... 'NOT AN ACTION THRILLER THAT PULLS YOU IN AND WON'T LET YOU GO. GUTTY AND EXCITING!'

Tee It Up. Golf Season is almost here! Get your golf clubs ready to hit the greens! This special section will feature area golf courses and tips from the pros. It's the perfect place for courses, sporting goods stores and restaurants to advertise. Reserve your ad space in Tee It Up, the golf special section today!

HomeTown Newspapers. Oakland: Milford Times, South Lyon Herald, Northville Record, Novi News. Livingston: Livingston County Daily Press & Argus. Call John Utter (517) 548-7060 or Lisa Dranginis (248) 437-2011.

Casino Windsor. More reasons to come out & play at Casino Windsor! Triple Cash Back - February 3rd - March 31st. Vegas-Style Entertainment in the Showtime Lounge! Get More Play Time for your U.S. dollar! Win your share of \$60,000 Cash! Luxury for less - room rates just \$69/night. 10X ODDS ON CRAPS. It's the hottest game in town and 10 times odds makes it sizzle.

2003 ALL-AREA DREAM TEAMS

'Cats earn All-Area volleyball spots

Crystal Corte, Angie Schmitt selected to Dream Team

By Sam Eggleston and Stan Frank
SPORTS WRITERS

This year's All-Area Dream Team volleyball squad has a ton of talent dripping from the roster. With one of the most competitive years in the Kensington Valley Conference behind us, it wasn't too hard to figure out those athletes that we'd want in our starting lineup.

Though there were many great athletes to pick and choose from, we found ourselves with the cream of the crop screaming for attention via their skill and dedication to the game. We're happy to say that this is one of the best All-Area volleyball teams we've assembled, and we're sure that if given the chance we'd have a heck of a run at the state title with this crew.

FIRST TEAM

Crystal Corte
Novi Senior

When we think of Corte, we think of volleyball. A staple on Novi's squad for the past three years, Corte has proven herself to be the kind of leader that you'd want on your squad — because she does so by example. Collecting 44 serving aces this season and notching 202 kill and 66 blocks, Corte showed the Novi opponents that she was a force to be reckoned with. Known as an all-around player for the Wildcats, Corte isn't the kind of player that we can restrict to a single position. Outside hitter, defensive specialist — whatever you want her to play you can depend on her to do it well. Corte collected an 86-percent serving percentage on the year and compiled 219 digs. Her ability is only surpassed by her dedication, and that's why she's a sure-fit with

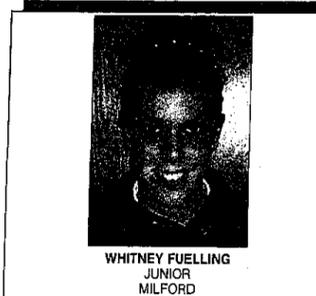
the All-Area squad.

Kelly Eastwood
Milford Senior

Like teammate Whitney Fuelling, Eastwood embodies the complete package. Her skills are obvious — precise passing, tenacious defense, a quick serve and some ferocious net play. The outside hitter plays like a warrior near the net, attacking opponents with debilitating firepower. Eastwood swatted 421 kills for the Mavericks on 905 attacks, averaging 4.21 kills per game. Her numbers in all three categories rank second in school history. Eastwood's 331 digs were second on the team and her leadership was crucial in the Mavericks' successful attempt to repeat as champions of the Kensington Valley Conference. Injuries to Amanda Kanny and Jessica Wolfe left Eastwood as Milford's only contributing senior for a significant stretch during the season. Certain to be missed, Milford's No. 12 owns the distinction of producing the kill which earned the Mavericks their first ever district title.

Sarah Gardner
South Lyon Junior

Even if Gardner lacked the skills to grace this list, it would be necessary to include her. After all, if we were honoring players for intensity alone, Gardner would be the top choice. Although her team-leading assist total (209) was minimized by the Lions' dual-setter offense, Gardner's reckless disregard for her body as well as her ferocity on defense proved peerless. The junior dedicates herself to her craft year-round and this season established a jump serve, which triggered a team-leading 46 aces on only 218 attempts. At 5-5, Gardner is the shortest player



WHITNEY FUELLING
JUNIOR
MILFORD

— PLAYER OF THE YEAR —

To say that Fuelling is a gifted athlete is an understatement. The junior entered this season having played only two years of organized volleyball, yet her technique and her ability to jump and swing is unparalleled within the Kensington Valley Conference. An outside hitter, Fuelling set new school records in kills (483) attacks (1061) and kills per game average (4.88). But while Fuelling's hitting is devastating to opponents, it qualifies as only one facet of her game. As a member of the two-time league champion Mavericks, Fuelling is a highly-regarded passer and also lead Milford in digs with 347. Fuelling continues to refine her game, having spent this season attempting to establish a jump serve. Her team-leading 53 aces suggests she was successful in doing so. Indeed, each weapon in Fuelling's arsenal is lethal and weighed heavily in her selection as All-Area Volleyball Player of the Year. Nonetheless, it's those hits that explode like cannon fire that have opened our eyes to Milford's No. 10.

on the All-Area team. Yet, despite her relatively diminutive stature, Gardner plays big — very big. One might even say that South Lyon's No. 5 has the heart of a Lion.

Jessica Petkus
Milford Junior

The captain of the two-time Kensington Valley Conference champion Mavericks, How

god is Petkus? One only needs to look at how good those around her are to be certain. Her teammates Kelly Eastwood and Whitney Fuelling each broke Milford's single-season records in kills, attacks and average kills per game this year. How often can that be said? And the junior wasn't exactly sharing the task of sending the table — Petkus registered a gaudy 1,017 assists, or 94 percent of the

team's total. The assist mark set a new single-season record at Milford, as did her total sets (2,691) and assists per game average (9.97). Petkus compiled 313 digs and owned a 95 percent serving percentage, the highest on the squad. For three consecutive seasons, Petkus has set new school records in three setting categories, an accomplishment which might force Milford to consider retiring her No. 2 jersey.

SECOND TEAM

Angie Schmitt
Novi Senior

What can we say? We just love to name Schmitt to our All-Area Dream Teams. She's a capable player that doesn't know the meaning of quit — and it's evident in the way she plays. She's aggressive, prompting the rest of the team around her to be the same, and she never lets a loss slip through her fingers without one heck of a fight. Whenever you see her on the floor, you know that she's giving it her all in hopes of securing the victory. Schmitt collected 210 kills this season, and 59 aces in her fourth year

on the varsity squad. She also notched 100 blocks, with 57 being solo. A tough competitor in everything she does, Schmitt has earned recognition on the All-Area squad in the past and we're proud to have her as a member of the team again in 2003. The only thing we wonder is if she's as determined to win as she is in varsity sports when she's playing a game like checkers?

Katie Thomas
Lakeland Junior

Don't confuse Thomas as a player that does a little of everything, because she's not. Instead, the Eagles middle hitter can be best described as a player who does a lot of everything. Thomas was a major reason Lakeland won 13 more games than it did last season. The junior ranked second on the team in kills (182), aces (52) and digs. Thomas ranked second to nobody as a blocker, however, as the junior racked up a team-high 117 solo blocks and 194 total blocks. With that in mind, Lakeland's No. 6 is similar to a blocking dummy, not because she lacks smarts, but rather because she continues to dismiss anyone trying to hit on her.

Meghan Waldrop
South Lyon Junior

It's fitting that Waldrop (sort of) rhymes with wallop, because Waldrop can really wallop a volleyball. In her first season on the Lions' varsity squad, the 5-11 junior made a lasting impression, drilling a team-leading 112 kills. A middle hitter, Waldrop also lead South Lyon in total blocks with 41. With sky-scraping height and an all-around game featuring big blocks and even bigger hits,

Continued on page B-10

2003 ALL-AREA DREAM TEAMS

That's a talented hockey team

Amy Cauzillo makes history as first All-Area girl icer

By Sam Eggleston and Stan Frank
SPORTS WRITERS

This season, it wasn't too hard to decide the All-Area Hockey Dream Team. We had taken across the board. Even with teams that might not have ended up with the greatest record on the season, there were bright spots on the squad.

Jared Perras
Novi Senior

When the Novi Wildcats needed a guy to step up and score, Perras was their man. A crafty forward, Perras always seemed to have the ability to take his way through the defense and land the puck in the back of the net. Though his squad ended their season in the Frozen Four for the third time in a row, they seemed to be the squad that was going to go a step further — and a lot of that came from the talent, the determination and the leadership that Perras brought to the ice. He collected 17 goals on the season and 14 assists, and though he wasn't the leader in either category for the Wildcats, it was his ability as a captain to lead that earned him first-team honors.

Ryan Fix
South Lyon Junior

As quick as quick can be, Fix is one of those guys that can easily become a squad's go-to player. Not only is he as quick as they come, but Fix is also equipped with some of the best vision on the ice. Netting 19 goals and 22 assists this season, he proved to be a staple for the Lions this year. He goes out on the ice and he never quits. Fix looks to be a sure bet for captain next season, and already has shown his leadership abilities on the ice and in the locker room. Expect him to be a key member of the Lion squad next year, as well as a key Dream Team player.

Jordan Collins
Novi Senior

We like to think of Collins as the enforcer on our team. Not only will he smash you into the boards with no mercy, but he'll also lay you out at center ice too. As strong as an ox and twice as fast, Collins was an offensive threat as well, scoring six goals this season and notching and impressive 33 assists. When we sit back and think of what our defense should ideally look like, Collins is the picture we get in our heads.

Amy Cauzillo
Northville Sophomore

And who says the girl's can't play too? Though listed as a defenseman on the roster this year, Cauzillo

proved to be too beneficial on the offensive end of things for us to stick her there — not to mention this year was her first on defense. During the season, which was the Northville girls' inaugural year, Cauzillo collected 27 goals and four assists. Not bad for a defenseman — just think of what she would have accomplished if she were pure offense. Another bright spot on Cauzillo's stat sheet was the time she spent in the box — for an entire season she only wasted six minutes away from the ice thanks to penalties. Cauzillo not only made the Dream Team this year, but also made huge strides in making girls' hockey a major sport in this area and was a member of the All-State squad for her play this season.

Trenton Sisson
Novi Junior

Not only was he projected to be the back-up goalie this year and fight his way to a starting spot, Sisson also notched himself the team-record for save percentage, stopping 92.5-percent of the shots on goal while he was between the posts. The kind of athlete that plays everything that he can, Sisson has proven himself time and time again as the goalie that will do the job. With his sight and his agility, he is a great goaltender for the All-Area Dream Team.

Vinny Falabac
South Lyon Junior

This guy is a stopper if we've ever seen one. Holding off 90-percent of the shots on goal, Falabac was the main man for the South Lyon Lions this year and is considered the player that kept the squad in many of their games this season. Excellent speed and positioning helps him shut down the offense of opposing teams, and when you face an average of 45 shots a game and still manage to come away with the win, you know you're doing something right.

Chaz Bulbuk
Novi Junior

A good player that the Wildcats will probably look to build their team around, around next year, Bulbuk showed that he can score when the

Alex Wright
Lakeland Senior

A captain with the Eagles this season, Wright helped lead his team to a nice finish in the Kensington Valley Conference and proved to be the foundation on which his team built their wins. In the conference games,

Wright collected seven goals and five assists while being one of the top defensemen on the ice. His ability to go out and do his job and do it well gained our attention and earned him a spot on the Dream Team.

GOALIES

With two goalies that are more than capable of starting, we'd find ourselves down to a bit of a pinch. It really comes down to a flip of the coin with these guys, so they're both first-team All-Area Dream Team selections because neither is clear-cut starter.

DEFENSE

What do you think of when you think good defense? A crew that can shut you down cold when you try to bring the puck up the ice? How about your teeth rattles? Well, our defense is quite capable of doing that, and more. Not only can they stone you, but they can take the puck from you and then turn it into an offensive production. Never hurts to have a double edge, right?

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Chaz Bulbuk
Novi Junior

A good player that the Wildcats will probably look to build their team around, around next year, Bulbuk showed that he can score when the

NOVI EXPO CENTER
43700 Expo Center Dr.
Novi
248-348-6000

NOVI FAMILY DENTAL CENTER
43410 West Ten Mile Rd.
Novi
(248)348-3100

NOVI PARTY STORE
43025 Grand River
Novi
(248)349-7737

NOVI YOUTH ASSISTANCE
41575 Grand River
Novi
(248)347-0410

NOVI-MOTIVE
Your Complete Auto Repair, Goodyear Dealer & Car Rental
21530 Novi Rd.
Novi
(248)349-0290

scores are needed the most. He proved to be one of the major factors in the Cats' length of stay in the playoffs this year, and led his squad through his intensity and his desire to be one of the best skaters in the rink. Look for Bulbuk to make strides at being even better come next season, and thanks to his talent and his leadership, he handed a spot on the Dream Team this year.

Jimmy Reihl
Northville Senior

If the coaching and the environment would have been a little better for Reihl this season, he would have most likely landed a spot on the first team. His skill and his dedication to the game are just as amazing as his ability to score. Though not the kind of player that demands the puck when he's on the ice, when it landed at the end of his stick he often made a good showing with a score. His determination helped him pull through a rather tough season, which earned him a nod for the All-Area squad.

Tommy Mango
Milford Junior

Mango's ability to score on the ice is only matched by his ability to score on the golf course. This player is the kind that must love this game — heck, after getting that little white ball in the hole, the top shelf on a goalie's stick side must look like the Grand Canyon. Mango proved to be one of the brightest stars with the Mavericks this year. His skill and his ability to take over a game give him the thumbs up for a spot on the All-Area team this year.

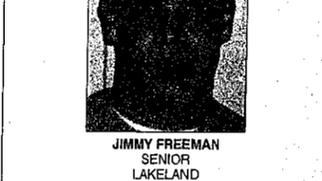
Vinny Diroff
South Lyon Senior

Diroff is the kind of player that likes to score — but who can blame him? That nifty red light going off and the fans cheering as the puck finds the back of the net has to be a pretty good feeling. Diroff would know, as he managed to notched 20 goals and 14 assists this season. One of the most notable abilities that

DEFENSE

Mike Marquardt
Northville Senior

A determined player that refuses to quit, Marquardt was a bright spot in a dark year for the Northville Mustangs. Players hated going against him because of his ability to stand them up, poke the puck away or just plain knock them down. He is the kind of defender that likes to make you think you are going to turn him before he takes you out of



JIMMY FREEMAN
SENIOR
LAKELAND

— PLAYER OF THE YEAR —

The kind of player that you look to when you want a point on the board, Freeman collected 22 goals and 20 assists this season while leading the Eagles on a great run this year.

An intense player, his drive to succeed is probably unmatched on this squad. He wants the victory and he'll play the type of game that it takes to get it. Other players tend to feed off that attitude, which is why Freeman was a shoe-in for the All-Area squad this year — you just can't coach what he brings to the team.

Because Freeman led his team to one of their best finishes and has helped make Lakeland the kind of school that travel hockey players don't mind skating for, we've chosen him as our player of the year.

Mike Karns
Novi Senior

Karns is one of those players that you just can't get enough of while he's out on the ice. He has the ability to drill opponents hard enough that they wished they were anywhere but on the ice at that moment, and if he doesn't do that to them he's standing them up and using them out of their games. Quick stick handling makes him a tough defender to skate around. Karns collected eight assists on the year, proving to be a heads-up defender that earned his place on the All-Area squad his senior year.

Good Luck to the Novi Wildcats & Walled Lake Western Warriors

from these Area Businesses

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|---|
| <p>AMERICAN SELF STORAGE
24985 Haggerty Rd.
Novi
(248)478-4555</p> <p>BOB SELLERS PONTIAC - GMC
www.bobsellers.com
38000 Grand River
Farmington Hills
(248)478-8000</p> <p>BOON KAI RESTAURANT
1252 S. Commerce
Walled Lake
(248)624-5353</p> <p>BORDER CANTINA
21420 Novi Rd.
Novi
(248)347-7827</p> <p>CARNIVAL CUTS
"Good Luck Athletes"
27532 Novi Rd.
Novi
(248)380-3030</p> | <p>CAV TOOL COMPANY
43050 Ten Mile Rd.
Novi
(248)349-7860</p> <p>CENTURY 21 JANISSE ASSOC.
1400 E. West Maple
Walled Lake
(248)624-0660</p> <p>COOKER BAR & GRILLE
39581 W. 12 Mile Rd.
Novi
(248)380-2600</p> <p>CRUISE AWAY TRAVEL & TOURS
39539 W. 14 Mile Rd.
Walled Lake
(248)960-7447</p> <p>DANCE DYNAMICS
1400 East West Maple
Walled Lake
(248)624-0707</p> <p>DENARIA BUILDING CO., INC.
45500 Grand River
Novi
(248)348-8710</p> <p>DIAMOND JIM BRADY'S BISTRO
Next to the Cinema in Novi Town Center
(248)380-8460</p> | <p>DICK MORRIS CHEVROLET
2199 Haggerty Rd.
Commerce Twp.
(248)624-4500</p> <p>DOLLY'S PIZZA
43049 Pontiac Trail
Walled Lake
(248)669-3333</p> <p>ENGLISH PONIES THAT PARTY
Free Cowboy hats & balloon animals.
Moon Walk available
(248)363-4710</p> <p>GARY I. BORIN, P.C.
24520 Meadowbrook
Novi
(248)478-8260</p> <p>GATSBY'S
45701 Grand River
Novi
(248)348-6999</p> <p>GINA AGOSTA HAIR COLOR AND DESIGN & AGOSTA FOR MEN
39831 Grand River
Novi
(248)477-2266</p> <p>GLYNN TRAVEL
24340 Meadowbrook
Novi
(248)478-1311</p> | <p>GOLF TECH
Peach Tree Plaza
24041 Meadowbrook Rd.
Novi
(248)305-5232</p> <p>GRAND COURT OF NOVI
"A Grand tradition in Retirement Living"
Novi
(248)669-5330</p> <p>HUNGRY HOWIES PIZZA & SUBS
(Go...Sports Teams)
954 N. Pontiac Trail
Walled Lake
(248)624-8006</p> <p>ITALIAN EPICURE
42050 Grand River
Novi
(248)349-7770</p> <p>KEFORD COLLISION & TOWING
39586 Grand River Ave.
Novi
(248)478-7815</p> <p>KNIGHTS NAPA AUTO PARTS
938 N. Pontiac Trail
Walled Lake
(248)669-1020</p> |
|--|---|--|---|

Good Luck to the Novi Wildcats & Walled Lake Western Warriors

from these Area Businesses

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| <p>LARSON JEWELRY DESIGN
43155 Main St., Ste. 304
Novi
(248)347-4653</p> <p>LINKS OF NOVI
50395 Ten Mile Rd.
Novi
(248)380-9595</p> <p>LITTLE VALLEY HOMES
45225 Grand River
Novi
(248)349-2500</p> <p>MAISANO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT
26139 Novi Rd.
Novi
(248)348-1647</p> <p>MARIA'S ITALIAN BAKERY, DELI & CATERING
41706 W. Ten Mile Rd.
Novi
(248)348-9545</p> <p>MELVIN'S HARDWARE
690 N. Pontiac Trail
Walled Lake
(248)624-4583</p> <p>NATIONAL CITY BANK
41325 Ten Mile Rd.
Novi
(248)426-6000</p> <p>NOVI CARPET
41300 Ten Mile Rd.
Novi
(248)477-0640</p> | <p>NOVI EXPO CENTER
43700 Expo Center Dr.
Novi
248-348-6000</p> <p>NOVI FAMILY DENTAL CENTER
43410 West Ten Mile Rd.
Novi
(248)348-3100</p> <p>NOVI FENCE & SUPPLY
24301 Catherine, Ste. 108
Novi
(248)344-9595</p> <p>NOVI PARTY STORE
43025 Grand River
Novi
(248)349-7737</p> <p>NOVI YOUTH ASSISTANCE
41575 Grand River
Novi
(248)347-0410</p> <p>NOVI-MOTIVE
Your Complete Auto Repair, Goodyear Dealer & Car Rental
21530 Novi Rd.
Novi
(248)349-0290</p> <p>NOVI-NORTHVILLE MONTESSORI CENTER
23835 Novi Rd.
Novi
(248)477-0640</p> | <p>O'BRIEN/SULLIVAN FUNERAL HOME
41555 Grand River
Novi
(248)348-1800</p> <p>PETZ AUTO CARE
1709 West Maple
Walled Lake
(248)669-0009</p> <p>PHYL'S BARBER STYLING
41370 Ten Mile Rd.
Novi
(248)477-0010</p> <p>PLAYERS B BAR & GRILL
38503 W. 10 Mile Rd.
Novi
(248)471-5095</p> <p>PONTIAC TRAIL PHARMACY
620 N. Pontiac Trail
Walled Lake
(248)669-2776</p> <p>R. PETER MALY, D.D.S.
24033 Meadowbrook
Novi
(248)347-3700</p> <p>RE/MAX 100
39500 Orchard Hill Place
Novi
(248)348-3000</p> <p>READ IT AGAIN BOOKS
39733 Grand River
Novi
(248)474-6066</p> | <p>SHUMAN CHRYSLER JEEP
www.shumanjeep.com
111 S. Commerce
Walled Lake
(248)669-2010</p> <p>STATE FARM INSURANCE
Vernonia Murff
24285 Novi Rd.
Novi
(248)380-6446</p> <p>THE HONEY TREE RESTAURANT
41602 W. 10 Mile Rd.
Novi
(248)349-2470</p> <p>VARSITY LINCOLN-MERCURY
49251 Grand River
Novi
(248)305-5300</p> <p>WALLED LAKE SCHOOL EMPLOYEES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
3095 S. Commerce Rd.
Walled Lake
(248)624-5222</p> <p>WESTSIDE FORESTRY SERVICE
48600 11 Mile Rd.
Novi
(248)349-4636</p> <p>WILLOW BROOK MARKET
41360 Ten Mile Rd.
Novi
(248)474-8745</p> |
|--|---|--|--|

'Cats almost make history

Novi falls short in Regional bid to West Bloomfield Lakers

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It was the stuff that dreams are made of — and sometimes nightmares.

The Novi Wildcats' boys basketball team headed into the Regionals for the second-straight year with hopes that their prowess on the court would lead them to their first-ever victory at that level — unfortunately, that wasn't the case. Though the 'Cats were at the top of their game, host-team West Bloomfield rose to the occasion, pulling out the oh-so-close victory, 55-53.

The game was one of a tempo that seemed to benefit the Wildcats as they jumped out to a 13-9 first-quarter lead over the normally high-speed Lakers.

The second quarter was much more of the first, the 'Cats kept their lead alive, taking a 29-22 advantage at the half.

It was the second half that changed the game. Though the Wildcats led by as much as 13 points in the first half of the contest, the Lakers adjusted their offense and came out with a vengeance. The third quarter found West Bloomfield outscoring Novi 17-10 — the majority of which came from their inside-outside game. Their stellar three-point shooter would draw the defense out, leaving their inside game to overpower the much smaller Novi squad for a 39-39 tie.

The fourth quarter was not only intense, it was decisive as well. Trading buckets through the first five minutes found the Lakers and the 'Cats separated 51-50 in Novi's favor. That's when things became a blur of speed and strategy.

The Lakers, utilizing their inside game again, pounded out a close bucket after snagging an offensive rebound. Just 30 seconds later, the Wildcats gripped the game's lead as senior Chris Lewis poured in two free throws for a 53-52 advantage.

The Lakers came back and a half a minute later, they bury an inside runner to take the 55-53 lead with 48 seconds remaining in the contest.

After calling a time out with 41.7 seconds left, the Wildcats inbounded the ball to senior

guard Matt Emmenecker, who rolled to his left, looking inside. After reaching the corner, Emmenecker head-faked his way past a defender, driving inside for the lay-up that bounced twice on the rim and rolled out with junior Brad Simpson snagging the rebound before having it stripped away.

ALL-KVC SQUAD

FIRST TEAM

Matt Emmenecker (POY)
Stephen Digsby, Lakeland
Eric Giesow, Brighton
Kyle Green, Brighton
Chris Lewis, Novi
Chase Chandler, Novi
Kyle Plummer, Milford
Brandon Thompson, Pinckney

SECOND TEAM

Brad Simpson, Novi
Ryan Vendittelli, Lakeland
Ty Kutt, Howell
Brendon Durco, Pinckney
Jim Presley, Milford
Curt Longcore, Hartland
Nate Spurgess, South Lyon
Jayme Evans, Brighton

HONORABLE MENTION

Brighton: Greg Wilson;
Hartland: Matt Sattler; Howell:
R.J. Southwell, Jake West;
Lakeland: Ken Taylor,
David Becker; Milford:
Jeff LaClair; Novi:
Mike Hart, Brad Chandler;
Pinckney: Danny Lezotte,
Jay Rau; South Lyon:
Steve Schlitt, Brad Thomas.

11 points of his own at some of the most needed moments.

Lewis did his job too, netting 10 points in the losing effort, while junior defense-specialist Mike Hart added eight.

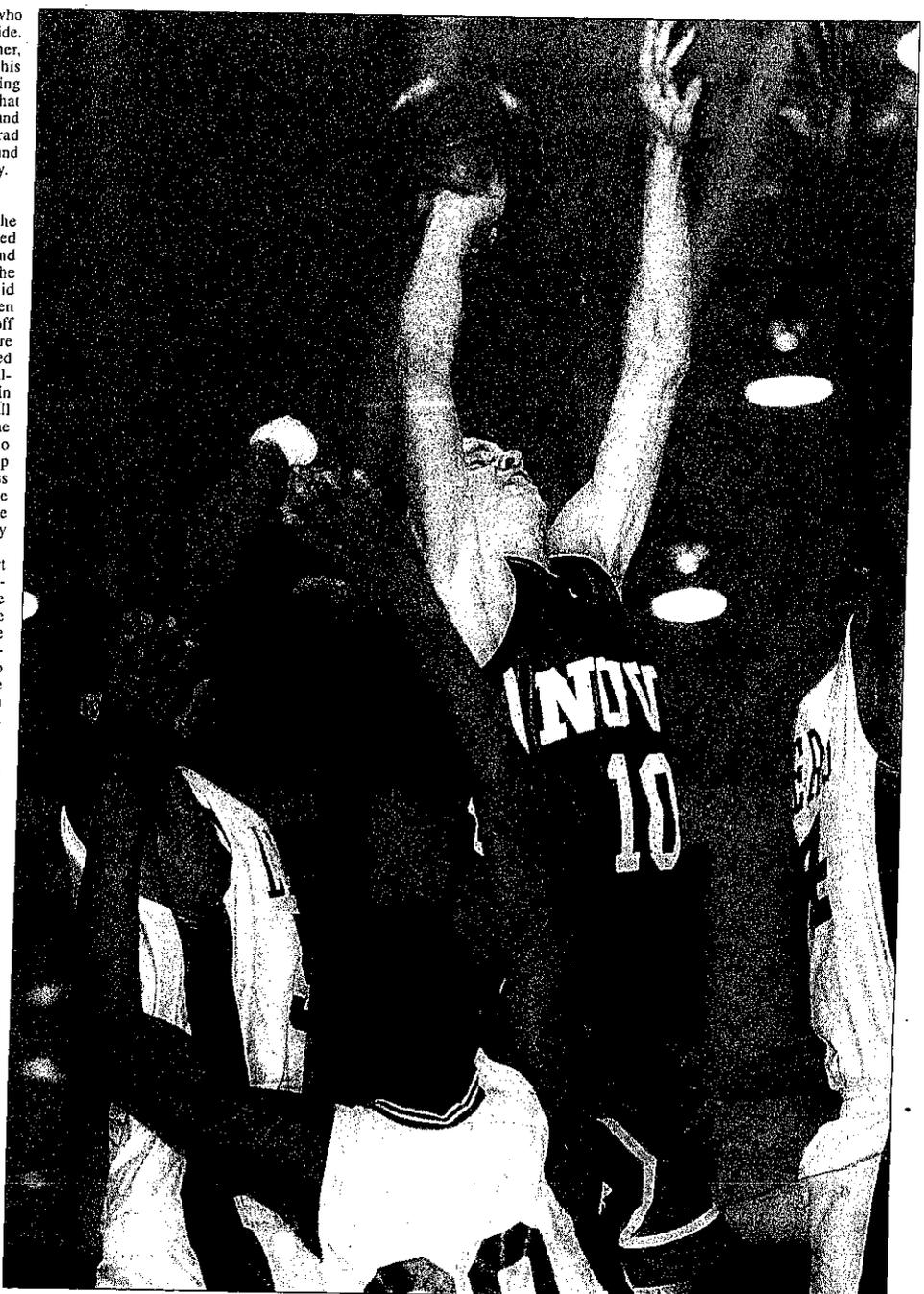
The Wildcats had a heck of a run through the season, notching a staggering 21-3 record and only losing their three games by a total of 14 points.

Their seniors — Chandler, Lewis and Emmenecker — have played the season with the knowledge it was their last. There were no breaks in the action for those three, as they played every game with everything left out on the court.

Emmenecker has been a staple on the program for some time now, drawing attention from the media and that fans for his ability to take control of a game.

Chandler's ball-handling hasn't gone unnoticed either, barely ever having a steal recorded again him thanks to his awareness on the court.

Lewis is a different story though. A role-player throughout much of his career, he watched and learned what it meant to be a starter on Novi's basketball team. Hard work, dedication and a desire to rise to the top — these are all things he used to push himself to a key position on the 2002-03 squad.



Novi's Brad Simpson finds himself in a forest of Bloomfield Hills Lakers during last Tuesday night's regional playoff game.

Photo by John Heider

He has made an example for others to follow in the years to come.

The Wildcats won't be without a strong core returning next season. Juniors Brad Chandler, Mike Hart and Brad Simpson played their roles well this season and should fit nicely into the

starting pegs come next year. Joey Fratto looks to know his way around the court and should be a key member of the squad, as will the high-flying J. W. Woods.

Ryan Corte, Chris Scott and Mark Angelocci should be names that will be recognized

next season, as will John Michael Peters, Mark Saurer, Steve Gawronski and Mark Moore.

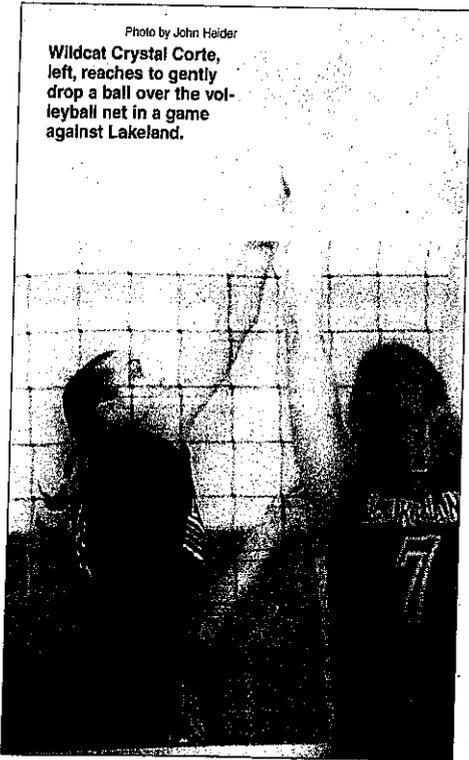
Expect the 'Cats to be looking to return to the top of the conference next year — even if it means they have to utilize some hard work and team unity to get

there.

Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

2003 ALL-AREA DREAM TEAMS

Photo by John Heider
Wildcat Crystal Corte, left, reaches to gently drop a ball over the volleyball net in a game against Lakeland.



Volleyball: 'Cats get honors

continued from page B-8

South Lyon's No. 14 has the capability of dominating any match.

Jessica Wolfe
Milford
Senior

One word best describes Wolfe — underrated. On a team loaded with stars, the senior rightside hitter often gets lost in the mix. Ironically, it's Wolfe's ability to play quietly in the shadows of her teammates that makes her so good. More often than not, Milford's No. 8 didn't go unrecognized because she wasn't making plays, she went unrecognized because she wasn't making mistakes.

Tina Hildreth
Novi
Senior

One of the first things about Hildreth that you'd notice is that she's one of the hardest working players on her team. Collecting 35 aces this season combined with an impressive 108 blocks of which 64 were solo, Hildreth

was one of the busiest players in the KVC at middle blocker. A third-year starter for Novi, she had an 80-percent serving percentage in her senior year, and collected 178 digs and 157 kills. The kind of player you can always look to for a good performance no matter what the odds are or what the score is, Hildreth has proven to be the kind of player that we want on our Dream Team.

Lauren Temple
Northville
Senior

Temple has proven herself to be a very resilient and dedicated volleyball player through her varsity career at Northville High School. She does what's asked of her, always improving her game and always showing exactly what it is she is capable of doing. Unfortunately, Temple didn't have the supporting cast necessary to take her game, and her team, to the next level. She plays with a lot of heart, a lot of talent and a lot of desire, and that's why she was given as a member of the Dream Team this season.

Photo by John Heider
Angle Schmitt, right, tries to get a ball past the block during the district tournament at Novi High School.

