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City faces budget crisis

The showdown on the proposed City of Novi 2004-2005 Budget Monday night turned into a stalemate. On Tuesday morning, Mayor Lou Scordas scheduled a Special Emergency Crisis Meeting for last night.

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Anne's Crafts

Jim Cowie displays a brush and stencil used to create the pattern shown in the sample displayed in front of the wall mural at Anne's Crafts in downtown Northville.

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Minor league, major fun

The Novi Jaguars are more than happy to not only showcase the local talent, but to give their fans some impressive play as well.

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Council changes Hooters vote

Gatt switches to avoid lawsuit by restaurant

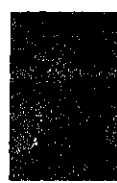
By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Just in time to avert a lawsuit scheduled to be filed today against the City of Novi, city council members voted Monday night to approve Hooters of America's request for a liquor license transfer to Novi's Fountain Walk Shopping Center.

"This is probably the most difficult decision I've had to face," said councilman Bob Gatt. "I personally don't want a Hooters in the city. But I've talked to police, judges, elected and appointed officials, and every single person has said if we proceed and allow a lawsuit to be filed that we will lose, we will lose big, and it will cost us a lot of money."

The vote on Hooters' request was added to the agenda after the meeting started. Gatt, a retired Novi police officer and newly-elected council member, moved to suspend the rules of council and order to reconsider the matter of the Hooters' liquor license transfer.

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The motion passed in a 5-2 vote, with Laura Lorenzo and Lynne Paul voting no, and Gatt, Mayor Lou Scordas, David Landry, Toni Nagy and Kim Capello voting to support the motion. Lorenzo and Paul both said they could not vote in favor of the motion since the public was not

informed that the Hooters' matter would be on the agenda, and, thus

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

A night to remember

Justin Cameron and Kathryn Koss dance together during Novi High School's prom held at Burton Manor Saturday night. For more on the prom, please turn to page 21.

MEAP scores arrive quickly

Administrators in Novi pleased with results

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Novi Community School District administrators were extremely pleased to receive winter MEAP test results last Thursday, and not just because of the scores.

Only results for grades fourth, fifth, seventh and eighth were received, but Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Nancy Davis expects high school results to follow shortly. Davis said that Novi had some of the highest scores in Oakland County and in Metro Detroit, but that was almost expected.

The extraordinary aspect was that the scores were received only eight weeks after tests were taken.

"We're really pleased that the results came back so quickly," Davis said. "The reason for that is because the state's Department of Education is once again in charge of the tests."

In recent years, the state's Department of Treasury was in charge of administering and grading the tests. As a result, the district didn't receive test scores for several months after students took them and when they did receive them, there were many errors that delayed the public release even more. Now, Davis said that there were no mistakes on the surface that she could see, but she hadn't yet examined the results in depth by press time.

"From last year to this year, our students generally showed improvement, which is quite an accomplishment because the scores were quite high already," Davis said. "That's a credit to our teachers."

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Parade route shifting directions this year

Fun to start just west of Haggerty on Ten Mile Road

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Residents of Novi and the surrounding area can observe the Memorial Day holiday by attending several events.

The highlight of the holiday will be the 10 a.m. annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 31.

Earlier in the day, Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, on Twelve Mile Road just east of Novi Road, will host a memorial service at 8:45 a.m.

Another service is scheduled immediately following the Oakland Hills ceremony at the Knapp Cemetery on Novi Road north of Ten Mile on the west side of the street.

A memorial program is also planned at the Novi Civic Center immediately following the parade. This program will include a message from Mayor Lou Scordas, a wreath laying by members of AMVETS and a gun salute by representatives from VFW Post #1519.

The parade route for the 2004 City of Novi Memorial Day

Parade is new.

"One of the reasons we did this was to incorporate more neighborhoods," said Tracie Ringle, event and marketing coordinator for the Novi Parks Department.

The new route begins at Karim Boulevard north of Ten Mile Road just west of Haggerty Road.

The parade will begin at Karim Boulevard and travel west on Ten Mile Road, concluding at the Novi Civic Center between Novi and Taft roads.

In previous years, the parade route began at the Novi Town Center and traveled south on Novi Road and then turned west onto Ten Mile Road.

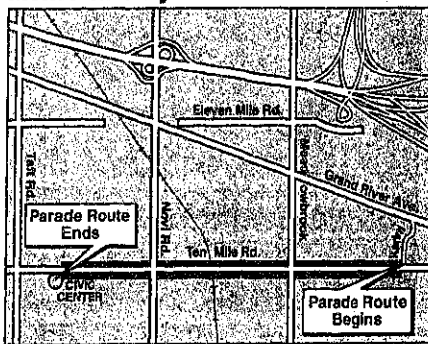
"The new parade route is slightly longer than in past years. It's probably less than a half-mile longer, however," Ringle said.

Parade highlights will include the Redford Township Unicycle Club, the Novi High School and Novi Middle Schools bands and numerous local organizations, such as the Novi Lions, the Novi Rotary Club, the Novi Boy Scouts and Novi Girl Scouts.

A special float recognizing Novi veterans will be part of the parade. All veterans are invited to ride on the float during the parade. Those interested in riding on the float need to meet at Ten Mile and Karim Road between 9 and 9:30 a.m. May 31.

The community is encouraged

Memorial Day Parade Route



SOURCE: City of Novi

to bring canned goods to the parade for the Novi Goodfellows charity. "Collection bins for the canned goods will be located along the parade route and at the Novi Civic Center," Ringle said.

A bicycle decorating contest will also take place that day. Children age 4 and older are invited to decorate their bikes and participate in the parade. Participants and their parents should meet at Karim Boulevard at 9:30 a.m. May 31.

Children must wear a helmet, and a parent or guardian should accompany children along the parade route.

Awards will be presented for the Best Decorated Bike, the Most Patriotic Bike, and the Best Helmet. Winners will receive ribbons.

Parade-goers can obtain the best views of the parade anywhere along Ten Mile Road.

"Hopefully, residents in the subdivisions along Ten Mile Road will just set up a lawn chair and enjoy the show," Ringle said.

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MEAP RESULTS

Winter 2004 MEAP results for Novi Community School District, percentage of students meeting state expectations.

- Fourth Grade
Math: 92.2 percent
Reading: 93.4 percent
Writing: 61.5 percent
- Fifth Grade
Science: 93.3 percent
Social Studies: 60 percent
- Seventh Grade
Reading: 80.9 percent
Writing: 63.4 percent
- Eighth Grade
Math: 83.5 percent
Science: 85.3 percent
Social Studies: 54.1 percent

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POLICE REPORT

No stop and speeding

A 31-year-old Westland man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:53 a.m. April 26 at Haggerty and Eight Mile roads. An officer in a fully-marked police vehicle was driving eastbound on Eight Mile Road approaching Meadowbrook when he saw a pickup truck southbound on Meadowbrook Road. There was a blinking red traffic signal for southbound Meadowbrook traffic, but the driver slowed down only marginally and continued to turn left onto Eight Mile Road without stopping.

The driver was also driving at speeds of between 55 and 60 in a 45 mph zone. After the truck turned quickly right onto southbound Haggerty, the officer had to drive over 70 mph to catch up to the vehicle.

After being pulled over, the driver produced an expired vehicle registration, then found a recent certificate.

The officer asked the man how much he had had to drink after noticing a strong smell of intoxicants coming from the vehicle and his watery, bloodshot eyes. "A couple of 24-oz. beers at the Library Pub," the man replied. A breath test revealed a blood alcohol level in the driver of .14 percent.

Ballpark burglary

No suspects have been identified in a minor burglary that occurred sometime between 4 p.m. April 23 and 8:30 a.m. April 26 at Powers Park on Ten Mile Road.

A Novi police officer was dispatched to the park April 26 to investigate a breaking and entering into a work shed near the baseball diamonds.

Items taken included a string reel, tool for digging out base peps, a Gator utility vehicle found at the exit to the park and the key for the vehicle.

Man arraigned for check fraud at credit union

Richard Carter II of Bingham Farms was arraigned in 52-1 District Court May 5 for check fraud involving recent transactions at Hometown Community Credit Union, 42251 Grand River Avenue, in Novi.

The man opened a checking account with Hometown Community Credit Union in his own name. He would deposit checks into the account from a business in Detroit. Even though the business was legitimate, the business account was closed.

The credit union was not aware that the account had been closed at that time. "We were put on alert as a result of the account being closed," said Det. Sgt. Matt Conquest of the Novi Police Department.

The day that a report was filed by representatives of the credit union, Carter came into the branch to withdraw money from checks that he had previously deposited into the closed account. A Novi Police officer was dispatched to the credit union at that time, and Carter was taken into custody May 4.

Check fraud is a felony punishable by a maximum sentence of 10 years.

"He has already had a preliminary exam and will appear in Oakland County Circuit Court at a later date," Conquest said.

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Women's Show shoplifter

A Farmington Hills woman was arrested for retail fraud at the Novi Expo Center at 3:41 p.m. April 30 during the Michigan International Women's Show.

A Novi police officer was advised by an Expo employee that there was a problem at Booth #346 run by Unique Creations of Trenton. A female had stolen a ring from the booth. After being approached by an officer, who asked her to accompany him to security so he could check her bag, the woman produced a silver watch valued at \$50.

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Property stolen included a wallet, diaper bag, purse, cell phone, driver's license, checks, and credit card.

A woman reported to police that at about 8 p.m. April 29 she parked her 2004 Ford in the driveway of her residence. She thought that she had locked the car but may not have. When she returned to the car at about 7 a.m. April 30, she noticed that the driver side front door was ajar. No suspects are available at this time.

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Can't find the road

Another incident of malicious destruction of property occurred at 9:30 p.m. May 1 at Ten Mile and Windridge roads.

A Novi man told police that a vehicle drove over his lawn. The driver did not spin his tires, so it did not seem to be intent to damage the man's property. The man told police that their property sticks out and that if people aren't familiar with the subdivision that it's easy to drive over their lawn.

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• Susan Lynn Opperman — operating under the influence of liquor/per se, third offense; possession of controlled substance under 25 grams; controlled substance, second offense/double penalty; sentence enhancement; second offense.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for May 14.

• Kiley Xavier Givens — fourth degree criminal sexual conduct; sentence enhancement; fourth or subsequent offense.

Murderer's husband may lose parental rights

Home seen as unfit due to violence

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

An Oakland County Circuit Court jury determined that 22-month-old Jonathan Shawley, the son of convicted murderer Nikole Frederick and her husband, John Shawley, both of Novi, is now under the court's jurisdiction.

Shawley's parental rights may be terminated because his home is seen as unfit because of the violence that caused the death of Jonathan's half-sister, 2-year-old Ann Marie Shawley, on Sept. 2, 2003.

Frederick is serving a life sentence at Scott Correctional Facility in Plymouth for the murder of her stepdaughter.

On April 29, the jury found Shawley's home to be unfit as well as him, due to his continued support of the murder of his child, according to Cynthia Pike, Oakland County assistant prosecuting attorney.

Next Thursday, Oakland Circuit Court Judge Elizabeth Pezzetti is to issue a written opinion on the status of Shawley's parental rights regarding Linda Shawley, 5, and Jonathan, 22 months, according to Pike.

Frederick is the mother of Jonathan Shawley. Racuna Schmidt, of Emmett, Mich., John Shawley's ex-wife, is the mother of Linda Shawley.

"Nikole and Jonathan had been living with Shawley's father and stepmother. He had shown her out in December and was having a relationship with another

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Council deadlocked on city budget

Emergency meeting called by Novi mayor

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

The showdown on the proposed City of Novi 2004-2005 Budget Monday night turned into a stalemate, with city council members unanimously voting to adjourn without reaching a decision.

After more than four hours and several failed motions, it became painfully apparent that an agreement on the next fiscal year's budget of about \$55 million was not going to be achieved by the May 17 deadline.

The new budget year begins July 1, 2004.

On Tuesday morning, Mayor Lou Condas scheduled a Special Emergency Crisis Meeting for 7 p.m. May 19 in council chambers. The purpose of the meeting was discussion and adoption of a 2004-2005 budget resolution.

"Right now the city is in violation of the city charter," said Sheryl

Walsh, community relations director.

Section 8.5, Adoption of Budget, tax limit, states that the city budget must be adopted no later than the third Monday of May.

By council rules, a meeting could not be held on Tuesday night, since the city is required to give the public a minimum of 24 hours notice of emergency meeting.

Discussion Monday night centered around several topics, including the number of police dispatchers, new sergeants and patrol officers to be included in the budget; when bids on legal services for the city would be requested; and funds to be allocated for park improvements and more.

The council also talked about adding funds to the Judgment Trust Fund for legal expenditures and retaining the director of planning position, which was proposed to be cut.

"The budget as originally proposed was reasonable. The budget as it is amended could work. Anyone who has ever developed a corporate or municipal budget will tell you that money can be moved

during the fiscal year. I am asking this council to take this practical and fiscally responsible action," Condas said.

A document from Kathy Smith-Roy, finance director, last week, showed that the city had an additional \$146,729 for re-programming.

The mayor did not support the elimination of the planning director's position with the city at less than 75-percent build-out. "By retaining the planning director position, the revised re-programmable funds will be \$88,894," Condas said. He suggested that this entire amount be moved to the Judgment Trust Fund.

"It appears a major reason for not reaching an acceptable compromise on the budget relates to whether or not to appropriate funds for legal services for six months or the full 12 months of the new fiscal year," City Manager Richard Helwig wrote in a memo to city staff Tuesday.

"The matter further relates to prior City Council direction to seek competitive proposals for legal services later this year. Another major reason is an expressed need to fund parks and

recreation improvements," Helwig said.

Several council members, and Helwig, suggested using federal forfeiture funds that the city will receive as part of the recent \$4.8 million seized in drug-related money to fund a third sergeant in the police department.

However, this money cannot be budgeted because the city does not yet control these funds. Police Chief Doug Schaefer estimates that the city will receive about \$2 million of the seized funds sometime next year. Forfeiture funds for personnel can also only be used for one year.

Nagy suggested that an independent audit of each city department be done in the future and that a trend analysis be performed.

"The needs of the staff are important, but so are the needs of the taxpayer," Nagy said.

Capelo thought that a special committee should be formed to

review and study the engineering department in light of recent suggestions that a position also be eliminated in that area.

Novi Historical Commission President Kathy Mutch made an impassioned plea for more funding for the organization, whose funds were cut drastically in the proposed budget.

Mutch stated that current funding would mean that only \$500 would be available for the entire fiscal year beyond the \$3,500 needed to maintain the Township Hall under the lease agreement with the Novi Public Library.

Another topic of discussion included a proposal to increase administrative salaries, ranging from 2.5 percent to 3.25 percent.

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PLAN OF ACTION

- Novi City Manager Richard Helwig said he is prepared to initiate the following actions if a decision cannot be made on the 2004-2005 Budget.
- Convene the city's emergency operations committee to begin the process for preparing to stop city spending effective July 1, 2004.
 - Begin researching what agencies can step in to provide for the community's health, safety and welfare.
 - Communicate daily with city residents and employees.
 - Begin withholding scheduled awards of contracts from June City Council meetings due to lack of funding appropriations.
 - Provide city employees with expected last pay information.

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Hooters license granted

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did not have the opportunity to address council on the matter, which they thought was unfair.

The reconsideration of the request for Hooters' liquor license transfer was approved in a 4-3 vote. Those voting to approve included Gatt, Landry, Cordas and Capello. Members voting no were Lorenzo, Paul and Nagy.

Gatt, who originally voted to deny the liquor license transfer, said that he decided to change his mind after discussing the predicted outcome of a lawsuit involving the city and Hooters with District Court and Circuit Court judges, among others.

"I think I have to do what's best for the 50,000 people of Novi," said Gatt. "After much thought and deliberation, I move to grant the request."

Charles Lane, the Clinton Township attorney for Hooters of America, commended Gatt's actions.

"It goes to show that he's concerned about the community rather than just his individual vote. I think his constituents should stand up and vote for him because he's willing to do what is right for the community," Lane said.

Lane noted that it was his intention to file the suit today, but that there was obviously no need to do that now.

The company started in 1984 in Clearwater Beach, Fla. The restaurant has a casual beach theme featuring music from the 1950s and 1960s, sports on television, a menu with seafood, sandwiches, salads and spicy chicken wings and the world famous Hooters Girls. Their uniforms consist of a white tanktop, tennis shoes and socks and red shorts.

Novi Council members voting no cited numerous reasons for denying the liquor license for Hooters, whose slogan is "Delightfully tacky yet unrefined." Among them were the adult-oriented theme; liquor violation; the menu's lack of uniqueness; the negative effect on the surrounding neighborhood and children; its closeness to schools; and Fountain Walk's family theme. Mayor Cordas contended that none of these were legal reasons to deny the liquor license.

"Hooters is delighted with the change in the vote," said Lane. "We believe it was the right vote all along. It shows that Bob Gatt has a lot of character to be able to stand up and vote for the best interests of his constituents. We really didn't want to file a lawsuit, but it was our only choice. And we realize that a lawsuit doesn't make money for anybody."

Lane said Hooters' next step is to open at Fountain Walk shopping center with a tentative target date of June 15.

"Anybody upset with the decision should be open minded. Come and visit the store when it opens. You may be pleasantly pleased," Lane said.

Monday was the fourth time council had voted on the controversial restaurant chain's request. The first time, Nagy, Lorenzo and Gatt voted to deny the license while Cordas, Landry and Capello voted for approval. Paul was absent. During the next two votes, the cast, the fourth and deciding vote for denial.

Hooters of America is based in Atlanta. The business currently has 359 restaurants in 43 states and 12 foreign countries, 116 of which are actually company owned and operated with the remainder operating as franchises. Hooters of Novi would be a company-owned location. There are currently 10 Hooters in Michigan located in Grand Rapids, Lansing, Roseville, Flint, Muskegon, Sterling Heights, Troy, Taylor, Bay City and Saginaw.

"This is good news," said Lane. "Now it's time for us to be a good neighbor."

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POLICE REPORT

Underage drinker

A 20-year-old Farmington man was arrested for driver under age 21 with a Blood Alcohol Level at 1:34 a.m. May 4.

A Novi police officer was on patrol in the area of West Park Drive and Twelve Mile Road when he observed a white pickup truck traveling 52 to 53 mph in a 40 mph zone.

When asked how much he had had to drink the man replied that he had had a couple earlier that day, stating later that he had had only three beers 40 to 50 minutes ago.

A breath test showed a blood alcohol level of .11 percent.

Cardboard caper

A 30-year-old Livonia woman was arrested for retail fraud that occurred at 8 p.m. May 3 at Lord & Taylor department store at Twelve Oaks Mall.

A loss prevention agent at the store observed the woman remove and tear off the cardboard backer to a ring in the jewelry department and place it on her finger. She then selected two other rings, kept the cardboard backer in place and paid for the two rings but not for the one on her finger.

The sterling silver Marcaine ring, valued at \$100, was returned to the store.

Car miss with Nissan

A 37-year-old West Bloomfield man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:35 a.m. May 7 at 196 and Novi Road.

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He later noticed that the car failed to come to a complete stop at Trans-X and Novi Road. Furthermore, the vehicle was then traveling at about 55 mph in a 40 mph zone.

The officer noticed a strong smell of intoxicants coming from the car when he pulled the driver over as well as the driver's watery eyes.

After requesting backup, the officer asked the driver of the vehicle to step out of the car. The officer noticed a strong smell of intoxicants and that the man stumbled to the back of the vehicle.

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Students give Fuerst Barns a fresh coat

Project done as a charity paint by group

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

When Novi High students returned to school on the morning of May 10, they may have noticed something different about one of the Fuerst Barns in front of their school — like the fact that it magically changed color over the weekend.

Well, it really didn't happen by some magical powers, and no, aliens didn't come down to earth to mess with our minds. The barn was painted by Eric Schaeuder and all his friends from the Student Painters organization all day Saturday and Sunday.

Schaeuder, a regional manager for Student Painters, is a 2002 graduate of Novi High School. He just finished up his sophomore year at Central Michigan University and has been involved with Student Painters since he was a freshman. Every year the organization puts on a paint training charity paint in which a project is selected and painted for free. The only expenditure is the cost of the paint.

"I thought I could give a little something back to the school," Schaeuder said. "There are two barns there that actually need painting pretty badly and we only have time, unfortunately, to do one. But if it goes well and is successful, it looks like we may have a paint training for next year too."

Through the Fuerst Barns are used by the high school, they are actually owned by the City of Novi, which means the city provided the cost of the paint. Novi Mayor Lou Cordas was even invited to run the first stroke of paint on the barn at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

"I thought that it was a great thing that they did," Cordas said. "It's a great situation because those barns are so terrible. I'm doing right now, way and I thought it was a nice thing they did for our community."

The weekend-long project is a charity where the Student Painters organization searches for a house or a project that looks like it needs to be painted, but the owners might not have the funds to do it. All the labor is free and Sherwin-Williams, which is one of the biggest paint companies in the United States, comes out to help as well.

"Sherwin-Williams is kind of a sister company with us," Schaeuder said. "They're not completely affiliated with us 100 per-

cent, but we get all our paint through them usually and they're really helpful with us."

Schaeuder is a double major in financial planning and psychology. In the future he hopes to run his own financial institution or his own private sector business. With the psychology and financial training, he says he has really been able to connect with a lot of homeowners by learning about how they think.

"I'm putting myself through school, I have plans for grad school and I do want to be successful at this," Schaeuder said. "It has really been a positive experience for me. I put in probably 50 to 60 hours easily every week over the summer. There's not a whole lot of time for personal stuff, but it kind of puts me a little ahead of the game in terms of where I'm at in the real world."

Schaeuder explained that Student Painters has been around for 18 years. It is a managing consulting company that hires college students and uses painting to teach them how to run their own businesses.

"I got a phone call last October," Schaeuder said. "I had to go to three or four interviews, so there's quite a bit of prep going in it. For them, it's an all-risk situation because they want to make sure they have the right type of person. I went through manager training and paint training last summer."

Schaeuder then ran a \$45,000 business by himself, which is above average for most managers. He worked in the Novi/Northville area all last year and had to hire all his own painters. He also had to do all the payroll and all his own marketing. He put up lawn signs, flyers and handled all the sales. After doing so well, he was promoted last summer to regional manager.

"My boss decided to put a few managers under me," Schaeuder said. "I actually have four managers under me now, which is a lot more pre-work. I have to train all the employees. I was trained last year by another manager who did what I'm doing right now. We already did our manager training in February, so I took them step-by-step through basically everything I learned last year."

All but two of the painters who work for Schaeuder are former painters and all of them helped with the project on the weekend.

For more information on Student Painters, call (888) 839-3385.

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Program preview
Novi District Library employee Kelly Kolchuk imitates a bear as she reads a story to Orchard Hills students on a Friday afternoon. Kolchuk was at the Novi school to hype the upcoming summer reading program at the library which will run from June 23 to July 30.

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Boom continues in Novi, Northville Twp.

By Duane Ramsey
SPECIAL WRITER

The City of Novi and Northville Township were among the top 10 communities in southeast Michigan based on the number of new housing starts in 2003 for the second consecutive year.

Novi ranked fifth with 740 new housing units and Northville was eighth with 554 in 2003. However, both communities dropped in the rankings from 2002 when Novi was third with 873 new units and Northville was fifth with 649.

The rankings are based on the number of residential building permits issued in 2003 according to the report compiled by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG). Construction of new homes in the region increased by eight percent in 2003 to the highest level since 1998, according to the report.

In 2003, Novi issued permits for 278 single-family homes, 122 condominiums or townhomes and 346 multi-family units (apartments). Novi's total of 740 units led all Oakland County communities last year.

Northville issued permits for 356 single-family units, 28 two-family units, 148 condos or townhomes, and 22 apartments in 2003. Northville was third in Wayne County behind Canton Township with 976 units and Brownstown Township with 725.

"We recognize the need to have a mixture of housing in the township," said Jennifer Fry, director of community development for Northville Township. "We expect to see more smaller scale housing projects here in the future."

The number of residential units in Northville is significant considering it is actually half a township with 17 square miles split with Plymouth Township directly south of it, compared to other townships with about 36 square miles, according to Fry.

Northville Township has issued 170 residential building permits year-to-date through the end of April, compared to 158 during the same period in 2003, according to Don Weaver, director of public service for the township. They issued 53 single-family and four multi-family building permits in April alone, he added.

The City of Novi also issued 170 building permits in the first four months of 2004 for all types of residential units, according to Novi building official Don Saven.



Courtesy photo

The Malvern at Island Lake of Novi is an example of the largest and most elite home designs Toll Brothers offers.

The large number of developments and subdivisions currently under construction in both communities should continue generating new building permits as home lots are sold.

High-end homes popular

Toll Brothers, Inc. has several residential projects in Novi and Northville, totaling nearly 1,700 homes. The Michigan operations for the national builder of luxury homes are based in Farmington Hills.

One of the area's largest developments, Island Lake of Novi, features 762 sites for single-family homes, condos and town homes around the 170-acre island lake on the 800-acre site on Wixom Road just north of Ten Mile.

The Plymouth-based builder is developing North Haven Woods in Novi with 44 home sites and building homes at Churchill Crossing in Novi with 208 sites on 80 acres by Singh Development.

In addition to Churchill Crossing, Singh Homes of West Bloomfield is building luxury homes at Tollgate Woods, Tollgate Ravines and Willowbrook Farm in Novi and Leona Lake Woods and Trails of Leona Lake in Wixom.

The overall demand for housing has remained robust in the Novi and Northville areas over the past year," said Jim Zeisler of Puller Homes, Inc. in Bloomfield Hills.

"There are only 12 home sites remaining at Bellagio," said Mark Guidobono, CEO of Cambridge Homes in Novi.

Maybury Park Estates, located west of Beck Road off Eight Mile in Novi, has 43 half-acre home sites in the first phase of the development by Babcock Development and Multi Building Company.

With 12 sales and eight deposits in the past 75 days, it could generate 10-12 new building permits in the next 60 days, according to Erik Morganroff, sales manager for Multi Building.

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RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

Fueled by an average low interest rate of 5.82 percent and strengthened confidence in the economy, Southeast Michigan experienced an eight percent increase in new residential construction in 2003, according to the annual report, Residential Construction in Southeast Michigan, 2003, just released by SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

A total of 23,413 units were authorized in 2003, 1,671 more than in 2002. Single-family construction grew five percent (up from two percent in 2002) with 15,346 permits issued; two-family construction contributed 212 new units; townhouse/attached condominium construction had 5,360 units authorized, and multi-family units recorded 2,495 new units in the region. Wayne County led the region with 5,741 new residential permits issued, a 20 percent increase from 2002. Oakland County was second with 5,712 permits authorized (a 6-percent increase) and Macomb County was third with 5,269 new units authorized. Monroe County had the largest percent change increase in units with 37 percent.

Macomb and Canton Townships continue to outpace the rest of the region in residential construction, remaining one and two on the top 10 list for the seventh straight year. The City of Detroit claimed third place on the top 10 list with 872 new units authorized in 2003; it also accounted for 48 percent (1,231 units) of the demolition in the region. The complete top 10 list follows; this group accounted for 33 percent of the region's new residential construction in 2003.

1. Macomb Township (Macomb County); 1,421 new units in 2003; 1,572 new units in 2002
2. Canton Township (Wayne County); 1,003 new units in 2003; 1,143 new units in 2002
3. Detroit (Wayne County); 872 new units in 2003
4. Sterling Heights (Macomb County); 799 new units in 2003
5. Novi (Oakland County); 740 new units in 2003
6. Brownstone Township (Wayne County); 735 new units in 2003
7. Chesterfield Township (Macomb County); 634 new units in 2003
8. Northville Township (Wayne County); 554 new units in 2003
9. Ypsilanti Township (Washtenaw County); 456 new units in 2003
10. Shelby Township (Macomb County); 453 new units in 2003

The complete report, Residential Construction in Southeast Michigan, 2003 is available for \$20 from SEMCOG Information Services, (313) 961-4266 or in PDF format on SEMCOG's Web site - www.semco.org. SEMCOG is a regional planning partnership of governmental units serving 4.9 million people in the seven-county region of Southeast Michigan striving to enhance the region's quality of life.

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Golf Outing to benefit quality of life for the terminally ill

Angela Hospice volunteers are planning the organization's annual golf outing, and early signs seem to indicate that their hard work will produce a successful fundraiser for the hospice's programs benefiting incurably ill children and adults.

Now in its 16th year, the Angela Hospice Golf Outing has attracted a regular following of golfers and local businesses that support the outing through a variety of means, including registering for individual, business, or corporate gift packages (\$200-\$1,500), purchasing hole sponsor signs (\$150), attending the dinner reception (\$75), or making a donation.

"We are grateful for Angela Hospice's local friends who so generously show their support each year," said Alice Barringer, Development Manager at Angela Hospice. "We are also pleased to see that we have some first-time participants who have already registered for this year's event."

The outing will be held on Monday, May 24, beginning at noon, at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon, where Angela Hospice guests have enjoyed great hospitality in past years.

"We are encouraging golfers to register now for this event," said Bob Marten, an Angela Hospice volunteer and member of the golf committee. "Not only is this the perfect opportunity for golfers to experience a beautiful private course, but they will also be helping a very important cause."

Community members will find many opportunities to show support for this event. Even those who don't know a holey from a budie will appreciate the outing's Spectacular Spring Raffle, in which one lucky individual will win a multitude of prizes, including a Tigers Suite for 18 at Comerica Park, a helicopter ride with WJR's Joel Alexander, a Cadillac Deville rental for two weekends, gift certificates to 15 local restaurants, golf packages and more. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold (\$25 each) for this drawing, which will be held during the dinner reception following golf.

Fundraising events such as this outing are vital to ensuring that hospice care will continue to be available to those who are diagnosed with a terminal illness. Because insurance reimbursements cover only a portion of the costs of hospice care, which includes physical, emotional, and spiritual support for the patient, as well as bereavement services for family members - not-for-profit hospice programs depend on community support in order to provide these specialized services.

If you would like more information about how you can support the Angela Hospice Golf Outing, or to learn more about the compassionate services that hospice provides, please call 734-HOSPICE, or visit www.angela-hospice.org.

Man goes 'great lengths' to help dystrophy victims

Wolverine Lake resident to swim 10 miles fund-raiser



Ken Begian

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Ken Begian of Wolverine Lake is a man with a mission. Not one to sit back and wait for good things to happen, he has created his own fund-raiser to help area muscular dystrophy victims.

Begian is participating in the Great Lengths for a Cure fund-raiser throughout the month of May.

The auto interior designer for Visicon, who has muscular dystrophy himself, has been swimming half-mile increments throughout the month of May and will reach his total of 10 miles by May 28.

Begian swims at the Dearborn Community Center. He has organized the fund-raiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in an effort to help area families who have been affected by the debilitating disease.

While he has bravely fought the disease himself for many years, his inspiration was to help others who are less fortunate struggling with the effects of muscular dystrophy.

Begian said that after meeting a mother of a child with Duchenne's Muscular Dystrophy, one of the most tragic forms of dystrophy, he was driven to have a fund-raiser because he learned how much families are spending — financially, emotionally and physically — to care for these children.

With a strong dose of courage, determination and will power, Begian has stepped up to the challenge and conditioned himself to swim 10 miles for MDA during the month of May.

Those who would like to contribute to the effort can send a pledge to the local MDA office, 5860 N. Canton Center Road, Canton Township, MI 48187, e-mail to the Great Lengths for a Cure fund-raiser.

"Last November, I started out swimming only one length. Now, I'm able to swim a half-mile a day," Begian said.

Donors can make a contribution to the fund-raiser throughout the month of May. Begian said he can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@ht.homecomm.net.

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Designer's Rule: To look right, where what feels right

Women shouldn't try to imitate men

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

"If you feel right, you will look right."

So says Patricia Field, costume designer for the TV shows "Sex and the City" and "Hope and Faith," who offers this fashion advice for everyone: "Original style is important. It's not about following trends."

Field was in Novi recently for the Michigan International Women's Show, an annual event at the Novi Expo that attracts about 40,000 people over four days.

A native New Yorker, Field lives in downtown Manhattan where she has her own clothing store, Hotel Venus in SoHo.

She said opening a clothing store was a natural move for her. "My parents owned a dry cleaning business, and everyone in my family seemed to own their own business," she said. "Fashion was an easy choice for me. I know it. I just had to find out the details of the business."

Field said when she was asked to do the clothing for a film one day, her second career as a costume designer began.

So how did she land the job with "Sex and the City"? "I worked with Sarah Jessica Parker in the early 1990s when they shot 'Miami Rhapsody,'" she said.

"She suggested to the producers 'Sex and the City' that I do the job."

Field met Kelly Ripa, star of the morning talk show "Regis & Kelly" along with Regis Philbin and the TV sitcom "Hope and Faith," through another actress, Finnia Hughes.

"When Hope and Faith started,

she wanted me to do the clothes. She's great to work with," Field said. "I'm so lucky. I work with great women."

Field said the mini skirt is still the biggest statement in women's fashion. "Legs and bright colors are good for spring 2004," she noted.

She recommends an accent or all-out color against a neutral background.

"Brazilian fashions are hot for 2004 because they're sexy," Field said.

"It's a whole other attitude — like skirts with ruffles. Girly fashions are very strong right now."

As far as business attire, Field says today there are more options available to women.

"I don't think women should try to imitate men in their dress. They have enough qualities on

their own. Put on a smart-looking dress and accentuate it with an interesting shoe."

"Women should be proud of who they are now. They should be confident in who they are and identify their own assets. Then others will believe in them, too," Field said.

Although "Sex and the City," which appeared on HBO for several seasons just recently ended, reruns of the wildly popular show will be aired on HBO and TBS in June. The TBS reruns have supposedly been toned down from the original programs as far as sexually explicit material.

"Hope and Faith," however is coming back for a second season.

"I may be doing the clothes for a Broadway show this fall," Field noted.

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Patricia Field, costume designer for the TV shows "Sex and the City" and "Hope and Faith" visited Michigan International Women's Show at the Novi Expo Center. She owns a clothing store, Hotel Venus, in downtown Manhattan and attends various trade show.

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Pascucci Marble & Granite celebrates 30 years

Family-owned business began in Dearborn

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Pascucci Marble & Granite in Wixom recently celebrated a milestone in its history — its 30-year anniversary.

The business also just opened a new facility in Grand Rapids, its second store.

Tony and Mary Kay Pascucci are the original owners and the parents of Joanna Pascucci-Stotler, current co-owner along with her father, Tony Pascucci used to work in a quarry in Italy before he came to the United States with his family.

"Once he married my mother, who he met here, they started the business together in Dearborn. We've been in our current building for six years, and we were in Walled Lake for 15 years before that," Joanna Pascucci-Stotler said.

"Before moving the business to Walled Lake, my parents ran the business out of their home in Novi, Michigan. The TBS reruns have supposedly been toned down from the original programs as far as sexually explicit material."

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age for their business. Now you'd never think of Novi as farmland," she noted.

"We've been in Wixom for about 20 of the 30 years," said Curt Stotler, whose wife, Joanna Pascucci-Stotler, has been involved in the business her whole life. The couple both graduated from Novi High School.

"There are so many businesses that come and go. But we're still here after 30 years," Joanna Pascucci-Stotler said. "My son, Lucas, is 2 now. Hopefully, he'll carry the business to the next generation. He can already say 'Pascucci,'" she said.

"We're almost a dual-purpose business. We fabricate and install marble and granite residential countertops," Curt Stotler said.

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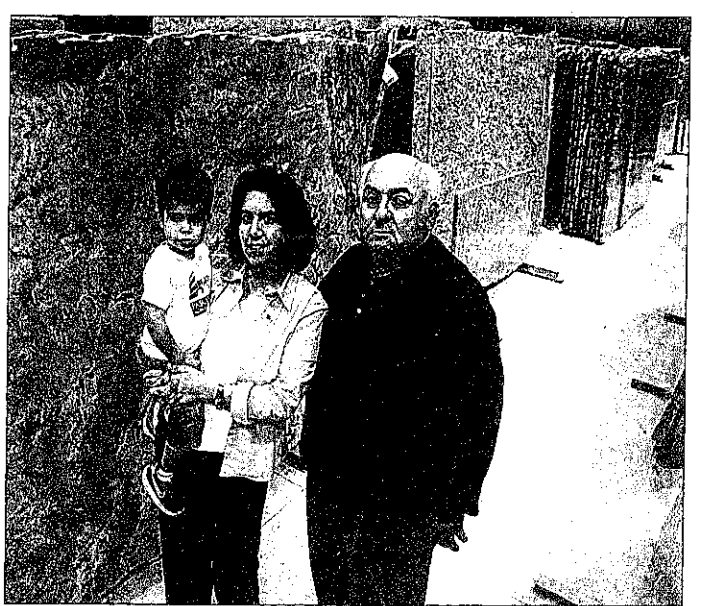
order to bring the finest stone to Michigan," Curt Stotler said. "There are new and exotic colors being discovered all the time."

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The business employs about 20 people between the two facilities.

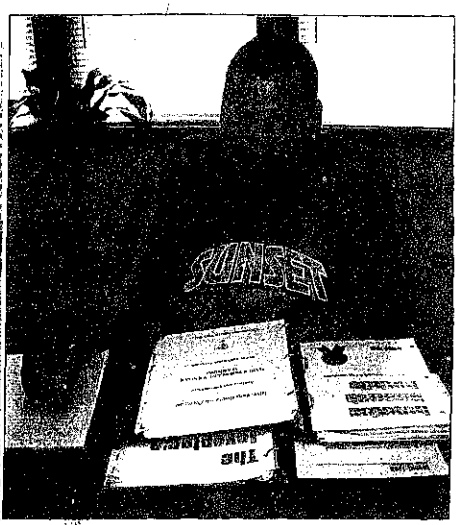
"The durability and beauty attracts homeowners to use stone. It's heat resistant, stain and scratch resistant," Curt Stotler said. "It's also a product of nature. There's not a manmade product that can even compare with what God has made."

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Wixom's Pascucci Marble and Granite recently celebrated its 30th year in business. Part of the team, Joanna Pascucci-Stotler, son Lucas, 2, and Tony Pascucci stand near a slab of Verniz K2 Brazilian marble that retails for \$45/sq. foot.

Local couple develops device for emergency radar warning



Brian Yurkunas reviews the materials from Invent Tech on their Early Emergency Radar Warning system at the kitchen table in their Novi home.

By Duane Ramsey
SPECIAL WRITER

A local couple is awaiting word to learn when a company might be interested in an idea they have developed for an innovative new product that could help increase safety and save lives on the road.

Novi residents Brian and Carolyn Yurkunas developed the concept for a new invention, which they call the Early Emergency Radar Warning system, designed to alert drivers of approaching emergency vehicles.

"It's a good safety feature," Carolyn said.

"And it could save a lot of lives," Brian added.

Emergency vehicles often move at high speeds and drivers may not hear the sirens or see the flashing lights making it difficult for them to know the vehicle is approaching. This unique device would inform drivers of the direction from which an emergency vehicle is coming and allow the driver plenty of time to pull over in the proper direction.

Brian and Carolyn began

developing their idea for the Early Emergency Radar Warning device in 2000. They were motivated to develop such a product by seeing and hearing about so many accidents involving emergency vehicles and automobiles.

They talked about their idea for some time but didn't know how to go about pursuing it, Brian said. He saw a commercial on television for an organization called Invention Technologies, Inc. that helps people get their inventions developed so the requested some information about it.

After discussing their idea with Invent Tech, the couple sent a draft of their product to the company in late 2002. The company liked their idea and they called to discuss it with them by telephone, Brian said.

The couple decided to invest \$600 to proceed with Invent Tech, which developed a rough blueprint for the device. The inventors made some minor changes to the proposed product and Invent Tech tweaked it a bit over the past few years, he added.

Invent Tech is now marketing their original idea for the device

to manufacturers interested in new product development, especially in the automotive industry. They have advertised and marketed it at trade shows for automotive manufacturers in California and Germany, according to Brian.

Invent Tech is seeking a manufacturer that would sign a licensing agreement with the Yurkunas as owners of the product. The licensing agreement grants the company the right to manufacture, market and profit from the product.

Once a licensing agreement is reached with a manufacturer, Invent Tech would then obtain a patent on the product for their clients, according to a company official in Inventor Relations at Invention Technologies, based in Coral Gables, Fla.

Brian and Carolyn have invested an additional \$10,000 with Invent Tech to find a manufacturer, sign a licensing agreement and obtain the patent for their product. Brian's brother Chuck and his wife Brenda provided some financial backing for the product as an investment.

The two couples hope to make

a return on their investment once a licensing agreement is reached with a manufacturer, Brian said.

How much money can they expect to make for their Early Emergency Radar Warning device?

In addition to an acquisition fee or up-front payment, royalty payments to the developers could equal roughly 25 percent of any profits on it. Depending on the specifics of the product, a royalty rate of 2 to 20 percent of the invoiced selling price could be paid to them, according to Invent Tech.

The investment was a sizable risk for the Novi couple. Brian has worked in the tool and die business for the automotive industry but is currently unemployed. Carolyn works as a waitress at a restaurant in Brighton.

The couple hopes to have the Early Emergency Radar Warning device in production and available to the public in the near future.

"The sooner we get them in vehicles, the sooner it can help prevent tragic accidents, injuries and deaths," said Brian.

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Perfecting golf games

Instruction center uses technology to teach

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

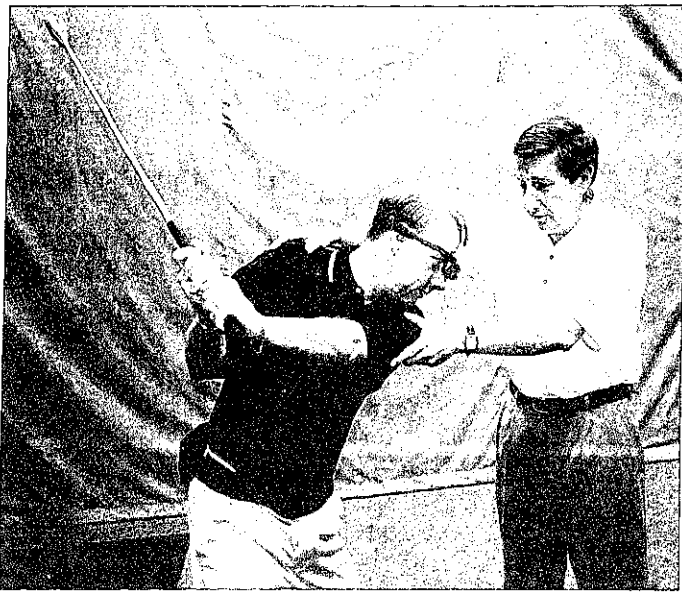
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The center, located at 44125 Twelve Mile Road, Suite B-115, near to Glider's Salon & Day Spa, opened in early April, introducing golfers to the only technology worldwide that allows a golfer to "step inside" the body of a computer-generated character with an ideal golf swing.

Through the use of 3-D virtual-reality goggles, students on the Virtually Perfect Golf Learning System can obtain immediate feedback by seeing and feeling an ideal golf swing. The idea is to match the movements of the computer-generated model.

Working through a series of lessons with a Professional Golf Association instructor, students can build a fundamentally sound and, hopefully, a repeatable golf swing that will lead to on-course improvements. The two PGA professionals at the Novi center are Joel Prince and Steve Kisner.

The center, located just west of Novi Road at I-96, features two teaching studios, a swing analysis



With special video-screen lens glasses to direct his swing, Steve Kisner, left, gets some help from fellow Virtually Perfect golf instruction trainer Tim Stewart during a recent Friday morning session at their Fountain Walk location.

station and a retail pro shop. Under Prince, director of instruction, the center provides golfers of all levels an opportunity to improve their skills year-round using the world's most advanced teaching technology.

A single lesson, which costs \$89, includes a personal swing assessment, complete swing analysis and introductory lesson using the Virtually Perfect Golf Learning System. An introductory lesson is one hour, with subsequent lessons lasting 45 minutes.

A series of three lessons costs \$239. A complete 5-lesson package costs \$389 and includes four

15-minute practice sessions on the "Virtual Teacher" and a pitching and putting clinic. Students also receive a videotape of each lesson and a printout of their swing analysis.

A special Father's Day promotional package include a lesson,

student workbook and instructional DVD.

For busy executives, staff members from Virtually Perfect Golf can make on-site visits at businesses. The system can also be used at corporate events, tournaments and other off-site activities.

Stewart noted that Virtually Perfect instructors will be on hand at Indian Springs and Huron Meadows, two Metropark courses, this summer.

The franchise business, headquartered in Toronto, was founded in 2000.

"We're a very unique and different type of golf instructional center. We have you fill out a questionnaire and conduct a thorough analysis of your swing," Stewart said. "We determine where students are in their golf game."

"I was sold when I first put the goggles on," said customer Robine Williams of Pontiac, who brought a friend in to introduce him to the new Fountain Walk center recently.

"We use a laser measurement device to look at clubhead speed, approach path, ball spin rate and launch angle," Stewart added.

More Virtually Perfect centers are scheduled to open in Michigan and across the U.S. in 2004.

Tim Stewart, president of Stewart Golf Technologies, Inc., the licensed distributor of the Virtually Perfect Golf Learning System in Michigan, said golfers of all abil-

ity levels can benefit from this new technology.

"If you're serious about improving your game, the Virtually Perfect Golf system can help you make your breakthrough," Stewart said. "We've had great success with high-handicappers as well as scratch golfers. Even touring professionals who have tried the system say it's very effective in providing immediate feedback on their swing."

"As the weather improves and foot traffic improves, more people will come in and experience what they have to offer," said Linda Basse, Fountain Walk marketing director.

Hours at the Novi center are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

"We've been really happy with our choice of location so far," Stewart said. "We've had people walk in off the street just out of curiosity."

The system is available at 12 teaching locations in Canada and will soon be available at golf courses, driving ranges and other facilities throughout the U.S. For more information, call the Novi center at (248) 344-2803 or visit www.virtuallyperfectgolf.com.

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EDUCATION

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Bus drivers retiring after three decades of service

Both have seen many changes to Novi over the years

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

It's not often companies can boast of an employee with 30 years on their staff, let alone two. Dan Tooman, Novi Schools transportation director, can, but he's about to lose both of them to retirement.

Eileen Campbell and Nancy Putnam, bus drivers of 29 and a half years and 30 years, respectively, have been in the Novi Community School District their whole careers. Both say they have enjoyed their careers very much, but it's now time to move on.

"I started when my youngest daughter was in first grade," Campbell said. "It's a great job for anybody who has kids in school. It's almost like being home, but you're working. If your kids forgot their homework or if they didn't have lunch money, they knew how to get ahead of you and you could be there in a few minutes."

Campbell has seen so many changes in her career that most people wouldn't believe her.

When she started, Taft Road wasn't paved. In fact, a lot of the streets she drives kids around on weren't paved.

"Now only two streets I go on aren't paved," she said. "When I moved out here 35 years ago, the population of Novi was 10,000. Now it's over 50,000. I've been through a lot of traffic lights and a lot of changes."

As in any situation, change is usually a good thing. That's one reason Campbell stuck around as long as she did. "I just like it here," she said. "It's a great place to work, and I hope the people I'm leaving behind have the same opportunities that I had."

A perk of the job, according to Campbell, was that she could keep track of who her kids were hanging around with. She would still be driving the bus, but this past winter was particularly long and hard on her.

"The actual driving and the kids are great," she said. "I just don't want to be checking a bus with ice under my feet and snow up to my ankles, standing out in bad weather having to put 25 gallons of fuel in the bus. That's the stuff I don't want to do anymore."

After she finishes out the school year, Campbell said she will probably be helping her daughter out in Chicago with her new baby, due in August. Other than that, she is going to do just what she wants to.

"I don't think I'm going to wear a watch for a while because I have lived by my watch for years," she said. "I intend to enjoy myself."

Same with Putnam. She started driving in 1974 and, like Campbell, has seen tons of changes in the city.

"It's a wonderful job," she said. "I've really enjoyed it. I've seen a lot more traffic, a lot of building up and a lot of kids."

Putnam doesn't know what she'll do after she retires, when the school year is over, but she said she will probably do anything she hasn't been able to while working, like quilting, going down to see her son in North Carolina, or going up north.

"To do this job you have to enjoy the kids," she said. "If you enjoy the kids and you have runs where the kids are nice and the parents are nice, it's something you enjoy coming back to. I'll probably miss it in September when the buses are coming down the road. I'm sure I'm going to be thinking I should be out there, but I think you know when you're ready to get away, too. The kids are fantastic though."

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"I know I know this one." Michael Schwanz contemplates the answer to a question during last Friday's Novi Meadows' sixth grade math competition. The quiz was formerly known as the LivOaks Math Test.



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Nothing to fear: Fourth graders tour Novi Meadows

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

As an annual rite of passage, fourth graders from all five elementary schools in Novi visited Novi Meadows School last week for an orientation and a meet-and-greet with teachers, administrators and counselors. Each school took one day to visit for the purpose of getting the kids used to what will be their new surroundings come next fall.

According to Kristin Robb, organizer of the orientation for the past five years, the event is very effective in relieving any anxiety and stress that students may feel about attending a brand new school in the fifth grade.

"The layout of our schools is unique due to the fact that our elementary schools are K-4 and Novi Meadows' building is unique in itself because it is only fifth and sixth grade," Robb said. "It's pretty overwhelming for incoming students from all the other elementary schools."

Each visiting fourth grade classroom is paired up with a fifth grade classroom.

Fifth grade students write a postcard invitation to each fourth grade student and invite them to visit beforehand. Students sit through a small orientation presentation by the administrators in the cafeteria in the morning, then they go to the classroom and they pair up in groups of two or four with their pen pal buddy who invited them over. The fifth graders give the fourth graders a tour of the building, and after that there is a question-and-answer session and a scavenger hunt.

"The fourth graders are asked to prepare questions about some of the exciting things that are new to them," Robb said. "The clubs are new, the cafeteria and the lunch program is new, the specials' program is new, the specials' lunch program is different. And the fifth graders are able to take hand, so that is new to them as well."

Other new aspects of Novi Meadows include having to know how to use a locker and dealing with more homework than they are used to.

"They're coming from five different elementary schools and we are trying to ease their anxiety by

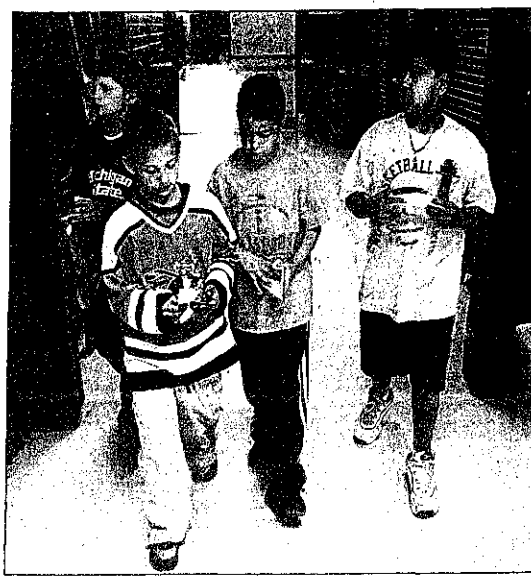


Photo by JOHN HEIDER
Novi Meadows' fifth graders Sean McNiff and Aditya Karikar, right, lead fourth graders Nick Aleve and David Appel, far left, on a tour of their school for next fall during an open house last Thursday. Meadows' students got to answer questions from their visitors ranging from what to do when bells ring, to where to catch buses in the afternoon.

Novi Woods students go back in time with vintage baseball players

■ Author
Robert A. Lytle
presents "A Pitch in Time"

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Students at Novi Woods Elementary School received a real lesson in sportsmanship when vintage baseball players Harlan Worden, Jeff Lytle, Patrick McKay and Robert Lytle came visiting April 30. The four demonstrated how baseball was played years ago using good sportsmanship, old time uniforms and a healthy attitude towards competition.

In addition, Robert Lytle, who owns a drug store in downtown Rochester, who has all read the books he has written called "A

Pitch in Time," which is about a boy from Atlanta who comes up to Michigan and decides to try out for the local baseball team. When he doesn't make it, he takes a bike ride down a trail, falls down and when he awakes, discovers that he has gone back in time and witnesses how baseball used to be played.

"Mr. McKay is the curator of the Museum in Rochester and his nephew is a student here in Novi and because the nephew is a baseball player, he got this book from his uncle last year for Christmas," Lytle said. "The boy read it and loved it. He brought it to his teacher and she read it to the whole class." She asked Mr. McKay to come out and do a presentation of baseball and he asked me to come along. My son is here along with Harlan Worden, so four of us were able to come."

The four spoke to a group of students who have all read the book, so they already had a back-



Courtesy photo
Vintage baseball players Harlan Worden, Jeff Lytle, Patrick McKay and Robert Lytle pose with Novi Woods students Dylan Shepard, John Tierney, Ken Tavana and Jimmy Tian during their visit to the school on April 30.

CLASS NOTES

Count Your Steps winners

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson announced the top three performing students, schools, districts and classrooms in his live week "Count Your Steps" pedometer walking program to target childhood obesity.

Patterson presented plaques and "Count Your Steps" banners to the superintendents of the Rochester, Troy and Walled Lake School Districts which finished in first, second and third respectively among all school districts in Oakland County.

The top three individual walkers among all third graders were Miles Dale, Oakland Christian School in Pontiac; Joseph Hanania, Meadowbrook Elementary in Walled Lake; and Laura Donald, University Hills in Rochester.

First place prize in the individual category is a bike and helmet. Second place is a scooter and helmet and third place is a set of roller blades and helmet.

Parkins leads

Nathan Parkins of Novi has been selected to participate in the Junior National Student Leadership Conference in June for outstanding middle school students. He is the son of Bob and Mary Parkins and a seventh grader at Novi Middle School.

Outstanding Novi teachers sought

The Novi News will recognize monthly a local teacher for his or her excellence in the classroom.

Nominations can come from students, teachers, parents, administrators or community residents who have contact or knowledge of a teacher's classroom activities.

Nominations can be mailed to: Novi News, Cal Stone, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; faxed to (248) 349-9832; or sent by e-mail to: cstoney@ht.honcom.net.

The deadline for nominations is the last day of the month. The

Novi News staff will select the winner and a feature story and photograph will appear in the Novi News on the second Thursday of the following month. Those not selected as the Outstanding Teacher of the Month will be considered for subsequent months.

To nominate a teacher, please send the teacher's name, school address and the school's telephone number along with a statement of no more than 200 words telling us why this teacher deserves to be the Outstanding Teacher of the Month.

Cassis parental involvement bill sent to governor

Legislation calling on schools to encourage more parental involvement is headed for the governor's desk, announced Sen. Nancy Cassis, sponsor of the bill.

"Encouraging parents to be involved in their children's education helps our children, our schools and our communities," said Cassis, R-Nowi. "As a former school psychologist, I can attest to the critical role parents play in their children's education."

Senate Bill 307 requires a school board, or the board of directors of a public school academy, to adopt and implement an involvement plan designed to encourage parental participation by the beginning of the 2004-2005 school year. It also requires the Michigan Department of Education to post successful plans on their Web site.

Spring Festival of the Arts

The Novi High School Spring Festival of the Arts will take place on Tuesday, May 25 with two different events in the Choir Room and Commons Area of high school. The Gallery will open with numerous performances from 5-7 p.m. and the Gala Performance will begin at 7 p.m. It will feature the school's radio broadcast department doing a 1940s style variety show and there will be a photo slide show

running simultaneously with the event. The event will be broadcast live on 89.5 FM, WOVI. Admission is free to the public and there will be a raffle sale which was produced by students.

MADCAP puppets at Parkview

The MADCAP puppet show company visited Parkview Elementary School on April 23. MADCAP Productions travels across the country performing for children using marionettes, backpack puppets and hand puppets. Ragatski performed with puppets from MADCAP Productions. Ragatski, starting as a princess, helped tell the story of a fisherman whose wife is granted three wishes by a talking fish in "Once Upon a Fish."

Novi Woods Family Picnic

Novi Woods students and their families used the school's annual family picnic as an opportunity to have some fun and help others at the same time. Claude and Teresa Murphy, owners of McDonald's at 10 Mile Road and

Haggerty, have generously supported Novi Woods events throughout the years. To show their appreciation, families were encouraged to bring donation for the Ronald McDonald house, the Murphy's favorite charity, to the picnic. The staff and students also created a "Big SMACK of Thanks" poster signed by everyone in the school and presented it to the Murphys at the picnic.

Kelly Kolchuk visits Orchard Hills

The Novi Children's Librarian, Kelly Kolchuk, visited the Orchard Hills Elementary School Library on May 7 to read to second graders. Kolchuk came to "rev up" the kids for the Novi Library's Summer Reading Program called "Discover New Traits."

Celebrating Brown v. Board

During the month of May, students at Walled Lake Central High School, 1600 Oakley Park Rd., Walled Lake, will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Brown vs. Board of Education decision by participating in a

matinee movie offering. The movies will enrich the overall theme, "We Shall Overcome," and include titles: Lean On Me, Ruby Bridges, and Stand And Deliver.

Teachers will hold their students accountable for the ideas presented in each movie by having them provide plot summaries, identify main characters, identify obstacles faced by these characters, choose characters who illustrate a positive impact, and identify emotions they felt while watching.

Chickens at Parkview

May 12 marked Parkview Elementary's annual chicken hatching. The first graders were amazed when they saw a chick pop out of an egg as Parkview Teacher Lyn Fishier displays a newborn chick for all to see.

Local author visits Novi Middle School

The Mother-Daughter Book Club, which meets one morning per month before school starts at Novi Middle School, got a special treat when local author

Ingrid Tomez visited on May 12.

"We have approximately 18 mothers and daughters and we read and discuss a different book each month," Middle School Media Specialist Cindy White said. "The best part is, we have received a \$300 grant from the American Association of University Women, which allowed us to read a lot of the books for free. We just had to purchase the last two."

During the meetings, different students volunteer to lead the discussions each time. They usually develop a set of questions about the book, which are then discussed.

Staab withdraws

Becky Staab has withdrawn from the Novi Community School District. "I have some personal business I need to take care of at this time, which will take more of my time than I thought," she said. "When I get back, I would like to be a candidate again in the future."

Compiled by Ramez Khuri

Village Oaks students become "talking statues"

By Lori Gilbo

Several students from Lori Gilbo's classroom at Village Oaks celebrated Black History Month by participating in a "talking statue" activity. In January each of the students selected a famous Black American to research. Using this information, they made up posters, journals, and speeches to help their classmates learn about their characters.

Classmates and parents were invited to their final performance titled "The Black American Wax Museum." The famous Black Americans came to life with the

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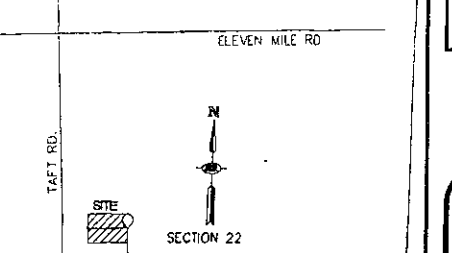
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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 26, 2004 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider: **LOT 51 & 52, GLENDA AVENUE - WETLAND PERMIT REQUEST. THE LOTS ARE LOCATED ON GLENDA AVENUE, NORTH OF TEN MILE BETWEEN NOVI AND TAFT ROADS, SEEKING WETLAND PERMIT APPROVAL.** The applicant is proposing to fill over 300 cubic yards of a wetland area for the construction of a single family home.



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CITY OF NOVI FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 04-023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tony Angelo Cement Construction Company is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow a temporary concrete batch plant in the proposed Beck North Phase II development. The development is located on the north side of West Road and east of Beck Road. The concrete batch plant will be located in the southwest side of the development. The concrete batch plant permit requested time period is from May 26, 2004 to August 27, 2004.

A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 11:30 am on Wednesday, May 26, 2004. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

Written and signed approvals or objections will be accepted into the file if received prior to the scheduled meeting. Please address all communications to Denise Anderson at the City of Novi Building Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

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NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 04-024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lifesyles HotSpring Spas is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow a tent spa sale at 42875 Grand River Avenue (Main Street) from May 21, 2004 to May 23, 2004.

A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 9:00 am on Wednesday, May 21, 2004. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Written and signed approvals or objections will be accepted into the file if received prior to the scheduled meeting. Please address all communications to Denise Anderson at the City of Novi Building Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

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CITY OF NOVI VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON CITY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Notice is given that the Novi City Council will be meeting to interview applicants for appointment to the Beautification Commission, Economic Development Commission, Historical Commission, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission, Planning Commission, Stormwater Management & Watershed Stewardship Committee and Woodlands Review Board.

If you are a qualified voter in the City of Novi and interested in volunteering to serve on a City board or commission, applications are available in the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile, or by calling (248) 347-0456 to receive an application by mail or fax, or log onto the City Web Site at www.ci.novi.mi.us to print out an application.

The deadline for filing an application is Wednesday, June 9, 2004 to allow time for scheduling interview appointments.

Council will be interviewing applicants on Monday, June 14, 2004 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Interviews are scheduled for 15 minutes each and all City Council meetings are televised.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS,
CITY CLERK

CITY OF NOVI FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 04-025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Oak Pointe Church is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow for two outdoor church services at 50200 Ten Mile Road which is located between Woodland and Napier Roads. The morning services are requested for Sunday, June 6, 2004 at 9:30 am and 11:00 am.

A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 11:45 am on Wednesday, May 26, 2004. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Written and signed approvals or objections will be accepted into the file if received prior to the scheduled meeting. Please address all communications to Denise Anderson at the City of Novi Building Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

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HEALTH

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The family that exercises together stays fit together

By Ernie Harwell

Health officials agree that overweight children are the most likely to become tomorrow's fat adults, which places them at risk for a variety of health problems, including high blood pressure, heart attacks and diabetes.

Unfortunately, the National Center for Health Statistics says that nearly 15 million youngsters in this country between the ages of 6 and 18 are overweight. The number has nearly tripled since 1980.

But how do you get a young couch potato off the couch? Experts at the American Heart Association say it takes commitment. Parents need to make time in their busy schedules for long walks, bicycling and physical activity that the whole family can enjoy. One of the best things parents can do is teach children life-long exercise habits.

"How to begin? Don't tell your kids to 'go play,'" says "Let's go play." Make after-dinner walks or morning jogs and playing soccer or touch football a family habit. When the snow flies, take the team approach to mall walking, working out at a local gym, even snow shoveling and building snowmen.

Winners are always more fun when enjoyed with family, and I'm a firm believer that the family that exercises together stays fit together. And please remember to take care of your health before it's someone else's!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling (800) 245-5082.

Surviving cancer in black-and-white

Providence Center for the Healing Arts presents "The Journey of Life," a show of dramatic black-and-white photography by two-time cancer survivor Mark Hoyer. The show includes a magnificent collection of black-and-white photographs taken in North America and Europe.

The public is cordially invited to attend an artist's reception to be held Tuesday, June 8, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery. The gallery is located in the Asvarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi, Michigan. The show will be on display through June 30. The gallery is open to Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

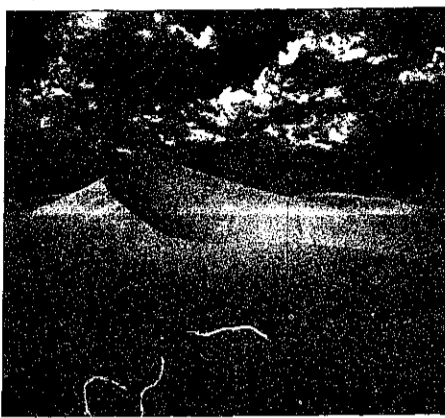
Hoyer is a photography student of Monte Nagler, a world-renowned fine arts photographer

and former student of Ansel Adams. Hoyer views photography as a way to perceive his surroundings differently. He says "photography is very personal, it allows you to experience your surroundings in a more focused and enjoyable way."

Thirteen years ago, Hoyer was diagnosed with cancer and then a second time four years ago. In dealing with the news of cancer, his approach was "attitude is everything." Having had cancer twice he feels it is a great blessing to be here. He says the key is to get involved with something that redirects your thoughts to something that you and others can enjoy. "Everyone has a different journey in life, and finding the good along the way is one thing that we have control over," said Hoyer.

Providence Center for the Healing Arts provides a variety of programs that promote emotional, mental, and spiritual well-being for cancer patients and their families. St. John Health is a growing network of community based hospitals and health care services in Southeastern Michigan and one of the largest employers in metro Detroit. St. John Health provides comprehensive prevention, primary care and advanced treatment programs with more than 125 outpatient centers, and nine hospitals spanning six counties.

Right, one of the black-and-white photos by Mark Hoyer in Providence's "The Journey of Life" exhibit.



BRIEFS

Providence launches on-line heart risk assessment

The Providence Heart Institute (PHI) has launched a new, on-line application that lets Web site visitors take a brief quiz about some key lifestyle factors, then provides an instant, personalized report on their risk for heart disease.

Accessible from the www.providence-hospital.org/home page, the "2-Minute Heart Check" includes questions about cholesterol, blood pressure, smoking, exercise, blood sugar and family history of heart disease. The results report offers specific health information related to each visitor's risk factors. It also provides links to risk-related information on-line.

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All you need to do is go to www.stjohn.org, and look for the "Heart to Heart" icon at the bottom of the page. Once you click on that icon, you can enter your e-mail address and zip code you will be signed up for a free "Heart to Heart" bi-monthly newsletter that will bring you the latest news and information about preventing and treating heart disease.

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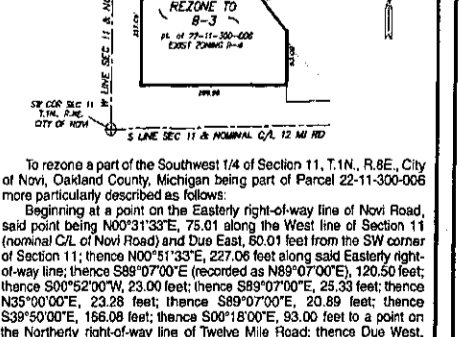
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To rezone a part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 11, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan being parcel 22-11-300-006 more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the Eastern right-of-way line of Novi Road, said point being N00°13'32", 75.01 feet along the West line of Section 11 (nominal C.A. of Novi Road) and Due East 80.01 feet from the SW corner of Section 11; thence N00°51'23", 227.06 feet along said Eastern right-of-way line; thence S89°07'00" (recorded as N89°07'00"), 120.56 feet; thence S09°20'00", 23.00 feet; thence S89°07'00", 23.38 feet; thence N25°00'00", 23.28 feet; thence S89°07'00", 20.89 feet; thence S38°50'00", 168.08 feet; thence S00°18'00", 83.00 feet to a point on the Northern right-of-way line of Twelve Mile Road; thence Due West, 283.88 feet along said Northern right-of-way line to the point of beginning, containing 1.30 acres.

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also found that mental illnesses rank first in terms of causing disability in the United States and, collectively, are the most prevalent health problem in America today — more common than cancer, and lung and heart disease combined.

One in 10 children has a serious mental health disorder that, if untreated, can lead to school failure, physical illness, substance abuse and even suicide.

Fox Run Village to host walk

Fox Run Village, a retirement community at 41000 Thirteen Mile Road just east of Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will host a fitness walk at noon May 25.

This walk is designed to bring an awareness of the need for a healthy lifestyle that includes fitness.

Grand marshals for this event will be two of Fox Run's most fitness-conscious residents — Ernie and Lulu Harwell. All residents, staff and construction crews on-site will be joining the Harwells along with students from Meadowbrook Elementary School, Franklin Road Christian School and St. William Elementary School.

Fox Run expects more than 1,500 people to attend this event. The City of Novi is assisting by closing off Meadowbrook Road for the walk, with city workers.

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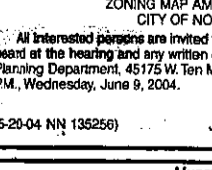
TO: All owners, occupants or possessors of subdivided lands or lots: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Chapter 21, Article II, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan, all noxious weeds, or other weeds, grass, brush, or coliciferous, unhealthy growths, exceeding a height of eight (8) inches, growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City of Novi, shall be cut down, destroyed or removed as the case may be, at least twice in each year, once during the last half of the month of May and again during the last half of July of each year and more often as may be necessary.

Failure to comply with the requirements set forth in Chapter 21, Article II, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan, may also result in the prosecution for same, and liability to the extent of the penalty therein provided.

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Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS). In March, the commission told HVA that they had scored 100 percent on the 136 standards that are measured. This is HVA's second recertification where they have received a perfect score. The nonprofit service is accredited through February 2007.

Originally accredited for five years in 1993 and recertified in 1998 and 2001, HVA was one of the first 21 ambulance services in the nation awarded this distinction. Eighty-seven ambulance services in the U.S. are now nationally accredited.

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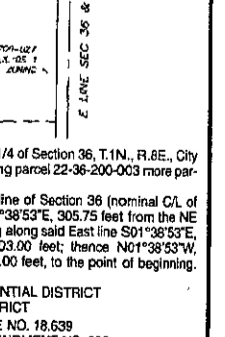
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LIFESTYLES

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City of Novi retirees want to give back to community

Members in search of local organization to support

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

If you're a retired employee of the City of Novi, there's now a special organization designed just for you.

About two years ago, some retired employees from the city decided to form an organization where they have received a perfect score.

The City of Novi Retirees Association was born.

The organization established a charter on Feb. 29, 2000, with six members.

Now, the group boasts 34 members. They meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Kim's Gardens Restaurant, 26150 Novi Road, on the east side of Novi Road, just north of Grand River Avenue.

The purpose of the organization is to provide members information concerning the status of pensions, hospitalization, and insurance, and to keep the members informed on all matters relative to them and their families.

"We're growing and are even developing our own logo," said Richard Faulkner, president, of Novi. A local graphic artist is working on the design.

The group is not just for retired police officers and firefighters but retired city employees. Founders of the organization include Lee Begle, retired chief of police, of Novi; Jack Grubb, a retired police officer, of Walled Lake; and Bill Charles, also a retired police officer, of Novi.

"We started talking about it one day, fanned the idea around for a while, and finally sent out a letter at the end of 1999 to see what kind of interest there was in such an organization," Grubb said. "The group met to meet at Leon's Diner in Wixom but now meets in Novi."

The only eligibility requirement for membership is to be a retired, full-time employee of the City of Novi.

Spouses of retired city employees can become associate members, and the club also has other types of memberships. Father Leslie Harding, former police chaplain, for example, was recently named an honorary member.

Members are currently looking for a local charity to support, and are considering several. "We're just getting into the service part of it. We're looking at various organizations now," Faulkner said.

"We're discussing giving back to the community. It would be nice to help out," he said.

Since its inception four years ago, the group has invited several speakers to its monthly meetings, including Novi City Manager Richard Helwig, City of Novi Human Resources Director Tim Gronlund-Fox, and a representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

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ANNIVERSARY



The Shabatz

Stephen J. Shabat, Sr. and Doris (Lee) Shabat of Novi will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on May 20, 2004 with a family get-together. They were married May 20, 1944 at Saint Scholastica Catholic Church in Detroit.

Stephen was born in Detroit and was a master plumber and heating contractor with Shabat & Sons Plumbing and Heating, Highland Park and Detroit. Doris was also born in Detroit and was a housewife and mother.

Their children are Linda Campbell (deceased), Dolores King of Novi; Nancy Moran of Redford; Marilyn (Roger) Rippea of Livonia; Chris, Stephen J. (Kitty Larson) Shabat Jr. of Berkeley, Mich.; Elizabeth Henderson of Novi; and Christopher (Sjanna) Shabat of Las Vegas, Nev.

They have 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

ENGAGEMENTS



Kortlandt-Hedlke

George and Patricia Kortlandt of Novi announce the engagement of their son, Craig Kenneth Kortlandt, to Heather Ann Hedlke, daughter of Elmer and Pearl Hedlke of Buchanan, Michigan.

The groom-elect is a 1999 graduate of Novi High School and a 2000 graduate of Virginia Tech. He is currently employed by the University Book Store.

The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of River Valley High School. She graduated from Western Michigan University in 2001 with a bachelor's degree and in 2003 with a master's degree. She is currently employed as a teacher in the Otsego Public Schools.

A July 2004 wedding is planned.



Davis-Buppert

Debbie and Rusty Davis of Novi announce the engagement of their son, Timothy Alexander Davis, to Rebecca Leah Buppert, daughter of Donna and Craig Buppert of Westminister, England.

The groom-elect is a 1996 graduate of Novi High School and a 2000 graduate of Virginia Tech. He is currently employed by the University Book Store.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of South Carroll High School and a 2001 graduate of Limestone College. She is currently employed by Brooks Brothers.

A June 2004 wedding is planned.

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IN THE SERVICE

Army National Guard Pvt. Robert M. Thompson has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Knox, Ky., which consisted of basic military training and advanced individual training (AIT).

The first nine weeks of initial training, or basic combat training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship qualification, bayonet combat, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, marches, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values.

He is the son of Gregory M. Thompson of Walled Lake, and Debbie L. Thompson of Novi.

LET'S TALK
Jewelry
WITH GARY S. WEINSTEIN
GEMOLOGIST

BANDING TOGETHER

Tradition calls for marrying women to receive two rings — an engagement ring and a wedding band. While this tradition continues to be the most popular option, there are those engaging couples who choose to wear a more important wedding band that incorporates the genuine of an engagement with a wedding band. For instance, a couple may elect the idea of purchasing an engagement ring with no-carat diamond and a simple wedding band for a diamond wedding band containing three carat total weight of diamonds on a band. This strategy incorporates the symbol of the simple ring with the symbolism of the diamond in a gem-studded band that becomes the single focal point.

An important thing to keep in mind when it comes to buying jewelry, is that they should flatter the one wearing them, and shape and cut play an important role. For anyone not totally familiar with jewelry, the choices can be overwhelming, so knowing and having confidence in your jeweler is of the utmost importance.

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PS: Gem-studded wedding bands can feature either gemstones encircling the entire length of gemstones that are set only across the top of the ring.

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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.

Logic sets in

As I brace for a swarm of letters to the editor regarding city council's decision to grant Hosters its liquor license, I applaud Bob Gatt for having the courage and wisdom to change his vote.

I'm sure it wasn't an easy thing to do, but it was the correct thing to do.

For sure, he will be catching flak from some of his constituents. Hopefully, others will thank him for the money he undoubtedly saved City of Novi taxpayers.



Cal Stone

• We've been making some slight changes here and there with the Novi News. For the most part, the idea is to package similar stories and features.

For instance, the Public Safety section encompasses court sentencing, police report, road construction update and related news.

As well, you will find headers for Community, Business, Education, Health, Lifestyles, Senior Living, Opinion and Calendar in this issue.

In the future, we'll be expanding those and introducing new categories like Parks & Recreation in an effort to make the Novi News your source for information.

Whether or not you believe Hosters is appropriate, there was no legal reason to deny the license — and fortunately four of this city's leaders realized that.

Now council has to focus its attention on ratifying a budget. Let's hope logic, reason and common sense prevail there as well.

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GOVERNMENT

Per reader request, we have compiled a list so you can get in touch with your local and regional senators and representatives. Their accessibility allows you as readers to voice your concerns directly and allows them to better represent their districts. If you feel we have missed anyone, contact us at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113.

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OPINION

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LETTERS

A no-win situation?

After very long discussions with current and former Circuit and District Court judges, current and former city officials, current and former elected officials as well as a number of different attorneys that specialize in municipal law, I determined that a lawsuit filed by Hosters Restaurant against the City of Novi would result in a judgment against the City.

Therefore, I could not, in good conscience, continue with my stance opposing a liquor license transfer for the restaurant. I could not, in good conscience, put my morals and my standards above the needs of the 50,000-plus residents in the City of Novi. I could not continue down a path that would surely result in monies being spent while we grapple with decisions as to how to use the limited funds that we do have available.

To people whom I have disappointed with this decision, I apologize but ask you to understand. I want you to know that I do not support Hosters. I do not believe that Hosters belongs in Novi and I will never spend a dime inside the restaurant. I will expect, and in fact demand, that our excellent Novi Police Department work to ensure compliance with all our state, local and LLC laws. However, in the end, my decision had to be what was best for the entire city. In the end, I had to do what was legal (What I thought and hoped were legal reasons to deny the license turned out not to be so.)

And, in the end, based on my discussions with these people, I believe, I know that I had to change my vote and stop the bleeding right now, before it worsened.

As I said at the meeting on the 17th, this was the most difficult decision that I have been confronted with since being given the honor of representing the citizens of Novi last November. And, as time goes by, I will continue to do what I believe is best for all the citizens of Novi and will put my personal feelings aside. I ask for your continued support as the City continues to grow and change.

Bob Gatt
Novi City Council

changes, and others are badly needed. This work is being done by the Ordinance Review Committee, the Implementation Committee, and with the support of the Planning Department. Recent site plans with complicated adjacency issues and RLID implications have been resolved, and could not have been successfully completed without the Planning Department's efforts. We need enough staff to manage all of the site plans and other support efforts they require.

Staff requires leadership, someone who can set priorities, manage resources (people) and keep all of the efforts running smoothly. I don't presume to understand all of the responsibilities of the planning director job. I believe the position is an important one, and I think the City will suffer in our efforts to be responsive to the residents and the developers in this community if this position is eliminated.

I speak for myself in this letter, as I haven't discussed it with the full commission. I speak as someone who has experience with the Planning Department over a several-year period. Please reconsider removal of this position. I encourage you to work with the administration to achieve a bottom line supported by all parties, with a healthy dose of compromise in all directions. We owe the citizens a balanced budget, but we also owe them city services. We need to find a way to do both.

Sue Schweim
White Lake

Towns join forces

This past weekend Novi and Northville joined together in the fight against cancer at the Fifth Annual American Cancer Society Relay For Life event. Relay is the society's national signature fundraiser, held in every state in the nation to provide funds for cancer research grants and the programs and services of the society.

Last weekend every component of this community joined together — schools, churches, business, families, corporations, government, cultural and civic organizations — in the fight against cancer. The relay surpassed its monetary goal and exemplifies what a community can do when it cares deeply about its neighbors. A special luncheon ceremony was held in tribute to both cancer survivors and those lost to cancer.

The Novi Northville Relay For Life netted \$119,855 in the fight against cancer. Special thanks to our many sponsors and supporters including, in part: First United Methodist Church, Northville Eagles, Northville Rotary, Toll Brothers, Inc., Hillside Middle Schools, Novi Middle School, Northville H.S., Comerica Bank along with countless other businesses and donors who gave generously of their time and money in support of this important cause.

Most of all, and on the behalf of cancer survivors everywhere, I would like to thank our team captains who led the fight, along with our committee and volunteers who gave their time so others might have more.

Gwen Markham
Chair, City of Novi Planning Commission

Millage would hurt

I would like to extend some comments on the article entitled: "Elementaries brace for hits if millages don't pass."

To start off, I am 16 years of age, and have lived in Novi for 14 years. I attended Novi public schools for a grand total of two years, so I may not be in the best position to say what is good for the children in Novi public schools.

There is one thing I can say with the utmost confidence of absolute factuality: I have not used any of the money my family pays in school taxes for 14 years. I also do not see any proof that Spanish will take up 50 percent of the United States population as a first language. I would like to know just who the "they" are that made this sweeping prediction about the evolution of linguistic development.

The reason I speak so about the learning of Spanish, is not that I dislike the language (I do), but for this simple reason: that I (not anyone else) happen to know) has ever encountered the language in Novi, outside of schooling.

When I look at all the money that these extra programs cost, the first thing that comes to mind is "Raise Taxes!" but rather, "Cut Spending!"

At this point in time, I attend a private school. Obviously, the need to involve myself in the affairs of Novi's public schools does not arrive often. This is one of those rare cases in my life where Novi public schools actually fall into my daily thoughts. What I am trying to say is, if this were voted in, it would lessen the quality of our lives.

I am somewhat saddened by the fact that the article seems only to represent the views and ideas of those supporting an increase in taxation. I am not trying to anger or vex anyone who would support this tax increase, or Mr. Khuri who wrote the article. I am simply stating my opinion on tax increase and correct allocation of publicly provided monetary assets.

Dave Hudson
Novi

Budget doesn't add up

According to the item concerning the dismissal of planning director David Evanove, "The savings of his salary over a six-month period would bring an additional \$57,835 to the city."

Can one infer that Evanove works only six months of each year, or does one conclude that his total cost per year is \$115,670?

Somebody is obviously attempting to distort the truth about the exorbitant salaries of our city employees.

Another perplexing statement informs us that there is an extra pay period this year having a \$600,000 impact on the city's payroll. Does that mean:

1. Twelve (12) plus (1) x \$600,000 or
 2. Fifty-Two (52) plus (1) x \$600,000 or
 3. Twenty-four (24) plus (1) x \$600,000, or
 4. Twenty-six (26) plus (1) x \$600,000.
- Precisely, how long is a pay period, and what is the annual net cost-\$1.8 million, \$31.8 million, \$150 million or \$1.62 million?
- One more issue is defunding. Instead of informing us that "1 mil is equal to 1/10 of a cent (thicken feed) which is equal to \$285,000," why not mention that 10,5416 mils equal \$30,185,000 which is spent earnestly by our city officials at an annually increasing rate beyond the rate of inflation.
- Also, that measly 1/10 of a cent multiplied by 10,5416 levied on a house worth \$300,000 adds up to \$1,581.24 if assessed at 50 percent of market value.
- Why must we do the math if we want to know the actual bottom line?
- Smoke!

Patrick M. Downey
Novi

Click it or else

In 2002, 346 teen and young adult drivers died and another 33,736 were injured in traffic accidents in Michigan. Nearly half of these drivers were not wearing safety belts. Despite overall increases in safety belt usage, teen and young adult usage continues to lag behind the rest of the population.

So how do we get these young people to buckle up when they think they are invincible? Highly visible enforcement.

During this Memorial Day holiday period, May 24 to June 6, law enforcement officers in Oakland County will be out strictly enforcing the state's safety belt law. The theme is, "Buckle Up or Pay Up: Click It or Ticket. If you won't buckle up to save your life, then buckle up to save yourself a ticket."

City of Novi Police Officers are participating in the national Click It or Ticket mobilization by having extra officers out to high accident areas, strictly enforcing our belt laws. But despite the name, this event isn't about writing tickets, it's about saving lives.

Safety belts save lives. That's the bottom line. If we can't get you to wear your safety belt by simply telling you that, then we'll just have to convince you another way.

Terry L. Whittfield
Sergeant, Novi Police Department

Vets are the best

My compliments to you and your counterparts for a great "Best Of" edition (People's Choice). The categories cover a diverse range, which made for great reading. I was particularly pleased to see my long-time vets at Meadowbrook Vet Clinic in Novi recognized for their long-standing positive reputation in this area. The article on Meadowbrook was great.

In response:

The Planning Director's annual salary of \$115,670 includes a comprehensive benefits package, including health insurance, social security, workman's compensation, life insurance, ADD, dental insurance and an automobile allowance. As a point of reference, a new Police Sergeant position included in the Budget has a total annual cost of \$148,039.

There are 27 pay periods, instead of the usual 26 pay periods, in 2004. This anomaly occurs every 12 years and is being experienced by most entities with a Friday pay date. The City defines a pay period as every two weeks (not bi-monthly). The City's payroll cost every other Friday is approximately \$600,000 and the payroll for 2004-2005 is estimated at \$16.2 million.

The City of Novi prides itself on being fiscally responsible and maintaining open lines of communications with all community members. Additionally, the City of Novi's municipal millage rate of 30.5416 is the fifth lowest in Oakland County.

For more information on City of Novi finances, visit the City's website at www.ci.novi.mi.us or call (248) 347-0465.

Sheryl Welsh
Community Relations Manager,
City of Novi

Planning director needed

I wanted to weigh in on the question of the Planning Department director position within the City of Novi.

I have been part of, or observed the operations of, the City from a time of consultants and few staffers, to the change we see today. There are more staffers, less consultant involvement. This change has been in effect for about three years. Throughout that time, and the time prior, there has always been a planning director position. Today that person is David Evanove. Previously, Jim Wahl held the position.

Planning is moving at a blistering pace in Novi today. We have 25 percent of the City left to build, and there is much to be done. I think it's too soon to make another change in the way the City manages our planning operations. In my opinion, the change would be disruptive and probably slow down the process.

We need to be working together to bring the ordinances up to date and make them easy to use. New and improved ordinances like the Gateway Ordinance, the Providence Hospital Text Amendment, proposed sign ordinance

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Cheers and Jeers

Cheers to Michigan State University President M. Peter McPherson, who announced last week his decision to retire at the end of the year. McPherson did a fine job for MSU during his 11 years as president (an unusually long term for anyone to head a "major" university these days).

Recognizing that MSU had no business trying to ape Ivy League schools (let alone the University of Michigan), he focused attention on what Michigan State does best as a premier Land Grant University: applied research, service to the state (its agricultural cooperative extension program is among the nation's best) and relatively affordable access to higher education.

A skilled political operator, McPherson figured out how to bring home the bacon from the state capital just down the road. But he also was a powerful spokesman for the needs of all of Michigan's universities, at a time when state budget makers seem to have far too little interest in preserving the quality of one of the nation's finest higher education systems. He will be missed.



Phil Power

Jeers to an appointment process that has given us a Michigan congressional delegation so gerrymandered that not a single incumbent has any serious opposition, either in the August primary or in November. With no real choice of candidates in general elections, we appear to be moving toward a democracy in name only. Worse, the districts are now so laid out that they are either solidly Democratic or firmly Republican.

This means the real selection of "winners" is only in primary elections, which are almost always dominated by the most ultra-liberals of either party — liberals for the Dems and right-wingers for the GOP.

It is time that most voters, who are relatively moderate partisans or outright Independents, feel

the political system in general and their representatives in Congress in particular are largely out of synch with their own views. And on top of that, the sheer cost of campaigns also means that it is next to impossible to challenge an entrenched incumbent in a primary.

Cheers to Heidi Capraro, the Howell resident who teaches violence to sixth graders at Hillside Middle School in Northville. She was named the 2004-05 Michigan Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Department of Education.

Capraro is one of those seriously engaged teachers you dream about: She's taught since 1990 and was the recipient in 2002 of a national Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching; President-elect of the National Middle Level Science Teachers Association. Great teachers make an enormous difference, and so it's very sad to observe the gradual deterioration in status and respect that teachers have received from society over the past decade or so. I suspect many parents who complain about bad teachers are the same parents who regularly fail to get directly involved with their children's education by volunteering at school or even visiting a classroom from time to time.

Jeers to Bob LaBram, a political operative for the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce. When I asked him recently if there was a deal between the Chamber and Michigan Right to Life to jointly endorse State Rep. Clark Bisbee in the 7th Congressional Republican primary election, he demurred, saying "The cabinet theory is exaggerated." Turns out that's exactly what happened, just a week later. There is an odd adage in the newspaper business: "You can always fool me. Once." Maybe LaBram didn't count on that, but he consistently misled your diligent reporter. He got caught and deserves to get

Phil Power is the Chairman of the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to his column either at (734) 953-2047 or at power@homecomm.net.

Southfield's future hinges on June 14 school vote

For many who fought the civil rights battles of the 1960s, the dream was a nation of stable, middle-class integrated neighborhoods, where Americans of all colors lived and went to school together.

And if that dream has any chance of coming true, Southfield is where it should be happening. Stretching for five miles north of Detroit, Southfield has a thriving business district and neighborhoods of lovely, well-maintained, largely ranch homes. The daytime population is close to 230,000.

At night, 78,000 residents quietly sleep here.

There is a Jewish community and a Chaldean one. There are longtime white residents, many African-Americans, some Asians, and even, Mayor Brenda Lawrence says, immigrants from Nigeria.

So is Southfield the American dream? It is becoming the place where "little black boys and little black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and girls," as Martin Luther King imagined in his famous speech?

Lawrence hopes so. Now 49, she won a close race for mayor in 2001, beating Donald Fracassi, who had been in office for 29 years. Keeping Southfield a thriving, diverse community is very important to her. "We want every group to realize the truth — that this is a wonderful place to live," she said early one morning before starting her day job as manager of training and development at Southfield's post office.

Indeed, he says, despite the economic difficulties of recent years, there has been no weakening of the business community, Powers said.

"We have an occupancy rate of 80 to 86 percent, and that compares favorably to any place in the region," he added.

But the future of population diversity in Southfield, a city founded, in the days of the first suburban exodus from downtown Detroit, seems far less certain. In 1970, the African-American population was less than 1 percent.

That crept up slowly. Throughout the 1990s, city officials maintained the black population had stabilized at around a third of the total. But the 2000 census showed Southfield was 54 percent African-American; 38 percent white.

Kurt Metzger, in charge of population and demographic studies at Wayne State University, predicts that by 2010, Southfield will be "70 to 75 percent African-American," nearly as black as Detroit.

"To some extent it depends on the Orthodox Jewish community," said Metzger, who was an analyst for the U.S. Census Bureau for years. If they stay it may be a little less, if they leave, it may be a little more.

The problem is that, as New York University political scientist Andrew Hacker puts it, "white residents will stay ... if black arrivals do not exceed 8 percent. Once the black population passes that point, whites began to leave the neighborhood ... and the area will be on the way to becoming all black."

Obviously, Southfield is well past that point.

Southfield is far removed from older industrial cities in that there is no "ghetto," no slum area, just nice residential housing. But starting in the early 1990s, it became a mecca for middle-class black families fleeing



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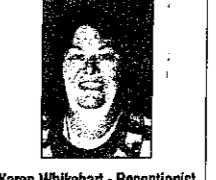
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SENIOR LIVING

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Singing for the seniors
(Right) Glynnda Berend, left, and Eileen Cheek applaud a song, "Love Is," sung by Orchard Hills students (below) at the Meadowbrook Senior Center last Wednesday as seniors met their elementary-school penpals in a lunch time ceremony.



SENIOR CALENDAR

Thursday 5/20	9:30 a.m. Line Dance*	1 p.m.-3 p.m. Healing Touch
9:30 a.m. Travel Meeting	6:30 p.m. Clogging*	
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sundry Shop Open		
noon Lunch		
12:15 p.m. Bridge*		
1 p.m. Beginners Line Dance		
1 p.m.-2 p.m. Computer-Beginners		
Friday 5/21		
9 a.m. Stretch & Strength		
9 a.m. Panera Bread		
10 a.m. Body Recall		
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sundry Shop open		
noon Lunch		
12:30 p.m. Bingo		
12:30 p.m. Clogging*		
12:30 p.m. Dupl. Bridge		
Monday 5/24		
NO Stretch & Strength		
10 a.m. Body Recall		
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundry Shop Open		
noon Lunch		
12:30 p.m. Pinochle*		

Senior columnist on TV

Savvy Senior columnist Jim Miller will be on the NBC Today Show, Monday, May 24, demonstrating "accessible gardening" for seniors. As part of the ongoing "Forever Young" series, this segment will offer practical tips and ergonomic tools to help seniors manage and overcome their arthritis pain and physical limitations so they can continue to garden. This will be Miller's ninth appearance on the Today show, having made his debut on July 15, 2003. Please note that the Today Show schedule is subject to frequent change. For schedule updates and more information on the Savvy Senior accessible gardening segment, visit www.savvysenior.org or log on to the NBC Today Show Web site at www.today.msnbc.com.

A Night to Remember



Courtney Retkowiak waits to enter Saturday's prom at Burton Manor for Novi High School.

Trent Sisson, Rachel Good named king and queen

By Becca Miller
NOVI HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

As seniors prepare to say their final good-byes and juniors prepare to say hello to their final year, celebration is welcome. They celebrated together last Saturday at Burton Manor in Livonia during Novi High School's annual culmination of the school year - prom.

Upon their entrance, students were immediately greeted with the reminder that although the evening was sure to be fantastic, it was still a school event, as the first faces they saw were those of Vice Principal Randy Gaweel and Officer Jared Hart.

Dressed in their best, students excitedly entered the banquet where they were happily greeted with compliments and smiles from their teachers. With reassurance that the evening was sure to be fun, students' anticipation rose as the events of the evening began.

"I can't believe it's our senior prom already. It's our last dance ever! I hope tonight will be amazing and the best dance yet," senior Lesley Drake said.

After mingling with friends, taking photos with their dates, and admiring the "classic elegance" of the decor of this year's prom, all were seated to enjoy their four-course meal of salad, mushroom pasta, chicken and cannoli, and discuss their initial opinions of the evening.

"So far, my senior prom has surpassed all expectations. I'm impressed with all the decorations, and I love the picture frame - how cool! I also have a wonderful date which is making the night even better," senior Ashley Petrosky said.

Following the food, the lights were dimmed and music filled the room. Students hurried to the dance floor, which remained packed for all but one song.

"It's fun being here with all my friends. Prom is a great ending to a great senior year," Ashley Glover said.

As the royal part of the evening began students gathered around the stage to hear the announcing of the 2004 Prom King and Queen. The first name drawn was Amanda Smith, who was disqualified because she is a junior. After the temporary delay, teacher Brian Langley drew Rachel Good to be crowned queen. Next, teacher Brett Meyer drew Trent Sisson's name to be this year's king.

The night continued on as students enjoyed themselves dancing and celebrating the beginning of the end and the end of the beginning.

Becca Miller is a senior at Novi High School.



Austin Adair and Alyssa Wagner arrive hand-in-hand.



From left: Suzanne Demarois, Kerri Hokett, and Matt Smith arrive at Burton Manor.



Early arrivals to Saturday's prom take a look at the table settings and decor at Burton Manor.

Photos by John Heider



Adriane Stanek slow dances with her date, Matt Brandon.



Nov High School students Shawn Calvin, left, and Brittany Cirka and hundreds of others hit the dance floor during their 2004. A total of 592 students attended this year's senior prom.

Going out with a bang!

Mixed emotions surround prom-goers

By Amanda Toloff
NOVI HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

They say prom is one of the best nights of your life. To me it symbolized an ending. An ending of high school dances, an ending of classmates that in two weeks you'll never see again, and an ending of being young.

Like every girl who attended on Saturday, my prom started months ago. Everything had to be perfect. Lucky for me, I stumbled upon that perfect everything in one easy trip to the mall and a call to a salon. My date was already secured, as I have had an amazing boyfriend for the past nine months.

With enough rustling around to do on Saturday, I went straight to Salon Nadwa after school on Friday to get my nails done. I had a ton of things on my mind, including the fact that my hair stylist, who I've depended on for everything, had decided to end her job a week beforehand. Saturday I'd have to have a new stylist, who I could only hope would do a good job.

Saturday morning I headed to the salon, more nervous than a 2-year-old going to the doctor. After an hour of curling irons and hairspray, I was excited to see that my hair had turned out exactly how I wanted it. Things seemed to be going just the way I had been hoping, and I couldn't wait for the dance that night.

I got home from the salon and spent the next three hours putting on makeup, getting my dress and shoes on, and grabbing every little thing I thought I'd need, including a Barbie-sized purse. My phone was ringing every five minutes with friends wondering what was going on for pictures, which were planned to be at the clubhouse in my subdivision.

Running late, my boyfriend and I drove over to the clubhouse around 6 p.m. Surprisingly, we were the first ones there. My entire family, from my grandpa to my aunts and uncles, had also come to see me go to my senior prom. They always come everywhere, this was no exception.

Finally everyone arrived and we took more pictures than we'll probably ever look at, even bragging the cold to take some outside. By the time we finished taking pictures everywhere in every pose possible, we noticed it was time to leave.

We got into the car and headed over to the dance, passing almost everyone we knew on the freeway. Once we arrived, we quickly entered Burton Manor, found our table assignments, took pictures, and walked into the dining room to see everyone from school looking their best.

After hugging and saying hello to some friends, we sat down at our table to eat salad, chicken, pasta, potatoes and cannoli. All around, the food was actually pretty good. But dinner wasn't the important part of prom, dancing was.

My friends and I danced all night, which was fun, but awful on my feet, and I'm sure every other girl's. Four-inch heels are hard to walk in, let alone dance around in for four hours straight. We took a few breaks, getting something to drink, talking with different people, and just plain sitting down to rest. The night flew by. Before we knew it, the last song was played and it was time to go.

My boyfriend, my friends and I went back to my house to change into more comfortable clothes and, of course, more comfortable shoes. Afterward, we headed to a friend's house to hang out for the night, but ended up leaving around 3 in the morning, due to how tired we all were.

Overall, the experience of my senior prom was one I'm glad I had. There was no better way to put an ending on my four years at Novi High School. Spending time with everyone, whether they were friends or not, was an amazing time. With a few weeks of school left, the realization of leaving everything familiar behind is an exciting yet disappointing thought. I'm grateful it all had a happy ending.

Amanda Toloff is a senior at Novi High School.

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CALENDAR

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EVENTS

Novi Theatres Auditions: Rip Van Winkle and The Magic Flute

DATE: May 20
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Stage
DETAILS: For all actors ages 7-20. All actors pay a fee of \$140 to participate. This theatre program is staffed by professionals and is totally self-funded.
PHONE: (248) 347-0490.



Sports at the Fountain

Fountain Walk shopping center, located at I-96 and Novi Road, will have a variety of activities at its "Sports at the Fountain" event later this month. Shown are Mary Kate Davis of Shelby Twp. and Sabrina Yancey of Canton, both 5, at last year's event. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 30, visitors to the shopping center can participate in Gaylan's Sports & Outdoor Adventure Tour. Guests can try out kayaks and canoes in a 16,000-gallon pool, take their best shot at the paintball tent, test their inline skating ability and more.

The shopping center will also have sports-themed crafts and giveaways.

Guests can also try their hand at delivering the forecast with the "Weather Wall," a weather screen just like on television. All children will receive a tape of themselves as the meteorologist. The ESPN Sports Trivia Tour the same day will help celebrate the television channel's 25th anniversary. This event will include a "Super Spot Basketball" challenge, ESPN Magazine kiosk and hands-on sports activities. The main event will be the trivia challenge, with the winner receiving an all-expense-paid trip for two to the ESPN 25th Anniversary VIP Experience in New York City. For more info about these free events, call (248) 348-8762.

Novi's Spring Perennial Exchange

DATE: Saturday, June 29
TIME: 9 a.m.-noon
LOCATION: Oak Township High, Ten Mile Rd., East of Taft Rd.
DETAILS: Rain or shine. Bring your unseeded extras to the exchange and trade, free of charge, for a different plant that you're always wanted.
PHONE: (248) 347-0400.

Fountain Walk "Sport at the Fountain" Event

DATE: Sunday, May 30
TIME: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
DETAILS: Free event includes sports-themed crafts, a chance to try out kayaks in a giant 16,000-gallon pool, a paintball booth and more.
PHONE: (248) 348-8762.

Memorial Day Parade

DATE: Monday, May 31
TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: The parade will begin at Karim Boulevard (just west of Haggerty Road) and travel west on Ten Mile Road, concluding at the Novi Civic Center between Novi and Taft roads.
PHONE: (248) 735-5613

The Journey of Life

DATE: Tuesday, June 8
TIME: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery, Assarian Cancer Center, 4760 Grand River, Novi
DETAILS: Providence Center for the Healing Arts presents a free artist's reception for "The Journey of Life," a show of dramatic black-and-white photography by Mark Hoyer. The show will be in the gallery until July 8.
PHONE: (248) 465-5455

Acoustic Music Jam Session

DATE: the second Wednesday of each month
TIME: 7-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Mill Race Historic Village, Cady Inn, just north of Main Street on Griswold in Northville.
DETAILS: Bring your traditional acoustic instrument and music to play.
PHONE: Mary or Eric at (248) 760-9694 or MaryH@erwin.com

CLASSES

Conditioning for Cycling lecture

DATE: Thursday, May 20
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Oakland Physical Therapy, P.C., 4760 Grand River Ave., Novi
DETAILS: There is no fee for class. Information in this class will

HEALTH

Osteoporosis Screenings

DATES: Friday, May 14 and Tuesday, May 18
TIME: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
LOCATIONS: May 14, Novi Kruger, 4760 Grand River, May 18, Walled Lake, 4760 Pontiac

BUSINESS

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Morning Connection

DATE: Tuesday, May 25
TIME: 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Murray's Landscape & Garden Center, 9640 Commerce Rd., Commerce Township.
DETAILS: Free, join local businesses at this networking opportunity.

Business Referrals

DATE: every Wednesday
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 referrals. Various classifications open and eager to bring you qualified business leads.
PHONE: (734) 462-6460

FAITH

Faith Community Presbyterian Church Annual Spring Rummage Sale

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TIME: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
LOCATION: 4440 West 10 Mile Road Novi MI 48375
PHONE: 248-349-2345

Faith Community Vacation Bible School

DATE: June 14-18
TIME: 9:30 a.m.-noon
DETAILS: Registration forms are available in the nurseries. All children ages preschool through 6th grade are invited to attend. There is no cost for this program.
PHONE: 248-349-2345

Worship Service

DATE: every Wednesday
TIME: 12:10-12:50 p.m.
LOCATION: Church of the Holy Cross, 46200 W. Ten Mile Road, between Beck and Taft Roads, Novi
DETAILS: Come and share your lunch hour with God at a worship service that includes scripture and holy communion.
PHONE: (248) 349-1175 or www.churchoftheholycross.com

St. James Catholic Church Friendship Circle

DATE: 2nd Tuesday of the month
TIME: 1 p.m.
DETAILS: Social group for widows and widowers. All are welcome to join us for fellowship and fun.
LOCATION: St. James Catholic Church, 46225 Ten Mile Rd., (between Taft and Beck)
PHONE: 248-348-9138 or joyvaldi@earthlink.net

SUPPORT GROUPS

Women's Prayer Support

DATE: every Saturday
TIME: 9:10-10:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom (Parking is behind

the church)
DETAILS: You are welcome to come for encouragement, help, hope and prayer as you face life's problems, issues and frustrations. Drop in for five minutes or longer.
PHONE: Nancy & Susan (248) 926-8332 or by e-mail at harvest-fellowship@comcast.net

Adoption Playgroup

DATE: first and third Fridays of the month
TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church (on Meadowbrook Rd. between 10 Mile Rd. and Grand River Rd.)
DETAILS: We are not for-profit, non-denominational group that brings adoptive families together. Our twice-a-month meetings provide families with the opportunity to share play and conversation. During the summer, we meet at specially designated times and locations.
PHONE: For more information contact Michelle Pergeau (248) 887-4955 or Sandra Noonan (248) 960-3257.

New TOPS chapter in Novi

DATES: Wednesdays
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons Activities Room, 25075 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi.
TIME: 11 a.m. weight in, 11:30 a.m. meeting
DETAILS: \$20/yearly membership registration, includes handbook, \$1/meeting. New members welcome.

Novi Toastmasters

DATE: first and third Tuesdays
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, activities room

TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.
DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and practice leadership.
PHONE: Call Colleen at (248) 685-9226.

Oakland County Health Division Expectant Parent Classes

DATE: ongoing series
LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 East West Maple, Walled 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 children safe, and caring for them when they are ill. Cost is \$25.
PHONE: (248) 858-4003, or (888) 350-0900 ext. 84003

Breast Cancer Support Group

DATES: second and fourth Tuesdays
LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C on the ground floor of the hospital.
TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.
DETAILS: There is no need to call ahead and register.
PHONE: (248) 937-5017

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Quick Hits

Girls basketball honored

They say you can send a student to school but you can't make them think.

That doesn't seem to be the case for the Novi Wildcats girls basketball team. Not only can you send those girls to school, but you can expect them to play some major basketball — and get some good reps in the classroom as well.

The girls basketball team, coached by first-year head coach Bill Kelp, recently received an award for being one of the All-State Academic teams. Novi finished sixth in the state for Class A schools with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.746.

So much for the "dumb jocks" stereotype. The squad, which could be very competitive this fall with a generous amount of returning talent, deserves a round of applause from their fellow students, their fans and their parents. It's not easy to play any level of athletics and still hit the books with such impressive results. Such performances, on and off the field, show the type of training this team receives at Novi High School. Congrats to Kelp and his team for a great job.

Bobcats looking for players

The Northville-Novi Youth Football Association is looking for additional varsity players that reside in the Novi School District. A second team, Novi Bobcats, was created this year for Novi School District residents. The freshman and junior varsity teams were very successful in meeting the roster sizes.

However, 15 additional varsity players are needed that meet the following requirements: Ages 12-13 (As of July 31) with a weight maximum of 165 lbs. Age 14 (As of July 31) with a maximum weight of 130 lbs.

The Novi Bobcats Varsity offers increased opportunities for the development of the serious youth football player. Other benefits/advantages of playing for the Bobcats include: roster size capped at 33 players, an eight-game schedule including playoffs, minimum guaranteed game playing time, lowest youth player to coach ratio in the area and more practice time geared toward teaching the fundamentals of football. The Novi Bobcats provides a fun, family-oriented atmosphere in a variety of on and off the field activities.

If you are going into the seventh or eighth grade and are serious about learning the game of football and developing your skills further, please contact Ken Hasse at (248) 347-0343.

Local Shamrocks

When it comes to competitive athletics, know this: Catholic Central comes to play. The school is so well known throughout the state that even emitting "Detroit" or "Redford" before Catholic Central still brings a nod of recognition.

Tennis is no exception. Once again the Shamrocks reputation is solid.

At one singles, Britton Steele (Junior/Novi) has racked up a record of 6-2 against his opponents while two singles player Kevin Bender (Junior/Northville) has earned an 8-2 mark for his play this year. In the doubles flights, Gabe Diaz (Senior/Novi) had recorded a record of 5-5 so far this year while Ryan Snyder (Junior/Northville) has earned a 9-1 mark at two doubles. In third doubles, Kevin Gardner (Senior/Northville) has also collected a 9-1 record with some impressive plays while Manuel Bartolo (Senior/Northville) has climbed to 8-2 at four doubles.

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Novi's new roar

Novi Jaguars minor league soccer team begins action



Novi Jaguar defender Michelle Brach kicks the ball away from a foe.

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It seems like a natural fit in this area — especially with the obvious love of the game of soccer so strong.

And, it doesn't hurt to have so much talent in the area either. The Novi Jaguars are more than happy to not only showcase the local talent, but to give their fans some impressive play as well.

The minor-league squad is part of the W-League and is coached and managed by Laura Fedrigo, who happens to play on the squad as well.

"The United Soccer League runs the W-League," Fedrigo said. "They also run Major League Soccer and A-League, which MLS drafts from. The W-League is the equivalent to the men's A-League."

According to Fedrigo, the Jaguars were able to move up to that level from the lower ranks because of an impressive feat last year. They won the regional in two age groups and also met all the requirements to become a franchise team.

"They need a few different elements documented first," Fedrigo said of playing at that level. "The first thing they document is the team's financial stability. Most teams run on an 85- to 100-thousand-dollar budget."

And not a penny of that goes towards player's salaries. The women who take part in the W-League and with the Jaguars are non-paid participants. All of that goes to travel expenses, team's costs and such.

Another factor the league looks at with a promising team is the market the squad will be based out of. How many people will attend the games? How well developed is the soccer community?

"This area has a huge soccer development," Fedrigo said. "Not just Novi, but the entire area."

Because the Jaguars pull players from Livonia, Northville, Brighton, Traverse City and all the way to Ontario and Louisiana means they have to have a decent fan support to bring to the games. In their first an only home outing thus far in the season — a game the Jaguars won, 1-0, over Cincinnati — there were over 300 people in attendance.

As of right now, the Jaguars are calling Total Soccer in/ Wixom home, but that may not be that way after their inaugural season.

"We're going to need a place that has lights and has 2,000 seating," Fedrigo said.

As of right now, Fedrigo is taking up the role of player, coach and general manager for the Jaguars — a task she says she doesn't plan on keeping up after this year.

"I guess no one else wanted to do it," she said when asked about why she was handling so many roles at once. "It just needed to be done."

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Jaguars win first two contests

Both victories are shut outs for minor-league squad

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

So far this year, it has been all about victories for the new minor-league Novi Jaguars soccer team, which plays its home games at Total Soccer in Wixom.

The squad is coached by Laura Fedrigo and has earned a 2-0 mark after defeating Cincinnati, 1-0, in their opener and then topping the West Michigan Edge, 4-0.

Against West Michigan, the game seemed to be under the complete control of Therese Heaton, who hails from Wheaton, Illinois and plays for the University of Michigan. The forward scored three goals on the day, starting everything off with a goal at the six-minute mark on an unassisted play.

"Therese has been strong for us since day one," coach Laura Fedrigo said. "She has a great work ethic. Therese and Jes Hupe are two of the hardest workers and that is what makes them equal threats on the field."

Heaton notched goal number two at the 10 minute mark, with the assist going to Hupe, before she pounded in the third at the with time expiring in the first half. The third goal was assisted by Erika Kleinholz, who added the fourth goal of the night late in the second half on a penalty kick. Kleinholz is from North Ridge, Ohio and recently finished her eligible playing days with the Wolverines at U of M.

The victory moved the Jags to 2-0 overall on the year.

"It's still early, but it's nice to start off with two wins," Fedrigo



Two Novi Jaguar defenders wait for any offensive surge from Cincinnati in their opener.

said. "We've not only managed to win both of our first two games, but we earned shutouts in both of them as well."

Something which Fedrigo eagerly associates with the defense.

"With Mary Masck, Melissa Tancredi, Rachel Rothenbach and

Heather Pedersen playing in the back, we've been able to keep them off the board. So far, there have only been six shots on goal in the

two games."

The Jaguars next match is at home on May 27th at Total Soccer on Wixom Road, just south of Pontiac Trail. The game is to benefit the Race for the Cure. The players will be wearing their race t-shirts for warm-up, taking registrations for volunteers for the Race, taking donations and sponsors for players running & at halftime they are covering the field in ribbons for all women and girls to sign. The Jaguars' home opener was a huge success with a 1-0 win over the Cincinnati Ladyhawks, but the team wasn't even sure it would be able to be played.

With thunderstorms threatening all through the day, the team had to wait and see if their 2004 season would launch the way they hoped. Luckily for them, it launched even better than just getting the game underway.

With time nearly run out on the Jaguars, Heaton fired a shot in unassisted for the 1-0 difference and the victory. The goal came after Heaton tackled a defender at the 25 and raced in for the score following the impressive display.

"She's an incredible player," Fedrigo said.

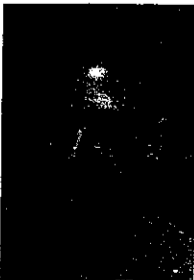
Though the Jaguars were able to secure their first win of the year, they still were introduced to the incredible level of play that the W-League has to offer. Cincinnati pressured throughout the contest and even had a shot rebound off the Novi goal.

"They're a tough team," Fedrigo said. "There are a lot of teams in this league that are just as tough."

Mark Saurer

Senior
Track and Field

Let's just call this guy a jack of all trades. It seems like if there is an event that needs to be run and needs to have a place in, Saurer is the guy to call on. He can do it all from sprints to middle distance to hurdles to high jumps. Novi track and field is lucky to have a multi-talented athlete like Saurer aboard. Expect to see him continue to grow through season's end.



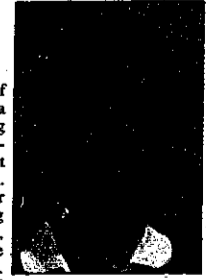
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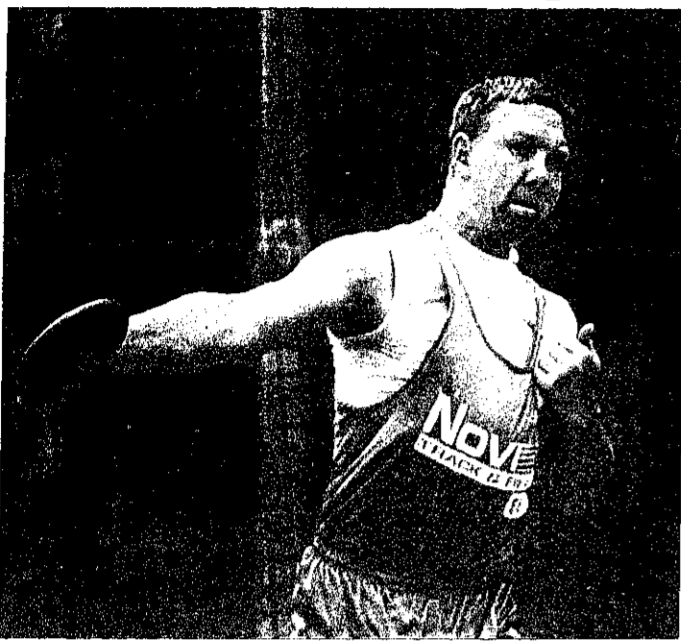
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There are a lot of things that go into a great team, and having the person always willing to give up the assist is one of them. Hermann has never been shy about passing the ball when needed, and her numbers have always supported that. Some players would rather try to dribble the ball past the defense and fire in a score, but Hermann takes goals when she can get them and helps other score them the rest of the time.



Wildcats topple KVC kings

Novi boys track team pulls out big wins to beat Milford



Photos by John Heider

Above: Wildcat Dan Sprys throws the discus during a May meet at Hartland High. Right: Novi's Justin Davis pulls away to win the 100 meter dash in a recent track meet at Hartland High. Davis won the heat with a time of 11.23. Davis has since eclipsed the 11-second mark.

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The bigger they are, the harder they fall. The Novi Wildcats boys track and field team sure didn't mind making that old adage ring true as they took on and defeated the reigning kings of the Kensington Valley Conference in the Milford Meet, 6/5-6/7.

In the discus, Ryan Prutchard fired a long throw of 151 feet 9 inches to take the top spot while Dan Sprys threw an applaud-worthy 122.15 for third place. Prutchard also took first in the shot put, throwing a whopping 47 feet for first place.

In the long jump, David Carnegie was lighter than air, leaping 19-2, while Carl Yin took second with a jump of 18-11 and Mark Sauer went 18-6.5.

In the pole vault, Dan Coleman and Chris Alberty went 11 feet each, but Coleman took second and Alberty took third. Novi sure wasn't shy in the 110 high hurdles either. The squad swept the event as Schell took first in 16:05 seconds and Sauer took second in 16:48. In third was Alberty, running a 16:63. In the 300 hurdles, Sauer sprinted to first place in 4:19 seconds and Yin took second at 4:18.8.

The 100-meter dash found Justin Davis sprinting to a 10.94 second finish for first place, eclipsing the 11-second mark for the 2nd time in his career. Josh Woods took third, running an 11:40 in the event.

Novi also took first in the 4-by-200 relay as the team of Davis, Woods, Carnegie and Yin sprinted to a top place in just 1:41.43. In the 4-by-100, the same team took first in a blazing fast 43.98.

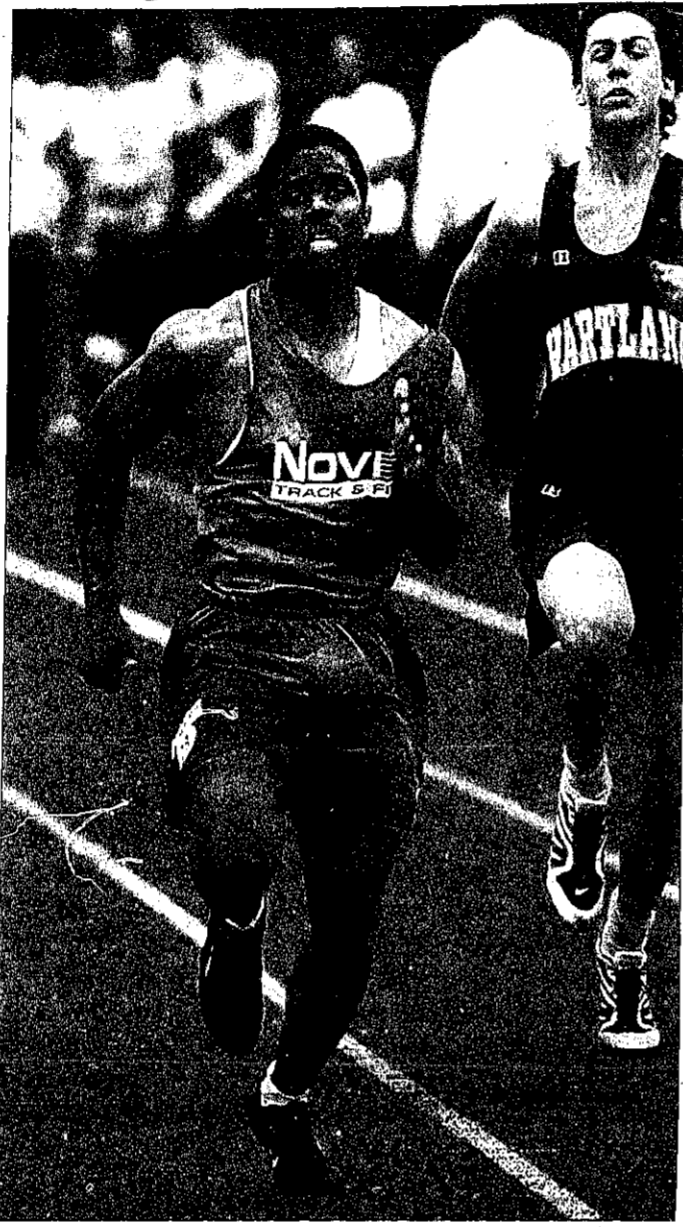
The Wildcats earned a second place in the 400 dash as Trent Sorenson ran to victory in 57.58 seconds. Another second came in the 200 dash, as did a third. Davis went 23.13 seconds for the number two position while Braden Cotes went 23.79.

In the high jump, Brad Spisich and Cotes went 5-8 each.

Sprach took second and Cotes tied for the third-place position due to having more misses.

Mark Moore helped his squad secure the victory with a second-place finish in the two-mile run. His time of 9:50.58 earned the place.

Mark DuFresne had a third-place finish in 2:05.19 in the 800 run to help his Wildcats to the victory.



Girls can't top Mavs

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The last home meet of the year for a whole slew of seniors and what a way to end it all. The Novi Wildcats girls track and field team, which is coached by Marsha Reid, may not have won their meet again Milford, but they sure had some impressive showings.

"Milford was our last home meet of the season," Reid said. "It was one in which we knew we were out matched. Their depth across the board was phenomenal."

Several of the Wildcats had their best times of the season.

"Specifically, our relays did well," Reid said. "Every relay but the 4-by-400 had their personal best runs of the year."

The 4-by-200 team went 1:51.1—a drop of almost three seconds off their previous season best. The 4-by-100 went 52.7 seconds and the 4-by-800 went 10:28.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER
Novi High track team member Christina Thompson clears 8' in a meet at Hartland High in May.

Senior Becca Feldbaum had a nice showing in the long jump, leaping 16-feet-1-inch for the win. Christina Lis put up a jump of 5-1 for second place in the high jump.

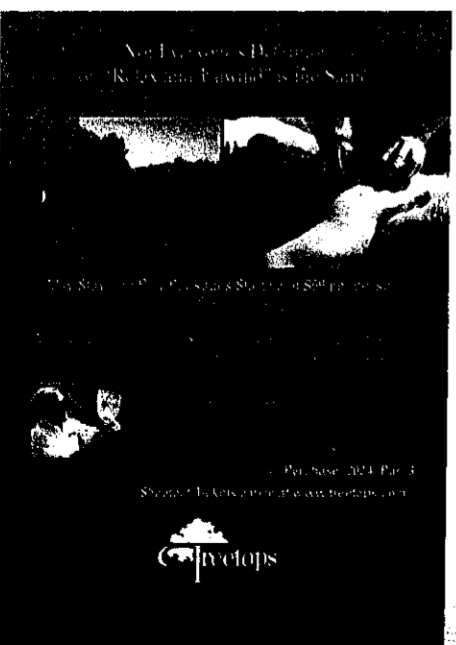
The Wildcats also had some nice showings in the running events. Andrea Kenner had a personal best time in the two-mile event with a 12:12 and Allie Sisson put up a time of 1:03.5 in the 400-meter, which was good for second place in the meet.

For Reid, now a single place by any individual or team stood out above a particular moment.

"The most special part of the night though was for the seniors," Reid said. "At the end of the meet, both the boys' and the girls' team honored the seniors at their last home meet as a Wildcat. It is a tradition to give each senior a flower and introduce them to the crowd."

The special moment with the seniors, the incredible performances some of the girls gave—talk about a great way to make a final home appearance for a year.

"I was very pleased with our girls today and am proud of the way they went out there and competed and had fun," Reid said. "Milford definitely gave our girls an opportunity to compete against one of the best teams in the state."



Wildcats take a pair from 'Stangs

Novi beats cross-town rival Northville in doubleheader

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Which team came away with these two wins didn't matter all that much. The true victor will be the team that eventually survives the District tournament.

The Northville Mustangs and the Novi Wildcats squared off last Saturday in a doubleheader contest that not only had plenty of drama, but plenty of impressive play as well.

The Wildcats, who have suffered four-straight losses to Northville over the past few years, escaped with both victories, 6-3 and 10-9.

"It was a great set of games between a great set of teams," Northville junior lefty Steve Besk said. "It would have been nice to get one of those, but we'll be looking for them in the District."

And that's when it will truly count.

The Mustangs have managed to bump the Wildcats out of postseason play over the past couple of years and will no doubt be looking to do it again.

"We saw three of their top pitchers today," Northville coach Mickey Newman said. "That can only help us."

Novi, on the other hand, saw neither of Northville's top hurlers in Mark Sorenson and Brian Telfish.

Wildcats clinch opener

The Novi squad did, however,

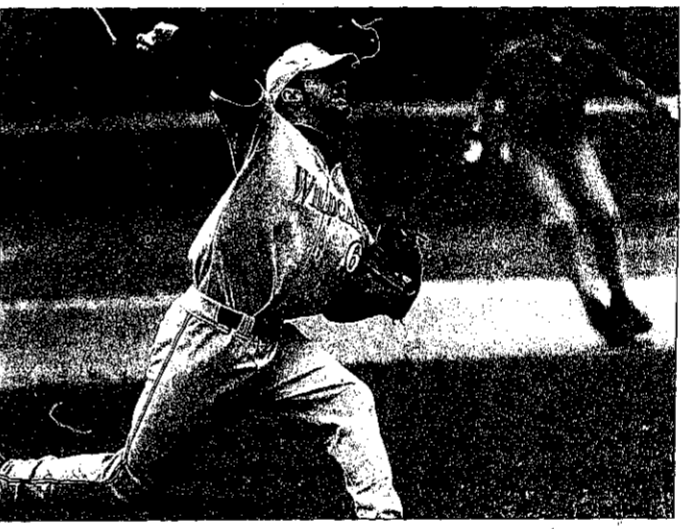


Photo by John Heider

Wildcat pitcher Danny Morrison throws to a Mustang batter in mid-May's double header — as a baserunner dances off first base in the background.

Can this team be beat?

Is there any way this team can be stopped? The Novi Wildcats baseball team has everything one needs to be a champion — and they're on the verge of being such right now.

With the Kensington Valley Conference practically wrapped up, which could be the team's fifth title in a row, seemingly firmly in their grasp, the entire baseball community has to be asking themselves what can be done to stop the Wildcats? The answer is nothing.

Novi is on a roll and they aren't about to be stopped. This team has the talent, the determination and the focus to be state champs — all they have to do is put it all together, which they have done successfully to this point in the year.

The pitching staff is amazing, with Mike Hart, Billy Morrison, Danny Morrison and Kevin Cislo making a corps that is tough to beat. On the offensive end of things, coach Rick Green can sleep comfortably at night knowing his squad has guys like Adam Brandau, Doug Benton, Zach Flavin and Chris Scott to keep things going along nicely.

The Wildcats have the tools, but do they have the stamina? The team came into the season on a hot streak and hit just a slight bump in the road when they fell in a close contest against Detroit Country Day.

Since then, they've been golden, beating everyone they've played and beating them convincingly.

Expect this squad to continue playing at the level they have been at all year. They're a strong team with a lot of energy. When one guy gets all tucked out, there are plenty more waiting on the bench to get in and play. That's the beauty of a team like this one, because they have so many talented players that they could rearrange them in any order and still beat almost any team with their one through nine line-up.

So where do they go from here? Straight to the playoffs



Sam Eggleston

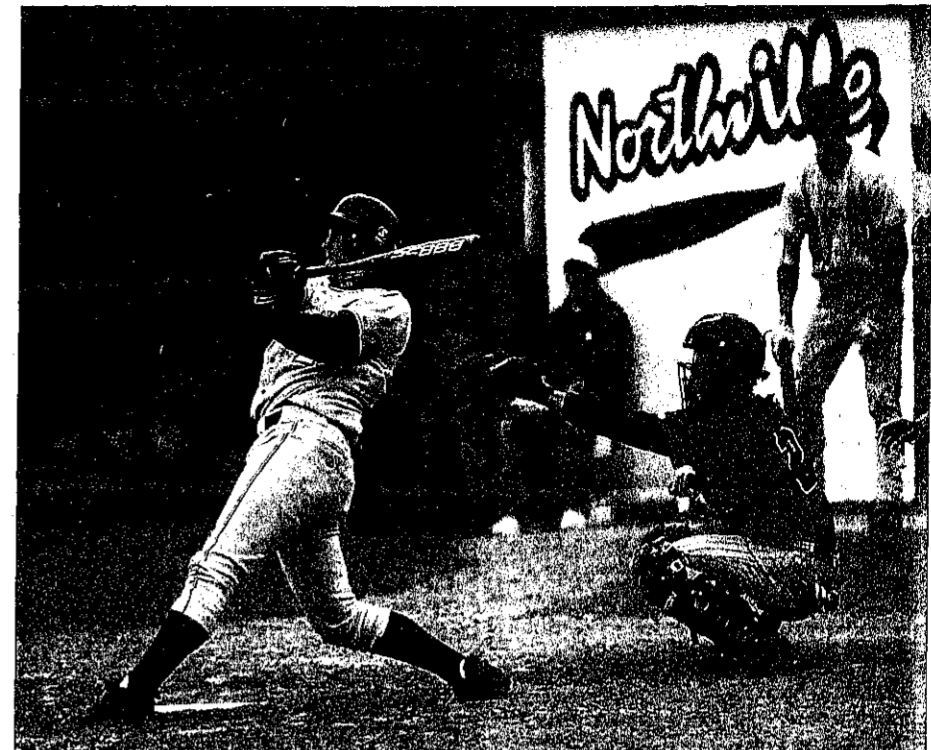


Photo by David Aguilera

Novi's Zach Flavin takes a cut in the second game of a double header against Northville. The Wildcats won both games, 6-3 and 10-9.

on a wild pitch. Rick Birdsell then tied the game with a sacrifice fly before Besk cranked out a double for the lead, 3-2.

The third inning was silent, with both pitchers throwing an impressive stanza before Novi regained the lead with Gawronski and Nickels crossing the plate to take a 4-3 advantage. Chris Scott had an RBI in his at-bat.

The Wildcats sealed the victory in the fifth after Josh Buck got on base with an error and advanced on a fielder's choice on a Kerry Kreuzberg connection. Cislo took the bag again after being hit by a pitch. Both runners advanced on a bad throw from behind the plate before scoring

on a hard slap by Nickels for two RBIs.

"We managed to pull out two wins over a tough ball club," Green said after the double header came to a close. "Both of them were close games."

By the skin of their teeth

The second game was closer than the first as Novi escaped with a 10-9 victory.

Wildcat Billy Morrison earned the victory, while Northville's Ashler took the loss.

Northville took a 1-0 lead after Asher cranked a shallow home run over the right-field fence. The Mustangs then added two more runs in the top of the third.

Matt Williams, who as a junior is one of the state's best catchers, cranked a two-RBI single to put his squad up 3-0.

In the bottom of the third, Novi edged back into the contest. Kreuzberg walked, then advanced on a bad throw from the pitcher to first base. He was welcomed home on a solid stroke from Gawronski, who cut the lead to 3-1.

In the fourth, Northville's Cicala scored another Mustang run. But Novi added two more runs after Zach Flavin walked and was later brought home on a two-run homer by Doug Benton.

In the fifth, both Northville and Novi scored single runs as Williams was knocked home by Cicala and Novi's Gawronski scored on a deep hit to the outfield for a 5-4 Northville lead.

That's when things got interesting. Northville scored four runs in the sixth after Tyler Lating, Sorenson and Andrew Smith created a bases-loaded situation. Williams, who is batting .450 this year, then stepped up to the plate and smacked a grand slam to put his squad up 9-4.

Novi later cut the lead to 9-7. But Scott eventually stepped to the plate with two runners aboard, tapped the dirt from his cleats and cranked a three-run, first-pitch homer that gave the Wildcats the lead for good, 10-9.

Turning point

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Distractions!

All the players from Novi and Northville's baseball teams wanted to do was play some baseball.

The double header, which was a non-conference match-up for the teams, was victim to a slew of distractions and delays.

A 9 a.m. start time was pushed off until nearly 10 a.m. because of officials going to the wrong field.

The first game was abruptly interrupted by a two-car accident with, thankfully, no serious injuries. However, the jaws of life had to be used by local firefighters to cut free a young child who had their leg pinned in the back seat. It took nearly four hours to clear the wreckage and move the final truck with flashing lights from just a baseball's throw away from the field.

In the second game, Northville's Charlie Thomas must have been itching for a delay too. On a very impressive play, Thomas dove for a rounding ball in the outfield and slammed face-first into the fence surrounding the park. Not only had he snagged the ball, but he still tossed it up to a fellow outfielder to get back to the home plate before slumping to the ground. Thomas was said to be fine after the game and wasn't expected to miss any playing time.

The Wildcats were slightly distracted already. All of the guys were gearing up for their prom, which was scheduled for later that night. In fact, it was the main reason the game had been pushed from 11 a.m. as the star time to 9 a.m.

And to top it all off? Instead of the 70 degrees and rain that had come through all week prior to the match-up, the Mustangs and Wildcats had to face off in 50 degree weather as they fought to keep warm and loose. Someone should have told Mother Nature that baseball is a summer sport.

"It was a great game," Green said. "We knew Northville was going to play us tough. They didn't disappoint us."

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Schoolcraft's annual tournament raises funds for student scholarships and for instructional initiatives. Participants will enjoy 18 holes of golf at the private Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon. Individual golfers can register for the 10:30 a.m. shotgun start for \$250. The price includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, access to the driving range and putting green, continental breakfast, lunch, banquet dinner, awards, prizes and a live auction. Sponsor packages range from \$350 to sponsor a hole up to \$6,000 for a golfer gift sponsorship.

For more information or to register, phone 734-462-4400 ext. 5008. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

Coaching positions available

The Northville Mustangs football program is looking for interested candidates to fill two positions on their staff. The freshman, junior varsity and varsity teams have openings for interested candidates.

For more information, please call Clint Alexander at (248) 344-8420.

Coach Schluter's Novi Summer Basketball Camps

All of the basketball camps are directed by Novi High School Boys Varsity Basketball Coach Pat Schluter. Schluter was coach of the team 2003-2004, and is also a Physical Education Teacher at Novi Meadows School. Camps will be assisted by Novi Basketball Coaching Staff and high school players. All camps will be at the Novi Middle School gym unless noted.

Novi Wildcats Boys Basketball Camp

(Grades 3-9)
Participants in this camp will receive knowledge of the game of basketball, as well as instruction to aid in the development of their playing abilities. Emphasis will be placed on all phases of the game including dribbling, shooting, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship, and defensive concepts. Students will be grouped according to age, size, and ability. Gym clothes and shoes are required. All participants will receive a T-shirt and outdoor bas-

U8 and U12 House League Baseball Tournament

Total Baseball will host a House League Baseball Tournament May 22-23. This special tournament will feature only local house or recreational team with no travel teams allowed. There are three games guaranteed with trophies being presented to the winners.

The cost is \$250 per team with umpire fees included. The teams will play a round-robin schedule.

For more information or to register, call (248) 668-0166 or email totalballwixom@aol.com. Please visit www.total-baseball.com for further details.

Learn to Skate/Tot Time

The Artie Edge Ice Arena in Canton, located at 4415 Michigan Avenue, is offering a Spring Learn to Skate program for various levels of instruction. Tot Time is held on Tuesdays or Thursdays, classes for Learn to Skate will be held on Thursday and Saturday. A new Adult class is starting this session on Thursday from 6-7. All classes are eight weeks ending June 5th, 2004.

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Ice Skating Workshops

The Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club is presenting a series of seven ice skating workshops for adult ice skaters interested in synchronized skating. Sessions are held at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube, 2121 Oak Valley Drive in Ann Arbor on Sundays through May 16th. Skating times vary from week to week.

Additional information is available from AAFC

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Summer Baseball/Softball Camps

Total Baseball/Total Softball will hold their baseball and softball summer camps on the following dates: June 14-16 at Powers Park in Novi and June 21-23 at Northville's Community Park. All camps will run from 9 a.m. through 1 p.m. and are for ages 7-17.

Professional players and college coaches will instruct kids on the proper techniques of pitching, hitting and fielding. Kids will also be clocked on a radar gun for arm speed. The cost of the camps are \$135 each.

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'Cats beat Ann Arbor Huron

The Novi Wildcats lacrosse team beat Huron 6-5 in a closely contested game last week.

The River Rais scored first, but Robbie Carter shot the tie-breaker just minutes later. John Favorito was the next to score, rebounding and fired it home before taking a pass from Favorite and scored another for back-to-back goals.

Policicchio added another before the fourth quarter started for a 6-3 lead.

Ann Arbor added two more but couldn't get the tying tally. The Wildcats did a good job of keeping the powerful Ann Arbor Huron squad at bay.

Corey Simone earned the victory after four years of Rugby' said Cornell.

The Knights also took a try from Miller, who took the ball in from the 18 yard line through three tackles along the way. Mike Mungall scored the final tally for the Knights with Prain adding a conversion to give the squad the 17-3 win.

The combined Novi-Northville squad will compete again May 22 when they play Forest Hills in Grand Rapids in the state finals game.

The Wildcats are now 8-3 on the year and are ranked in the state's top-10.

Rugby earns trip to finals

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

What chance does the Northville Novi Knights rugby club stand at winning a state title?

That all depends on which team shows up.

The Knights, who are coached by Ron Cornell, earned the right to play in the Division II state championship after they beat Lakewave, 41-7, and Anthony Wayne, 17-3, last Saturday.

"The guys are having a rather-crazier season this year," Cornell said. "They'll have a game with great effort and no execution, then they'll have a great game with perfect execution. Then they'll run around and have a game with a ton of desire and effort, but no execution at all. You just never know what the next game will be."

Against Lakeview, the Knights pounded out seven trips to the try zone and three conversions in the first game of the state tournament. The Knights had a try each from Joe Prain, Jon Postema, Mike Suba, Mike Menghini and Steve Miner. Prain converted on 3-of-7 point-after attempts.



Novi goalkeeper Kim Herbst prepares to drop kick the ball after a rare first half shot on goal in the Wildcats' home game against Hartland in late April

Wildcats shuts out three more

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

If there's one thing the Novi Wildcats girls soccer team couldn't do any better, it's shut out their opponents.

The squad, which is coached by Brian O'Leary, has managed to keep themselves out of trouble simply by not letting their opponents score much this year. In fact, the Wildcats have made a habit out of keeping the majority of their foes off the scoreboard completely.

Novi added three more victims to the list of shutouts against them. They topped Plymouth Salem, 4-0, beat Howell, 10-0, and drubbed Pinckney, 6-0.

Against the Pirates of Pinckney, the squad managed to do even better than a shutout.

"The defense, led by Kelly Hebert, did a great job of not allowing a spot on goal," O'Leary said.

Novi, which climbed to 13-1 overall and 8-0 in the Kennington Valley Conference over the week, found three goals being scored in each half. The first goal was scored by Kristi Timar, who put the ball in just a minute into the game on a corner kick by Chelsea Aiyeh. Eight minutes later, Timar took a pass from Maureen Pawlak and fired a hard shot on goal. The ball bounced off the goalpost, back into the box and Timar collected it and knocked her second goal in.

"With 15 minutes left in the half, we were awarded a penalty kick for a Pinckney hand ball in the box," O'Leary said.

Emily Iszkow converted the kick for the 3-0 lead for the Wildcats.

Timar made her night into a hat trick as she took a crossing pass from Aiyeh and scored the fourth goal of the night.

"Our next goal was a great goal in which six different players possessed the ball and made passes," O'Leary said.

Aiyeh kicked a crossing pass

Novi's second place in KVC

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Talk about a turnaround! The Novi Wildcats girls golf team has split out of their cocoon and has blossomed into one heck of a beautiful butterfly and racked up a 4-1 league record.

Against the Pinckney Pirates, the Wildcats pounded out a 194-223 victory.

"The team is coming on strong with the tournaments coming up," Novi coach Deb Harris said. "This will be the right time for us to peak."

Scoring for Novi was Laura Vaughn with a 46, while Jennifer McKenna notched a 48 on the day. Jessica Westfall, who has been remarkably consistent this year, shot a 49 while teammate Becca Hughes recorded a 51.

Shooting for the Wildcats but not being recorded in the final score was Audrey Oh with a 52 and Lindsey Haslett with a 53.

The Wildcats were also strong in one exhibition play. Though the scores didn't count, the Pirates nonetheless.

Asako Akumatsu shot a 45 while Breanna Quinley shot a 53 and Lindsay Celeksi shot a 61. Missy Broadwell shot a 63 and Erika Takeda notched a 67 to round out the scoring.

Novi will look for a strong showing tomorrow when they play in the Regional Tournament. A top-two finish could lead to a state-finals berth for the squad.

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KVC DUAL STANDINGS	
South Lyon	7-0
Hartland	4-1
Novi	4-1
Lakeland	4-2
Brighton	2-4
Millford	1-6
Howell	0-5
PRE-KVC AT INDIAN SPRINGS	
South Lyon	380
Hartland	383
Novi	393
Brighton	394
Lakeland	396
Millford	412
Pinckney	459
Howell	472

'Cats pound Salem

The Wildcats are letting the state know they're serious about winning a title this year.

"The Cats pounded out a 4-0 win over the sixth-ranked team in the state in Plymouth Salem."

"Celene Brockman and Nikki Hermann did an excellent job of shutting down Salem's All-State midfielder, Marissa Sarkastian," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said.

In the first half, Maureen Pawlak scored two similar goals. Both came on passes up the middle - one from Kelly Hebert and the other from Kristi Timar - before the future Division I college player knocked them in for the score and the 2-0 lead.

"In the second half, Salem put the early pressure on us," O'Leary said. "Kim Herbst made three very good saves to keep it 2-0."

Pawlak took the ball in a third time into the box after Emily Iszkow sent a cross pass through a crowd right in front of the Salem goal. Pawlak took the pass and knocked it into the empty net.

Then, with less than a minute left in the game, Stephanie Crawford finished up the scoring as she took a breakaway pass from Timar and fired it in for the goal.

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Underclassmen

Freshman softball

The freshman softball team defeated Howell Friday with scores of 20-1 and 20-15. This brings their overall record to 11-1. Winning pitchers were Rachel Harris and Kristen Lowmyer. Top hitters were Rachel Harris, Emily Jig, Julie Schramm and Kristen Lowmyer.

Middle school lacrosse

The efforts of goalie George Reigel paid off on Wednesday when NMS beat Ann Arbor, 3-2. Reigel made save after save to hold his opponents to just two goals. In the first quarter two quick goals were scored by Matt Manderville and Craig Howell. The NMS Wildcats never gave up the lead. Both goals were assisted by Andrew Traylor who hustled to set up many scoring attempts in the game. The winning goal was also scored by Howell in the fourth quarter with Colin Woods in on the assist. Over the next two weekends the team will be competing in the Waverly and Cranbrook Tournaments. The lacrosse team has two more home games played at the Middle School Stadium, May 17 at 6 p.m. and May 23 at 6 p.m.

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Thursday, May 20, 2004

Confessions of a reformed, overzealous debtor

My friend Sofia recently went on a bit of a shopping spree.

Having tiptoed through the clearance racks and seasonal sales promotions for as long as her toddler would endure, she approved a new suit and assorted tops. She was feeling quite pleased with her

bargains-confirmed by the sales associate: "you saved more than \$100 today Ma'am" — when the intrepid clerk teased her with \$20 more in savings. All she had to do was open a line of credit at the store.

"And the savings don't end today," she said. "The second Tuesday of every month, cardholders receive 15 percent off all purchases. And the promotions... Let me tell you about the special promotions."

Normally Sofia would have politely declined. She and her husband use one credit card for all purchases and pay off the balance religiously every month. It's their way of keeping their personal finances neat and tidy.

But she wanted more, more savings to brag about when people commented on her new suit.

While her application was being processed she flashed back to the lean years just after college when this exercise would have likely proven futile. She'd racked up significant credit card and student loan debt, so much more than her paltry entry-level income could manage.

Graduating students have an average of \$20,402 in combined education loan and credit card balances, according to recent studies. The average number of credit cards per college student is 4.25.

Today things were different, much different. Her debt load reduced to a mortgage and poor spending habits long since arrested, she had no doubt that the credit card company would welcome her with a generous credit line. So why was she feeling so anxious?

For the second year in a row, Americans earned a "D" grade in bankrate.com's Financial Literacy Survey for 2004. The survey indicates that Americans are in "debt denial" — unwilling to admit that credit is a problem.

"You've only got one card, Sofia. One card. This is no big deal," she coached herself. "People have lots of cards. You can put it away — store it someplace safe and dust it off when the need and related savings are in harmony."

The average citizen is drowning in debt; and 75 percent of credit card holders have maxed out at least one credit card during the past year, says the Summit Daily News.

But it was a big deal, she thought as the well-accessorized clerk presented her with a temporary card loaded with a \$1,500 limit. The interest rate was 19.8 percent. Were she to fall into her old habit of paying the minimum monthly balance, it would take 18 months to pay off her \$150 purchase today — and \$20 in interest.

Sixty-four percent of consumers ages 18 to 24 don't even know the interest rates they pay on their credit cards, according to Myvesta.

"We hope to see you next week," she said. "You'll be getting word of the promotion in the mail. Be sure to bring your card."

Sofia finally identified the emotion she was wrestling with as she hung her bargains from the clothing hook in the car. Renorse.

Legitimate counseling services, such as the non-profit GreenPath Debt Solutions, can provide assistance to individuals having difficulty budgeting their money and/or meeting necessary monthly expenses. GreenPath has 28 locations across Michigan. Phone them toll-free at (800) 550-1961, or contact them via their Web site at www.greenpath.com.

Three weeks after opening the account — before the card had arrived in the mail — she'd cancelled it. Since, she'd received four promotional offers from the retail outlet and an influx of new credit card offers. Fortunately, she wasn't tempted to use them — not even to chase a bargain.

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Advertorial



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Jim Cowie displays a brush and stencil used to create the pattern shown in the sample displayed in front of the wall mural at Anne's Crafts in downtown Northville.

Anne's offers Michigan's largest selection

Anne's Crafts offers stencils, faux finish paint products

By Duane Ramsey
SPECIAL WRITER

Anne's Crafts has presented craft products and techniques to the public from the same storefront location on Center just north of Main Street in downtown Northville for the past 20 years.

The husband and wife team of Jim and Shirley Cowie founded the family business and named it after their daughter Anne shortly after she was born. Today, their daughters Anne Cowie and



Anne's Crafts' storefront is a fixture in downtown Northville.

Adrienne Elliot help their parents run the family enterprise.

"Northville promotes its downtown area with a variety of events throughout the year bringing thousands of people into town," Jim Cowie said. "The foot traffic is good here. Our location invites a constant stream of new and interested customers."

First established as a retail craft supply store, Anne's quickly became a primary source for designer line stencils and faux finishing products. Decorative home painting supplies and instruction best describes the function of the store now, according to Jim.

"We're unique. We sell things here that they don't sell at places like Michael's or other chain stores," said Cowie.

"We have the largest selection of stencils in Michigan. We have stencils in stock for wall borders, designs and murals, floors, furniture and almost anything else imaginable. Name a subject and we've probably got stencils for it," he said.

In addition, catalogs are available to the public for ordering from hundreds of other stencils. Top quality stencil brushes and complimentary products are offered for sale.

Anne's Crafts stocks approximately 400 colors of acrylic paints for use with stencils, faux finish products and general crafts. They also offer brushes, furniture paints, a large collection of doll house kits, furnishings and supplies, a full line of Donna Dewberry's popular products, and a selection of "how to" books for almost any painting technique.

Anne's supplies everything

needed to create the perfect faux finish on walls and furniture with antiquing, marbling, ragging, sponging and other techniques. The store carries a variety of antique or vintage furniture and small handmade unfinished accent pieces for refinishing by using the decorative painting techniques taught in the store.

The owners and staff are innovative, hands-on people who constantly update the visuals and samples displayed in the store. They continually educate customers on the use of all the products they sell, Cowie said.

In addition to the wide selection of products, Anne's Crafts offers instructional classes in stenciling, faux finish techniques, wildflower painting, cloud painting, painting on glass, tile and decorative wood painting. The hands-on classes usually consist of a single two-hour session of intensive training in those art forms held in the evening or on weekends.

The stenciling class will be conducted May 27 and June 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. and faux finish class May 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. Thousands of customers have been trained in the faux finish techniques taught in the classes held at Anne's Crafts, according to Cowie.

Throughout its history, the owners and staff have gained extensive proprietary knowledge and have achieved excellent customer satisfaction, Cowie said proudly.

As a result, Anne's Crafts has become a destination business with customers coming from across the state, Canada and Ohio. Many professional painters and decorators are among their customer base, he

added. Anne's staff also packages products for stencil, glass, one-stroke, cloud, tile and wildflower painting. These products are purchased on the wholesale level from suppliers and assembled for sale to their customers, Cowie explained.

The Cowie family has developed several innovative product lines for exclusive sale in the retail store. They established simple manufacturing processes for quick production of the trademarked products in a small space at the store's location.

Jim and Shirley live in Northville within walking distance of their business downtown. Jim said he often walks to work when the weather is nice.

Jim has done a lot of walking in his lifetime. Away from work, his hobby is backpacking around the world in places such as Chile

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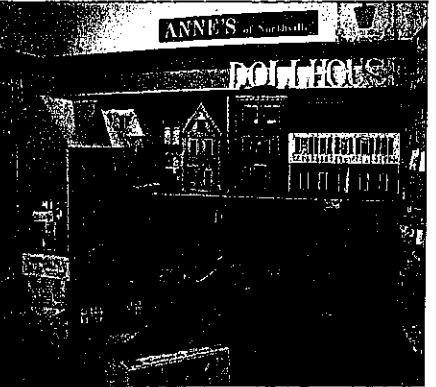
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in South America and Morocco in Africa. He and his backpacking adventures were featured in an article published in the Northville Record on Nov. 9, 2000.



The display of doll houses, furniture and accessories is pictured at Anne's Crafts.

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