



CORRECTIONS

The student pictured holding the trumpet at the Memorial Day ceremony in last week's edition should have been identified as Lydia Katsambris.

Telcom, Credit Union and Lacrosse Training Centers should have been included in the list of sponsors in last week's article on the Kid's Fair.

INSIDE

Congrats to the grads!

The Novi News pays special tribute to the Class of 2004.

— B Section



Knocked out

Wildcat Steve Gawronski slides safely into second base to beat a tag from Salem's Dave Cardenas, but it was the kind of ending that no one in Novi and much of the high school baseball community could have ever expected. David, once again, beat Goliath.

— 2A

ENDORSEMENTS

Who we like

With five candidates vying for just two seats on the Novi School Board, who are you going to vote for? We'll tell you who we'd pick, and where we stand on the two millage proposals. Four pages of coverage.

— 14-17A

INDEX

- Business8A
- Calendar5AA
- Classifieds1D
- Community7A
- Health9A
- Opinion/ Letters .18/19A
- Parks & Recreation .5AA
- Public Safety5A
- Reg. Marketplace .24A/8AA
- Seniors20A
- Faith21A
- Sports1AA

CONTACT US

Novi News
104 W. Main
Northville, MI 48167

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



NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY
43255 W 10 MILE RD
NOVI, MI 48375-3014

Fate of schools on the line

Two millage renewals, one new millage on June 14 ballot

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Voters will be asked to approve two millage proposals to help the Novi Community School District combat a \$4.3 million deficit.

The first proposal is actually a renewal of two millages that were initiated 10 years ago.

But administrators in the district aren't very happy about the

wording that describes the second millage proposal voters will see on the June 14 ballot:

"Millage proposal to provide earmarked funds to operate a system of public recreation and playgrounds."

According to Nancy Davis, Novi assistant superintendent of instructional services, it doesn't mean what it sounds like.

If the millage goes through, money generated from it, approximately \$1.9 million, will not be used to build playgrounds. It will be used for operating expenses, educational programs and services.

Then why is it called the recreation and playground millage?

"It's because the law, which is out of the tax code, says very clearly that we have to call it the

recreation and playground millage. It generates money that we are going to use for operating expenses and educational programs and services, which then replaces the funding that we already spend on things like playgrounds, overhead lights, heating buildings at night and so on."

Bob Schram, executive director of administrative services, said it's very critical that voters understand what this millage - and also the two millage renewals - mean to the district. He hopes that everyone who votes on June 14, knows all the facts and is able to make an educated decision.

"This money is so that we don't have to layoff a Spanish teacher; we don't have to layoff a coun-

2004 NOVI SCHOOL ELECTION

For more information on the millages and school board candidates, please turn to page 10A.

happen if we can divert money from the recreational millage to pay for those things."

"The board came up with a great plan," Schram added. "They said we're going to cut certain things no matter what to tighten as much as we can. Anything beyond that is so important to everyone in this community. Some of that we're going to take out of our fund equity and for the rest of it, we want to give the community an opportunity to vote on this issue."

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

Hats off!

\$1,000 check given by students to purchase a defibrillator

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Just a little over a week had gone by since Novi High School held its senior honors ceremony at the Novi Expo Center, and as if that wasn't enough, another big party was thrown at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth last Saturday night.

Though most people wouldn't call the senior graduation ceremony a party, this year's commencement had a light-hearted air to it that made it fun and enjoyable for mostly all the graduates and their families who filled the arena.

As attendees arrived, they were greeted by pre-graduation music before "Pomp and Circumstance" was played. Proud families were then asked to sing along as the band played "America the Beautiful," then they listened intently as Class Vice President Ashlea Suries, President Anna Switzer, Treasurer Elaine Williams and graduating seniors Alison Sansom and Elizabeth Song all took turns presenting professional-sounding speeches that one normally wouldn't expect of high school seniors.

Williams even presented a check of \$1,000 to Novi High for the purchase of a defibrillator for the brand new wing of the school. The money was raised by the 2004 class council.

"Every year the class council gives a gift to the school. We talked to some of the administrators of the high school and they said that the school was interested in defibrillators," Williams said after the ceremony. "The school has one right now. During my speech I mentioned that there was a girl who died in another district, and it was kind of a scare for a lot of us. With the school expanding,



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi High School graduate of the class of 2004 Kerry Kreutzberg, right, and others, listen to a commencement speaker during last Saturday's exercises at Compuware Arena. See section B for full graduation coverage.

they wanted more of them."

Then the moment the class of 2004 was waiting for happened. Novi High Principal John Lawrence presented the class to District Superintendent Dr. Emmett Lippe and he started to give the diplomas out. A total of 446 students were called up to the stage one by one in alphabetical order, each bearing a round of applause, cheers and sometimes even air horns from the audience.

Williams, who is planning on attending Michigan State University's pre-medical program, thought it was quite interesting.

"I've been to graduation before, but it was quite different to be the one stepping on stage and receiving a diploma," a relieved Williams said. "It was very exciting to see all the people I know walk across the stage."

She described the day leading up to the ceremony as "pretty nerve wrecking."

"I'd say that most of the day I was actually pretty grumpy, just preparing for my speech," Williams said. "I must have gone over it a million times."

After the last student had been called, Class Secretary Samhitha Muralidhar addressed the crowd and her fellow graduates before the night ended.

"The ceremony was more than I

Their behavior was outstanding right up to the point where they walked out of the arena. Hats off to the class of 2004."

John Lawrence
Novi High School principal

expected," Lawrence said. "One of my colleagues told me the other day that I need to have fun and I was struck by that. I hadn't really thought about having fun until then. When I saw all the students coming off the stage after they received their high school diplomas, and to see the smiles on their faces, I knew they were having fun. That's what the whole evening was about. You only graduate from high school once and so this is something that we want to make most memorable and certainly to make our graduates feel

that there is always a place for them at Novi High School as our alumni."

Lawrence explained that he had been preparing for this night all year long.

"From the time I was appointed principal of the high school I began thinking about how I can make this day memorable to the students," he said. "I have a fantastic staff, the administrative team is next to none and everybody pitches in and rolls up their sleeves to get the job done. I was very pleased."

Lawrence did have one regret about the evening that he described as unfortunate. A malfunction in the sound system made graduating senior Lauren Carosio's name not audible when it was read.

Other than that, Lawrence enjoyed the evening very much.

"We work very hard to create a dignified ceremony and our students were, as always exemplary," said Lawrence. "Their behavior was outstanding right up to the point where they walked out of the arena. Hats off to the class of 2004."

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

Parental rights stripped

Father of murdered 2-year-old won't take stand

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

John Shawley of Novi, father of the late Anne Marie Shawley, the 2-year-old murdered by her stepmother, Nikole Frederick, lost his parental rights to his other two children Monday.

Frederick, Shawley's second wife, is currently incarcerated at Scott Correctional Facility in Nordville, serving a life sentence for the murder of Anne Marie Shawley.

The murder, which included severe abuse to the toddler, occurred Labor Day Weekend 2003 at the Shawley's home at Old Dutch Farms mobile home park in Novi.

The girl had severe head trauma, cigarette and heating vent burns, cig-

arette lighter burns and duct tape wrapped around her head, plus areas where the hair had been ripped from the roots when the tape was removed.

A best interest hearing took place June 7 in front of Judge Elizabeth Pezzetti, Oakland County Circuit Court Family Division.

A best interest hearing is scheduled to determine what is in the best interests of the children. In this case, the hearing was to specifically determine whether John Shawley should be involved any further in the lives of his 5-year-old daughter, Linda, and 26-month-old son, Jonathan.

"At this hearing, Shawley could have taken the opportunity to introduce witnesses and evidence to the court in support of his claim that he should still be involved in his children's lives," said Det. Victor Lauria of the Novi Police Department.

"He brought a five-page letter into court and wanted to introduce that to

continued on page 6

No left turns at Grand River/Novi intersection

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) announced that all left turns at the Grand River Avenue/Novi Road intersection in Novi will be prohibited beginning sometime next week.

The left-turn prohibition is necessary as part of the ongoing reconstruction and widening of

the intersection (the lanes are being widened at the intersection, but no additional lanes are being added). Once initiated, the left-turn prohibition will be in effect for the duration of the intersection project, which is expected to be completed in November.

As an alternative to left turns at the Grand River/Novi intersec-

tion, motorists can use Flint Street, Main Street/Market Street and Town Center Drive/Crescent Blvd. to maneuver around the intersection. These routes will be posted on detour signs at the intersection.

Beginning in mid-to-late July, Grand River will be completely closed immediately west of Novi

Road as part of this project so that a culvert under the road can be replaced.

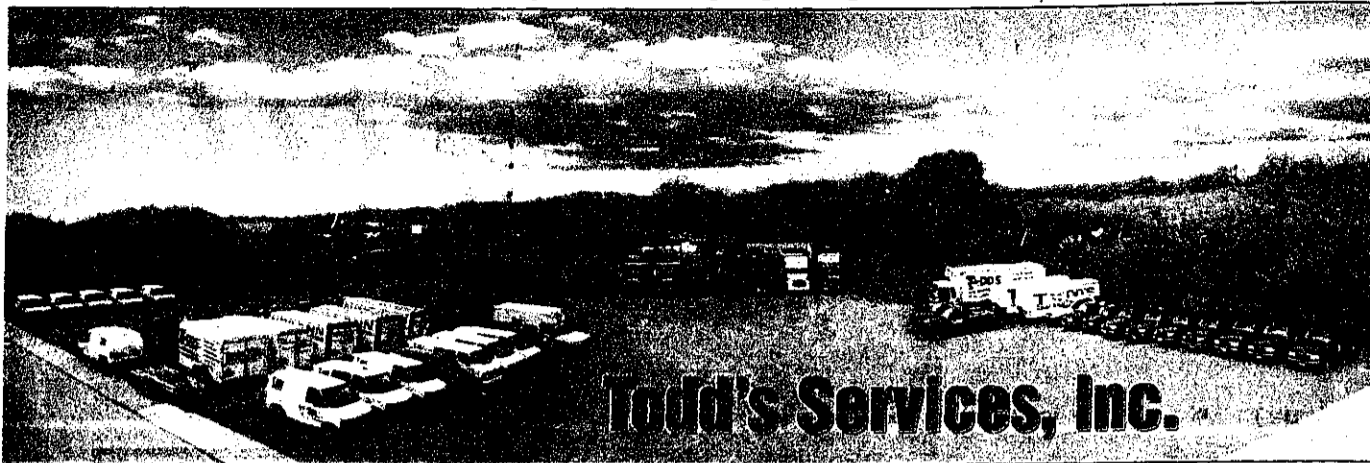
Also, there is a chance that the CSX railroad company will close Novi Road at the railroad crossing south of Grand River beginning on June 14. This closure, so that the railroad crossing can be reconstructed, is expected to last

two to four days. If the closure proceeds, the detour route will be 10 Mile, Meadowbrook and Grand River.

The Grand River/Novi project cost is approximately \$2 million. The contractor doing the work is the Six-S Inc. company based in Waterford Township.

Spring Clean NOW and make some GREEN with the Green Sheet Classifieds. Call 1-888-999-1288

Todd's Services, Inc. is the largest landscaping company in southeastern Michigan



Todd's Services, Inc.

Todd's Services, Inc. is no small operation. TSI is the largest landscaping company in southeastern Michigan and owns The World's Largest Hydro-Seeder. Submitted Photo

TSI, A Growing Livingston County Company

TODD'S SERVICES, INC.
 • Todd's Services, Inc. is located at 7975 M-36, in Hamburg.
 • Call (810) 231-2778 or visit toddservices.com

Challenging economic times make good companies better. Todd Services Inc. is proof of that truth. When the economy turned down in 2000 Todd and Kurt LaButte, co-owners of Todd's Services, made a tough and risky decision, to press on and grow the company by 50% to 60%. In the face of this daunting task the TSI operations were expanded with investments in time, energy and money. That decision has paid off. TSI grew through the economic downturn. April and May sales set a 26-year record and that aggressive growth target will be hit by 2005. For those who know these talented young men it is no surprise because hard work and success are defined by the LaButte brothers. They started their company 26 years ago. They have worked, planned, managed and persisted, growing TSI into the largest landscaping company in Southeastern Michigan.

GROWING AT A RECORD PACE
 This company that once only mowed lawns, now landscapes entire subdivisions and business complexes. At that time they couldn't even dream about today's reality: sales in the many millions of dollars, their own office building; a fleet of trucks and equipment, including the world's largest hydro-seeder (that TSI helped to design).
 What actions did Todd and Kurt take to grow at such a rate? They aggressively expanded their advertising budget by 400%. Over 1.8 million dollars were invested in more equipment. Personnel were added, the number of crews were increased so that they would show up

plexes, condominiums and apartment developments.

GREAT PRODUCTS, GREAT PRICES

"We must provide great products at the best rate. We know that a lawn is not just a lawn. If you buy from TSI then you end up with a great lawn, landscaping and a comfortable outdoor setting," says Kurt proudly. TSI is equipped to install lawns, retaining walls, sprinkler systems, trees, shrubs, ponds, custom decks, brick patios, outdoor structures, night lighting, seawalls of stone, steel or vinyl, everything needed to make a single home or an entire subdivision a place of beauty and tranquility, somewhere to relax and entertain. To produce these landscapes TSI has a sales and design staff that can work from the customer's ideas through to completion, illustrated for the client's approval with full color computerized renderings.

EFFICIENCY and PRODUCTION

Job efficiency results from excellent designs and experienced crews and allows TSI to install completed landscapes in just a short time, typically

Todd's Services, Inc. offers to match or beat any competitor's quote. If they can't. They'll match it with a \$50 gift certificate for dinner - guaranteed. With nothing to lose, why wouldn't you call TSI?

3-days. TSI finishes 8 to 10 projects daily and annually between 1,200 to 1,500 projects. "Sheer size of our company is an enormous benefit to all involved," Todd says proudly. "We pay our suppliers on time, and they return the favor with good product, good prices and good service. The volume of work keeps the stock fresh and we buy in bulk, affording even greater pricing power."

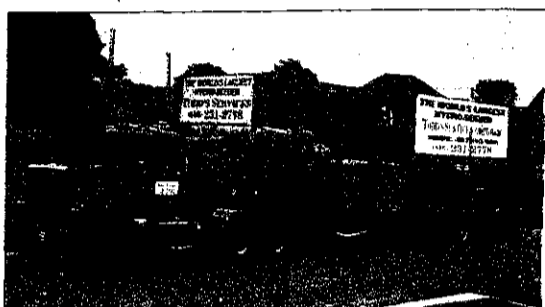
for us. In fact, many of the employees at TSI have been with the company 10 years or more. TSI pays better than the industry standard and is thus able to attract qualified people who then stay with the company and do a great job," Todd says.

FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED

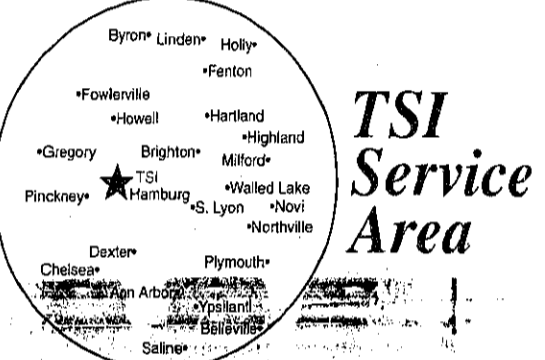
TSI is a family business. Todd and Kurt handle the business, scheduling and production. Sherry LaButte-Birk is the office manager; she keeps things flowing. Dawn Summers handles business development, investing, financial management and real estate. Dan LaButte heads the deck, outdoor structure and seawall divisions.

BEATING THE COMPETITION

To expand in uncertain economic times TSI introduced a new program. The Meet or Beat program that promises TSI will meet or beat any competitor's price. "We're having a blast with this program and the customers are getting the best Company and best possible price," says Todd. "If we don't match a competitor's price we give the customer



The World's largest hydroseeder, built exclusively for Todd's Services, Inc.



CURB APPEAL SELLS!
 • (888) 7-APPEAL
 (888) 727-7325
 • curbappealsells.com

As entrepreneurs, Todd and Kurt have started a new company, Curb Appeal Sells, and it is revolutionizing the way people sell their homes. The TSI Company has worked with builders, giving their spec homes curb appeal with completed landscaping, installed but not paid for until the house sells. Todd and Kurt now offer this concept to homeowners planning to sell their home but have expanded the service to include the entire home, inside and out. The best part is that it is done at no cost to the owner until the home sells.

"The concept is fabulous and there is no other company in the country doing it," Todd says. "We help homeowners sell faster and for more money. We do any work necessary so the home is in pristine shape for the sale. This includes kitchens, mechanicals, plumbing, roofing, siding, decks, windows, appliances, carpet, paint, you name it, we can do it and even the landscaping if you would like."

"Our representatives handle the entire project, from estimating to scheduling the contractors," Kurt adds, "we get in and out in a timely fashion, it's virtually hassle free for the homeowner. Of course, you receive the same competitive prices and quality you've come to expect from Todd's Services. The best part is that the homeowner does not pay us until the home sells. Curb Appeal Sells is paid out of the closing proceeds."

This concept is a favorite with realtors and homeowners, it is a win-win for all involved, including the buyer. It has become so popular that the LaButte's are in the process of franchising the business and marketing this concept across the country.

For more information on this great product call 888-7APPEAL or on the web at www.curbappealsells.com.

ZERO PERCENT FINANCING
 "Perhaps an even more effective selling tool is our financing program, zero percent for six months or 6.9% for 48 months," Todd explains.
 TSI offers new home builders their services so that a new home can be sold complete, with quality landscaping included in the selling price. It's terrific for the builders because it gives the new development impressive curb appeal and it's great for the home buyer; a new home, fully landscaped, ready to enjoy, and the cost is built into their mortgage.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD WINNER
 How successful has TSI been? They win the People's Choice Award for Best Landscaping Company year after year. "Repeat business, also is a measure of quality, for some customers, each time they buy a new house they call TSI, some as many as four times." Then Kurt adds, "A lot of good can come from a tough economy."

EXCELLENT EMPLOYEES
 "We know how to design landscapes and install them in a highly efficient manner. Our field staff is top notch; the supervisors, foremen and laborers have been retained for years. Our full time office staff is highly efficient and knowledgeable, they do such a great job



at the job site when promised. Persons were added to make quality control checks on jobs completed to ensure that the customer was satisfied. The commercial business has been expanded with an eye toward doing even more work for home builders, sub-division developers, industrial parks, retail com-

Landscape Design • Hydro-Seeding • Sprinkler Systems • Sodding • Brick Paver Patios & Walkways • Mulching • Shrubs & Trees • Sea Walls • Retaining Walls • Natural Rock & Timber • Landscape Lighting • Decks & Outdoor Structures

We'll Meet or Beat any offer

Todd's Services will not be undersold on any landscaping package

TODD'S SERVICES
 Celebrating 25 Years!

Todd's Services will meet or beat any competitor's estimate on landscaping packages of \$3,000 or more or you're going to dinner on us (\$50 value).

Call 231-2778 or 1-800-HYDROS

TSI voted the county's #1 preferred landscaper!

Beautiful YOU

Visions

26800 BECK RD.
 Novi, MI 48374
 248-344-9944
visionspasalon.com

TRES JOLIE & Venus Day Spa

2 unique locations where it really is all about YOU

Tres Jolie by Cameron
 39915 Grand River, Novi
 (just West of Haggerty)
 248-888-0655
www.tresjoliebycameron.com

TresJolie @ Venus
 39800 W 14 Mile (14 & Haggerty by Hillers Mkt)
 248-624-7922
www.venusdayspa.info

Visions Spa Salon

Visions Spa Salon has great gift ideas for Father's Day. Give Dad the gift of relaxation and rejuvenation with one of Visions Spa Packages or popular Gift Cards. A special surprise would be our Golf Ball Massage to help get the Golfer back in into the "swing of things." Visions also offers a new skin care line from MATIS. These skin care products from Paris are designed exclusively for men. Come in and explore our Father's Day treasures and give Dad the gift he deserves. Visions Spa Salon. "The experience is waiting."

Looking beautiful... but not feeling beautiful
 We can help

Stanley Chiropractic

39915 Grand River Ste. 750 Novi, MI 48375 (248) 476-7775

Headaches	Sinus Problems	Fibromyalgia
Back Pain	Carpal tunnel	Sciatica Pain
Allergies	Neck Pain	Asthma

Mention This Ad and Receive
 A Consultation, Exam and X-Rays a \$240.00 Value
 All For \$17.00

Share L. Stanley D.C. - Palmer
 Most Insurances accepted Please call for an appointment (248) 476-7775

creative style
 exciting color

experience services based on Aveda's pure flower and plant essences

Agape
 salon & spa

43155 Main Street Suite 310
 Novi, MI 48375
 248.735.1584

www.salonagape.com

DIAMOND CUTS
 Salon

Celebrating 10 years of Quality Service in Novi!

Highlight Special
 2 for 1
 Bring in a friend, you'll both receive highlights for the price of one!
 \$150 Value for Only \$75 each
 With participating stylists - Expires 6.30.04

\$5.00 OFF
 Haircut
 Regular \$35.00
 With participating stylists - Expires 6.30.04

42030 Grand River • Novi • 248.305.9009

Maria Cisar
 Hair Skin Nails

Experience the ultimate in beauty services

Open Monday - Saturday
 (248) 348-3544

www.mariacisarsalon.com
 43536 West Oaks Drive, Novi (Next to Kohl's)



SALE



Starts Today

EVERYTHING IS ON SALE!

All Containers for Planting 25% OFF

Annual Flats

Reg. \$12.99

NOW \$8.99

Clearance on Patio Furniture Add! 10% on already reduced merchandise

Bagged Topsoil & Peat Buy 5 Get 1 Free

Perennials

Reg. \$9.98

5 for \$40

Ash Tree Replacements 20 Varieties to choose from 2.5" - \$195.00

Bagged Mulch Buy 5 Bags Get 6th FREE Gold • Red • Black Mahogany • Cedar • Hardwood

Nursery Stock

Insecticides, Fertilizers & Pesticides 25% Off

Statuary & Bird Baths 25% Off

Trees & Shrubs 25% Off

Huge Nursery Stock Selection

*includes 1 year warranty

GLENDAS GARDEN CENTER

Novi

40575 Grand River Ave. (248) 471-4794

Livonia

36500 W. Seven Mile (248) 474-2230

*While supplies last. *Does not apply to prior purchases.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Cal Stone, editor (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 cstone@hlhomecomm.net

ROAD REPORT

The following projects may cause traffic delays on Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) roads. It is RCOC's goal to conduct Road Improvement projects in a way that interferes with traffic flow as little as possible. This list includes both Road Commission projects and projects conducted by others, under permit, on roads under the jurisdiction of the Road Commission.

Asterisks next to projects denote new projects or a change since last week.

* Grand River Ave. at Novi Road

Project: RCOC is widening this intersection. There are intermittent lane closures. Beginning approximately the week of June 14, all left turns will be prohibited at the intersection for the duration of the project. Beginning in mid-to-late July, Grand River will be closed immediately west of Novi so that a culvert can be replaced.

Community: Novi

Completion Date: November

Grand River Ave., Beck east to the CSX railroad tracks

Project: There are intermittent lane closures in this section of Grand River as the city of Novi's contractor completes sidewalk work and restoration of the shoulders as the final step in the widening project that was largely completed last year.

Community: Novi

Completion Date: June 15

Novi Road at 10 Mile Road

Project: Starting after the July 4 weekend, RCOC will be widening this intersection to five lanes in each direction, as well as widening Novi Road to five lanes 1,000 feet north and south of the intersection. There will be lane closures.

Community: Novi

Completion Date: November

10 Mile Road just east of Novi Road

Project: Beginning June 21, the CSX railroad will close 10 Mile just east of Novi to replace the 10 Mile grade crossing. The detour route is Meadowbrook, Grand River and Novi.

Community: Novi

Completion Date: June 28

BARN MOVE ON HOLD

Plans to close roads this Sunday, June 13, to allow barns to be moved from Novi to Northville have been indefinitely postponed.

Agencies looking into the logistics of the relocation of two historic structures to Maybury State Park still need to determine whether moving the buildings while it is preferable to disassembly.

Developer Toll Brothers donated the barns, which are currently on the site of a former farm near Ten Mile and Napier roads to be transformed shortly into a subdivision. The vintage buildings will replace the original barns destroyed by fire in February 2003.

Community: Troy

Completion Date: July 19

Dequindre Road, Long Lake to Waittes

Project: RCOC is widening this two-lane road to five lanes. Throughout the project, two lanes of traffic (one in each direction) will remain open at all times.

Community: Troy/Sterling Heights

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

12 Mile, West Parkway to Beck

Project: Beginning June 1, the Michigan Dept. of Transportation will close this section of 12 Mile as part of its construction of a new Beck/1-96 interchange. During the closure, the detour route is West, West Parkway, 12 Mile and Grand River.

Community: Novi & Wixom

Completion Date: End of July

Novi Road just south of Grand River

Project: Beginning June 14, the CSX railroad will close Novi Road just south of Grand River to replace the Novi Road grade crossing. The detour route is 10 Mile, Meadowbrook and Grand River.

Community: Novi

Completion Date: June 21

Grissold Road, 9 Mile to 10 Mile

Project: RCOC is paving this gravel road. During construction, the road is closed to through traffic. The detour route is 9 Mile, Pontiac Trail (Lafayette) and 10 Mile.

Community: Lyon Twp.

Completion Date: By Oct. 2

Holcomb Road, Allen Road to Davisburg Road

Project: RCOC is paving this

Community: Troy

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Project: RCOC is widening this two-lane road to a four-lane boulevard. The road remains open during construction, but motorists should expect delays.

Community: Independence Twp.

Completion Date: By Nov. 1

Dutton Road, Bald Mountain to Squirrel

Project: RCOC's contractor is completing the project to pave this road (most of the work was completed in 2003). There are some intermittent lane closures.

Community: Auburn Hills/Orion Twp.

Completion Date: By June 15

Grange Hall Road, North Holly Road to just east of the railroad tracks

Project: The Village of Holly is widening this section of Grange Hall to three lanes. The road remains open during construction but there are intermittent lane closures.

Community: Holly

Completion Date: Mid July

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Nov. 1

Completion Date: By June 15

Completion Date: End of July

Completion Date: June 21

Completion Date: By Oct. 2

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

Completion Date: By Oct. 17

WATER WARNING!

The City of Novi and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality have issued a mandatory boil water notice to all consumers south of I-96, except those south of Ten Mile Road, between Haggerty and Novi roads.

A boil water notice means that it is recommended that you do not use water from your tap for drinking or cooking purposes unless it is boiled for five minutes. If the water is used for drinking purposes it should be cooled in a sealed container.

Total Coliform Bacteria Analysis was to begin early yesterday (June 9), and this notice will remain in effect until results are in compliance with the EPA Drinking Water Standards. It is anticipated that this standard will be achieved within 24 hours. A boil water termination notice will be issued at that time.

This notice is necessary because of a water main break at Novi Road and Grand River Avenue that was the result of utility contract work associated with road construction.

The Department of Public Works initiated repair procedures at midnight on June 9, which were completed an hour later at 1 a.m. A total loss of pressure, which was necessary to complete repairs, occurred from 12:33 to 1 a.m.

This boil water notice is a precautionary measure as recommended by the MDEQ.

Pre-plan Together So no one has to plan Alone

Call 248-474-2230 to speak to a Family Service Counselor

Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens
West Twelve Mile and Novi Road

Spring Value SALE!

As you do your spring cleaning, think about how new furniture can spruce up the inside of your home. Our furniture has the VALUE, QUALITY & DURABILITY you're looking for.

...and to make it easier to afford, come in this week and take an **EXTRA 10% OFF** Our Already Low Sale Prices

...and **WE'LL PAY YOUR 6% SALES TAX!**

For that, "Get Away From It All" feeling, come to Classic Interiors & let our expert designers put together that haven from your stress filled days.

Visit Our In-Store Clearance Center

Open: Mon., Thur., Fri. 9:30-9:00
Tues., Wed., Sat. 9:30-5:30
Open Sun. 1-5

CLASSIC INTERIORS FURNITURE

20292 Middlebelt, Livonia • South of 8 Mile
(248) 474-6900

DESIGN SERVICE AVAILABLE

We will be Closed Sunday, May 30th, and Monday, May 31st. For Memorial Weekend

New Web Address:
www.classicinteriorsfurniture.com

*All discounts are off manufacturer's suggested prices. All prior sales excluded. Offer not valid with any other promotional discount. Some merchandise items may not be available for 10% discount.

Parental rights stripped

continued from front page

the court as evidence. However, he's not allowed to do that unless the prosecutor allows the court to review the letter or he wants to take the stand and introduce it under direct examination and cross-examination," Lauria explained.

"He wanted to tell his side of the story without being cross-examined," Lauria said. "That is not allowable."

Lauria said that after lengthy discussions with his family and attorney, Shawley decided not to present any witnesses or evidence on his behalf.

Lauria noted that Shawley is more than \$8,000 behind on child support payments.

The judge ruled that his parental rights to the remaining children should be terminated immediately.

Shawley is the father of 26-month-old Jonathan and 5-year-old Linda.

Racana Schmidt of Emmet, Mich., is St. Clair County, is Linda's mother.

Convicted murderer Nikole Frederick is Jonathan's mother. Jonathan is still living with John Shawley's father, whose name is also John Shawley, and his wife, Brenda, in Redford.

Linda is living with her mother and new husband, Scott Schmidt, in Emmet.

Lauria said that if Shawley's father and wife want to maintain custody of Jonathan, they can either act as foster parents or file adoption papers with the court.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@ht.homecom.net.

COURT SENTENCINGS

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for May 14, 2004:

- Alex Alvarez — Conspiracy/financial transaction device; two counts financial transaction device; sentence enhancement/second offense.
- David Scott Clement — Operating under the influence of liquor/per se/second offense felony.
- Michael Wayne Brown — Carrying a concealed weapon; driving while license suspended; second or subsequent offense; operating under the influence of liquor/per se/second offense.
- Betty Louise Ryan — Assault with intent to rob while armed.
- Brandon Michael Dickinson — Burning of woods or prairies.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for May 17, 2004:

- Robert William McKernan, II — Operating under the influence of liquor/second offense felony; driving while license suspended.
- Eric Douglas Dugas — Larceny from a motor vehicle; breaking and entering/vehicle/steal property over \$200 less than \$1,000; attempted breaking and entering a vehicle/less than \$200.
- Alan Gunner Lindbloom — Extortion; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Robert Scott Muser — Operating under the influence of liquor/per se/second offense felony; driving while license suspended; sentence enhancement/second offense.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for May 18, 2004:

- Terry Achinarynu Stringfield (a.k.a. Terry Achinarynu Gleason Stringfield) — Possession of controlled substance under 25 grams.
- Oscar Ramirez Gray — Unlawful driving away from scene; delivery/manufacturing marijuana; operating/impaired driving second or subsequent offense; sentence enhancement/second offense.
- Jamie Jayson Hay — Three counts second degree criminal sexual conduct under 13; possession of child sexually abusive material; computer use to commit crime; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Michelle Nicole Baras — Four counts of altering and publishing.
- Michael Wayne Brown — Carrying a concealed weapon; driving while license suspended; second or subsequent offense; and operating under the influence of alcohol/per se, second offense.
- Daniel Louis Soos — Felony assault; domestic violence; third offense notice; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Michael Lloyd Smith — Two counts breaking and entering a vehicle to steal over \$1,000 but less than \$5,000.

unarmed robbery.

- Terry Achinarynu Stringfield (a.k.a. Terry Achinarynu Gleason Stringfield) — Possession of controlled substance under 25 grams.
- Oscar Ramirez Gray — Unlawful driving away from scene; delivery/manufacturing marijuana; operating/impaired driving second or subsequent offense; sentence enhancement/second offense.
- Jamie Jayson Hay — Three counts second degree criminal sexual conduct under 13; possession of child sexually abusive material; computer use to commit crime; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Michelle Nicole Baras — Four counts of altering and publishing.
- Michael Wayne Brown — Carrying a concealed weapon; driving while license suspended; second or subsequent offense; and operating under the influence of alcohol/per se, second offense.
- Daniel Louis Soos — Felony assault; domestic violence; third offense notice; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Michael Lloyd Smith — Two counts breaking and entering a vehicle to steal over \$1,000 but less than \$5,000.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for May 21, 2004:

- Amanda Nicole Butler — Felony assault; domestic violence/third offense notice; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Michael Lloyd Smith — Two counts breaking and entering a vehicle to steal over \$1,000 but less than \$5,000.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for May 24, 2004:

- Michael Terry Gore — Operating under the influence of liquor/per se, third offense felony; driving while license suspended; possession of controlled substance under 25 grams; controlled substance/possession of marijuana.
- Dean Michael Schmitz — Three counts of criminal sexual conduct first degree; Home invasion; first degree; sentence enhancement/second offense.
- Justin Christopher Wall — Possession of controlled substance under 25 grams; controlled substance/possession of marijuana.
- Larry Napale Phillips — Three counts of financial transaction device; larceny of over \$200 but under \$1,000.
- Theodore Edward Arocha — Felony assault; aggravated assault; assault and battery; trespass; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Jason Eugene Thompson — Fleeing/obscuring, third degree; malicious destruction over \$200 but under \$1,000.
- Sean Jeremy McCormack — Uttering and publishing.
- Michael Lloyd Smith — Two counts breaking and entering a vehicle to steal over \$1,000 but less than \$5,000.
- Brian Matthew Boisvert — Embezzlement over \$1,000 but under \$20,000.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for May 25, 2004:

- Byron Lambert Turner (a.k.a. Byron Lambert Turner) — Uttering and publishing; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for May 26, 2004:

- Larry Napale Phillips — Three counts of financial transaction device; larceny of over \$200 but under \$1,000.
- Theodore Edward Arocha — Felony assault; aggravated assault; assault and battery; trespass; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Jason Eugene Thompson — Fleeing/obscuring, third degree; malicious destruction over \$200 but under \$1,000.
- Sean Jeremy McCormack — Uttering and publishing.
- Michael Lloyd Smith — Two counts breaking and entering a vehicle to steal over \$1,000 but less than \$5,000.
- Brian Matthew Boisvert — Embezzlement over \$1,000 but under \$20,000.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for May 27, 2004:

- Byron Lambert Turner (a.k.a. Byron Lambert Turner) — Uttering and publishing; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for May 28, 2004:

- Byron Lambert Turner (a.k.a. Byron Lambert Turner) — Uttering and publishing; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for May 29, 2004:

- Byron Lambert Turner (a.k.a. Byron Lambert Turner) — Uttering and publishing; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

enhancement/second offense.

- Dean Michael Schmitz — Three counts of criminal sexual conduct first degree; Home invasion; first degree; sentence enhancement/second offense.
- Justin Christopher Wall — Possession of controlled substance under 25 grams; controlled substance/possession of marijuana.
- Larry Napale Phillips — Three counts of financial transaction device; larceny of over \$200 but under \$1,000.
- Theodore Edward Arocha — Felony assault; aggravated assault; assault and battery; trespass; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Jason Eugene Thompson — Fleeing/obscuring, third degree; malicious destruction over \$200 but under \$1,000.
- Sean Jeremy McCormack — Uttering and publishing.
- Michael Lloyd Smith — Two counts breaking and entering a vehicle to steal over \$1,000 but less than \$5,000.
- Brian Matthew Boisvert — Embezzlement over \$1,000 but under \$20,000.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for May 29, 2004:

- Byron Lambert Turner (a.k.a. Byron Lambert Turner) — Uttering and publishing; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for May 30, 2004:

- Byron Lambert Turner (a.k.a. Byron Lambert Turner) — Uttering and publishing; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for May 31, 2004:

- Byron Lambert Turner (a.k.a. Byron Lambert Turner) — Uttering and publishing; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for June 1, 2004:

- Byron Lambert Turner (a.k.a. Byron Lambert Turner) — Uttering and publishing; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for June 2, 2004:

- Byron Lambert Turner (a.k.a. Byron Lambert Turner) — Uttering and publishing; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for June 3, 2004:

- Byron Lambert Turner (a.k.a. Byron Lambert Turner) — Uttering and publishing; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for June 4, 2004:

- Byron Lambert Turner (a.k.a. Byron Lambert Turner) — Uttering and publishing; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

enhancement/second offense.

- Dean Michael Schmitz — Three counts of criminal sexual conduct first degree; Home invasion; first degree; sentence enhancement/second offense.
- Justin Christopher Wall — Possession of controlled substance under 25 grams; controlled substance/possession of marijuana.
- Larry Napale Phillips — Three counts of financial transaction device; larceny of over \$200 but under \$1,000.
- Theodore Edward Arocha — Felony assault; aggravated assault; assault and battery; trespass; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Jason Eugene Thompson — Fleeing/obscuring, third degree; malicious destruction over \$200 but under \$1,000.
- Sean Jeremy McCormack — Uttering and publishing.
- Michael Lloyd Smith — Two counts breaking and entering a vehicle to steal over \$1,000 but less than \$5,000.
- Brian Matthew Boisvert — Embezzlement over \$1,000 but under \$20,000.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for June 7, 2004:

- Byron Lambert Turner (a.k.a. Byron Lambert Turner) — Uttering and publishing; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for June 8, 2004:

- Byron Lambert Turner (a.k.a. Byron Lambert Turner) — Uttering and publishing; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for June 9, 2004:

- Byron Lambert Turner (a.k.a. Byron Lambert Turner) — Uttering and publishing; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for June 10, 2004:

- Byron Lambert Turner (a.k.a. Byron Lambert Turner) — Uttering and publishing; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for June 11, 2004:

- Byron Lambert Turner (a.k.a. Byron Lambert Turner) — Uttering and publishing; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for June 12, 2004:

- Byron Lambert Turner (a.k.a. Byron Lambert Turner) — Uttering and publishing; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for June 13, 2004:

- Byron Lambert Turner (a.k.a. Byron Lambert Turner) — Uttering and publishing; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

enhancement/second offense.

- Dean Michael Schmitz — Three counts of criminal sexual conduct first degree; Home invasion; first degree; sentence enhancement/second offense.
- Justin Christopher Wall — Possession of controlled substance under 25 grams; controlled substance/possession of marijuana.
- Larry Napale Phillips — Three counts of financial transaction device; larceny of over \$200 but under \$1,000.
- Theodore Edward Arocha — Felony assault; aggravated assault; assault and battery; trespass; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Jason Eugene Thompson — Fleeing/obscuring, third degree; malicious destruction over \$200 but under \$1,000.
- Sean Jeremy McCormack — Uttering and publishing.
- Michael Lloyd Smith — Two counts breaking and entering a vehicle to steal over \$1,000 but less than \$5,000.
- Brian Matthew Boisvert — Embezzlement over \$1,000 but under \$20,000.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for June 14, 2004:

- Byron Lambert Turner (a.k.a. Byron Lambert Turner) — Uttering and publishing; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for June 15, 2004:

- Byron Lambert Turner (a.k.a. Byron Lambert Turner) — Uttering and publishing; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for June 16, 2004:

- Byron Lambert Turner (a.k.a. Byron Lambert Turner) — Uttering and publishing; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for June 17, 2004:

- Byron Lambert Turner (a.k.a. Byron Lambert Turner) — Uttering and publishing; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for June 18, 2004:

- Byron Lambert Turner (a.k.a. Byron Lambert Turner) — Uttering and publishing; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for June 19, 2004:

- Byron Lambert Turner (a.k.a. Byron Lambert Turner) — Uttering and publishing; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for June 20, 2004:

- Byron Lambert Turner (a.k.a. Byron Lambert Turner) — Uttering and publishing; sentence enhancement/fourth or subsequent offense.
- Katherine Star Fracassi — Controlled substance.
- Delivered/manufacture (narcotic) less than 50 grams.

Crawford may run unopposed

Novi resident disqualified after filing for wrong district

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Hugh D. Crawford of Novi, Republican candidate for Oakland County Commissioner for the 9th Commission, will be running unopposed in the November election.

He said he is disappointed that he won't be running against Crawford for the 9th Commission seat.

"I've crossed paths with Hugh before. When he was on the city council in Novi I led a group of citizens that was against a municipal golf course in 1999. Hugh supported one. We amended the Novi city charter to prevent it. It was one of the few times that the charter has been amended," Tindall said.

"I was looking forward to running against him, and someone else is already running as the Democratic candidate in the 9th Commission," he said.

"I don't plan to do that. I actually was kind of solicited to run in the 9th Commission by some members of the Oakland County Democratic Party. It sounded like a good idea. I was already sure that Crawford was running unopposed, and I don't think anyone should run for precinct delegate for Precinct 10 in Novi," Tindall said.

"When he filed his affidavit of candidacy, he said that he lived in the 9th Commission district. But he lives in the 8th Commission," according to Halsey said.

"My interests lean more toward national issues, like protecting Social Security, than local ones," he said.

Tindall has worked as a full-time carpenter with the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters for 17 years.

He said he's disappointed that he won't be running against Crawford for the 9th Commission seat.

"I've crossed paths with Hugh before. When he was on the city council in Novi I led a group of citizens that was against a municipal golf course in 1999. Hugh supported one. We amended the Novi city charter to prevent it. It was one of the few times that the charter has been amended," Tindall said.

"I was looking forward to running against him, and someone else is already running as the Democratic candidate in the 9th Commission," he said.

"I don't plan to do that. I actually was kind of solicited to run in the 9th Commission by some members of the Oakland County Democratic Party. It sounded like a good idea. I was already sure that Crawford was running unopposed, and I don't think anyone should run for precinct delegate for Precinct 10 in Novi," Tindall said.

"When he filed his affidavit of candidacy, he said that he lived in the 9th Commission district. But he lives in the 8th Commission," according to Halsey said.

"My interests lean more toward national issues, like protecting Social Security, than local ones," he said.

Tindall has worked as a full-time carpenter with the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters for 17 years.

He said he's disappointed that he won't be running against Crawford for the 9th Commission seat.

"I've crossed paths with Hugh before. When he was on the city council in Novi I led a group of citizens that was against a municipal golf course in 1999. Hugh supported one. We amended the Novi city charter to prevent it. It was one of the few times that the charter has been amended," Tindall said.

"I was looking forward to running against him, and someone else is already running as the Democratic candidate in the 9th Commission," he said.

"I don't plan to do that. I actually was kind of solicited to run in the 9th Commission by some members of the Oakland County Democratic Party. It sounded like a good idea. I was already sure that Crawford was running unopposed, and I don't think anyone should run for precinct delegate for Precinct 10 in Novi," Tindall said.

Artist plans one-man show

College for Creative Studies grad focuses on new realism

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Northville artist Richard Seaman, a 1997 graduate of Novi High School and former resident of Novi, invites the public to a reception highlighting his work from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday at Meadowbrook Art Center.

The center is located at 41200 Ten Mile Road on the north side of the street just east of Meadowbrook Road.

Those who attend this special "Meet the Artist" reception will be able to view and purchase any of Seaman's works on display in the center's gallery.

Light refreshments will also be served. This will be Seaman's first individual show.

A 2004 graduate of the College for Creative Studies in downtown Detroit, Seaman focused on illustration during his college career.

"I started out studying architecture and graphic design, but switched midstream to illustration," he said.

"I would describe Richard's work as the new realism," said Trish Pressel, gallery director at Meadowbrook Art Center. His work includes works in color and black and white. Oil is Seaman's medium of choice, although he does work with watercolors as well.

With his career in art just starting, Seaman is looking for jobs. He said he's going to try to focus on portraits and he's looking for commissioned work.

"I enjoy painting all different ages and types of people," Seaman said. "I place an emphasis on more formal portraits. My goal is to capture both a likeness and an inner character," he said. "I also look at each work as a decorative piece as well. I would call them more situational portraits. The subjects are alone and in isolation, too."

Seaman has a studio in his home and also paints landscapes on site, known as plein-air.

"This gives you the feeling of being there. You can capture the moment," he said.

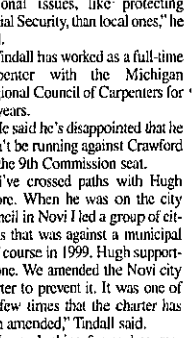
Those who would like more information about Seaman's work can visit his Web site at www.undermybrush.com, e-mail him at richard@undermybrush.com or call him at (248) 207-5459.

"I'm also open to the idea of networking with other area artists," Seaman said.

For more information about the reception Saturday, call Meadowbrook Art Center at (248) 477-6620.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@ht.homecom.net.

Richard Seaman will feature his work at a reception from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday at Meadowbrook Art Center in Novi. The recent graduate of the College for Creative Studies specializes in painting portraits, landscapes and still-lives.



Library Lines

Novi Public

The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Sunday during the summer. We are located at 45245 W. 10 Mile Road, just east of 10th Road. Call (248) 349-0720.

Discover New Trails Brochures describing the 2004 Summer Reading Program, "Discover New Trails @ Your Library," are now available at the library. Sign-up for the program, which is for children in the 4th grade and below, begins Monday, June 21.

Get Lost @ Your Library Kids going into the 5th grade and beyond are invited to sign up for "Get Lost @ Your Library." We'll feature awesome programs and prizes throughout the summer. Sign-up begins June 21.

Magix Show Amjadadbra Jaen Magic, one of Michigan's favorite magicians, appears at the library Wednesday, June 23. There will be a 1 p.m. show for children age four and up, and a 7 p.m. show for children of all ages. No registration is required for the 40-minute programs.

Drop-In Story Time Story time for children ages four to seven will be held Thursday, July 24. The 30-minute session begins at 11 a.m. No registration is necessary.

Board Meeting The Novi Board of Directors meets Wednesday, June 16, at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at the Novi Civic Center. Community members are welcome to attend the meeting, which will be broadcast live on cable channel 13.

Join these District residents and many others that support passage of both millages:

- Bashar Abdounour
- Suha Abdounour
- Julie Abrams
- Darry Adams
- Ken Angleski
- Kate Angleski
- Alison Angleski
- Margaret Burris
- Bruce Bagdady
- Carol Bagdady
- Kathryn Bailey
- Steve Bailey
- Bob & Nancy Bain
- John Balagna
- Gary Bank
- Susan Bank
- Val Berndt
- Bob Barry
- John Barry
- Kevin Barry
- David Beaton
- Susan Beaton
- David Bednarok
- Jill Bednarok
- Rona Beldron
- Dez Beldron
- William Bell
- Phil Belsito
- Brenda Bern
- Ron Bern
- Janet Berenguer
- Janet Berenguer
- Alison Ber

BUSINESS

Pam Fleming, business reporter (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 pfleming@ht.homecomm.net

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Three tool firms merge

Three Detroit-area tool manufacturing companies recently announced their merger and new company name, Silver Hawk Precision, headquartered in Wyand.

The three companies which comprise the new entity are: Carb-R-All and PCD of America, both of Wyand, and D&L Tool Corporation of Farmington Hills. The merger happened in late 2003, but the company is just now announcing its new name. The new entity, with private equity backing, has combined manufacturing capacity to more than double its present volume.

Silver Hawk Precision is a specialty tooling manufacturer which serves automotive and other manufacturing customers.

The company currently operates out of its corporate office and manufacturing facility located at 4609 West Road in Wyand.

Apple offers summer camp

Apple will offer a free summer camp for children at its 17 U.S. retail stores, including the Apple Store Twelve Oaks in Novi, from July 13 through Aug. 5. Parents can get more info and sign their children up at www.apple.com/retail/camp. Space is limited to 100 kids at the Apple Store in Novi. Apple Camp is geared toward children ages 8 through 12.

Michigan economy lags

The Michigan Business Activity Index, compiled by Comerica Bank, led 2 points in April, to close at 111. A year earlier the index stood at 108. "Year-to-date through April, Michigan's economy is running 2.5 percent ahead of 2003," said David Litman, chief economist at Comerica Bank.

Consumer satisfaction up

The American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) is projecting continued growth in consumer satisfaction, based on results from the first quarter of 2004. The ACSI increased to 74.1 in

the index's 100-point scale in the first quarter of 2004 as compared to 74.0 in the fourth quarter of 2003, according to a recent report. The projected growth in household spending is based on the improvement in customer satisfaction, which historically fuels appetite for further consumption.

Wellness programs encouraged

A recent study conducted by St. John's Health has found that 76 percent of survey respondents feel it is an employer's responsibility to promote wellness and healthy living practices to its employees.

However, only 47 percent of the companies/organizations surveyed have a formal employee wellness promotion strategy in place.

High cost could cause cuts

Three-of-four southeast Michigan business leaders say that the cost of health insurance is causing them to consider cutting health benefits for their employees, according to an independent survey conducted by the public affairs arm of John Haley & Associates Public Relations.

Mongolian adds seafood

It's easy to leave the red meat behind while still enjoying a delicious meal at an eatery. Mongolian Barbique restaurants with the advent of seafood to the menu. The restaurant's Novi location is at 43155 Main Street just south of Grand River Avenue.

Misspelt has been added to a menu of seafood selections that include shrimp, scallops, calamari, grouper and halibut. The expanded selection is designed to enhance the restaurant's Barbique dining experience.

Compiled by Pam Fleming

Hot wheels available at Hotel Baronette

Auto leasing firm says Novi location strong

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

If you've always imagined yourself sitting behind the wheel of a classic, exotic or luxury car, but it's not in the budget, check out Classic Auto Rentals at the Hotel Baronette in Novi.

The Birmingham-based company just opened a desk in the hotel lobby about four months ago. With the slogan, "Renting the classics of yesterday today," the business rents vehicles for a weekend or up to 30 days.

Their lineup includes Corvettes, Chevrolets, Mustangs and Cadillacs, Porsche Boxsters, Jaguars, Thunderbirds, Impalas, GTOs, Mercedes, Provers, Rolls Royces, Mercedes, Hummer H2s, Crossfires and more.

"We keep a variety of our exotics at the Hotel Baronette," said Gerry, a vice president and general manager. "Most of our classic cars are in Birmingham and a few other locations."

"We have everything from a 1951 Corvette roadster to a 2004 Hummer," Venditelli said. "Our specialty is vehicles from the 1960s and early 1970s."

Joe Rusebeck and Larry Zahra, high school buddies at St. Cecilia in Detroit who have known each other since 1960, started the business several years ago. "His business was Joe's brainchild. He's a car guy from way back. I've been with the company for about a year," Venditelli said.

"Within about the last six months, we've started to get into what we call exotic and luxury vehicles, including the C5 Corvette, the Porsche Boxster, Jaguar XK8, the Ford Thunderbird, Mercedes Provers, Rolls Royces, DaimlerChrysler Crossfire, the H2 Hummer and the Cadillac Escalade.

"We also have BMWs and other models. We have well over 60 vehicles in our fleet right now," he said.



Photo by Pam Fleming

From left: Hans Baren, Larry Zahra and Gerry Venditelli of Classic Auto Rentals show off a 1965 Mustang and 2000 Corvette C5 outside the Hotel Baronette in Novi. The firm recently opened a location inside the hotel where guests or the public can rent classic, exotic and luxury vehicles.

The company attracts a lot of interest from couples planning a wedding who want to ride to the church in something other than a limousine.

"We have a beautiful 1964 Cadillac DeVille that is really popular, plus several other special occasion vehicles," Venditelli said.

The only requirements to rent one of Classic Auto Rentals vehicles is that you must be 25 years old, have a valid driver's license, and full coverage insurance on a vehicle.

"We also require a security hold on a credit card," he said. "During the time that a driver rents one of the vehicles, his or her insurance covers the vehicle," Venditelli said.

Venditelli said that the company's new location at the Hotel Baronette has been successful. Hans Baren is the Novi leasing agent.

"We really enjoy being in the Hotel Baronette. One of the reasons we're there is that they want to offer their guests all of the services that they can. They are very

customer-service oriented, and we try to emulate the service they provide to their guests at our location here," Venditelli said.

"If somebody falls in love with one of these cars, we can offer them an extended lease or purchase option," he added. The firm also markets several different models.

"You get a lot of happy people renting cars that fulfill their dreams from high school or college. We see a lot of happy faces," Zahra said.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@ht.homecomm.net.

NOVI AT WORK

Classic Auto Rentals
Hotel Baronette
(248) 595-3600 in Novi
(248) 258-6560 main office in Birmingham
www.classicautorentals.com

HEALTH

Cal Stone, editor (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 cstone@ht.homecomm.net

Novi resident biking cross country for cancer

Johns Hopkins students trek to Calif. for cause

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Vidya Mahadevan, a 20-year-old Novi resident, is one of 27 college students traveling cross country this summer to raise money for the battle against cancer.

This is the third year for the trip, known as the Hopkins 4K, for Cancer.

The fund-raiser was started by students at Johns Hopkins University. Most of the riders attend the university; Mahadevan just graduated from the school with a bachelor's degree in public health.

"We raise money for cancer before and during the trip. It will be donated to the Hope Lodge in Baltimore, which is under the ACS. We're specifically requesting that we staye also have potluck dinners for us. We have a Web site that has our route and background on the event. We'll be updating it with pictures and journals throughout the event," she added. For more information, check out the group's site at www.hopkins4k.org.

"We raise money for cancer before and during the trip. It will be donated to the Hope Lodge in Baltimore, which is under the ACS. We're specifically requesting that we staye also have potluck dinners for us. We have a Web site that has our route and background on the event. We'll be updating it with pictures and journals throughout the event," she added. For more information, check out the group's site at www.hopkins4k.org.

"We raise money for cancer before and during the trip. It will be donated to the Hope Lodge in Baltimore, which is under the ACS. We're specifically requesting that we staye also have potluck dinners for us. We have a Web site that has our route and background on the event. We'll be updating it with pictures and journals throughout the event," she added. For more information, check out the group's site at www.hopkins4k.org.

"We raise money for cancer before and during the trip. It will be donated to the Hope Lodge in Baltimore, which is under the ACS. We're specifically requesting that we staye also have potluck dinners for us. We have a Web site that has our route and background on the event. We'll be updating it with pictures and journals throughout the event," she added. For more information, check out the group's site at www.hopkins4k.org.

"We raise money for cancer before and during the trip. It will be donated to the Hope Lodge in Baltimore, which is under the ACS. We're specifically requesting that we staye also have potluck dinners for us. We have a Web site that has our route and background on the event. We'll be updating it with pictures and journals throughout the event," she added. For more information, check out the group's site at www.hopkins4k.org.

churches, high schools and YMCAs," she said. "In addition to raising money for the American Cancer Society, we try to meet as many people as possible to increase hope and awareness about cancer."

The cyclists left Baltimore May 29 and should reach their destination of San Francisco on Aug. 1. "Right now we're on our way from Youngstown, Ohio, to Cleveland," Mahadevan said.

"Churches and other places that we stayed also have potluck dinners for us. We have a Web site that has our route and background on the event. We'll be updating it with pictures and journals throughout the event," she added. For more information, check out the group's site at www.hopkins4k.org.

"We raise money for cancer before and during the trip. It will be donated to the Hope Lodge in Baltimore, which is under the ACS. We're specifically requesting that we staye also have potluck dinners for us. We have a Web site that has our route and background on the event. We'll be updating it with pictures and journals throughout the event," she added. For more information, check out the group's site at www.hopkins4k.org.

"We raise money for cancer before and during the trip. It will be donated to the Hope Lodge in Baltimore, which is under the ACS. We're specifically requesting that we staye also have potluck dinners for us. We have a Web site that has our route and background on the event. We'll be updating it with pictures and journals throughout the event," she added. For more information, check out the group's site at www.hopkins4k.org.

"We raise money for cancer before and during the trip. It will be donated to the Hope Lodge in Baltimore, which is under the ACS. We're specifically requesting that we staye also have potluck dinners for us. We have a Web site that has our route and background on the event. We'll be updating it with pictures and journals throughout the event," she added. For more information, check out the group's site at www.hopkins4k.org.

"We raise money for cancer before and during the trip. It will be donated to the Hope Lodge in Baltimore, which is under the ACS. We're specifically requesting that we staye also have potluck dinners for us. We have a Web site that has our route and background on the event. We'll be updating it with pictures and journals throughout the event," she added. For more information, check out the group's site at www.hopkins4k.org.

"We raise money for cancer before and during the trip. It will be donated to the Hope Lodge in Baltimore, which is under the ACS. We're specifically requesting that we staye also have potluck dinners for us. We have a Web site that has our route and background on the event. We'll be updating it with pictures and journals throughout the event," she added. For more information, check out the group's site at www.hopkins4k.org.

"We raise money for cancer before and during the trip. It will be donated to the Hope Lodge in Baltimore, which is under the ACS. We're specifically requesting that we staye also have potluck dinners for us. We have a Web site that has our route and background on the event. We'll be updating it with pictures and journals throughout the event," she added. For more information, check out the group's site at www.hopkins4k.org.

When we left Baltimore, we dipped our bikes in the Atlantic Ocean, and when we get to San Francisco, we're going to dip our bikes in the Pacific Ocean," she said.

"We eat, shower and fall asleep by 10 or 11, and we're up by 6 a.m.," she noted.

Mahadevan is one of six leaders of the trip. "I'm organizing the trip from Baltimore to Kansas City, Missouri," she said. "Three riders are responsible for a third of the country. Two serve as directors and a manager handles money and paperwork."

"Yesterday was probably our most event-filled day. I had a little accident, so I spent most of the day in the ER. Someone else fell, and I was right behind them, and my bike flipped over theirs. I hit the ground with my face, so that's a little painful. But I didn't break anything, and it could have been a lot worse," Mahadevan said.

"We have walkie-talkies, because a lot of times we're out of cell phone service."

She noted that the cyclists are not allowed to go on interstates, but they can travel on or near highways.

"I'm a runner, so this is new to me," she said.

The daughter of Mahadevan Subramanian and Mythili Mahadevan of Novi, the Novi resident said this isn't the first time she's been involved with ACS fund-raisers.

"I organized our Relay for Life event on campus this year and last year. This is a way to meet people who've been touched by cancer," Mahadevan said.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@ht.homecomm.net.

Photo by Mahadevan Subramanian

Vidya Mahadevan, right, of Novi, and a fellow biker dipped their bicycles in the Atlantic Ocean May 26 in Baltimore Harbor at the beginning of the Hopkins 4K for Cancer fund-raiser. Mahadevan is one of 27 college students biking across the country to raise \$50,000 for the American Cancer Society. They should reach San Francisco on Aug. 1.

Photo by Mahadevan Subramanian

Vidya Mahadevan, right, of Novi, and a fellow biker dipped their bicycles in the Atlantic Ocean May 26 in Baltimore Harbor at the beginning of the Hopkins 4K for Cancer fund-raiser. Mahadevan is one of 27 college students biking across the country to raise \$50,000 for the American Cancer Society. They should reach San Francisco on Aug. 1.

Photo by Mahadevan Subramanian

Vidya Mahadevan, right, of Novi, and a fellow biker dipped their bicycles in the Atlantic Ocean May 26 in Baltimore Harbor at the beginning of the Hopkins 4K for Cancer fund-raiser. Mahadevan is one of 27 college students biking across the country to raise \$50,000 for the American Cancer Society. They should reach San Francisco on Aug. 1.

Photo by Mahadevan Subramanian

Vidya Mahadevan, right, of Novi, and a fellow biker dipped their bicycles in the Atlantic Ocean May 26 in Baltimore Harbor at the beginning of the Hopkins 4K for Cancer fund-raiser. Mahadevan is one of 27 college students biking across the country to raise \$50,000 for the American Cancer Society. They should reach San Francisco on Aug. 1.



29/05/2004

Snacking, napping your way to better health

By Ernie Harwell

You know, it seems most people are convinced that improving your health has to be all hard work and sacrifice. But the more you learn, the clearer it becomes that getting and staying fit involves taking a few minutes along the way.

So if you're serious about reaching greater fitness and want to do more than regular exercise, consider snacking and napping along the way.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's too late.

which can cut the risk of heart disease - even when total calories aren't reduced. Some call it grazing. Some call it snacking. Whatever you call it, eating five small meals instead of three doesn't sound like a sacrifice to me.

The same can be said for naps. While admittedly not possible for everyone, the latest research shows that even a 20-minute nap promotes greater alertness and a more positive attitude, especially for the people who keep their hours or have trouble sleeping at night.

During my broadcast days at WJZ-TV, I'd often find myself nodding off in the middle of a live broadcast. I'd always try to hold it back, but the inevitable would happen. I'd be in the middle of a live broadcast, and I'd be nodding off. I'd be in the middle of a live broadcast, and I'd be nodding off. I'd be in the middle of a live broadcast, and I'd be nodding off.

Ernie Harwell, "The Voice of the Detroit Tigers," for more than four decades, retired after 33 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at 86, Ernie is still the most popular voice in the Detroit area. He is the author of "Ernie Harwell's Life in Baseball" and "Ernie Harwell's Life in Baseball: A Memoir." He can be reached at (313) 962-5082.

Ernie Harwell, "The Voice of the Detroit Tigers," for more than four decades, retired after 33 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at 86, Ernie is still the most popular voice in the Detroit area. He is the author of "Ernie Harwell's Life in Baseball" and "Ernie Harwell's Life in Baseball: A Memoir." He can be reached at (313) 962-5082.

Ernie Harwell, "The Voice of the Detroit Tigers," for more than four decades, retired after 33 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at 86, Ernie is still the most popular voice in the Detroit area. He is the author of "Ernie Harwell's Life in Baseball" and "Ernie Harwell's Life in Baseball: A Memoir." He can be reached at (313) 962-5082.

HOME EQUITY LINE OF CREDIT

1.00% APR
Introductory rate for the first four months!

3.75% APR
Then, Prime plus 1.00% for the life of the line at \$100,000*

Get your kitchen remodeled and HEY get that big TV too!

For \$20,000, you could buy the world's best HDTV, remodel your kitchen or add a new deck and pay only \$63 a month* (and the interest is tax deductible**)

- 89.99% Loan-to-value (means you get more money out of your home)
- No closing, title or appraisal costs • No points or application fee
- MasterCard® Equity Gold Card access

To apply call
1-877-TOP-RATE
or visit us online at charterone.com



CHARTER ONE BANK

*The 1.00% Annual Percentage Rate (APR) is available for the first four months after activation. Then adjusts to Prime plus 1.00%, currently 3.75%, according to a \$100,000 minimum draw or balance transfer at closing. If draw or transfer is over \$50,000, APR will be based on Prime plus a margin of 1.00%, but will not exceed 10.99% APR. Prime is the highest Prime rate published in the "Money Rates" section of the Wall Street Journal. Prime is a variable rate; as it changes, the APR of your account will change. Annual fee of \$100 is waived for the first twenty-four (24) months after account activation. A representative loan obligation annual fee may be waived.

**This offer is based on income-qualified, U.S. family principal residence. Credit approval is subject to our underwriting standards, which are available upon request. Property insurance required. Third party insurance may be required. If use of Credit Agreement is cancelled within one year of activation, a prepayment fee equal to the greater of 1% of highest outstanding loan balance owed plus 10% of the amount of the agreement at \$150 will apply. \$40 a month payment example reflects payment of interest only. Monthly payments of interest only will result in a balloon payment at maturity. Offer not good on new Line of Credit relationships only and not subject to change without notice.

*Contact a sales associate regarding delinquency of interest. APRs effective as of April 1, 2004.

Nearly everyone reads

the Novi News

Don't be the last to find out what's going on.

Call 1-888-840-4809

to become a subscriber.

Novi News

the Novi News

Don't be the last to find out what's going on.

Call 1-888-840-4809

to become a subscriber.

Novi News

smart chicks
consignment

Where you'll find the labels you love at the prices you prefer!

Complete selection of Summer fashions, accessories & jewelry in Misses, Petite, Plus and Junior sizes.

\$5.00 Off
Your purchase of \$20.00 or more

43039 Grand River, Novi - East of Novi Road
Hours: Monday - Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-5
(248) 347-1600

I would like to take this opportunity to make you aware that I have relocated to a new real estate brokerage here in Novi. My new office is at Remerica United Realty.

The primary reason for the move was the encouragement and the opportunity from the company and broker to expand and grow my business. I have since hired on a business manager that will now handle the administrative work that is incorporated in every real estate transaction. With this position added to the team, I will be able to spend more time with my clientele and have an even more flexible schedule to work with yours.

FREE Special Report From Jeff Duneske Reveals 29 Essential Tips That Get Homes Sold Fast (And For Top Dollar)

Jeff Duneske is now offering his special report, "29 Essential Tips That Get Homes Sold Fast and For Top Dollar." Vital reading for anyone selling a home now or in the near future.

In this special report Jeff shares many of the tips that professionals utilize to help maximize a home's potential and actual worth and most importantly help you drive up the selling price.

You'll learn many important things you need to do, but more important may be the things it tells you not to do - things that could cost you dearly at the negotiating table.

REMERICA UNITED REALTY



Jeff Duneske is a member of Remerica United (248) 344-1800. Each office is independently owned and operated.

ELECTION SPECIAL

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

High school busing could be cut

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Once again, evidence of negative effects on the Novi Community School District will show up if two millage renewals and one new millage don't pass on June 14. This time it's the transportation department that will be affected because, according to Transportation Director Dan Tooman, there will be no high school busing, no late bussing and field trips would have to be paid for by external fees.



D. Tooman

In theory, those three areas will ultimately hurt students attending Novi High in the morning when they come to school and in the afternoon when school lets out. It will also affect those who are involved in co-curricular activities after school because there will be no bussing to take them home. In addition to that, all field trips taken by any school in the district would have to be paid for by external fees, which would not likely mean parents would be asked to pick up the bill.

On a related note, students won't have to worry about having no late

busses because another item on the elimination list is the millages don't go through all after-school co-curricular activities. In other words, there won't be any after-school activities that kids would have to get home from, not counting varsity sports.

Tooman explained that students who are going to be in ninth and 10th grades, who rely on school busses to get to school on time, will be affected. "There are going to be some kids who live north of I-96 and live more than a mile away from where they would have to walk to school because there is no public transportation," Tooman said. "It's going to be a real change because their parents might have to walk and they're not going to have a ride, so many will have to walk. It's going to create huge difficulties for so many kids."

Tooman has some very strong feelings about co-curricular activities. He feels they are a big part of education today and without them, many students will suffer. "We're making kids suffer big time with that," Tooman said. "Extra-curricular activities, to me, are a big part of everybody's school life."

About 30 percent of the 1,800 plus students at Novi High School ride the bus, Tooman said with many more people driving to school and people making left hand turns without traffic lights on Taft Road, it would cause big time problems. "It's going to take more time to get kids in and out of the schools and dump kids off and get out of there because of the amount of people who are going to be there," Tooman said. "They have thought about maybe putting one light in there, but there is not one there now. I don't know how many kids would be allowed to drive to school and park because they won't have enough parking places even with the parking lot additions. That will fill up and then some. Many 11th and

12th graders don't have cars either, so they also use the busses."

Field Trips cost money and the transportation department charges by hour and miles. However, Tooman pointed out that the charges are less than any other public transportation.

"We're not in it to make money and we're not in it to lose money," he said. "Having come from another standpoint that thought they were good, it's no comparison to this school district. The commitment to excellence that Novi has, which is our motto, would no longer be, in my opinion, something that they would be hard to maintain. They would become just words because we're not maintaining it any more, we're letting it go downhill because we're giving up so much. We won't be putting kids first. Novi has always put kids first and it's up to the people of Novi to keep it there. Public education is the last thing we fall back on. If a kid slips through the cracks of public education, who saves him or her? The jobs? We have to support public education no matter what. It includes everybody."

Who knows where everything is. "That's the one thing I do for these kids," she said. "I feel that they're really comfortable asking me for help. Kids can come down here any time they want to do some silent reading because there is always somebody here. That would definitely change."

Responsibilities that Zeimis has include checking out books, helping students find books on the shelves, helping them find things on the Internet for research projects, she

cataloging and do all the processing for the books.

Zeimis manages the circulation desks and class schedules, she helps staff and students locate books; assists in the computer lab with Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and everything else that the district uses for the computers.

"I'll help them if they don't understand how to use some of the programs," Zeimis said. "If teachers need technology, like any videotaping or editing, I'll do that. We had a teacher videotape something for the time capsule and then they needed me to burn it to CD. I do cataloging here, so any new books that come in, I'll give them the numbers for

WHAT'S ON THE LINE JUNE 14

With the June 14 ballot only a month away, the Novi Community School District is beginning to feel the heat of trying to make up a \$4.3 million deficit. The ballot will feature two millage renewals and one new millage that administrators and teachers alike are touting as the most important decision Novi voters will make.

If the millage and the two renewals pass, most educational programs in the district will be saved. However, if they don't pass, the following cuts will be necessary:

- K-4 Spanish programs in all the elementary schools \$135,278
- Full-day kindergarten in all the elementary schools \$180,370
- One receptionist at each school building (K-4) \$119,591
- One receptionist at Novi Meadows \$23,918
- One receptionist at Novi Middle School \$23,516
- Athletics at the middle school \$59,690
- A career education counselor \$44,346
- A reduction in high school athletics \$201,650
- A reduction in advanced placement classes \$90,185
- High school bus run \$69,059
- High school pianist \$20,657
- One high school dean of students \$58,644
- One high school dean of students \$58,644
- The high school police liaison officer \$40,675
- Athletic trainer \$29,025
- All extra-curricular clubs at all levels \$204,230
- One media para professional at Novi Meadows \$23,918

Source: Novi Community School District

Millage failures would take a major toll on district's athletics

■ Middle, high school will be hit if millages don't pass

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER



C. Ellis

The Novi Community School District has had a tradition of having strong athletic programs in the Kensington Valley Conference since the league formed in 1979. Students usually get started in sports at Novi Middle School. Kids join programs like basketball, cross country or football, they have fun and if they feel they want to continue playing, their next step is to tryout for freshman or junior varsity teams when they move on to Novi High School. From there their skills are honed as they prepare for varsity level action.

Unfortunately, however, many students who are planning on playing sports at either school next year may not be able to unless they are ready for varsity action. That's because all athletic programs at Novi Middle School and all athletic programs but varsity sports will be cut from the high school unless two millage proposals and one new millage pass on the June 14 ballot.

Half the students participate

According to Novi Middle School Principal Milan Obrenovich, the elimination of athletic programs there would affect about 50 percent of the student population.

Currently in our spring program we have 280 kids out for track alone, he said.

M. Obrenovich

"That's not counting all the kids who are on for soccer or softball or all the other sports. It's an enrichment activity for them, it extends their school day and it's an extension of our educational program. That would all be eliminated."

Obrenovich has been an employee of the district for 38 years. "In that time he has never seen a situation quite like this before. In fact, he was around to witness governors put out executive orders to reduce payments from the state. That was the worst he has ever seen it - until now."

"It's never been to this magnitude," he said. "Not certainly as wide spread as this. It's not just Novi that's experiencing this. It's schools across the state and some will probably be going broke and closing down before next year is over."

"I think if the parents understand what this millage means and what this support the quality of education that Novi Schools provide currently, I'm pretty optimistic that they will vote yes," he added.

Trickle-down effect

The lack of middle school athletics will certainly have a trickle-down effect on the high school, where athletes and academics go hand-in-hand. If kids aren't playing sports before they get to high school, they might not be as interested in trying out for varsity sports as juniors or seniors. Those who do try out may not be as prepared to handle the fast-paced action of varsity life in the Kensington Valley Conference as students in other schools would be.

"Let's focus on the positive and assume the millage goes through,"

District Athletic Director Curt Ellis said. "If it does pass, we will preserve the middle school sports program as well as sub-varsity sports at the high school including freshman and junior varsity teams. That would allow us to continue to connect with and include over 1,000 kids in those two buildings (the middle school and the high school)."

"We're really focused on the positive because it will allow us to continue to provide the kids services from the athletic department standpoint that people expect us to have," Ellis added. "If this does not pass we would be forced to eliminate everything but varsity level sports. Not only does that displace a number of kids and give them nothing to do after school and no way to connect with their school in a meaningful way, it hurts us in the long term in terms of us being a feeder program. You're not developing skills, so the impact won't just be next year in terms of having 1,000 fewer kids participating. We'll see an impact in years to come in terms of not being able to field real competitive teams for a while until that cycle ends."

When you start cutting programs, it's going to start a downward spiral and the bar is going to be lowered," Ellis added. "Each time you lower the bar it makes it that much easier to do it the next time. It's a trickle down effect. It would be very unfortunate if it wouldn't have the athletic programs. There are so many aspects of the kids lives that are affected by having quality sports. It would be a very sad day in Novi if they were eliminated."

Coaches and kids

Lindsay Yusko is currently a sophomore at Novi High School. Luckily for her, she made the varsity pom squad this year, but if she was still on the junior varsity team next year, she would not be able to participate - something she says would have devastated her.

"J.V. was a great experience for me and without having been on the J.V. squad there would have been no way I would have been able to prepare to be a varsity member," she said.

Robert Smith is Novi High School's varsity cross country and head track coach. He says that if there are cuts in athletics, it would change many aspects in how he coaches his sport.

Smith explained that every varsity sport is a little different. Some of them have a feeder program in the middle school, freshman level and junior varsity level. His program is rather unique, however, because it's a varsity team, but he also takes on freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors.

"If they make the cuts in athletics, we go from those coaches for 100 athletes down to one, me," Smith said. "Even if they retain my position as a varsity coach, I physically can't coach 100 kids. There's just really no way, so I would have to be making cuts on a sport that's a haven for athletes who may not be overly gifted or may not have the developed talent yet. Right now they can join track

and not get cut and for the first time ever, they will be cut. Eventually the good athletes will survive in their varsity sports, but I'm going to have to make some wholesale cuts and hundreds of kids will be affected and a big chunk of it will be just from my sport alone."

Smith said that trying to manage 100 athletes becomes a safety issue for one coach. Also, he's worried about what kind of trouble kids may get into if they didn't have athletics to keep them occupied after school.

"Proposal A has just been a terrible decision by our state government and it's handcuffing us," Smith said. "I see this millage as a chance for our community to right a wrong. The community now has the opportunity to fund programs that they want to fund. Here is their chance, and it's a very limited chance, because the government doesn't seem to want to allow local communities to support their school districts in the way that they're willing to."

Though most of the parents Smith interacts with on a daily basis realize the importance of having eyes on these millages, he's still a little nervous because he believes that there is still some complacency in the voting public.

"We really have to educate the voters," Smith said. "There are some people who feel that reading and writing are the only things in school that an education is more than just books. We teach a lot of socialization skills. Skills that aren't offered in any class where they simply read and write. We teach practical life skills."

Steve Carn is on the freshman baseball team this year, coached by Helmkamp. He said, if he's not able to play junior varsity baseball next year and he doesn't make the varsity team, that he would just play for the Novi Heat, an independent, summer baseball travel team that's not affiliated with the school. He believes that without freshman and junior varsity sports, not only will the varsity level suffer, but grade point averages will go down as well.

"Some kids try a lot harder because they have to make sure they get good grades to stay on the sports team," Carn said. "But then if you take away the sports teams and if their parents don't put pressure on them to do well, they don't have anything that really need to try for and they won't get high grades."

Carn explained that students involved in athletics have to be possessed at least three out of four classes to stay on the team. He said that if there were no sports to play, kids might take it a lot easier.

"For some, sports is all they do after school," Carn said. "During baseball season it's fun knowing that every day you're always going to be playing the sport. Coming to high school, sports were one of the things I look forward to most because I went out for freshman baseball this year and next year I'm going out for the golf team and junior varsity hockey. If all that's gone there would be nothing for me to do after school."

Novi High School Counselor Dana Rosner and Counseling Department Head Bill Ayotte both believe that having no athletics would mean the end of the district's extracurricular activities.

continued on page 13

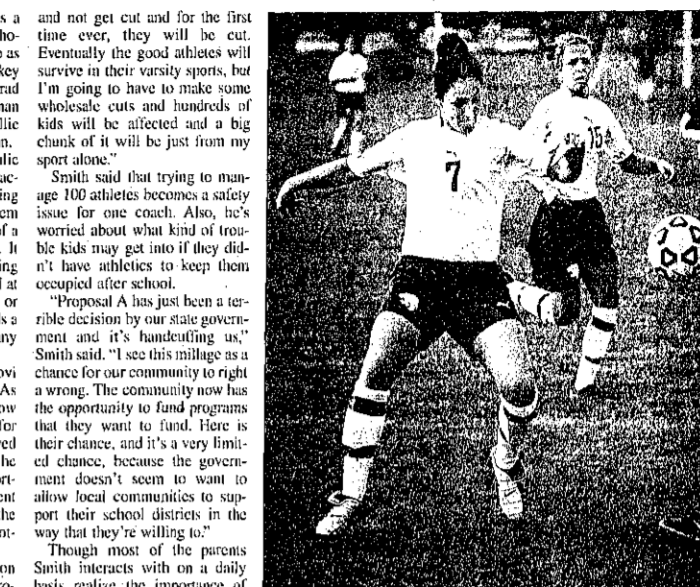


Photo by John Heider

Wildcat Chelisea Aiyeh (#7) tries to get a handle on the ball deep in the Hartland end during a home game in late April. Athletics, like soccer, in the Novi district will face major changes if the millages fail to pass voter scrutiny.

Fifth grade media center affected if millages don't go through

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Many aspects of the Novi Community School District will change for the worse if two millage renewals and one new millage don't pass on June 14. That's according to Katherine Zeimis, Novi Meadows Media para professional, is that students who depend on the fifth grade media center for retaining books will be affected

very much. Zeimis' position will be eliminated if the millages don't go through. Because of her vast responsibilities in the fifth grade media center, many changes will have to be made, which will not be very beneficial to the students. She said that Sharon Rose, the media specialist, would probably have to set up times that kids could come down as a class because there wouldn't be walk-in anytime. If there is no adult supervision, kids couldn't be there.

"Our school is unique because we have two media centers," Zeimis said. "We have a fifth grade media center and a sixth grade media center and we only have one media specialist. If my job was eliminated, there would only be one para professional and one media specialist for two separate libraries - and we need one in each."

Zeimis said the kids would miss out on seeing somebody in the media center who they know well and able to answer their questions and

who knows where everything is. "That's the one thing I do for these kids," she said. "I feel that they're really comfortable asking me for help. Kids can come down here any time they want to do some silent reading because there is always somebody here. That would definitely change."

Responsibilities that Zeimis has include checking out books, helping students find books on the shelves, helping them find things on the Internet for research projects, she

cataloging and do all the processing for the books.

Zeimis manages the circulation desks and class schedules, she helps staff and students locate books; assists in the computer lab with Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and everything else that the district uses for the computers.

"I'll help them if they don't understand how to use some of the programs," Zeimis said. "If teachers need technology, like any videotaping or editing, I'll do that. We had a teacher videotape something for the time capsule and then they needed me to burn it to CD. I do cataloging here, so any new books that come in, I'll give them the numbers for

ABOUT THIS ELECTION SPECIAL:
The stories and candidate Q&As in this report were written and compiled by Ramez Khuri, a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.

STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: June 10, 2004 at 10:00 AM
LOCATION: Novi Town Center 8, 4315 West Two Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48221

NOVI TOWN CENTER 8
4315 West Two Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48221
Call for more information: (248) 349-1700

MOVIE GUIDE
THE BOSTON GLOBE
SHOWTIMES 6:15 - 8:17
ONE EIGHTY-NINE
SPECIAL FILMS

FATHER'S DAY SALES EVENT

Thomasville Best Selling Sofa, NOW IN A SECTIONAL!
REGULAR \$8,299
SALE \$7,999

NOW THROUGH JUNE 19. TAKE AN ADDITIONAL 10% OFF ALL BARCALOUNGER - and - BRADINGTON or YOUNG

Thomasville
WINNERS ONLY
HARBERSHAM
SMITH, BRADINGTON
ISENHOUR
HOOVER
LEXINGTON
BRADINGTON/YOUNG
BARCALOUNGER
NICHOLS & STONE
HENREDON
SHERRILL
SALOOM
Durham
HOWARD MILLER
Stanley
HEKMAN
Sleigh
CANADEL

Three Leather Sofas. One Amazing Price. \$1,499.00
All sofas are 100% top grain leather with 6-way hand tuft construction!

ROYAL PATINA ENTERTAINMENT CENTER COLLECTION.
The look is one of a kind. Each is designed, crafted and finished to represent the very best of the furniture-maker's art.

SPECIAL PURCHASE. Your choice \$999.00 NOW THROUGH JUNE 19. AVAILABLE AT OUR SOUTHWEST LOCATION ONLY.

52 Years: The best selection. The best service. The best price. Guaranteed.
For exclusively Thomasville, For Thomasville and other fine collections.

McLaughlin's Thomasville HOME FURNISHINGS OF NOVI
42200 Grand River, Novi • 248.344.2551

McLaughlin's of Southgate HOME FURNISHING DESIGNS
14405 Dir. Southgate • 734.285.5454

Trigeminal Neuralgia

New hope through Gamma Knife surgery.
Call toll free (866) MI-GAMMA or visit www.midmichigan.org/trigeminal.

MidMichigan Medical Center
Midland

"Desperate Woman Finally Ends Lifelong Pain And Fatigue With Amazing, New Fibromyalgia Solution..."

If you suffer with fibromyalgia, then reading this may be the most important thing you do this year...it can possibly show you an amazing new way to get immediate and lasting relief from many fibromyalgia symptoms. A new, free report has recently been released that exposes what I believe is the true cause of most fibromyalgia symptoms that most doctors miss. If you are tired of suffering while your doctor plays "trial & error" with dangerous medications, then call for your free report. 1-800-222-8494 24 hr recorder message. Don't live another day in pain when the possible solution is here!

THINKING OF SELLING YOUR HOME?

- Full Service • Buyer Brokerage • Internet Only
- Seller Only Brokerage • For Sale By Owner
- Help you sell • MLS Service Only

If you are confused by all the new options available to Home Sellers, Contact me for a Free Market Analysis and I will also assist you through the maze of different service options. Together we will choose the program best suited for your needs

Ginger Barrons
ABR, ABRM, CRS Broker/Owner
24300 Meadowbrook Road
Bis: (248) 476-0540 • Pager: (248) 496-7007

RED CARPET KEIM
RELIABLE REAL ESTATE

WOW! \$899 BONELESS BLACK ANGUS RIBEYE STEAKS
WOW! \$299 CRISP PEPPERS
WOW! \$229 EXTRA LEAN GROUND BEEF FROM ROUND
WOW! \$1499 COPPER RIVER SOCKEYE SALMON
WOW! \$299 SAVOR THE FLAVOR BLACK ANGUS SKINLESS FRANKS
WOW! \$499 CHARDONNAY, CABERNET, ZINFANDEL, SHIRAZ or MERLOT RAVENSWOOD VINTNER'S BLENDS 750 ml. BTL.
WOW! \$499 TAKE 10% OFF! ANY 3 BOTTLES OR MORE (EXCLUDES SALES ITEMS)
WOW! \$299 CUCINA VIVA GNOCCHI 25 oz.
WOW! \$299 2 17.5 PKGS. 1 LITER BOTTLES ORANGINA
WOW! \$299 GOURMET TO-GO ATKINS APPROVED CHEDDAR BURGERS 100% CARBI

1007 E. GRAND RIVER • BRIGHTON
VISIT US ON THE WEB: www.taorellos.com (810) 225-8900 GOURMET CATERING GIFT BASKETS

Many changes at high school if voters deny millages

Administrative team would be cut in half

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

June 14 is going to be a very important day for the Novi Community School District. It could either mark the end of the way it runs as we know it today, or if administrators have their way, it could mark the day that most educational programs will be restored.

On Monday, citizens in Novi will be asked to vote on two millage renewals and one new millage that, if passed, will save many educational programs and some jobs in the district.

If they do not pass, however, many adjustments will have to be made in order to accommodate the losses.



J. Lawrence

In addition to possibly losing all athletics except varsity sports at Novi High School alone, Principal John Lawrence is bracing for the loss of many basic reductions that will be made regardless of the vote.

These losses will affect most of the other schools in the district as well.

According to Lawrence, those cuts will certainly change the way the high school is run and in the long run, have a negative affect on students - something he fears the most.

"I've spent my whole career here and I've watched Novi go from a very small rural community school district, to a very large, well known school district, even to the point where we are a reformed school district," Lawrence said. "Universities want our students to come to them because of our high standards. I don't know if that would hold true if these cuts go through."

Lawrence asked the questions, "What's going to happen to our standards? What's going to happen to Novi?"

"I've talked to many parents who say they're happy to be here and that they moved here because of the schools," he said. "I'm very proud of what we've done here and I know many other people have had a hard time in that. We have benefited the community and we've had their support. Now's the time to continue to support the schools and to vote certainly in their convictions, but do what they moved here for. This is why you moved here. Now is the time to support that."

The basic reductions will be made regardless of the vote outcome, so the high school has had to accept them. But how exactly will the other reductions, the ones that will occur if the millages fail, affect the school?

Reduce high school advanced placement classes

"I don't want to ever see a reduction in classes at this high school or a reduction in opportunities for our students," Lawrence said.

"Advanced placement classes help promote academics, they help promote Novi High School as an exemplary high school and we have a very high rate of students who are

interested in taking them. Any time there is any kind of reduction in any kind of programming, especially here, where students can advance and further their education, that bothers me."

Lawrence explained that reducing advanced placement classes doesn't make students go away. They're still going to be at the school, but they're just going to have to go into some other classes.

Eliminate career counselor

Lawrence explained that the high school has a very extensive career preparation program that students benefit from and that Bill Schoff, the career counselor, goes into classrooms and works with students on individual development planning. Students look at their courses, align them to their strengths and weaknesses and use career pathways.

"Mr. Schoff has provided a wealth of that information," Lawrence said. "It's this info that's allowing along the track and now I'd hate to see it fall off the track because that's basically what would happen without somebody pushing that along. It's positive stuff because we are educating students for hopefully a career that they will go into someday."

Eliminate the high school pianist

The high school pianist accompanies the choir department. According to Lawrence, without that person, the choir teachers would have to play the piano and do instruction at the same time. Music education will not be as enhanced because the instructor has to play the piano as well as pay attention to the mechanics of the students singing, whereas before, there is a person playing the piano and the instructor can focus totally on what's going on with the students.

Eliminate all after-school clubs

"This is something that is very near and dear to my heart," Lawrence said. "We look at ourselves as educating the whole child. We don't educate just the academic portion. There is so much more that we have to offer our students and that that on a regular basis with these clubs."

Lawrence said that the participants in after-school clubs are the most vital at the high school. The clubs are tied to academics and they give students an opportunity to further their education with more of a hands-on application of what they have learned in the classroom.

"Elimination of after-school clubs would be huge," Lawrence said. "To imagine kids coming to school and then leaving at the end of school and going home without any other academics involved is scary to me. It also allows for a lot of socialization and allows kids to interact outside of the classroom setting. It's very positive for kids. We want students here after school participating in activities. That would be devastating to us to lose that."

Eliminate high school police liaison position

"I have been so impressed and pleased with having a school police liaison officer on this campus," Lawrence said. "Detective Jerrod Hart has been so instrumental and

we would all have to absorb some of that, but, there are some things that we may not be able to do because of there's not enough hours in the day," Lawrence said.

"We're pulled in so many different directions and as we grow it's only going to increase," he added.

"We're adding on another 150,000 square feet and when we're all done here we should be thinking about increasing the amount of supervision and access that students have to deans, assistant principals and myself."

All supplies reduced by 13 percent

"We make do with what we have but we certainly need resources to teach," Lawrence said. "That's something that is an expanding cost for everybody. It's the cost of doing business."

Lawrence said that the high school has a very extensive career preparation program that students benefit from and that Bill Schoff, the career counselor, goes into classrooms and works with students on individual development planning. Students look at their courses, align them to their strengths and weaknesses and use career pathways.

Lawrence said that the high school has a very extensive career preparation program that students benefit from and that Bill Schoff, the career counselor, goes into classrooms and works with students on individual development planning. Students look at their courses, align them to their strengths and weaknesses and use career pathways.

Lawrence said that the high school has a very extensive career preparation program that students benefit from and that Bill Schoff, the career counselor, goes into classrooms and works with students on individual development planning. Students look at their courses, align them to their strengths and weaknesses and use career pathways.

Lawrence said that the high school has a very extensive career preparation program that students benefit from and that Bill Schoff, the career counselor, goes into classrooms and works with students on individual development planning. Students look at their courses, align them to their strengths and weaknesses and use career pathways.

Lawrence said that the high school has a very extensive career preparation program that students benefit from and that Bill Schoff, the career counselor, goes into classrooms and works with students on individual development planning. Students look at their courses, align them to their strengths and weaknesses and use career pathways.

Lawrence said that the high school has a very extensive career preparation program that students benefit from and that Bill Schoff, the career counselor, goes into classrooms and works with students on individual development planning. Students look at their courses, align them to their strengths and weaknesses and use career pathways.

Lawrence said that the high school has a very extensive career preparation program that students benefit from and that Bill Schoff, the career counselor, goes into classrooms and works with students on individual development planning. Students look at their courses, align them to their strengths and weaknesses and use career pathways.

Lawrence said that the high school has a very extensive career preparation program that students benefit from and that Bill Schoff, the career counselor, goes into classrooms and works with students on individual development planning. Students look at their courses, align them to their strengths and weaknesses and use career pathways.

Lawrence said that the high school has a very extensive career preparation program that students benefit from and that Bill Schoff, the career counselor, goes into classrooms and works with students on individual development planning. Students look at their courses, align them to their strengths and weaknesses and use career pathways.

Lawrence said that the high school has a very extensive career preparation program that students benefit from and that Bill Schoff, the career counselor, goes into classrooms and works with students on individual development planning. Students look at their courses, align them to their strengths and weaknesses and use career pathways.

Lawrence said that the high school has a very extensive career preparation program that students benefit from and that Bill Schoff, the career counselor, goes into classrooms and works with students on individual development planning. Students look at their courses, align them to their strengths and weaknesses and use career pathways.

Lawrence said that the high school has a very extensive career preparation program that students benefit from and that Bill Schoff, the career counselor, goes into classrooms and works with students on individual development planning. Students look at their courses, align them to their strengths and weaknesses and use career pathways.

Lawrence said that the high school has a very extensive career preparation program that students benefit from and that Bill Schoff, the career counselor, goes into classrooms and works with students on individual development planning. Students look at their courses, align them to their strengths and weaknesses and use career pathways.

Lawrence said that the high school has a very extensive career preparation program that students benefit from and that Bill Schoff, the career counselor, goes into classrooms and works with students on individual development planning. Students look at their courses, align them to their strengths and weaknesses and use career pathways.

Lawrence said that the high school has a very extensive career preparation program that students benefit from and that Bill Schoff, the career counselor, goes into classrooms and works with students on individual development planning. Students look at their courses, align them to their strengths and weaknesses and use career pathways.

Lawrence said that the high school has a very extensive career preparation program that students benefit from and that Bill Schoff, the career counselor, goes into classrooms and works with students on individual development planning. Students look at their courses, align them to their strengths and weaknesses and use career pathways.

Lawrence said that the high school has a very extensive career preparation program that students benefit from and that Bill Schoff, the career counselor, goes into classrooms and works with students on individual development planning. Students look at their courses, align them to their strengths and weaknesses and use career pathways.

Lawrence said that the high school has a very extensive career preparation program that students benefit from and that Bill Schoff, the career counselor, goes into classrooms and works with students on individual development planning. Students look at their courses, align them to their strengths and weaknesses and use career pathways.

Lawrence said that the high school has a very extensive career preparation program that students benefit from and that Bill Schoff, the career counselor, goes into classrooms and works with students on individual development planning. Students look at their courses, align them to their strengths and weaknesses and use career pathways.

Lawrence said that the high school has a very extensive career preparation program that students benefit from and that Bill Schoff, the career counselor, goes into classrooms and works with students on individual development planning. Students look at their courses, align them to their strengths and weaknesses and use career pathways.

Lawrence said that the high school has a very extensive career preparation program that students benefit from and that Bill Schoff, the career counselor, goes into classrooms and works with students on individual development planning. Students look at their courses, align them to their strengths and weaknesses and use career pathways.

Lawrence said that the high school has a very extensive career preparation program that students benefit from and that Bill Schoff, the career counselor, goes into classrooms and works with students on individual development planning. Students look at their courses, align them to their strengths and weaknesses and use career pathways.

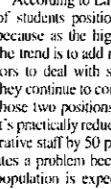
interested in taking them. Any time there is any kind of reduction in any kind of programming, especially here, where students can advance and further their education, that bothers me."

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

June 14 is going to be a very important day for the Novi Community School District. It could either mark the end of the way it runs as we know it today, or if administrators have their way, it could mark the day that most educational programs will be restored.

On Monday, citizens in Novi will be asked to vote on two millage renewals and one new millage that, if passed, will save many educational programs and some jobs in the district.

If they do not pass, however, many adjustments will have to be made in order to accommodate the losses.



Carol Diglio

In her role in pupil accounting, Diglio deals with students regarding attendance. She also works with 10th grade discipline. The majority of her job during the school day is spent being in contact with kids. Some of that contact is merely time to help a kid who has trouble, or who wants to just chat with somebody.

"You're looking at four less people who are going to be available for kids," she said. "That is all of our worries. We generate money for the school with pupil accounting. So someone is definitely going to have to take over many of our roles. I don't know now, or in what direction it will all be broken up, that's not for me to decide, but I would imagine that someone along the lines, someone is going to have to absorb our positions."

The new wing that's being built at the high school will consist of over 150,000 square feet. Without the deans being visible between blocks there, there is potential for students to get into trouble.

"We are visible in between every block," Diglio said. "We have our post and we rotate every two weeks. We have five or six of us covering that row and then we're going to go down to three to open a new wing? A lot of that brings up safety issues. We need to be visible. We make it a point to be visible in between classes and let the kids know that

positive, some of them may not be so positive. Our athletic director put it in perspective to me when he said that the new wing alone is like a class B high school. If we're looking at those numbers, that's huge. We're expanding to reach 2,400 kids in 2007. We're over 1,800 now and you're talking about taking half of our administrative team away. That would affect us tremendously."

Jamii Hitchcock

Currently, in her position of Dean of Student Activities, all of Hitchcock's contact is with students. In addition to her position possibly being cut, all co-curricular activities would be cut as well, which is a big part of her position. She oversees all the club and class sponsors, which includes everything outside of the classroom except for sports. "We're talking about clubs, activities, prom, homecoming, all of those fun things we do outside of the classroom," Hitchcock said. "They're talking about totally cutting the co-curricular clubs and activities. It will affect the learning process in the school because all of our clubs are co-curricular activities, so they're extensions of the classrooms."

Right now the high school is looking at about 20 different clubs that could be cut. There are some kids who are involved in more than one club, but it equals out to about 1,092 students who are on the club rosters right now. So, out of 1,800 that are in the school, there are 1,100 students who are involved in a club in some way.

"They meet after school and we're looking at, now 1,100 kids are not involved, which means they have to find other things to do," Hitchcock said. "Some of those things may be committed, I investigate them. I am on the site. They do not have to call dispatch to have a market unit sent over, the simply pick up the phone or walk down to my office and we can start an investigation right away. Not to mention the deterrence factor. A lot of kids know that there is a police officer on campus and if they are thinking about making poor choices, we hope that just knowing that I'm here, will offer a deterrence for them."

Another bend on the issue is that college applications usually ask students which CO-curricular activities they participated in. If they can't name any, it will diminish their chances of getting into the schools they apply to.

"For a lot of our kids, participating in multiple sports is a way of life," Ayotte said. "From that standpoint, kids in these years have a lot of energy and I think not having athletics would have an impact on the social and academic world atmosphere of our school. Sports is an integral part of this institution. It always has been."

"These kids just have a lot of athletics and clubs to point them in the right, positive direction," Ayotte added. "To me, when that energy can't be channeled that way, it makes me nervous. The kids we're talking to do better academically a lot of times during the sports season. It makes

them manage their time better."

Boosters impacted as well

Nancy Morris, the Novi Athletic Boosters Club President, has a different perspective on the matter. She has the same feelings as many others - in that athletics are important to the development of the student athlete, not just in their athletic ability but also scholastically - but as a boosters organization she has been involved in raising funds for athletics even before the issue came up.

"We're basically a fundraising organization that supports the athletic programs, middle school and high school in the district," Morris said. "I think this would be a devastating blow to the community. In Novi we have always had such strong support for our athletics and such a great program, that I just can't believe the community wouldn't be behind and supporting the programs."

The boosters are currently trying to come up with ways to raise funds. They have formed a fundraising committee and Morris has gone to the school board several times to talk about ways that could help raise more funds, although they know that there's no way that they could hope to cover the loss that will be covered by the millage.

"My hope is to help the district to fund more sports," Morris said. "We're not looking to fund what the millage cuts, we're hoping to have more opportunities for kids in sports and that is what kind of started the whole committee to fund money. Our role will become more critical if funding is cut, but there's no way the boosters can make up for that difference in the district if the millage doesn't pass."

Another bend on the issue is that college applications usually ask students which CO-curricular activities they participated in. If they can't name any, it will diminish their chances of getting into the schools they apply to.

"For a lot of our kids, participating in multiple sports is a way of life," Ayotte said. "From that standpoint, kids in these years have a lot of energy and I think not having athletics would have an impact on the social and academic world atmosphere of our school. Sports is an integral part of this institution. It always has been."

"These kids just have a lot of athletics and clubs to point them in the right, positive direction," Ayotte added. "To me, when that energy can't be channeled that way, it makes me nervous. The kids we're talking to do better academically a lot of times during the sports season. It makes

them manage their time better."

Boosters impacted as well

Nancy Morris, the Novi Athletic Boosters Club President, has a different perspective on the matter. She has the same feelings as many others - in that athletics are important to the development of the student athlete, not just in their athletic ability but also scholastically - but as a boosters organization she has been involved in raising funds for athletics even before the issue came up.

"We're basically a fundraising organization that supports the athletic programs, middle school and high school in the district," Morris said. "I think this would be a devastating blow to the community. In Novi we have always had such strong support for our athletics and such a great program, that I just can't believe the community wouldn't be behind and supporting the programs."

The boosters are currently trying to come up with ways to raise funds. They have formed a fundraising committee and Morris has gone to the school board several times to talk about ways that could help raise more funds, although they know that there's no way that they could hope to cover the loss that will be covered by the millage.

"My hope is to help the district to fund more sports," Morris said. "We're not looking to fund what the millage cuts, we're hoping to have more opportunities for kids in sports and that is what kind of started the whole committee to fund money. Our role will become more critical if funding is cut, but there's no way the boosters can make up for that difference in the district if the millage doesn't pass."

Another bend on the issue is that college applications usually ask students which CO-curricular activities they participated in. If they can't name any, it will diminish their chances of getting into the schools they apply to.

"For a lot of our kids, participating in multiple sports is a way of life," Ayotte said. "From that standpoint, kids in these years have a lot of energy and I think not having athletics would have an impact on the social and academic world atmosphere of our school. Sports is an integral part of this institution. It always has been."

"These kids just have a lot of athletics and clubs to point them in the right, positive direction," Ayotte added. "To me, when that energy can't be channeled that way, it makes me nervous. The kids we're talking to do better academically a lot of times during the sports season. It makes

them manage their time better."

Boosters impacted as well

Nancy Morris, the Novi Athletic Boosters Club President, has a different perspective on the matter. She has the same feelings as many others - in that athletics are important to the development of the student athlete, not just in their athletic ability but also scholastically - but as a boosters organization she has been involved in raising funds for athletics even before the issue came up.

"We're basically a fundraising organization that supports the athletic programs, middle school and high school in the district," Morris said. "I think this would be a devastating blow to the community. In Novi we have always had such strong support for our athletics and such a great program, that I just can't believe the community wouldn't be behind and supporting the programs."

The boosters are currently trying to come up with ways to raise funds. They have formed a fundraising committee and Morris has gone to the school board several times to talk about ways that could help raise more funds, although they know that there's no way that they could hope to cover the loss that will be covered by the millage.

"My hope is to help the district to fund more sports," Morris said. "We're not looking to fund what the millage cuts, we're hoping to have more opportunities for kids in sports and that is what kind of started the whole committee to fund money. Our role will become more critical if funding is cut, but there's no way the boosters can make up for that difference in the district if the millage doesn't pass."

Another bend on the issue is that college applications usually ask students which CO-curricular activities they participated in. If they can't name any, it will diminish their chances of getting into the schools they apply to.

"For a lot of our kids, participating in multiple sports is a way of life," Ayotte said. "From that standpoint, kids in these years have a lot of energy and I think not having athletics would have an impact on the social and academic world atmosphere of our school. Sports is an integral part of this institution. It always has been."

"These kids just have a lot of athletics and clubs to point them in the right, positive direction," Ayotte added. "To me, when that energy can't be channeled that way, it makes me nervous. The kids we're talking to do better academically a lot of times during the sports season. It makes

them manage their time better."

Boosters impacted as well

Nancy Morris, the Novi Athletic Boosters Club President, has a different perspective on the matter. She has the same feelings as many others - in that athletics are important to the development of the student athlete, not just in their athletic ability but also scholastically - but as a boosters organization she has been involved in raising funds for athletics even before the issue came up.

"We're basically a fundraising organization that supports the athletic programs, middle school and high school in the district," Morris said. "I think this would be a devastating blow to the community. In Novi we have always had such strong support for our athletics and such a great program, that I just can't believe the community wouldn't be behind and supporting the programs."

The boosters are currently trying to come up with ways to raise funds. They have formed a fundraising committee and Morris has gone to the school board several times to talk about ways that could help raise more funds, although they know that there's no way that they could hope to cover the loss that will be covered by the millage.

"My hope is to help the district to fund more sports," Morris said. "We're not looking to fund what the millage cuts, we're hoping to have more opportunities for kids in sports and that is what kind of started the whole committee to fund money. Our role will become more critical if funding is cut, but there's no way the boosters can make up for that difference in the district if the millage doesn't pass."

Another bend on the issue is that college applications usually ask students which CO-curricular activities they participated in. If they can't name any, it will diminish their chances of getting into the schools they apply to.

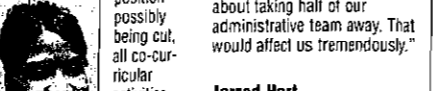
"For a lot of our kids, participating in multiple sports is a way of life," Ayotte said. "From that standpoint, kids in these years have a lot of energy and I think not having athletics would have an impact on the social and academic world atmosphere of our school. Sports is an integral part of this institution. It always has been."

FROM THEIR POINT OF VIEW

we're out and about and we're there for safety reasons."

Jamii Hitchcock

Currently, in her position of Dean of Student Activities, all of Hitchcock's contact is with students. In addition to her position possibly being cut, all co-curricular activities would be cut as well, which is a big part of her position. She oversees all the club and class sponsors, which includes everything outside of the classroom except for sports. "We're talking about clubs, activities, prom, homecoming, all of those fun things we do outside of the classroom," Hitchcock said. "They're talking about totally cutting the co-curricular clubs and activities. It will affect the learning process in the school because all of our clubs are co-curricular activities, so they're extensions of the classrooms."



Jerrod Hart

The National Association of School Resource Officers defines a role of a school resource officer as a teacher, counselor and law enforcement officer. The association talks about a school resource officer being a guest teacher or speaker to help their knowledge of the law.

"I feel that the kids will really be the ones who suffer because these are all roles that are very important," Hart said. "I am a Novi police officer and when there are crimes that are committed, I investigate them. I am on the site. They do not have to call dispatch to have a market unit sent over, the simply pick up the phone or walk down to my office and we can start an investigation right away. Not to mention the deterrence factor. A lot of kids know that there is a police officer on campus and if they are thinking about making poor choices, we hope that just knowing that I'm here, will offer a deterrence for them."

Another bend on the issue is that college applications usually ask students which CO-curricular activities they participated in. If they can't name any, it will diminish their chances of getting into the schools they apply to.

"For a lot of our kids, participating in multiple sports is a way of life," Ayotte said. "From that standpoint, kids in these years have a lot of energy and I think not having athletics would have an impact on the social and academic world atmosphere of our school. Sports is an integral part of this institution. It always has been."

"These kids just have a lot of athletics and clubs to point them in the right, positive direction," Ayotte added. "To me, when that energy can't be channeled that way, it makes me nervous. The kids we're talking to do better academically a lot of times during the sports season. It makes

them manage their time better."

Boosters impacted as well

Nancy Morris, the Novi Athletic Boosters Club President, has a different perspective on the matter. She has the same feelings as many others - in that athletics are important to the development of the student athlete, not just in their athletic ability but also scholastically - but as a boosters organization she has been involved in raising funds for athletics even before the issue came up.

"We're basically a fundraising organization that supports the athletic programs, middle school and high school in the district," Morris said. "I think this would be a devastating blow to the community. In Novi we have always had such strong support for our athletics and such a great program, that I just can't believe the community wouldn't be behind and supporting the programs."

The boosters are currently trying to come up with ways to raise funds. They have formed a fundraising committee and Morris has gone to the school board several times to talk about ways that could help raise more funds, although they know that there's no way that they could hope to cover the loss that will be covered by the millage.

"My hope is to help the district to fund more sports," Morris said. "We're not looking to fund what the millage cuts, we're hoping to have more opportunities for kids in sports and that is what kind of started the whole committee to fund money. Our role will become more critical if funding is cut, but there's no way the boosters can make up for that difference in the district if the millage doesn't pass."

Another bend on the issue is that college applications usually ask students which CO-curricular activities they participated in. If they can't name any, it will diminish their chances of getting into the schools they apply to.

"For a lot of our kids, participating in multiple sports is a way of life," Ayotte said. "From that standpoint, kids in these years have a lot of energy and I think not having athletics would have an impact on the social and academic world atmosphere of our school. Sports is an integral part of this institution. It always has been."

"These kids just have a lot of athletics and clubs to point them in the right, positive direction," Ayotte added. "To me, when that energy can't be channeled that way, it makes me nervous. The kids we're talking to do better academically a lot of times during the sports season. It makes

them manage their time better."

Boosters impacted as well

Nancy Morris, the Novi Athletic Boosters Club President, has a different perspective on the matter. She has the same feelings as many others - in that athletics are important to the development of the student athlete, not just in their athletic ability but also scholastically - but as a boosters organization she has been involved in raising funds for athletics even before the issue came up.

"We're basically a fundraising organization that supports the athletic programs, middle school and high school in the district," Morris said. "I think this would be a devastating blow to the community. In Novi we have always had such strong support for our athletics and such a great program, that I just can't believe the community wouldn't be behind and supporting the programs."

The boosters are currently trying to come up with ways to raise funds. They have formed a fundraising committee and Morris has gone to the school board several times to talk about ways that could help raise more funds, although they know that there's no way that they could hope to cover the loss that will be covered by the millage.

"My hope is to help the district to fund more sports," Morris said. "We're not looking to fund what the millage cuts, we're hoping to have more opportunities for kids in sports and that is what kind of started the whole committee to fund money. Our role will become more critical if funding is cut, but there's no way the boosters can make up for that difference in the district if the millage doesn't pass."

Another bend on the issue is that college applications usually ask students which CO-curricular activities they participated in. If they can't name any, it will diminish their chances of getting into the schools they apply to.

"For a lot of our kids, participating in multiple sports is a way of life," Ayotte said. "From that standpoint, kids in these years have a lot of energy and I think not having athletics would have an impact on the social and academic world atmosphere of our school. Sports is an integral part of this institution. It always has been."

"These kids just have a lot of athletics and clubs to point them in the right, positive direction," Ayotte added. "To me, when that energy can't be channeled that way, it makes me nervous. The kids we're talking to do better academically a lot of times during the sports season. It makes

them manage their time better."

Boosters impacted as well

Nancy Morris, the Novi Athletic Boosters Club President, has a different perspective on the matter. She has the same feelings as many others - in that athletics are important to the development of the student athlete, not just in their athletic ability but also scholastically - but as a boosters organization she has been involved in raising funds for athletics even before the issue came up.

"We're basically a fundraising organization that supports the athletic programs, middle school and high school in the district," Morris said. "I think this would be a devastating blow to the community. In Novi we have always had such strong support for our athletics and such a great program, that I just can't believe the community wouldn't be behind and supporting the programs."

The boosters are currently trying to come up with ways to raise funds. They have formed a fundraising committee and Morris has gone to the school board several times to talk about ways that could help raise more funds, although they know that there's no way that they could hope to cover the loss that will be covered by the millage.

"My hope is to help the district to fund more sports," Morris said. "We're not looking to fund what the millage cuts, we're hoping to have more opportunities for kids in sports and that is what kind of started the whole committee to fund money. Our role will become more critical if funding is cut, but there's no way the boosters can make up for that difference in the district if the millage doesn't pass."

Another bend on the issue is that college applications usually ask students which CO-curricular activities they participated in. If they can't name any, it will diminish their chances of getting into the schools they apply to.

"For a lot of our kids, participating in multiple sports is a way of life," Ayotte said. "From that standpoint, kids in these years have a lot of energy and I think not having athletics would have an impact on the social and academic world atmosphere of our school. Sports is an integral part of this institution. It always has been."

"These kids just have a lot of athletics and clubs to point them in the right, positive direction," Ayotte added. "To me, when that energy can't be channeled that way, it makes me nervous. The kids we're talking to do better academically a lot of times during the sports season. It makes

them manage their time better."

Boosters impacted as well

Nancy Morris, the Novi Athletic Boosters Club President, has a different perspective on the matter. She has the same feelings as many others - in that athletics are important to the development of the student athlete, not just in their athletic ability but also scholastically - but as a boosters organization she has been involved in raising funds for athletics even before the issue came up.

"We're basically a fundraising organization that supports the athletic programs, middle school and high school in the district," Morris said. "I think this would be a devastating blow to the community. In Novi we have always had such strong support for our athletics and such a great program, that I just can't believe the community wouldn't be behind and supporting the programs."

The boosters are currently trying to come up with ways to raise funds. They have formed a fundraising committee and Morris has gone to the school board several times to talk about ways that could help raise more funds, although they know that there's no way that they could hope to cover the loss that will be covered by the millage.

"My hope is to help the district to fund more sports," Morris said. "We're not looking to fund what the millage cuts, we're hoping to have more opportunities for kids in sports and that is what kind of started the whole committee to fund money. Our role will become more critical if funding is

1. Why do you want to be on the school board?

I want to run for the school board as an "interested" member of my volunteer service to the Novi community. Since we returned to Novi in 1998, my wife and I felt it was extremely important to set a good example for our two teenage daughters by volunteering at church and in the school district.

My wife, Gail, is the past president of the Novi Band Boosters, and I'm the publicity director (and former vice president) of the Novi Athletic Boosters.

With our second child graduating from Novi High School next month, I will have the time and energy to focus my passion for volunteering on the broader issues that face the Novi Community School District.

2. Why should residents vote for you?

Residents should vote for me because I have the passion, honesty, business skills and dedication to help continue the excellence of education and extra-curricular activities that have been part of the fabric of the Novi community over the years.

We face tough financial times. We need to take a business approach to this daunting challenge. For example, we face a \$4.3-million deficit this year, and all the dialogue focuses on raising taxes and cutting programs. Few districts that 88 percent of the school dis-

2. Why do you want to be on the school board?

trict budget is labor - and we don't manage our labor effectively or consistently. For example, elementary school teachers receive planning time for 14 percent of their day. Middle school teachers get 28 percent planning time, and high school teachers get 24 percent planning time. If everyone received 14 percent planning time, we could reduce our budget deficit by almost \$1 million - without hurting our children's education.

As everyone knows, this is not the most glamorous time to run for any elected local office - given the fiscal constraints that all local municipalities and school districts face because of shrinking state funding. Still, residents who know me and my family understand that I will make the difficult decisions that are in the best interest of Novi students. It won't be easy, but I'll always keep our children's educational goals as the top priority.

3. What do you hope to accomplish?

When school districts face budget issues, the instinct of everyone is to look at what programs need to be cut to balance the budget. I want to change that mindset. That's what I want to accomplish. When we face a budget issue, we should think about how we can raise money - increase revenue - to keep important programs viable.

We need to reach out to Novi merchants, and ask them to support us. It's in everyone's best interest.

DENNIS O'CONNOR

Age: 46
 Resident of Novi: 13 years
 Spouse: Gail
 Children: Sara-Beth, 19; and Lisa, 17
 Profession: Training/marketing consultant, DOCOM Consulting, LLC
 Education: MBA, Wayne State University; Major: marketing/management; BA, University of Michigan, 1979
 Community School District and how would you go about handling them?



The top three challenges:
 1) Balance the budget - Explore and investigate the following: standardize teacher planning periods; a hiring freeze; elimination overtime on all non-academic positions; eliminate Spanish for elementary school classes - but offer this service as a fee-based, revenue-generating program through Community Educators; generate additional revenue through fees on popular programs - such as additional preschool classes, all-day kindergarten, community education/adult education classes, athletics and clubs; examine and eliminate duplicative services that the schools and the city offer to Novi residents. (Do we really need two, separate snow-plowing services for the city streets and our school park-

4. What are the top three challenges facing the Novi Community School District and how would you go about handling them?

1) Balance the budget - Explore and investigate the following: standardize teacher planning periods; a hiring freeze; elimination overtime on all non-academic positions; eliminate Spanish for elementary school classes - but offer this service as a fee-based, revenue-generating program through Community Educators; generate additional revenue through fees on popular programs - such as additional preschool classes, all-day kindergarten, community education/adult education classes, athletics and clubs; examine and eliminate duplicative services that the schools and the city offer to Novi residents. (Do we really need two, separate snow-plowing services for the city streets and our school park-

ing lots?); further reduce school administration (We can't afford two deans at the high school, and we can't afford an assistant principal for Meadows Elementary.)
 2) Hiring a new superintendent - During this four-year term, we will be hiring a new superintendent. He/she will be the new leader of Novi schools. That hire is very important to the future direction of the district. I've had extensive experience in recruiting/hiring/firing employees in the private, corporate sector. That experience will be valuable to the school board over the next four years.

3) Bridging the gap between the schools and Novi merchants - Direct administration to develop a coordinated, long-term marketing plan (focused on fundraising activities) to raise additional revenue for popular school programs.

5. What hopes and dreams do you have for Novi Schools?

Imagine yourself as a member of a college admissions board for any major university in North America. Or, imagine yourself as an employer in a high-tech industry. An application comes across your desk from a student who has had 12 years of education in the Novi Community School District. The application is filled with lofty grades, exceptional test scores, and multiple Advanced Placement (AP) courses or multiple vocational classes and many extra-curricular activities. Clearly, this is a well-

6. What do you think is the role of a board member?

The role of a board member is to be a leader - not a follower. Board members should be proactive, not reactive, to serious district issues. Too often, government officials are great at reacting to problems - after it's too late. That's not leadership. Similarly, many Novi administrators and some board members want to wait until the state state to increase funding to all Oakland County schools. That may not happen - and we can't count on the state to bail us out of financial disaster. That's a reactive strategy.

A key role of a board member is to proactively structure our educational programs within budget constraints. That's why I'm supporting Bruce Bagdady, the current Novi school board president, for the second of the two open positions on the school board. He is a leader who deserves re-election because he proactively works to solve budget problems which, in turn, helps maintain the education excellence we all expect from our district.

Finally, I support the belief that fairness is meeting the academic, social and emotional needs of each individual child.

1. Why do you want to be on the school board?

As a member of the Novi School Board, I want to continue volunteering my time to make a difference and support true learning for our children within a caring community environment. I believe every child learns differently and teachers need to be supported to meet the needs of our diverse population of learners.

The district will be hiring a new superintendent and I plan to participate in that selection process as a board member. The candidate must fit the district's goals, objectives and our commitment to excellence. I will act as a link between the public, the staff and administration to support best teaching and learning practices for each child. I anticipate my term as a board member will be filled with challenging opportunities for me to reflect what is important within our community.

2. Why should residents vote for you?

I chose Novi as my home 18 years ago because I wanted my future children to attend a high quality school. With three children currently attending Novi Schools,

KATIE RAEON

Age: 46
 Resident of Novi: 18 years
 Spouse: Floyd Raeton
 Children: Nick Raeton 16, Elissa Raeton 14, and Alex Raeton 10
 Profession: registered nurse for 24 years; currently working part time at Berry Surgery Center in Farmington Hills
 Education: University of Michigan School of Nursing; bachelor of science in 1980



my volunteer service has spanned the past 10 years serving as committee chairperson, committee member, classroom volunteer and PTO vice president. I have volunteered at every school except Village Oaks and Novi Woods. I support continuing education and adequate planning time for the teaching staff related to differentiation and No Child Left Behind. Plans to foster community partnerships and volunteers are essential contributions to the teaching and learning within the classrooms.

My community volunteer activities outside the schools include former vice president, secretary, editor and board member for Meadowbrook Glen Homeowners Association.

Fiscal responsibility by maintaining a balanced budget is critical. I encourage every resident to get factual information about the millage proposals and vote on June 14. I would like our children to continue their high quality education, not suffer because of apathy or ignorance. I am excited about becoming a board member, even in these troubled financial times, because I feel that I can make a difference, promote community cohesiveness and support learning

for every child within a caring environment.

3. What do you hope to accomplish?

I hope to make a difference within our learning community. I have been attending board meetings for the last few months to familiarize myself with procedural conduct and plan to rely on the administration, staff and public to provide current research and data for future decision-making.

The future would involve matching the curriculum to a child's individual learning needs. Teachers would have the necessary in-service and planning time for these accomplishments. Parents, teachers and businesses would develop and participate in mentorship programs to further stimulate, or rekindle, the desire to learn. I want to see all our children engage in the learning process to grow and develop a love of learning. The ability to work cooperatively to solve problems with creativity, technological and critical thinking skills is imperative for success. I hope that equality means every child working equally hard to learn and each school having the necessary resources to help them.

4. What are the top three challenges facing the Novi Community School District and how would you go about handling them?

Fiscal responsibility and accountability, maintaining high quality programming and promoting community cohesiveness with caring learning environments are three of the current challenges. I support the millage renewal because it is fiscally responsible. The current choice is to fund our schools by supporting the millage proposals - or contribute to their demise if the millage proposals are rejected. Students would be paying for this financial crisis with their education. Our community would cease to be desirable to businesses and new residents and property devaluation would follow.

The next superintendent must have background consistent with the goals and objectives for high quality programming. We must comply with No Child Left Behind. Professional staff development resources would be sup-

ported to align the curriculum across the district, increase achievement for all students and meet curriculum framework expectations.

A caring learning environment will be supported by continuation of challenge day programs, conflict resolution and peer mediation programs. Each building is unique and should be celebrated. Principals work cooperatively with staff and parents as partners to incorporate innovative, child-focused program ideas. Parents and retirees as volunteers could support curricular and after school programs.

5. What hopes and dreams do you have for Novi Schools?

I hope voters frequently contact their representatives in Lansing to remind them about their promise to adequately fund education. Educated voters have more influence on the learning process to grow and develop a love of learning. The ability to work cooperatively to solve problems with creativity, technological and critical thinking skills is imperative for success. I hope that equality means every child working equally hard to learn and each school having the necessary resources to help them.



Nearly everyone reads

the Novi News

Don't be the last to find out what's going on.

Call 1-888-840-4809

to become a subscriber.

Novi News

KATIE RAEON

continued from page 16

improves, we have to help ourselves and vote to accept the millage proposals. Community and staff support for early assessment, followed by appropriately differentiating instruction to meet each child's learning needs. When a child transfers from an elementary

school to Meadows or from the middle school to the high school it is important to communicate the details of the child's learning style and needs. The opportunity for every child to work equally hard in order to learn would reflect our district's commitment to excellence.

community members to run for the board of education in the next few years. As research in education changes over time, there must be community members on the board to reflect those changes.

Where We Stand

"Commitment to Excellence" That is the motto of the Novi Community School District. Making good on that phrase comes with a price, and voters will have to ask themselves Monday if they're willing to pay it.

The answer, we feel, is a resounding yes. Facing a \$4.3 million deficit, the school board and administrators have already made cuts of nearly \$900,000. On the ballot will be two millage proposals that will save the district from making much deeper reductions that would severely threaten what this community is known for - quality education.

The first proposal is actually a renewal of two millages that are now expiring after 10 years. Combined, these generate over \$20 million.

The second proposal is a millage that would bring in \$1.9 million. For the homeowner, this \$8 mill equals 99 cents for each \$1,000 of taxable valuation. That's equal to a couple of nights out on the town for dinner and a movie.

■ **We strongly urge voters to support both millage proposals.**

Also on Monday's ballot, voters will have the opportunity to pick two candidates among five seeking seats on the Novi School Board. The terms are for four years; there are seven seats total on the board.

We take our hat off to anyone who decides to take on the responsibility that comes with such a position. It's obvious from talking to the candidates that most are concerned with one thing - the welfare of students in this district.

Of the three newcomers, we applaud both Katie Raeton and Dennis O'Connor for wanting to be a part of the decision-making process. Both show a genuine love for this district; both have children in the district; both have innovative ideas; and both want to ensure the quality of education continues in Novi.

We do not feel that Mario Fundarski has the same level of commitment as the other candidates. He has run unsuccessfully for school boards in other districts six times since 1973. He has been defeated in two bids for U.S. Representative, and he is currently trying to unseat Thad McCotter in the 11th Congressional District.

He has changed his name from Italian (Fundaro) to Polish; his protest of former Red Wing Vladimir Konstantinov serving as grand marshal in a Christmas parade landed him in jail on stalking charges; he flew the American and the POW flags upside down underneath the flag of Iraq in protest of the current war; and lastly, he has only been to one meeting of the Novi School Board since moving here one year ago.

This is clearly not an individual that residents of Novi want or need on their school board.

There are two candidates who have already earned the confidence of voters. The first is Julie Abrams. She has served for the past 12 years on the board and can claim part of the responsibility for building Novi's reputation for quality education.

The other is Bruce Bagdady, current president of the board, who has served for six years. Both these individuals are accessible, intelligent, knowledgeable of this district, concerned and enthusiastic.

This upcoming school year will be filled with challenges for the board: selection of a new superintendent to replace Dr. Lippe; contract negotiations; and a lingering budget dilemma. As the saying goes, "It ain't broke, don't fix it."

■ **Incumbents Julie Abrams and Bruce Bagdady have earned our endorsements.**

RE-ELECT JULIE ABRAMS VOTE MONDAY JUNE 14

EXPERIENCED

- Novi Board Member appointed 1988, voted into office 1992 to present
- Board Committees on Policy and Finance
- Excellent working relationship with staff and administration
- Familiar with budget challenges
- Knowledgeable of curriculum
- Consistent voting in support of Fine Arts & Athletics
- Certified Board Member Award by Michigan Association of School Boards

DEDICATED

- Novi resident 27 years
- 3 children attend Novi Schools
- Art Smart presenter 10 years
- Long Range Planning Committee since 1993
- Volunteer Reader VO, OH, NW March Reading Month
- Always approachable
- Well known in community
- Maintains open lines of communication

"CONTINUE TO TRUST ME AS YOUR VOICE ON THE BOARD"

Paid for by the committee to elect Julie Abrams 24143 Ripple Creek Novi MI 48376

Feet Hurt?

The solution to your foot problems is Xtra Depth® Shoes, only by P.W. Minor!

- arthritis
- diabetes
- geriatric conditions
- hammertoes
- prolonged standing
- narrow/wide feet
- foot trauma
- congenital deformities

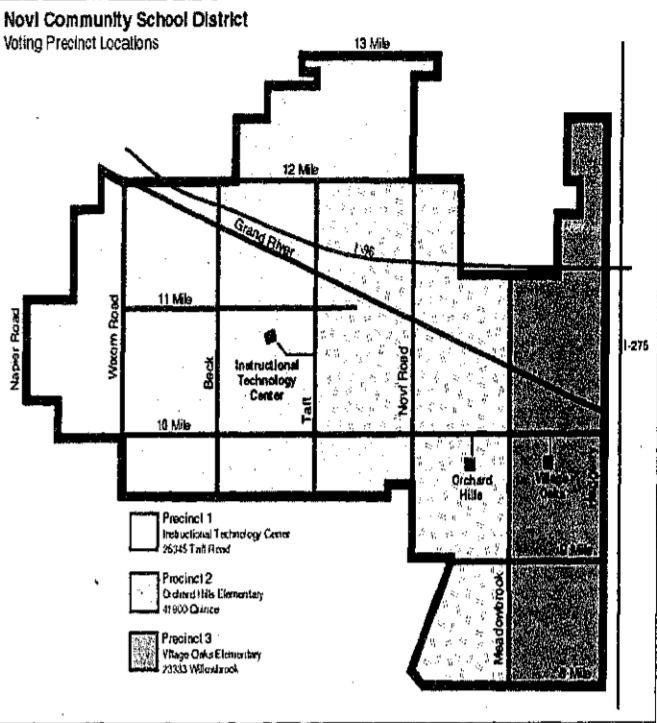
\$10.00 OFF

Your Shoe purchase

With this ad • Expires 6.30.04
 Stop in today, for all your foot health needs!

FOOT FOCUS

Novi Road - South of I-96
 Located in the Novi Town Center
 Call 1-800-298-2600



NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD JUNE 14, 2004

TO ALL ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT: Please take notice that the regular election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 14, 2004. THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

At the regular school election there will be elected two (2) members to the board of education of the district for full terms of four (4) years ending in 2008.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

- Julie Abrams
- Bruce Bagdady
- Mario Neer Fundarski
- Dennis O'Connor
- Katie Raeton

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 11, 2004. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the following propositions will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the regular school election:

I. OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL This millage will allow the school district to maintain the number of mills required to be levied on all property to enable the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation guarantee and renew operating millage that expired with the 2003 levy.

Shall the total limitation on the amount of taxes for operating purposes which may be assessed: against all property, exempting therefrom principal residence and qualified agricultural property as defined by law, in Novi Community School District, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased by 18.00 mills (\$18.00 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation); this is a renewal of previously authorized millage which expired with the 2003 tax levy; and against all property exempting therefrom non principal residence and non qualified agricultural property by 5.48 mills (\$5.48 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation); this is a renewal of 5.2510 mills which expired with the 2003 levy and an increase of 4.980 mill reduced as required by the "Headlee" amendments to the Michigan constitution.

Both millages to be for a period of 10 years, 2004 to 2013, inclusive (the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect from combined local property taxes authorized herein if the millage is approved and levied in 2004 is approximately \$22,911,000?)

II. MILLAGE PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE EARMARKED FUNDS TO OPERATE A SYSTEM OF PUBLIC RECREATION AND PLAYGROUNDS Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Novi Community School District, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed .08 mill (\$0.08 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2004 to 2013, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for operating a system of public recreation and playgrounds (the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect for such recreational program if the millage is approved and levied in 2004 is approximately \$1,843,000?)

NOTICE OF REGULAR BIENNIAL ELECTION OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR THE REGULAR BIENNIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2004

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Biennial Election of Oakland Community College, State of Michigan, will be held at the same time and at the same voting places as the regular election of Novi Community School District on Monday, June 14, 2004, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern time and will be conducted by the same officials, for those electors of the community college district residing in Novi Community School District.

At the Regular Biennial election of Oakland Community College three (3) candidates will be elected to serve on the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees for regular 6-year terms beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2010.

The following individuals have been nominated for regular 6-year terms beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2010 (three to be elected):

- Kathleen R. Blessing
- Christopher K. Cornelius
- Dawn Y. Davis
- Thomas E. Kuhn
- Elliott Parnes
- Anne Scott
- Janice Simmons
- Carl L. Williams
- Judith B. Wiser

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m., Friday, June 11, 2004. Each person voting at the election must be:

- (a) A citizen of the United States of America and eighteen (18) years of age or older;
- (b) A registered elector of the City, Village or Township in which he or she resides.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Novi Community School District, a component school district of the Oakland Community College District, State of Michigan.

JULIA ABRAMS
 SECRETARY, BOARD OF EDUCATION
 NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- PRECINCT NO. 1
 Voting Place: Instructional Technology Center, 26245 Tall Road, Novi, Michigan.
- PRECINCT NO. 2
 Voting Place: Orchard Hills Elementary School, 41900 Quince, Novi, Michigan.
- PRECINCT NO. 3
 Voting Place: Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook, Novi, Michigan.

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

I, Patrick M. Dohany, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of May 11, 2004, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 18 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the Novi Community School District, Oakland County, Michigan, is as follows:

LOCAL UNIT	VOTED INCREASE	EFFECTIVE	YEARS INCREASE
Novi Community School District	.50	2001 to 2010 Incl.	
Novi Township	1.00	Unlimited	
County School District of Oakland County	2.2327	Unlimited	
County of Oakland	3.6483	Unlimited	
County of Oakland	.25	2002 to 2011 Incl.	
Oakland Community College	1.00	Unlimited	
	.50	2002 to 2011 Incl.	

Dated: May 11, 2004

PATRICK M. DOHANY
 TREASURER, OAKLAND COUNTY

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.
 (6-310-04 NN 135957)

JULIA ABRAMS
 SECRETARY, BOARD OF EDUCATION

SENIORS

Cal Stone, editor (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 cstone@ht.homecomm.net

Keeping it fun for Novi senior citizens

By Kim Baker
SPECIAL WRITER

Rachel Zagoroli is not particularly fond of talking about herself. She would much rather talk about those she cares about, especially the seniors at the Novi Senior Center at Meadowbrook Commons, a senior apartment complex.



Photo by Cal Stone

Rachel Zagoroli succeeded Kathy Crawford in February as the recreation coordinator for the Novi Senior Center.

RACHEL ZAGOROLI

Family: Married with three sons and two grandsons, ages two and eight months.

Hobbies: When she's not busy at work, her number one priority is playing with her grandsons. She loves taking them to the Senior Center and sharing them with the residents. "You should see everyone. They want to touch and they want to feel a little life. It's like a renewal," she said.

Other hobbies include reading ("I'm a voracious reader; I have a book with me everywhere I go"), working in her yard and playing golf - she is on a golf league and manages the Senior Center's three golf leagues. "Maybe one day I will sneak out there and golf nine with them," she laughed.

Hometown: Zagoroli lives in Flushing and makes the golf-long commute each way everyday. "We're actually thinking of relocating to Novi. It's such a nice area," she said.

"I love to be busy," she said. Plus, she admits, "I'm a tad on the hyper side. That's why I don't drink regular coffee."

Despite her hard work, she refuses to take all the credit. She says her job would be impossible without Center Manager Jan McAlpine and Account Clerk Shannon Jones, she said. Her interest intensified when her mother had a stroke which caused some dementia. "Watching

for their constant participation and cooperation with events.

Zagoroli's decision to make seniors her career is backed by the love and compassion she has always felt for them. "I've always been interested in seniors and have always enjoyed working with them," she said. Her interest intensified when her mother had a stroke which caused some dementia. "Watching

her, I knew that I needed a little more education and understanding as to why this happens to people," she said. "So I took my first gerontology class and I was fortunate to have a professor that got me into it so much that that's all I wanted to do."

Zagoroli pursued an associate's degree in gerontology from Mot Community College in Flint. Since then, she's held jobs involving seniors in the Flint community and most recently at the Red Cross, where she was allowed to introduce senior programs.

Zagoroli's long-time work for seniors appears selfless, but she claims she is not completely altruistic. "It's not just for them, it's for me too," she said. "Hopefully they get a reward from it but my reward is probably greater than theirs is."

She says the Senior Center has provided her with the most rewards yet.

"This has been the best thing I could have done."

SENIOR CALENDAR

Thursday 6/10

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Sundry Shop Open
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Lunch
12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Bridge*
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Book Discussion at library
1 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Beginners Line Dance
Take Me Out to The Ballgame Trip

Friday 6/11

9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Stretch & Strength
9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Panera Bread
10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Body Recall
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Sundry Shop Open
noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Bingo
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Clogging*

Monday 6/14

9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Stretch & Strength
10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Body Recall
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Lunch
11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sundry Shop Open
noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Pinocchle
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Healing Touch

6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Clogging
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Computer-Beginners

Tuesday 6/15

9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Panera Bread
9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Computer Class-Beginners
9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. Line Dance*
10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Asian Pacific Bookmobile
noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Bingo
1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Computer Class-Windows
Cornwell's Dinner Theatre Trip

Wednesday 6/16

9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Stretch & Strength
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Massage Therapy
10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Body Recall
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Blood Pressure
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Sundry Shop Open
noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Clogging*
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Jerry's Movies-Free highlights of "Naughty Marretta"
2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Estate Planning by Appt.
Riverbarge Cruise

Intro to the Center

Welcome to the Novi Senior Center. My name is Rachel Zagoroli and I am the senior recreation coordinator for the City of Novi. For those of you that are not aware of where we are, we are located at Meadowbrook Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Rd. I would like at this time to invite you to visit our wonderful center and take a look at what we have to offer the seniors in our community. Our hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and you are welcome to stop in during that time.

There is something for everyone here, travel with us on day long trips or longer extended trips, get in shape with our exercise classes, attend any of our interesting and educational classes including Medicare, Housing Options, Estate Planning and many other topics. Join us for our special lunch programs* such as our Garden Party, Stars and Stripes Picnic and Ice Cream Social.

You will be reading more about us in the upcoming weeks, plan on taking the time to see what we have for you! Make plans to join us, I'm sure you will be happy with the new friends you will

make and watch your calendar fill up with all the new and fun adventures you will be having!

Lunch at noon

Are you tired of eating alone or just skipping lunch altogether? Is making lunch for one sometimes just not worth the effort? Join us daily at the Novi Senior Center for our noon lunch in the multi-purpose room, not only will you enjoy a good wholesome lunch, you will be meeting new people and join in conversations with others. Cost of lunch is \$2.30 but remember, you will need to call 48 hours in advance at (248) 347-0489. Stop by the center for our calendar and daily menus.

We also offer Mobile Meals for the homebound, if you are in need of this service, please call Mercy Services at (248) 373-1812 for more information.

Special Event for June:

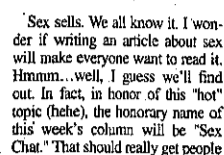
Wed, June 9, 10 a.m. Garden Party Lunch. Guest speaker will talk about how to properly take care of those patio plants, types to buy and touch on indoor plant care. We will then all get a flower to take home.

The Novi News has asked Rachel Zagoroli to help inform readers about activities for Novi's senior citizens. The following is her first submission - Editor.

FAITH

Cal Stone, editor (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 cstone@ht.homecomm.net

TEEN CHAT - "SEX SELLS"



Pastor Sam

"Sex sells. We all know it. I wonder if writing an article about sex will make everyone want to read it. Hmmm...well, I guess we'll find out. In fact, in honor of this "hot" topic (hehe), the honorary name of this week's column will be "Sex Chat." That should really get people into a nervous sweat. Yes! And it will definitely keep everyone reading. Woohoo! The power I know and love!

I don't know who watched our hometown heroes (aka The Detroit Pistons) play a little ball last night in Game 1, but they walked all over the Los Angeles Lakers, and they did it in LA! Who would've thought? Well, the series isn't over yet, and the Pistons are not yet the World Champions, but they're one game closer. Shaq and I had some teens over last night, and we watched the game together in our living room. As we watched the game, a similar scene kept playing over and over on the screen. The camera kept panning onto Lakers coach, Phil Jackson, as he grimaced and ached over every Lakers' miscue. Directly behind Phil's head on the screen was a young lady with a v-neck top on...one that exposed way too much cleavage. It didn't seem that too much of the shirt was missing. It was just missing at exactly the wrong spot. All the while I kept wondering if she knew she would be on camera, and dressed scantily on purpose. One will never know.

At one point, Cleavage Woman adjusted her shirt, not UP to cover herself but DOWN to further expose herself! One of my teen girls had had enough and spoke up. Though typically quiet, Concerned Teen said something like, "Normally girls adjust their shirts so that people CAN'T see what they've got. She's exposing herself even more!" Anyway, we couldn't believe it. Something like this happening at a national sporting event? Well, I never heard of anything like that

happening! There was recently an article in one of the major Detroit daily newspapers about teen girls wearing skimpy clothing. One of our grandmotherly types at my church cut out the article and gave it to me. She knows research on the teen culture. I'm normally on the "teen" side of things, but when it comes to teens wearing skimpy clothing because it's the "in" thing to do, I'm definitely on the adult side of the argument. Unless of course, a scant few adults are on the exposed side.

Really teens, why does your culture glorify wearing mini-mini skirts or tight-fitting shirts that, many times, expose (ahem) too much? This really isn't just a youth pastor yelling at teen girls article, but too often it is girls who expose too much skin. I could also talk about guys wearing sagging pants, exposing their Winnie the Pooh boxers. Come on, guys...at least retire the Winnie boxers!

Enough about exposing skin. Let's talk about what it has in common with our discussion about sex. It's my humble opinion, and ahem's, that exposing flesh is an advertisement for the opposite sex. Guys, you may not even realize it, but when you show too much skin, guys are watching...and probably enjoying it. You probably are not doing it intentionally to attract guys to your body, but that's exactly what it's doing. Of course, guys don't HAVE to look, but it sure makes it difficult not to look.

You may just be wearing the latest style, not thinking about its effect on those who see you in it. But the clothing manufacturer has thought a lot about it, and they know that as long as Christina and Brinney are making innodest styles popular, girls will continue to buy it. And

guys will continue to watch. This youth pastor is convinced that Christina and Brinney are wearing the styles they wear because sex sells. A latest CD might sell double the volume if its performers are scantily clad.

Parents, an FYI for you. I thought it was interesting to note that Christina's online store is called, "Xposed," and that her latest CD/Tour is called, "Stripped." Hmmm...are we looking for an audience here? I think so. Sex sells. Whether it's the distribution of condoms in a school health class or an innodest diva's song, whether it's the clothing rack at a store in the mall or it's the Bump N Grind at a school dance, one thing is sure.

Sex sells. Have a great day! God bless!

Pastor Sam Belanger can be reached at (810) 923-4910 or at pastorsamb@hotmail.com. Copyright 2004 © Pastor Sam Belanger

CHURCH CALENDAR

Faith Community Presbyterian Church
44400 West 10 Mile Road, Novi MI 48375 • (248) 349-2345
Worship at Faith Community Presbyterian Church is at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Both services are traditional and offer Sunday School for preschool through 12 grade. Nursery care is available at both services. Our Senior High youth program meets Sunday evenings from 6-8 p.m., and our mid-high group meets Sundays from 6:30-8 p.m. We are currently having a sweat shirt and T-shirt sale with all proceeds benefiting the mission committee. Vacation Bible School sign ups are currently being held. VBS will be held June 14-18 - 9:30 a.m. There is no cost for this. We will be holding our 13th annual (but not consecutive) fun run on June 12 at 8 p.m. Communion will be served on Sunday, June 13. AA and ACOA meetings are held at 7 and 8 p.m. respectively on Tuesday evenings. Our golf league is currently playing on Monday evenings through August at Coyote Creek Golf Course.



Keeping your home cozy all year long

Blue Dot
We heat • We cool • We plumb
1-800-BLUE-DOT
(258 3368)
www.bluedotmi.com

Why Should You Call Michigan Heritage Bank?

ZERO POINTS!
ZERO LOW!
ZERO LOSING COST!

We Offer Mortgages That Save You \$!

- You won't pay any points on our "Point Free Mortgage Loan." Whether you want to buy a new home or refinance your existing mortgage, paying no points could save you a bundle.
- Zero down and Zero Closing Costs offer you the convenience of conserving your cash for other items needed for your home.

Call our Mortgage Specialists at (888) 437-8243 TODAY!

John Your Future
MICHIGAN HERITAGE Bank
Let us lend a hand

Novi 21211 Hazelton Rd. Farmington Hills 28000 On-Forest Lake Rd.
Northville 1917 East Big Beaver St. Southfield 24600
Southfield 24600

WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES!

Healthy Choices Cafe

Gourmet Salads, Sandwiches & Soups...

FREE DELIVERY To Most Areas!

CATERING Available for All Occasions, Special Events, Business Meetings, & Parties

GOURMET SALADS WRAPS SANDWICHES HOT SOUPS BEVERAGES CHIPS & SIDES

20% OFF Senior Discount Tues., Thurs., Sat., Sun. Only

\$1.00 OFF Salad or Sandwich Combo

33523 8 Mile Road • Livonia Just West of Farmington Road (Two Doors Down from BLOCKBUSTER VIDEO)

Phone 248-474-0200 Fax 248-474-0200
WWW.HEALTHYCHOICESCAFE.COM

HOURS: Monday-Friday 10 am-9 pm Saturday & Sunday 11 am-8 pm

Now Open & Accepting New Patients

Jeffrey Jaghab, D.D.S.
Stephanie Jaghab, D.D.S.

General - Cosmetic Dentistry
Serving the Northville Community since 1949

Voted Best Dentist in Northville

MEMBERS:
• American Dental Association • Michigan Dental Association
• Detroit District Dental Association
• Past Presidents of Detroit Dental Clinic Club
• Pierre Fauchard Academy • Chicago Dental Society

416 South Main St. Northville 248-349-2750 www.jaghab.com

Are You Looking for Adventure?

SEA THE WORLD SCUBA CENTER

Add Some Depth to Your Lifestyle!

LEARN TO SCUBA DIVE... FREE!

Ever Since You Were a Kid You've Wanted to Try It! Call Us Today! 248-478-6400

You don't need a Fortune to begin investing with Edward Jones

Securing your financial future should not compromise your current financial situation. At Edward Jones, we offer alternatives that get you started for as little as \$100.

Call or stop by today for a free evaluation of the investment options that best meet your needs.

Mark Whitfield
Novi Town Center
43240 11 Mile Rd.
Novi, MI 48377
Bus. 248-349-4034
www.edwardjones.com

Edward Jones

Fifth Third Bank

World Class Event

Victorian Charm

Solstice Run
June 26, 2004
Presented by Comcast
www.solsticerun.org

Saturday, June 26, 2004 at 7:45 am
Ford Field in Downtown Northville, Michigan

Fifth Third Bank
5K Run & Walk

Mustang Mile Presented by Kids Fun Run Presented by

Foresters Investing • Sharing • Inspiring

- Prize money for 5K Run & Mile Run; Awards for all three events
- Race to be a tape delay telecast by Comcast to 59 cities
- Shirts for all entrants -- guaranteed if registered by 6/20/04
- Entertainment, refreshments, raffles and more!

All proceeds to benefit local community charities. Volunteers Needed!
Register online at www.solsticerun.org/register.html

Grand Oaks Centre

Your destination for great service!

Conveniently located on Grand River in Novi One block West of Haggerty



DAVID A. WOODY, DDS

Grand Oaks Centre
Suite 100
39885 Grand River
Novi, Michigan 48375
(248) 476-3800
(248) 476-2164 FAX

Now Featuring ZOOM! Whitening
(as seen on "Extreme Makeover")
ZOOM! on in and see what a difference
we can make in your Smile!

ALL MEDIA CONCEPT
Salon and Spa 248-888-0655

The Press called us
"A Feast for all the
senses" - come and
see why.

We are unique. We are
the gold-standard for
service. We
unconditionally
guarantee your
customer satisfaction.

Visit the best.

TRES JOLIE - NO ORDINARY SALON

Stanley Chiropractic

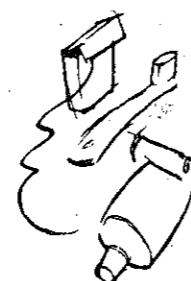
39215 Grand River Ste. 750 Novi, MI 48375 (248) 476-1111

Headaches Sinus Problems Fibromyalgia
Back Pain Carpal tunnel Sciatica Pain
Allergies Neck Pain Asthma

Mention This Ad and Receive
A Consultation, Exam and X-Rays a \$240.00 Value
All For \$17.00

Shane L. Stanley D.C. - Palmer
Most Insurances accepted

Please call for an appointment (248) 476-7775



Sanjiv Shah, D.D.S.
Morris Velilla, D.D.S.

Grand Oaks Centre
39915 Grand River Avenue
Suite 500
Novi, MI 48375
Telephone: (248) 427-9003

Call about our "Zoom Whitening Special"

Welcome!

David A. Woody, DDS and staff invite you to join us at our new location in Grand Oaks Centre, Novi. Our office is dedicated to quality care and friendly service and provides a full range of dental procedures, with a special interest in cosmetic dentistry. We offer porcelain veneers and crowns, white fillings, and smile whitening procedures including the new ZOOM! system as seen on Extreme Makeover. Hi-Tech equipment - from a laser to diagnose decay, intraoral cameras and an interactive DVD system to help explain your treatment needs and options, Air Abrasion to remove decay without the need for numbing and drilling, and a state of the art sterilization system - provide for your safety and comfort.

Call today for an appointment! 248-476-3800

PLYMOUTH
PHYSICAL THERAPY SPECIALISTS

Jeffrey Strahan, PT, MHS, OCS, CSCS

Orthopedics • Sports Medicine • Industrial Rehabilitation

The Specialists in Orthopedic Rehabilitation

Novi/Northville Center
248-615-0282

Whitom/Walled Lake Center
248-926-5826

White Lake/Waterford Center
248-698-1277

Livonia Center
734-462-3240

Early Morning & Late Appointments • Most Insurances Accepted

Swanson Family Eyecare, PC

Protect Your Precious Sight with
Regular Eye Health and Vision Exams!

See why more people are choosing Swanson Family Eyecare!

- Comprehensive Dilated Eye Exams
- Treatment of Eye Diseases and Infections
- All Major Brands of Contact Lenses
- Direct Selection of Diagnostic Eyewear
- Computerized Color Vision Testing
- L.A.M.R. Contact Lenses
- Wearing color contact lenses?
- We fit contact lenses!

\$50.00 Off*
a complete pair of eyeglasses

To schedule your appointment, please call: (248) 427-9620
Visit us @ www.eyefinity.com/swanson



A student dips a paintbrush into some watercolors during a Thursday afternoon art class.

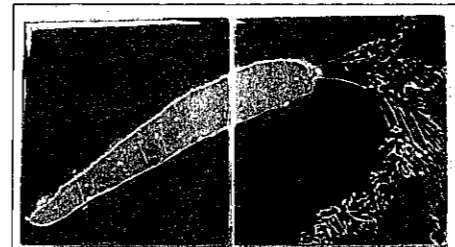


An underwater scene put together by 6-year-old first graders.

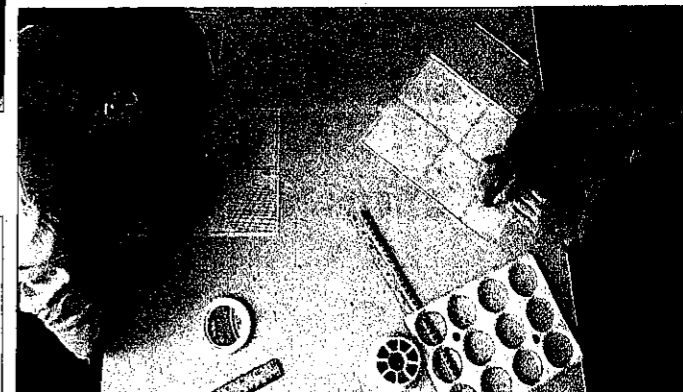
Parkview Elementary School art teacher Jennifer Harvey, with a wave of her hands, tries to explain how watercolor painters try to capture the shape of mountains to an assembly of her students before they attempted to create landscapes in the style of artist Georgia O'Keefe.



A tile of grapes by student Katherine Hamilton.



A two-piece tile artwork created by third grader Katie Bedro.



Using rulers and circular objects, students Chase Jabbari, left, and Kirk Santure work on penciling out an abstract of a radio.

HIGH-LEVEL ART

Parkview third graders exceed expectations

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

For those who have always wondered why the artwork hanging up at Parkview Elementary School appears to be a little more advanced than one would normally see third graders produce, the answer lies with Jennifer Harvey.

She has her own theory about how to teach art. She believes that the students she teaches should have the opportunity to know everything she knows about art, even if she learned it in college. She doesn't start from simple concepts and work up. She believes that the sky is the limit, and she says that the kids will usually rise to her expectations.

"It's really more of a theory," Harvey said. "It's the way I approach art. I believe that we always underestimate the abilities of children in art and some of that, they are not ready to learn yet because of their developmental level, but I expose them to all the techniques I know; all the art history I know and whatever is relevant to what we're working on. If they don't understand it, I help them to understand it. And if it's too complex, then I try to put it in their terms for their level."

Harvey likes to start an art project either from a media standpoint, a technique standpoint, an art history standpoint or something the students are working on in their regular classrooms. Since there is little time left in this school year, one of the last things students will learn from her is graduated washes.

"We're going to discuss light and shadows through graduated washes and I can teach them how to achieve the direction of the sunlight," Harvey said. "They can either move from top down to show that the sun is coming in at an angle or they can turn their paper upside

down and work the other way. It teaches them how to bleed different paints with what ever color they want, like in a red, a magenta or orange."

Harvey explained that what she is teaching students are high, college level techniques and they're doing it in third grade. She will teach about light and shadow and how to achieve a more realistic look with the paint. She will also teach about how mountains overlap one another and how they're rocky as opposed to smooth.

"I don't allow kids to put the sun in the corner of their drawings because I want them to show the effect of the sun light," Harvey said. "They'll do that at home when they're with their friends, so I know I'm not telling them anything new. I don't tell them it's illegal if they do it, there's no sun police, but let's make it look like there's sunlight out there. That makes them more concerned with color."

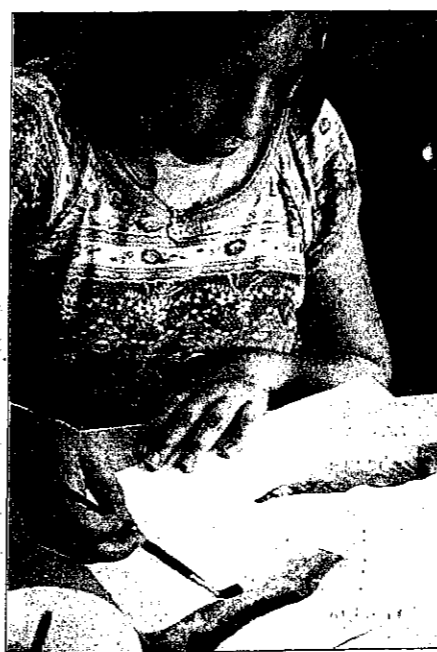
In one project, Harvey has taught students art history, a painting technique, a lighting technique, how to make aesthetic choices and how to vary from their usual thinking. She said that third graders, who are eight years old, have studied the same kinds of techniques that she did in college.

"That's my job, to impart artistic knowledge to them," Harvey said. "My theory has always been, a small part of art is creativity and imagination. The rest is all problem solving. My job is to spark their imagination and spark their creativity and then teach them all the techniques I can - no matter what kind of media that I'm doing."

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



With ruler and pencil in hand, Parkview student Chris Park contemplates how to tackle an assignment on abstract drawing.



Student Katie Bedro works on a "wash" watercolor technique.



An acrylic landscape oil painting by student Addle Notarantonio.

Photos by John Heider

Right, Jennifer Harvey helps student Jordan Holston with his watercolor "wash" technique. Harvey believes that all her students, from kindergartners through fourth graders, can be given the skills and techniques to become competent, expressive artists. Harvey believes in giving students the vocabulary, demonstrations and peer coaching to succeed as artists. She conveys to her students that she has high expectations of them as student-artists.



REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

Page 24A

Northville News

Thursday, June 10, 2004

Managing your Social Security income

■ Five mistakes that can shrink your check

Social Security beneficiaries received a 2.1 percent cost-of-living increase as of January 2004. The boost is up from 2003's increase of 1.4 percent, but still reflects an economy with low inflation according to the Wall Street Journal. Some might think their check will be enough to live on. Many don't know that for the average couple receiving benefits, the monthly check is just over \$1,500. Even more don't realize they could be making financial mistakes that will shrink their check significantly.

On the topic of Social Security, most Americans are either concerned, confused or don't bother to think about it at all, according to Kenneth Osiwala, president of Clinton-Township-based Osiwala and Associates.

"Among younger Americans, there is the casual assumption that Social Security is something they'll deal with far in the future," said Osiwala, a Certified Senior Advisor.

"Next, there are those Americans approaching retirement who believe Social Security will provide a steady, unassailable source of retirement income," he said. "Finally, there are seniors now receiving Social Security who are very concerned about being able to live on this income, and they have every right to be."

Social Security has undergone some major changes. Created by the Social Security Act of 1935, Social Security began making benefit payments around 1940. At that time, the U.S. Treasury ruled that these benefit payments were gifts that could not be taxed by the U.S. Government. In 1983, Congress changed the law and commenced taxing individual's Social Security benefits by up to 50 percent. In 1993, the law was changed again to tax benefits up to 85 percent.

"Under current tax laws, 85 percent of Social Security income is taxed when a specific amount, called 'threshold income' is exceeded," explained Osiwala. "Many seniors planning to rely on Social Security income to live are surprised to find that their other investments, including pensions, CDs, savings accounts, bonds, money markets, mortgage income and others are all included as threshold income. If you aren't careful, those little investments can quickly add up to a sizeable increase in IRS taxes."

Common mistakes

According to Osiwala, there are five common mistakes people make that result in a higher percentage of their Social Security being taxed. They are:

1. Making investment earnings reportable to the IRS.
2. Earning interest on investments incorrectly.
3. Making inefficient use of 401(k) and pension distributions.
4. Putting required distributions in the wrong place.
5. Having discretionary income that is too high.

"There are ways to address each of these mistakes and a qualified financial planner should be able to show them to you," says Osiwala. "For example, you can avoid a nasty threshold income tax event by simply modifying your investments. All types of earnings, dividends or interest are included in threshold income, except one, the deferred annuity. Depending on the person's situation, that might be a way to lower taxes on Social Security income."

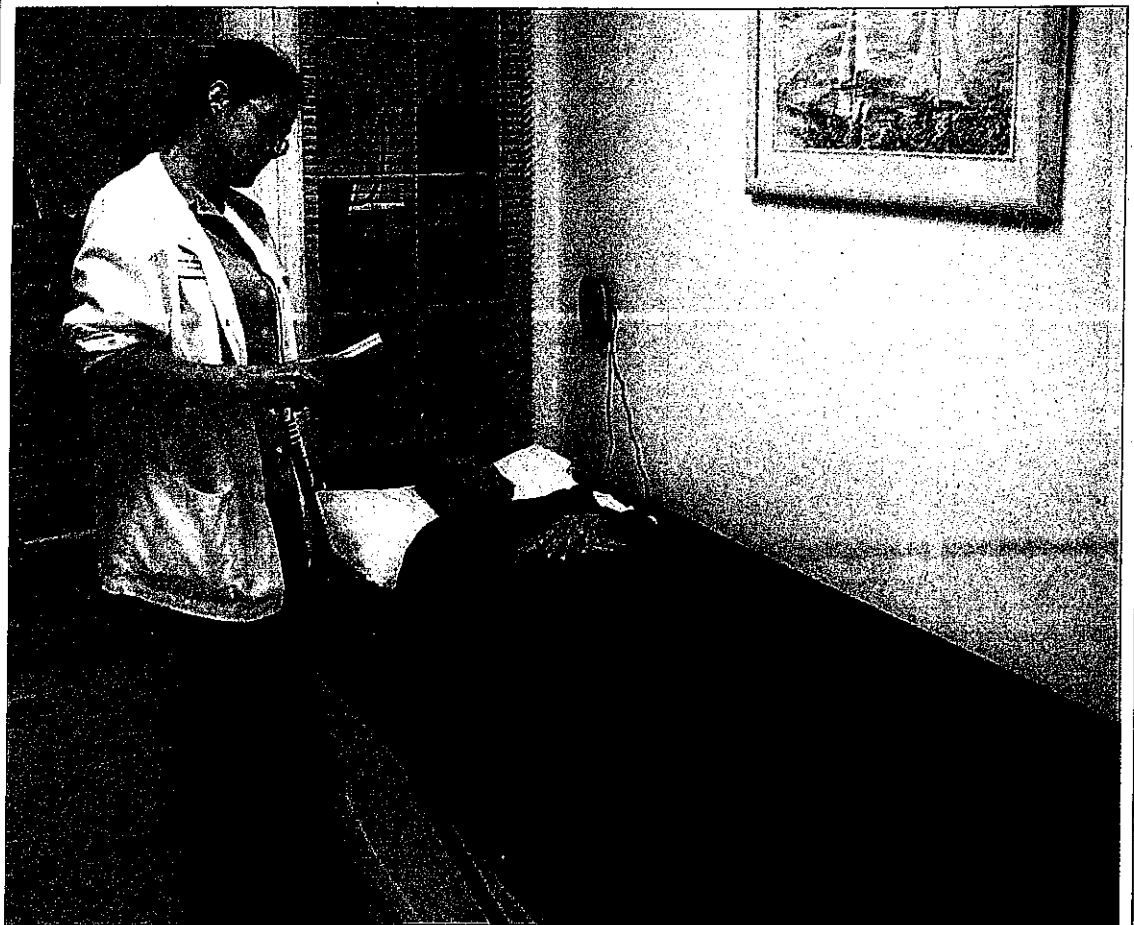
According to some experts, Social Security will be completely bankrupt within a decade. Others argue that Americans are putting money into a system that will end up paying them 75 percent less than the current benefit rate. Is it any wonder people are confused?

"Over-reliance on Social Security is risky," says Osiwala. "The only real way to ensure you will have sufficient income to live out your 'golden years' is to plan for it."

"And when it comes to retirement planning, five or 10 years from now should not be viewed as the distant future."

Osiwala is president of Clinton Township-based Osiwala and Associates. Contact him at Osiwala and Associates (586) 285-5100 or e-mail at kosiwala@ameritech.net.

Advertising



Louise Austin, a physical therapy assistant at Northville Physical Rehabilitation, demonstrates the new Aqua-Med table for Heather Ray.

Physical rehab offered at Northville practice

By Duane Ramsey
SPECIAL WRITER

Northville Physical Rehabilitation P.C., conveniently located on Main Street downtown, offers physical and occupational therapy services to help restore function for people of all ages with limitations from injury or illness.

"We see a number of people experiencing difficulty because of generalized muscle weakness and limited endurance due to their sedentary type of jobs or lifestyle," said Engerer, a licensed physical therapist who has operated the local practice since 1985.

"Being physically weak for any reason whether the result of illness, injury or lifestyle puts a person at risk for re-injury because they are less able to tolerate the physical stress of work or play," Engerer said.

Northville Physical Rehab receives many patients through referrals from area physicians in family practice, rheumatologists for people with arthritis, orthopedic surgeons for hip, knee and shoulder patients, and even from dentists for individuals with temporal mandibular joint problems, according to Engerer.

Many potential patients come in and ask if they need a referral from their doctor, he added.

"You don't need a referral for an initial evaluation but some insurance companies require a prescription or referral for actual treatments. We try to make it as easy as possible for initial referrals," said Engerer.

"We help the patients by contacting their physicians and making recommendations for treatments following that initial exam. For those without a personal physician, we can make a

referral to an appropriate physician," Engerer added.

With the staff and equipment at Northville Physical Rehabilitation, they can do everything related to physical therapy that hospitals provide without having to travel very far.

"They were able to help me get full flexibility and motion in my knee one month after I had a total knee replacement in March," said Al Qualman of Northville, a patient at Northville Physical Rehabilitation.

Qualman comes to the local rehab facility three times a week for his physical therapy and twice a week for extra physical workouts. He likes the fact that they know the appropriate exercises to help strengthen his knee.

The Northville facility has some of the latest technology to test and treat many orthopedic, neurological and musculoskeletal disorders. Some of the more common diagnoses may include neck and back injuries, shoulder tendonitis, balance disorders, joint replacements, simple strains or sprains and traumatic brain injuries.

A new piece of equipment just acquired is the Aquamed, a table that uses high-pressure water to provide massage to specific body parts without getting wet.

The patients lie on a mattress and receive warm water treatment from head to toe. They can adjust the direction, intensity and duration of the treatment.

"Our back and neck patients really like it," Engerer said. "It's effective for many soft tissue diagnoses."

Qualman was pleased with the aqua bed treatments he received for his chronic neck and back pain. He said it's so relaxing that he can fall asleep when he puts

DETAILS

Northville Physical Rehabilitation, P.C.
215 East Main Street
(downtown Northville)
(248) 349-9339

Hours:
Monday - Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. to noon

www.northvillephysicalrehab.com

on headphones with music while receiving the treatments.

"I am confident that we have the very best staff, the latest equipment and a broad range of experience to treat even the most challenging cases," said Engerer. "We have earned the reputation in the medical community that gives physicians confidence in us to provide their patients with the best care and treatment."

The staff establishes a treatment plan to meet each patient's specific needs, physical capabilities and limitations. The patients, their physicians and families are kept informed of the individual's progress and potential for improvement.

Northville Physical Rehab also provides personal fitness training, nutritional counseling and a health wellness program. A membership is available for fitness training for as low as \$35 per month, said Engerer.

In addition to treating patients in its downtown facility, the staff is available to treat patients in their home or in an extended care facility if necessary.

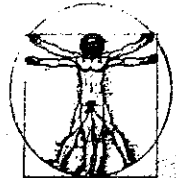
Most insurance plans cover physical therapy and rehabilitation services. Medicare, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and most other insurance plans approve Northville Physical Rehabilitation, according to Engerer.



Photos by Duane Ramsey

Judy Majewski (left), a physical therapy technician at Northville Rehabilitation, teaches patient Al Qualman of Northville, how to use crutches with the parallel bars.

"We accept some patients without medical insurance. We can establish an affordable payment plan based on the treatment provided and the patient's financial ability," he said.



NORTHVILLE

Physical Rehabilitation, P.C.

A Tradition of Personal Care

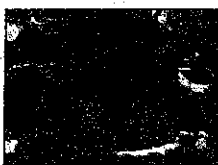
Dennis E. Engerer P.T.
25 Years Of Healing

248-349-9339

215 East Main St. • Suite B • Northville
located across from Starbucks
www.northvillephysicalrehab.com



Unexpected end
The Northville Mustangs managed to oust the top-ranked Novi Wildcats in district tournament action last week. Both teams fought until the end, but Northville had just a little more energy when it mattered.
— Page 3AA



Kids concerts are a hit
Kids are the best audience, especially in Novi. The city's Thursday night summer concert series has seen its biggest audiences at the kids shows.
— Page 7AA



Not Tooling around
O'Toole's offers fine food, friendly service, fun, entertainment and numerous sports activities in a casual environment with "A Touch of Irish" at the local restaurant that opened last fall in Novi.
— Page 8AA

Quick Hits

State Finals Run
The Novi Wildcats didn't quite have the showing that could have been expected from the girls' and boys' track and field teams last weekend, but the rock-solid contributions of Jenn Mehl continued on as she jumped to a third-place finish in the pole vault against some very strong competition.
— See full story, page AA3

Tennis takes 12th in the Division I state finals
Novi had a good year on the tennis courts this year and they topped it off with an applaud-worthy showing at the state finals in Midland last week. Though they finished in 12th, Novi showed that it takes a strong team to compete at such a high level of competition and even win a few matches while they're at it.
— See full story, page AA2

Baseball takes final lump
The Novi baseball team found themselves walking off the field following their game against Salem in the District tournament just shaking their heads. The squad lost though they were heavily favored to win the tourney. The Rocks went on the take a loss to Northville in five innings, handing the Mustangs their third-straight District title.
— See full story, page AA2

Summer is coming soon
If you've got a sports story idea that you'd like to share with the *Novi News*, feel free to contact sports writer Sam Eggleston with your thoughts. High school sports are coming to a close, which means that there is a lot more time to get other stories into the sports section. From skateboarding to pick-up basketball, no story is too big or too small and everything will be considered evenly. Sam Eggleston can be reached via email at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net or at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

Congrats, seniors!
The Novi News sports department would like to wish all of the graduating seniors the best in their future endeavors. No doubt, if they put the time, effort and dedication into their lives as they have their school and their sports, they will find themselves a success in the much bigger world that awaits them. For those who played sports at Novi and will move on to the next level. Good luck! It's tough to be the best at your respective sports in high school and just the average joe in the collegiate ranks. A lot of work, a lot of pain and even more perseverance will hopefully prove you to, once again, be one of the best.

AA-1

SPORTS & LEISURE

NOVI NEWS hometownlife.com Thursday, June 10, 2004

Third in the state!



Photo by John Heider

Novi's Jenn Mehl clears more than 10' in an away meet in May at Hartland. Mehl took third overall in the state meet in polevault.

Mehl is the only 'Cat to place in finals

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Sometimes, too much of a good thing may just be too much period. Senior Jenn Mehl was victim of that, taking third place with a jump of 11-feet-3-inches at the Division I state finals Saturday at Rockford High School. "I was getting really tired," Mehl said of the final set of vaults. "I started too early." Mehl said she saw too many other pole vaulters end up taking a no height for their mark after scratching on their jumps early on. Normally, the senior doesn't start jumping until the later jumps but decided to go at 9-feet-3-inches to solidify her jumps. "I think if I wouldn't have done that, I wouldn't have got so tired," she said. "At 11-6, my first two jumps I didn't even try to go over the bar. I just went up

and kicked it off." The winning leap was at 11-6, while the second place finish was an 11-3 mark like Mehl's, though her opponent made it in two jumps instead of on her third. Though she didn't take the top spot, Mehl isn't disappointed. "Everyone wants to be first, that's obvious," she said. "Top three isn't bad at all though." Mehl will be taking her talents to the University of Michigan where she plans to walk on. "I think I can make the team right now just by walking on," she said. "If I get an equipment scholarship, it will pay for spikes and poles and the uniform." Mehl said that if she would've gone up against some better talent in the regular season, she may have had a higher mark over the year. Instead, she had to basically compete with herself throughout the season. "It's pretty tough to do," she

said. "People just kept telling me to go out there and not worry about what everyone else was doing. There was nothing I could do. I just had to focus on how high I was going and nothing else." Mehl was the only Novi Wildcat out of the boys' and the girls' team to place at the state finals. She said she was surprised that boys' discus thrower, junior Ryan Pritchard, didn't get a mark as he was ranked seventh heading into the state championship. "I heard he didn't have a good day at all," she said. "It's hard, because if you have an off day and it happens to be the day of the state finals then there's nothing you can do about it. It can be pretty bad, but there's a lot of pressure." Even Mehl, who has plenty of state finals experience and a third-place finish to show for it, admits that she gets nervous.

"That's why I came in so low," she said of her first jump. "I actually missed my first jump at 9-3 and I felt pretty bad, but I switched to a bigger pole. I was definitely worried after missing that first one though." Mehl, who holds the record at 11-3 for Novi High School girls' track, is well aware that her record will be the goal for many girls to come and go through the years. She even cheers them on and wishes them the best in their venture. "I guess I'd tell them to just work hard and they'll succeed," she said. "Just look at me when I was a freshman. I was horrible." Mehl cleared 8-3 her freshman year before going 10 feet her sophomore season and 10-6 last year. Today, she is the record holder at 11-3. "It just takes a lot of hard work," she said. "The harder you work, the more it pays off."

MAKING THE MARK

Jenn Mehl wasn't always going sky high on her pole vault leaps. Instead, she struggled like everyone else until she buckled down and dedicated herself to breaking the school record.

- In her freshman year, Mehl went 8-feet-3-inches.
- Her sophomore year found her at 10 feet and looking to go even higher.
- Mehl went 10-6 her junior year and qualified for the state finals.
- In her senior season, Mehl set the new school record with a leap of 11-3 and qualified for the state finals. She took third place against the best vaulters in Michigan.

Moe Pawlak
Senior
Soccer

Pawlak couldn't trade her 100-plus goals through her career for a state championship, but she wasn't about to go down without a fight. Though her squad fell to Northville, 3-2, in the district championship game, Pawlak scored both goals for the Wildcats. She has been a steady player all four years for the Wildcats and will no doubt make a fine addition to the Michigan State soccer program next season.

Athletes OF THE Week

If your business would like to sponsor our Athletes of the Week, please contact Lisa Tincu, advertising executive, at (248) 349-1700 or by e-mail at ltincu@ht.homecomm.net.

Jenn Mehl
Senior
Track and Field

Mehl was the only Wildcat to step up and make it to the finals in the Division I state finals track and field meet last Saturday. The senior took third place in the pole vault with a leap of 11-3, which tied her school record and career-best jump. Her dedication and her determination have helped make Mehl one of the top athletes at Novi High School and a top competitor in everything she does.

You're out!

■ Salem Rocks upset Novi in District Tourney

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It was the kind of an ending that no one in Novi and much of the high school baseball community could have ever expected.

David, once again, beat Goliath.

The Wildcats came into their game against the Salem Rocks looking to punch their way to victory and a berth into the District title game. That was far from the way it worked out as Salem escaped with an 8-3 victory over their ruffled foes.

Going into the game, Novi was ranked second in the state. Salem was not. Novi had beat Salem twice in the regular season.

And, yet, Novi lost.

"I think it was a case of looking past them for a certain extent," Novi hurler Mike Hart said. "We expected to play Northville for the championship."



Wildcat Steve Gawronski, left, tries to avoid a tag at third base by Salem High Rocks' Scott Holka during last Saturday's District 27 playoff game. Gawronski slid past the base and was called out as he tried to scramble back.

Northville was waiting in the title game after beating Canton, 14-8, in the early game of the day. The Mustangs went on to beat Salem, 12-2, in a five-inning mercy.

Novi found themselves a bit stunned after the Rocks jumped ahead and didn't look back, taking advantage of junior pitcher Billy Morrison's fastball early in the game.

"They hit the ball really well," Hart said. "They won the game. They deserved it. Basically, Salem outplayed us through the entire game."

For Hart and the 10 other seniors on the team, it was a hard way to end their promising season.

Ranked second in the state, a Kensington Valley Conference title under their belts and what looked like a promising run at a state title to be had, it was a hard pill to swallow.

Doag Benton, Adam Brandau, Josh Buck, Tyler Farran, Steve Gawronski, Hart, Kerry Kienitzberg, Kyle Margrove, Dan Morrison, Matt Nickels and Chris Scott all waved good-bye to their senior years and their final season as a Wildcat.

Some, like Hart, will move on to play college ball while others won't.

"For a lot of guys, this was the last time they'll play organized sport," Hart said. "I was a little mad that we lost but I was more sad for the guys who won't be going on. I've got at least four more years of baseball. They don't."

With Northville moving on to play the best team in the state, according to the rankings, in the Regional, Hart said their loss should be a lesson learned by everyone.

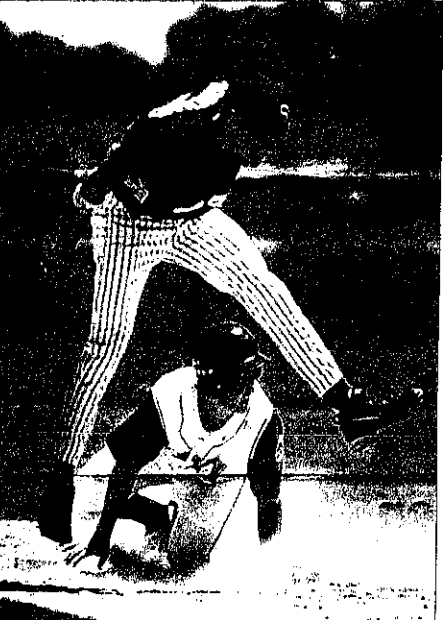
"At any point down the line, your night run into a team that

hits the ball better than you do, a pitcher that has what it takes to beat your guys or a team that just wants it more," he said. "Anything can happen. That's why we play the game, right?"

The hardest thing wasn't so much saying good-bye to the season, but saying good-bye to each other.

"I've played ball with these guys for a while now," Hart said. "I couldn't really ask for a better team. We all stayed together this year, won the conference and played well. Basically, we killed everyone we played. I'm happy with the overall season. It was a lot of fun."

Sam Eggleston is the sports writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 194 or at seggleston@thehome.com.



Wildcat Steve Gawronski slides safely into second base beating a tag from Salem's Dave Cardenas.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

SPORTS SHORTS

Volleyball Camp
Julie Frette, who is the varsity volleyball coach at Novi, is holding a volleyball camp.

The camp, which is slated to run June 21-25 with grades third through eighth going from 9-11:30 a.m. and ninth grade and up going from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

The cost of the camp is \$87 for Novi residents and includes a T-shirt. The cost will be \$92 for non-Novi campers. There will also be a slew of various competitions held during the five-day camp.

For more information or to sign up for the camp, which is coached by Frette and some varsity Wildcat volleyball players, please call Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

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 Year 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 Wildcat 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, taking, 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 basketball. Please include adult T-shirt size (S,M,L,XL) when registering.

Fee \$63.00
July 26-30, Monday-Friday
Class #2354-401, Grades 3-5, 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m.

For more information, please contact Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206. Registration begins May 3.

Jaguars host soccer camps

So you want to be trained by the best? Well, the W-League's Detroit Jaguars are prepared to send their staff in a very educational environment for soccer players of all skill levels.

The Jags, which are based out of Novi, will be holding three camps through June and July that will run from Monday through Thursday from 9-10:30 a.m. each day. The cost of the camps are \$125 per player each week. They will be held at Total Sports on Wixom Road.

More details are available at www.detroitjaguars.com as is the downloadable and printable registration forms.

Last-minute shot ends Novi's hunt for finals

By Matt Simich
SPECIAL WRITER

It was a classic match-up between two rivals. The Wildcats of Novi faced off against the Mustangs of Northville for the district soccer title last Friday and the game proved to be every bit of exciting as any fan could hope for.

Earlier in the season the Wildcats defeated the Mustangs 4-1 so Northville was looking to even the score, but Novi was just as hungry to take the district title home to their side of town. Coming into the game, Novi was ranked first in the state by the coaches' poll and Northville was ranked second.

In the end, it was the second-ranked Mustangs who took the crown for their own, beating the top-seed Novi on a last-minute shot to win the title and advance to the Regional, 3-2.

The game started out with a bang as Wildcat senior forward Moe Pawlak swiftly broke through the Northville defense and kicked the ball off the left goal post and in to the net. The goal came in the first 20 seconds and was unassisted. The momentum was in favor of the Wildcats, but not for long.

In the first five minutes, the Wildcats played with double stoppers and forward backs," said Mustangs coach Ron Metzger. "So we came at them with loss of speed and substitutions on the outside."

Nine minutes later the Mustangs answered with a long bomb shot by senior midfielder Whitney Guenther. The shot sailed over everything in its path, including Novi's goalkeeper, for an unassisted goal at 31:27 and a tied game, 1-1.

Novi regained their lead six minutes later with another goal from Pawlak. Senior Nikki Hermann perfectly placed a free kick that went off the crossbar and Pawlak came up with the rebound and scored at 25:06 for the 2-1 advantage.

For the remainder of the half, great defensive efforts came from Novi's Kelly Costess, Jessica Bardi and Kelly Herbert. Loren Tedicelli, Lindsay Hill and Tessa Adkins played the same role for

"All credit goes to Northville. They played outstanding and deserved to win."

Brian O'Leary
Novi soccer coach

Northville.

The second half started right where the first left off. The teams had a hard time offensively. Both defenses and goalies did good jobs of keeping the ball out of their respective nets for the first ten minutes of the second half. Then in the 29th minute, Northville's Kubus put up a beauty of a free kick that Lauren Hill headed in at 29:54, which tied the score 2-2.

"They brought an extra defender up and it gave us a little trouble," said Novi coach Brian O'Leary. "It just took us too long to adjust and that is how they scored their second goal."

For the next 14 minutes, the teams fought it out defensively before it looked as though the Wildcats got the break they needed. Northville's Adkins received a yellow card from the official and the spot of the free kick was in scoring range for the Wildcats. The kick from Stephanie Crawford was launched and it hit the crossbar and landed in front of a Novi player. She kicked the ball but a Northville defender blocked it. Northville tried to clear ball out of the zone but Novi took it away again. With another blast from a Novi forward it looked like they were going to score, however Northville was there again deflecting the ball out of the scrum to keep the game tied.

Not long after, Novi had another chance with Pawlak going toward the net with two Northville defenders on her. She managed to get past the two and shot the ball, but it rolled just wide of the net. Novi continued to take shots but came up short throughout the second half.

"We had a lot more chances to score but we didn't finish when we had the opportunity and it cost us the game," said O'Leary.

With only ten minutes remaining Northville came alive by taking control of the ball and they did not leave the Novi zone for the rest of the game.

"The team started stepping it up and playing like they should," said Mustang Lauren Hill. "We played scared against them during the regular season, and lost 1-1. This time around we just wanted it more and the Northville crowd really helped us out."

With one minute left it seemed that this game would head into overtime. As Northville tried to drive in again, Lauren Hill got a shot off. Novi's keeper blocked it but could not control it. Hill swooped in to get her own rebound and shot the ball in the net with 35 seconds left in the 3-2 lead that would prove to be the game winner.

"We've come a long, long way since we played Novi early in the season and I have really relished as a team," Metzger said. "I told them to keep the ball on the ground and we could see that Novi was fading fast in the end."

With the remaining seconds on the clock Novi put in a great last 30-second effort but as the buzzer sounded the Northville was still on top 3-2.

"Of course we're disappointed because we wanted more, but Northville played a great game," O'Leary said. "All credit goes to Northville. They played outstanding and deserved to win."

Both teams should be proud of the way they played and the effort it took to get this far. Although there can only be one winner, each team played like champions and acted like champions as well.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Sale • Sale • Sale • Sale

25% off SHRUBS

OVER 10,000 PERENNIALS

PETUNIA & MARIGOLD FLATS Only \$8.99

NO COUPON NEEDED - FRESH, NEW STOCK DAILY THOUSANDS TO CHOOSE FROM

FARMER JOHN'S Greenhouse

Sum. Rain or Shine... 4000 sq. ft. of Shaded Greenhouse
28950 Haggerty Road • Farmington Hills, MI
248-553-7141
Open 7 Days • 8 am to 9 pm (May thru August)

THINKING ABOUT CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING?

LENNOX

FREE ESTIMATES (734) 525-1930
Our 30th Year!
UNITED TEMPERATURE
8919 MIDDLEBELT • LIVONIA

Have a Ball!

KAYAK POOLS

HOMEOWNERS WANTED!!

Kayak Pools is looking for demo homesites to display our New "Maintenance-Free" Kayak Pool. Save thousands of \$\$\$ with this unique opportunity. CALL NOW!!!

800.315.2925
800.31.KAYAK
kayakpools@midwest.com
Discount Code: 758-C13

Flagstar Freedom Savings.

2.00%

Annual Percentage Yield*

1. Flagstar Bank 2.00% APY
2. Bank One 1.00% APY
3. Standard Federal 1.00% APY
4. Fifth Third Bank 0.70% APY
5. Charter One Bank 0.40% APY

Open 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. **
In-State branches open 7 days a week.
Convenient drive-through banking.
(800) 642-0039

We'll meet you anywhere, anytime for a home loan.
(888) LOAN-FSB

Flagstar gives you the freedom.

*As of May 26, 2004, Annual Percentage Yield (APY) is 2% for balances of \$100,000 or more, 1.50% for balances of \$50,000 - \$99,999, 1.25% for balances of \$25,000 - \$49,999, 1.00% for balances of \$10,000 - \$24,999, .75% for balances of \$1,000 - \$9,999, .25% for balances of \$999 or lower. APY is subject to change without notice. A service charge of \$2 will be imposed every statement cycle if the balance in the account falls below \$1,000 on any day of the month. The fee will be waived monthly. Account fees could also be charged. Not available for business or public accounts. Offer not valid with any other checking or savings account offers. Other restrictions may apply. Offer subject to change without notice. **Drive-up banking only.

Member FDIC

The Novi News Presents The Official Guide For The

50's Fest 2004

Wednesday July 28 - Saturday July 31

Cars • Music • Food • Fun • And More

Don't miss out on the chance to reach over 85,000 homes in this event and activities guide of the 17th 50's Fest. Publication will cover Novi, Northville, Farmington, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Livonia, Milford, South Lyon, Brighton & Howell.

Proof Ad Deadline June 18
Final Ad Deadline June 21
Publication Date July 22

Reaches over 85,000 Homes
For Information Call 248-349-1700

Novi's Stephanie Crawford, right, faked out her Livonia Stevenson defender and then scored on a shot during last Thursday's playoff game at Northville High. The Wildcats won the game, but went on to fall against the Northville Mustangs in the final contest of the year.



20th annual SHOWCASE of HOMES

presented by THE HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF WASHTENAW COUNTY

JUNE 12-20, 2004

For complete tour highlights, visit our website

www.washtenawshowcase.com

with special Showcase features of each home, location maps and a short statement about the builders

26 Homes representing 25 Unique Builders Spectacularly Decorated, Furnished and Landscaped Homes Designs from Traditional to Extravagant

For more information call: 734-996-0100

Showcase Hours: Saturday, Sunday & Wednesday 12 PM-8 PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 5 PM-8 PM

Purchase Tickets at any Showcase Home Use it for the entire show \$10 adults \$5 youth (3-16)

SHOWCASE Sponsors:

Standard Federal Bank
ABN AMRO

ABSOLUTE TITLE, INC.

ANN ARBOR NEWS

Buyer's Choice HOME WARRANTY

Read then Recycle this Newspaper

South Lyon Jewelry

Our one-of-a-kind Designs...for your one-of-a-kind Love

101 East Lake St. • South Lyon, MI 48178
(248) 486-9219

Certified Diamond Sale

Weight	Color	Clarity	Certification	Price
1.26	I-1/4ct. H	S12	EGL	4,736
1.23	I-1/4ct. H	S12	EGL	4,628
1.01	Ict. H	S11	EGL	4,088
1.01	Ict. H	S12	GIA	3,836
1.00	Ict. F	VS2	EGL	5,380
1.00	Ict. J	S11	GIA	3,125
.76	3/4ct. H	S12	EGL	2,010
.71	3/4ct. F	S12	EGL	2,188
.57	1/2ct. E	S11	EGL	1,636
.55	1/2ct. F	S11	EGL	1,470

DIAMOND COLOR CHART

D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	X	Y	Z
Colorless	Nearly Colorless	Faint Yellow	Very Slight Yellow	Light Yellow																	

DIAMOND CLARITY CHART

IF	WS1	WS2	VS1	VS2	S1	S2	I1	I2
Internally Flawless	Very, Very Slight Inclusions	Very Slight Inclusions	Slight Inclusions	Visible Inclusions				

Nearly everyone reads

the Novi News

Don't be the last to find out what's going on.

Call 1-888-840-4809 to become a subscriber.

Novi News

Are you an organ & tissue donor?

Ask your family today, and let them know your decision, too. That way you'll know, they'll know, and there will be no question later. For a free brochure, call 1-800-365-SHARE. Share your life, share your decision. Michigan Coalition on donation.

Novi takes 12th in final

■ Nine will return for next season's team

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It was a season of memorable moments and great matchups for the Novi Wildcats tennis team. The way it ended was full of those same kind of moments and competition as well as the "Cats took 12th in the state of Michigan in Division I competition with seven total points. Taking first was Ann Arbor Pioneer with 36 points while Ann Arbor Huron took second along with Catholic Central with 23 points.

Norville, Novi's cross-town rival, was 13th with six points and Brighton, a conference rival, was ninth with nine points.

"Reluctantly speaking we played fairly well," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "After we won our first matches and went into the next round, we had to face one of the seeds. It seemed like we were drawing either the first or second seed the entire time."

Despite all of the flights ending their season in their second matchups of the state finals, Hanson said that he was satisfied.

"I was very pleased with how the kids played," he said. "They competed with the best in the state and did very well."

Of course, it helped to have such a strong regular season, dual-meet schedule. Novi played Ann Arbor Huron and Catholic Central in the regular season, losing to them 8-0 and 7-1, respectively.

"They sound like blowouts, but we played them very well," Hanson said. "I am really proud of how they did against some of the best teams in the state."

The squad will lose four seniors who saw regular playing time and will return eight experienced players with a ninth the new plenty of playing time during the regular season.

"We're fairly young," Hanson said. "Next year, we should have a pretty good squad."

In the state finals, the most notable showings came from third doubles duo Jeff Korby and Richie Fetters and from fourth singles player Kyle Goodman.

The doubles team made it to the quarterfinals before falling to Taylor Zolovick and Tom Parshell of Groves Pointe South, 6-2, 6-3.

In the first round, the duo benefited from a bye before leaving West Bloomfield's Aaron Seidman and Fred Guidonella, 6-4, 6-4, in the second round.

In fourth singles, Goodman earned a bye in the first round before going onto round two and meeting up with Port Huron Northern's Bill Dencucha and beat him 6-1, 6-2. In the quarterfinals, Goodman fought well against Billy Gardner of Birmingham Brother Rice but eventually fell, 6-4, 6-1.

"They sound like blowouts, but we played them very well," Hanson said. "I am really proud of how they did against some of the best teams in the state."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Wildcat's #2 singles player Prasanna Venugopal tracks down a tennis ball, readying his forehand during a game against a Pinckney Pirate.

University of Detroit Jesuit's John Dillon, 6-2, 6-0. In round two, he had to take on Midland's John Pelton and lost, 6-1, 6-0. Pelton was runner up in the state at Division I.

Prasanna Venugopal had a bye in the first round of the second singles flight. In round two, he met and fell to David Murray of West Bloomfield, 6-0, 6-3.

Prasanna Venugopal had a bye in the first round of the second singles flight. In round two, he met and fell to David Murray of West Bloomfield, 6-0, 6-3.

Prasanna Venugopal had a bye in the first round of the second singles flight. In round two, he met and fell to David Murray of West Bloomfield, 6-0, 6-3.

Prasanna Venugopal had a bye in the first round of the second singles flight. In round two, he met and fell to David Murray of West Bloomfield, 6-0, 6-3.

Prasanna Venugopal had a bye in the first round of the second singles flight. In round two, he met and fell to David Murray of West Bloomfield, 6-0, 6-3.

Prasanna Venugopal had a bye in the first round of the second singles flight. In round two, he met and fell to David Murray of West Bloomfield, 6-0, 6-3.

Prasanna Venugopal had a bye in the first round of the second singles flight. In round two, he met and fell to David Murray of West Bloomfield, 6-0, 6-3.

Prasanna Venugopal had a bye in the first round of the second singles flight. In round two, he met and fell to David Murray of West Bloomfield, 6-0, 6-3.

Prasanna Venugopal had a bye in the first round of the second singles flight. In round two, he met and fell to David Murray of West Bloomfield, 6-0, 6-3.

Prasanna Venugopal had a bye in the first round of the second singles flight. In round two, he met and fell to David Murray of West Bloomfield, 6-0, 6-3.

Prasanna Venugopal had a bye in the first round of the second singles flight. In round two, he met and fell to David Murray of West Bloomfield, 6-0, 6-3.

Prasanna Venugopal had a bye in the first round of the second singles flight. In round two, he met and fell to David Murray of West Bloomfield, 6-0, 6-3.

Prasanna Venugopal had a bye in the first round of the second singles flight. In round two, he met and fell to David Murray of West Bloomfield, 6-0, 6-3.

Prasanna Venugopal had a bye in the first round of the second singles flight. In round two, he met and fell to David Murray of West Bloomfield, 6-0, 6-3.

Prasanna Venugopal had a bye in the first round of the second singles flight. In round two, he met and fell to David Murray of West Bloomfield, 6-0, 6-3.

Novi offers a great experience

Another year, another graduation and another season come and goes.



Sam Eggleston

Come next year, I'll have spent four football seasons with the Novi Wildcats. Four basketball, four hockey, four everything. Isn't it strange how quickly time comes and goes?

Kevin Cisto will be a senior. I remember people talking about him like he was the next big thing at Novi when he was just a freshman. I scoffed. They were right.

The Woods twins in Jarrel and Josh will be the big men on campus now. Wow. That was fast, wasn't it?

Zach Flavin is going to be the best hockey and baseball player in the Kensington Valley Conference next year. It seems like just yesterday he was scamping along as a newcomer to the high school.

I've seen state championships, damn good runs at them and seasons like just yesterday. I've seen like just yesterday he was scamping along as a newcomer to the high school.

I've seen state championships, damn good runs at them and seasons like just yesterday. I've seen like just yesterday he was scamping along as a newcomer to the high school.

I've seen state championships, damn good runs at them and seasons like just yesterday. I've seen like just yesterday he was scamping along as a newcomer to the high school.

I've seen state championships, damn good runs at them and seasons like just yesterday. I've seen like just yesterday he was scamping along as a newcomer to the high school.

I've seen state championships, damn good runs at them and seasons like just yesterday. I've seen like just yesterday he was scamping along as a newcomer to the high school.

I've seen state championships, damn good runs at them and seasons like just yesterday. I've seen like just yesterday he was scamping along as a newcomer to the high school.

I've seen state championships, damn good runs at them and seasons like just yesterday. I've seen like just yesterday he was scamping along as a newcomer to the high school.

I've seen state championships, damn good runs at them and seasons like just yesterday. I've seen like just yesterday he was scamping along as a newcomer to the high school.

I've seen state championships, damn good runs at them and seasons like just yesterday. I've seen like just yesterday he was scamping along as a newcomer to the high school.

I've seen state championships, damn good runs at them and seasons like just yesterday. I've seen like just yesterday he was scamping along as a newcomer to the high school.

I've seen state championships, damn good runs at them and seasons like just yesterday. I've seen like just yesterday he was scamping along as a newcomer to the high school.

I've seen state championships, damn good runs at them and seasons like just yesterday. I've seen like just yesterday he was scamping along as a newcomer to the high school.

I've seen state championships, damn good runs at them and seasons like just yesterday. I've seen like just yesterday he was scamping along as a newcomer to the high school.

EVENTS

Fun Run

DATE: Saturday, June 12
TIME: 8 a.m. check-in
LOCATION: Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 4400 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi (1/2 mile west of Novi Road)

Gardeners of Northville & Novi Meeting

DATE: Monday, June 14
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

Borders Celebrates "M is for Melody"

DATE: Thursday, June 17
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Borders of Novi, Novi Town Center

Caraoke Sing-a-long & Evening at the Borders

DATE: Friday, June 18
TIME: 5-10 p.m.
LOCATION: MSU Tollgate Education Center, 2815 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi

Providence Center for the Hearing Arts "Tuesdays at Assarian"

DATE: every Tuesday night
TIME: 5-8 p.m.
LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi

CALENDAR

Cal Stone, editor (248) 349-1700, ext. 113. cstone@h1.homecomm.net

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

17th Annual Tycoon Tee-Off Golf Outing

DATE: Wednesday, August 18
LOCATION: Links of Novi
DETAILS: The Novi Chamber of Commerce's 17th annual outing.

CLASSES

Federal Labor Standards Act Compliance Seminars

DATE: Tuesday, June 29
TIME: 8 a.m.-noon
LOCATION: Doubterre Hotel, 27000 Sheraton Drive, Novi

MEETINGS

Democrats of West Oakland County

DATE: Tuesday, June 15
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: UAW Local 36, 28930 Wixom Road, Wixom, located 1/2 mile north of I-96 on the east side of the road.

FAITH

Faith Community Vacation Bible School

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

SWOCC Studio Tours

DATE: On-going
LOCATION: 3300 Nine Mile Road, Farmington
DETAILS: Have you wondered what goes on behind the scenes a television studio? Why not come in for an up close and personal look at SWOCC Studios, our local community television studio. SWOCC offers tours to many organizations such as Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and service clubs.

HEALTH

Free Blood Pressure Screening

DATES: every Monday
TIME: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
DETAILS: This service will be available until Jan. 31.

BUSINESS

Novi Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

DATE: Tuesday, June 15
TIME: 11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Carrabba's Italian Grill

CHAMBERS

Chamber After-Hours Mixer

DATE: Thursday, July 22
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Cornerstone Dental Studio, Inc. and Goodman Orthodontics, PC, 42430 W. Twelve Mile Road

BUSINESS REFERRALS

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 referral business. Various classifications open and eager to bring you qualified business leads.

CITY OF NOVI

The following are key dates in the month of June in Novi:
10 Senior Book Discussion Group noon, Library
10 Parks, Recreation and Forestry Program: 7:30 p.m.
12 Jeanne Clark NYA Teen Center Registration 9:00

Worship Service

DATE: every Wednesday
TIME: 12:10-12:50 p.m.
LOCATION: Church of the Holy Cross, 46300 W. Ten Mile Road (between Back and T&E Roads), Novi
DETAILS: Come and share your lunch hour with God at a worship service that includes scripture and holy communion.

St. James Catholic Church Friendship Circle

DATE: 2nd Tuesday for the month
TIME: 1 p.m.
DETAILS: Social group for widows and widowers. All are welcome to join us for fellowship and fun.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Women's Prayer Support

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

ADOPTION

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.)

Adoption

Adoption

Send your calendar items to Cal Stone, editor, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167, fax to (248) 349-9832, or e-mail to cstone@h1.homecomm.net.

Lacrosse bows out of state tournament

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It was a season of great achievement for the Novi Wildcats despite the predictions made by their peers in the world of high school lacrosse.

Past performances were quickly ignored. It was a new season, a new year and a new coach to guide them.

The Wildcats responded, clawing their way to a 10-6 record before falling in the playoffs to a powerful Lansing Waverly squad last week. The year prior, Novi was 2-11.

Against Waverly, the Wildcats suffered through a dreary first quarter and fell victim to their foes from Waverly, 8-4.

In the end, the first quarter proved to be the poison that ended the season for Novi. Waverly prowled through the Wildcat defense, snagging pass after pass and landing shot after shot to score four goals. Though Novi mustered eight shots on goal, they couldn't land a single score and found themselves in a position no team likes to be in—behind.

In the second quarter, the Wildcats earned their first tally of the game. Bobby Wats took a pass from Jeff Poliochio and ricketed it home to cut the Waverly lead to 4-1. Unfortunately, that would be the last time the ball would find the back of the net again. Waverly through the remainder of the half. Lansing, however, tallied two more to make it a 6-1 game

with an entire half left to play. Novi's defense buckled down in the third, keeping Lansing Waverly scoreless while Novi had 10 shots on goal with some finding their way past the goalie. Heading into the early minutes of the fourth quarter, Waverly added two more unanswered goals to make it an 8-1 contest and basically sealed the game.

Novi did their best to come back as time ticked off the clock. Michael Kolis, brought up from the junior varsity squad at the end of the regular season, fired home a score with an assist from Scott Smith. Not long after, Kevin Gee took a pass from Poliochio and added a score of his own.

Poliochio notched Novi's final goal of the season with an unassisted volley for the 8-4

final. He had one goal and two assists in the game, while Smith had two assists.

Novi did their best to come back as time ticked off the clock. Michael Kolis, brought up from the junior varsity squad at the end of the regular season, fired home a score with an assist from Scott Smith. Not long after, Kevin Gee took a pass from Poliochio and added a score of his own.

Poliochio notched Novi's final goal of the season with an unassisted volley for the 8-4

final. He had one goal and two assists in the game, while Smith had two assists.

Novi did their best to come back as time ticked off the clock. Michael Kolis, brought up from the junior varsity squad at the end of the regular season, fired home a score with an assist from Scott Smith. Not long after, Kevin Gee took a pass from Poliochio and added a score of his own.

Poliochio notched Novi's final goal of the season with an unassisted volley for the 8-4

Atlas Seamless Gutters

SEAMLESS RESISTANT & ENVIRONMENTAL GUTTERS

What Makes Atlas Seamless Gutters So Special?

- Lifetime Warranty vs. 1 Year Warranty (Industry Standard)
- Custom Hand Milled Corners vs. Pre-Made Box Miter (That Leak)
- Invisible Strain Hangers vs. Spike and Fender (That come loose)
- Premium elastomeric caulk vs. \$1.00 tube standard caulk, rakes & cracks
- *We "Flash" all exposed fascia board so that water can gutter go behind the gutter to cause rot
- Seamless 5 & 6 Inch K Style
- Premium Hidden Hangers
- Custom Milled Corners
- Premium Elastomeric Caulk
- 42 Stock & Custom Colors

INSTALLATION REPAIR CLEANING
810-227-9164 • 734-449-9480
www.atlasgutterhelmet.com

Walgreens

The Pharmacy America Trusts

in Novi

24100 Novi Road and Ten Mile

Now has a pharmacist on duty 7 days a week
8am to 10pm

Call to transfer your perscriptions today!
248.349.6771
Drive thru Available

COMMUNITY FINANCIAL

Thinking forward. Banking right.

WIN FREE MOVIES FOR A YEAR*

Open a new Community Financial checking account before June 30, 2004 and be automatically entered to win a year of free movies at the Emagine Theater in Novi.

EMAGINE
THE MAGIC OF MOVIES & MORE

Basic checking with direct deposit gives you:

- No monthly maintenance fees
- Free WebPB Internet Banking
- Unlimited check writing
- Free Bill Payment Service
- Free VISA® Check Card
- First order of checks free

Offer ends June 30, 2004, call or stop by a Community Financial branch today.

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

PLAZA OF COMMERCE 6785 N. Canton Center NORTHVILLE 400 E. Main NOVI 43000 Arena Dr.

NCUA

Single? Need Friends?

Discover a life changing experience with people who are Personality Caring and Christ Honoring

Call
Single Point Ministries
For events, activities, retreats
248-374-5920
www.wardchurch.org/singlepoint

GETTING DIVORCED?

"FREE REPORT Reveals Legal Secrets You Don't Want Your Spouse To Know!"

A divorce can get nasty. **REAL** nasty. That's why we put together this new **FREE REPORT** that explains the 7 dirty divorce tricks your spouse might play on you. Wouldn't you like to know them first?

24 Hour Toll Free Pre-Recorded Message
1-800-758-5208

The Story of Business in "Our Town"

This is your opportunity to tell your customers a little about you. When you started your business, why you opened in "Our Town", the history behind your business, or maybe the building you're located in.

Our Town Northville/Novi
Reservation Deadline: June 16, 2004
Publication Date: August 5, 2004

South Lyon Our Town
Reservation Deadline: June 30, 2004
Publication Date: August 5, 2004

Huron Valley Our Town
Reservation Deadline: July 7, 2004
Publication Date: August 12, 2004

Four Color Available:
Buy 2 Our Towns & receive **10% OFF**
Buy 3 or more & receive **25% OFF**
Front page photos available!
Ask your account executive for information.

HOME TOWN
Contact your sales representative to reserve your space!

South Lyon 248-437-2011
Northville Record 248-349-1700
Novi News 248-349-1700
Milford Times 248-685-1507

PARKS & RECREATION

Cal Stone, editor (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 cstone@h1homecomm.net

Line Dancing - Drop-In Lessons

Why not make these fun and upbeat classes your new exercise routine in 2004? No prior experience is needed, however the beginner class is recommended for first-timers. The intermediate class is fast paced and aerobic. These classes are a great way to get exercise, reduce stress and meet people. No partner is needed. Dance music ranges from rock & roll to country and everything in between. Call (248) 348-9116 for more information. No classes May 14, May 31, July 23 and August 13. The Instructor is Jean Rowe of Steppin' Time, WVA and ACA Member.

Beginner Lessons			
Days	Dates	Time	Place
Mon	On-going	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Novi Ice Arena
Fri	On-going	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Novi Civic Ctr.
Intermediate Lessons			
Mon	On-going	7:30 to 9 p.m.	Novi Ice Arena
Fri	On-going	7:30 to 9 p.m.	Novi Civic Ctr.
Practice Sessions			
Mon	On-going	9 to 9:30 p.m.	Novi Ice Arena
Fri	On-going	9 to 10:30 p.m.	Novi Civic Ctr.

Fee for entire evening: \$5 resident and/or senior; \$6 non-resident

Adult Softball Tournaments

Novi Parks will now be offering several adult softball tournaments throughout the summer. Participating teams get concession coupons and entry prizes in their tournament packets! Winners and runner-up receive trophies and T-shirts!

JUNE SUMMER SMASH TOURNAMENT

Men's Open and 35 & Over Divisions and Women's Open Division

Day	Dates	Time	Place
Sat. Sun	June 19, 20	Begins at 8 a.m.	Power Park
Price	Age	Registration	
\$220	18 & up	Until Tues June 15	

JULY 50'S FESTIVAL TOURNAMENT - ISA Sanctioned Qualifier

Competitive. Teams can be ISA sanctioned at the tournament (included with registration)

Day	Dates	Time	Place
Sat. Sun	July 24, 25	Begins at 8 a.m.	Power Park
Price	Age	Registration	
\$220	18 & up	Until Tues July 20	

Karate

Learn "Tang So Do" style Korean Karate under the direction of sixth degree black belt master, Bob Gordon. A qualified staff of black belts will assist with instruction. No class August 3, 24 & September 21. Black belts may \$15 per session. The fee is waived for those with black belts who assist in class. All classes held at Novi Civic Center.

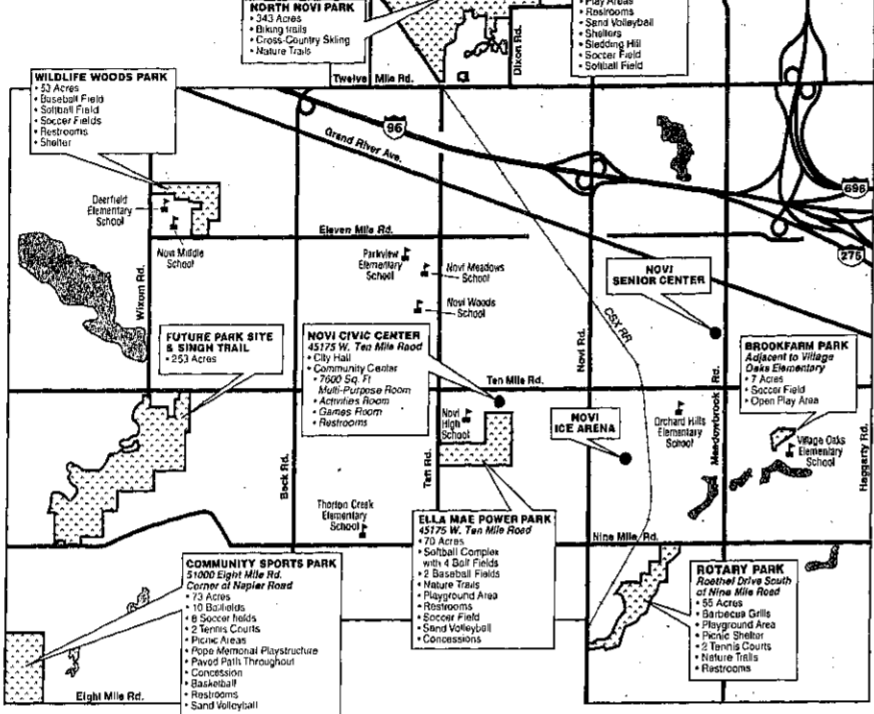
Dates	Time	Price Res/NonRes	Age	Registration
May 18-Jul 6	6-7 p.m.	\$32/38	8 & older	May 3-13
Jul 20-Sept 28	6-7 p.m.	\$32/38	8 & older	Jul 6-16

Kid's Fair

This new event is sure to be an instant hit with families. Community Sports Park will be transformed into a kid's wonderland, with entertainment and activity stations throughout the park. Kids and parents will hammer and nail fun creations, paint and craft, cuddle, feed and watch animals, play games, learn about fun outdoor activities, race and jump, kick and throw, enjoy wonderful musical entertainment and more! Families can enjoy a picnic lunch to enjoy under the pavilion or purchase snacks at the concession areas. In the case of inclement weather, the event will be moved indoors to the Novi Civic Center. The event will run from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, June 12 at the Community Sports Park.

Novi Parks and Recreation Area Map and Site Location Listings

SOURCE: City of Novi



Learn to Bowl Summer

Children will learn the concepts and skills of bowling. The first four weeks features lane instruction and the last 8 weeks is league play. The schedule will be adjusted for holidays.

Day	Dates	Time	Place
Mon	May 10-Jul 26	5 p.m.	Novi Bowl
Price	Registration	Age	
\$123	Apr 19-May 6 at the Civic Ctr	8 & up	

Youth Bowling Leagues

Day	Dates	Time	Place
Sat	June 12-Aug 7	10 a.m.	Novi Bowl
Tue	Jun 15-Aug 12	4:30 p.m.	Novi Bowl
Thu	Jun 17-Aug 14	4:30 p.m.	Novi Bowl

Bumper Bowling Leagues

Day	Dates	Time	Place
Sat	June 12-Aug 7	10 a.m.	Novi Bowl
Tue	Jun 15-Aug 12	4:30 p.m.	Novi Bowl
Thu	Jun 17-Aug 14	4:30 p.m.	Novi Bowl

Price Registration

\$62 May 24-Jun 10 at the Civic Ctr. Price includes 2 games weekly, use of rental shoes and a pizza banquet with trophies.

Clogging

Clogging is a great form of cardiovascular exercise and great fun. Participants will learn routines and new dance steps. The class uses all types of music and the classes are open to people of all ages. Morning Clogging classes are available; please refer to the senior pages.

Easy Level Classes
Learn basic clogging steps, terminology and dance routines; classes held at Novi Civic Center.

Date	Time	Price/Res/NonRes	Registration
May 26-July 14	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	\$40/48	May 10-24
July 21-Sept 1	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	\$35/42	July 6-19

Intermediate Level Classes
One or two new dances per session with lots of review and cueing.

Day	Date	Time	Place	Price
Wed	On-Going	7:30 to 10 p.m.	Novi Civic Ctr.	\$4 at the door

Club Classes
Workshop/lesson/review and open dance. No class May 31, July 5 and September 6.

Day	Dates	Time	Place	Price
Mon	On-going	6:30 to 10 p.m.	Novi Civic Ctr.	\$4 at the door

IT'LL BE A COLD DAY BEFORE YOU PAY FOR AN AIR CONDITIONER

That's because we'll finance it for you. So you don't have to pay a thing for six months. We'll take care of it all. Whatever it takes!

Day & Night Heating & Cooling
27629 Haggerty Rd., Novi

248-474-2226

SOUTH LYON CYCLE
ONE OF THE TOP 100 BICYCLE DEALERS IN THE U.S.A.

GREAT SELECTION FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY
Mountain • Commuter • Cruiser • Hybrid • Road • BMX • Firestyle • Kids

EXPANDED SHOWROOM NOW OPEN

TREK. GIANT. HARO. PERSONALIZED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

SPECIALIZING IN BICYCLE TUNE-UPS
ONE DAY SERVICE AVAILABLE ON ALL BRANDS
CERTIFIED MECHANIC

209 S. Lafayette (Pontiac Trail)
2 Blocks south of 10 Mile Rd.
Minutes from Millford, Novi & Northville

248-437-0500
Downtown South Lyon

Utopia

SALON & SPA

is pleased to offer

\$40 Women's Haircuts
(includes Blowdry)

Book today with one of our senior stylists to receive this special rate. Men's haircuts also available for \$38.

Prom Special For Students
Receive 20% Off All Color Services

Students must present current I.D. upon appointment check-in.

182 East Main Street • Downtown Northville
248-465-7700

Tiki Scratch & Win Cash

Win up to \$25,000 during the Golden Arm Challenge going on now!

Craps Players:
Win up to \$25,000 during the Golden Arm Challenge going on now!

MGM GRAND
DETROIT CASINO

Your Tiki Paradise has arrived! Just show your Players Club Card and receive 1 free Tiki Cash Instant Win Card daily. Score more cards by playing your favorite slots, video poker and table games. Then, scratch for cash and your chance at the Big Kahuna - \$5,000! It's Tiki Cash only at MGM Grand Detroit Casino.

AMUSEMENT PARKS

The following amusement park tickets are available at the Novi Parks office in the Civic Center. No refunds or exchanges. Call (248) 347-0400 for more information.

■ Cedar Point
2-day Adult \$63.50
May 8-Oct 31
3-59
48" & over
Adult \$33.50
3-59
48" & over
Child \$24.50
3 & under
48" or 60+

■ Crossroads Village
Adult \$9
May 29-Sept 6
13-59
Child \$5
3-12

■ The Henry Ford Village/Museum
Adult \$13.50
Jan 1-Dec 31
13 & over
Child \$9.50
5-12

■ Kings Island
2-Day Adult \$44
Apr 10-Oct 31
7-59
Adult \$26
7-59
Child \$22
3-6 or 60+

■ Michigan Adventure (Muskegon)
Adult \$21.50
May 22-Sept 19
3 & up
Child \$6
5-12

■ Michigan Renaissance
Adult \$14.25
Aug 14-Sept 26
13 & up
Child \$6
5-12

■ Michigan State Fair
\$7.80
Aug 11-Aug 22
12 & up

■ Waterford/Red Oaks Wave Pool
Adult \$10
May 29-Sept 6
43" & over
Child \$6.50
30"-42"

■ Six Flags Gr. American (Chicago)
Child GATE ONLY
May 1-Sept 25
4+, under 54
Adult \$ 32
54" & over

■ Six Flags (Ohio) Worlds of Adventure
Child GATE ONLY
May 1-Oct 31
54" & over
Adult \$ 25.50
54" & over

Cost-Effective Statewide Coverage

MINI & MPV

Place your 2x2 display ad and reach over 3.5 million readers for just \$949! Place a 25 word classified and reach over 4 million readers for just \$299! Contact this Newspaper or Wendy and Christine at Michigan Newspapers Inc.

Michigan Press Association
Michigan Newspapers, Inc.
827 N. Washtenaw
Lansing, MI 48206
Phone: 517-377-1111
Fax: 517-377-1112
wendy@mnpi.com
christine@mnpi.com

SCAM ALERT!

Contact the Federal Trade Commission, America's consumer protection agency, to find out how to spot federal and postal job scams.

www.ftc.gov/jobscams
1-877-FTC-HELP

Hello, Citizens?

CITIZENS

When an accident turns your life upside down, your Citizens agent takes over. We understand how unsettling disruptions to your daily life can be - even if there is no claim. Our pledge is to get you, your family, and your life back to normal as soon as possible.

Citizens Insurance Company of America has been providing auto, home and business insurance to the people of Michigan since 1918. To find your local independent Citizens agent, look at the yellow pages or visit www.citizensinsurance.biz

Discover the benefits of Citizenship.

Maynes Insurance Services, LTD.
2450 Old Novi Rd. • Novi, MI 48377
248-668-5800 • Fax: 248-668-5803

\$4.95/mo Internet!

There is a company in our area that offers fast, reliable, and extremely inexpensive Internet access to our area. What's so refreshingly unusual is that Netpenny has taken the "Wal-Mart" approach to business - Because of volume Netpenny only charges \$4.95 a month Internet access! Better yet - they have exceptional free customer service, no contracts, 5 free emails, free spam/virus filtering, support instant messaging, no credit card is required and they are engineered for no "busy signals"! People are getting better service than they've ever had before and saving as much as \$227 or more per year! Imagine saving enough to make a car payment or take a weekend getaway year after year just for switching Internet companies! To sign up today, visit their website at www.netpenny.net or call toll-free at 1-888-248-7239.



The City of Novi's concert series will focus on entertainment for children this year. Last year, crowds like the one pictured above, helped make the series a huge success for the Parks & Recreation department.

SOMETHING FOR THE KIDS

Summer concert series has new theme, venue

By Kim Baker
SPECIAL WRITER

Kids are the best audience, especially in Novi. The city's Thursday night summer concert series has seen its biggest audiences in the past. This did not go unnoticed by Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry.

"We've decided to make (the concert series) exclusively a kids show," said Tracie Ringler, event and marketing coordinator.

The theme is not the only change for what is now called the Kid's Concert Series. The regular venue will move from the Novi Civic Center to Lakeshore Park.

"It's going to provide families the opportunity to bring a picnic, buy a concession, lay down a blanket. The park setting is something you don't get all over," said Ringler.

Also, with two play structures, the park's atmosphere is more conducive to rambunctious concert-goers.

"Some of the kids who can't sit still can still enjoy the music while drinking or playing," said Ringler.

Despite all that is new, some of the entertainment at the Kid's Concert Series will be familiar, said Ringler: The Smudge Fundaes, a popular act last year, will be back.

"They're a lot of fun," said Ringler.

The Novi Concert Band will continue their tradition of performing the last show of the series, which is held at Providence Hospital.

The new, more family-friendly environment of the Kid's Concert Series is perfect for summer fun, said Ringler. "It's another opportunity for the family to enjoy an evening together."

The concerts are all free to Novi residents. Non-residents pay \$4 per car.

Should weather prove unsuitable for outdoor fun, shows will be moved to the Novi Civic Center.

Kim Baker is a University of Michigan-Dearborn journalism student and a Novi News intern. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 109.

KIDS CONCERTS

This year's concerts will be held at Lakeshore Park - a great park setting, complete with concessions, picnic shelter and BBQ grill. Lakeshore Park features multiple play structures and a guarded beach.

The park is located on South Lake Drive across from Walled Lake. Non-residents will be charged \$4 per car to enter the park.

July 16 Smudge Fundaes
The Smudge Fundaes, from Ontario, Canada, have been described as "fabulous," "sheer entertainment" and "fun for the whole family". This delightful musical duo entertains children and families alike with catchy, upbeat original music.

June 24 African Drum and Dance
Kevin Collins and crew have been performing throughout Michigan for years. The program brings African drums and dances for kids to try. The show promises to be highly interactive.

July 8 Obuse Jugglers
Set to lively, beat-driven music, the team's juggling routines are smooth and spectacular. You'll see seven balls bouncing off the floor, five rings zipping

through the air and incredible three ball juggling that will make you jaw drop. It's a visual feast you won't soon forget and it is presented with irresistible comic flair.

July 29 Chautauqua Express
Express performance will have their feet tapping. Shows promise to be highly entertaining and interactive. Audience members will be on stage to play or sing throughout the event. Everyone from toddlers to grandparents will enjoy Chautauqua Express.

August 5 Ryder & Dumm
Everyone is fair game at a Ryder and Dumm show, audiences never know what to expect from this magician/ comedian team. The team has made people laugh in Frankenthum and at the Michigan Renaissance Festival. The magic is comical and the comedy is magical.

August 12 Island Festival!
The whole family will enjoy the beats of the Caribbean with Immunity, a reggae band. This special evening will feature all things island including beach games, festive "drinks", snacks and more. Bring your suit and enjoy the water of Walled Lake.

August 19 (2 shows) Kevin Devine Musical Circus
The Kevin Devine Musical Circus has traveled the country dazzling audiences with mad-cap shenanigans, musical hi-

fix and original songs. With over 1000 original songs, the group has something to please everyone ear. Kevin has written songs for PBS (Barney and Friends) NBC, and CBS. (This performance is sponsored by Providence Hospital and will be performed on the hospital grounds, located at Back Road and Grand River.)

Novi Concert Band
The Novi Concert Band, formed in 1982, performs in the area all year round. The 45 members play a range of fine music including symphonic to folk, religious and Broadway. (This performance is sponsored by Providence Hospital and will be performed on the hospital grounds, located at Back Road and Grand River.)

In case of inclement weather, concerts will be moved indoors at the Novi Civic Center. Please call the weather hotline at (248) 347-0473 for updates. Performers are subject to change.

Proud to be a part of this great community

O'BRIEN SULLIVAN FUNERAL HOME

41555 Grand River Avenue
Novi, Michigan 48375-1822
(248)348-1800

John J. O'Brien John P. O'Brien
Michael D. Watt

State Licensed-Board Certified Funeral Directors
Family owned
www.obrtensullivanfuneralhome.com

Offering Prearrangements & Pre-financing

REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

News

Thursday, June 10, 2004

Why aren't there more small private businesses?

Small-business entrepreneurs are dreamers and problem-solvers. They tend to create opportunities where others see only challenges. They have an innate ability to uncover niches and plant enterprises in corners of the economy that others bypass without hesitation.

There are currently more than 25 million of these free-enter-

prise movers and shakers. They can be found from coast-to-coast. Half of all private-sector jobs are of their making. Consumers love them. Politicians embrace

them as the backbone of the nation's economy.

But there should be many more. Why aren't there 30 million? Or 50 million?

Although the United States has more small businesses per capita than any other nation, it should have many more. What's holding American entrepreneurs back?

The cost of health insurance for one thing. The cost and availability of liability insurance for another and workers' compensation costs, rising energy expenses and federal taxes on business income.

According to "Small Business Problems and Priorities," the sixth edition of a study conducted by the NFIB Research Foundation and Wells Fargo, many of the most serious problems facing small-business owners are politically generated, rather than spawned from free-market competition.

Health insurance, liability insurance and workers' compensation are clearly ranked as the top three problems for America's small-business owners. All three could be solved in Washington, D.C., if only those who say they love and support small business out on the political stump would do so when it comes time to cast their votes in Washington and in state capitals.

Health-care costs have been the top-ranked problem for small firms for nearly two decades. In this year's study, 66 percent of respondents ranked health-care costs as the "most critical" problem facing small businesses — the highest percentage of small-business owners to do so in the history of the study.

Maybe the message is finally getting through. In mid-May, the U.S. House of Representatives passed three bills that could open the way to affordable healthcare through tax-free savings accounts for health expenses, medical liability reform and Small-Business Health Plans.

This is the seventh time the House of Representatives has approved Small-Business Health Plans and the president has made it known he'll sign the legislation. But some in the U.S. Senate who tout small business as the greatest thing since sliced bread are only willing to offer half-a-loaf.

Liability insurance skyrocketed to second place on the list of small-business concerns, a three-fold leap in just four years. This is likely driven by fears of getting sued, researchers believe. And workers' compensation costs jumped from the seventh spot to the third since the group's 2000 survey, reflecting the cost of medical claims caused by job-related injuries.

Energy costs, which include not only gasoline but also natural gas and electricity, rose from the tenth to the fourth spot in the new study. Federal taxes on income was the only issue in the top five that moved downward, but still remains a major deterrent for small firms. All are politically generated problems.

Why aren't there more small businesses in America? That's the exact question voters should ask when they hear politicians proclaim their love and support of the little firms that are so crucial to this nation's economic survival.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals. More information is available on-line at www.NFIB.com.



Photos by Duane Ramsey

The game room at O'Tooles features pool tables, video games, darts, several television monitors and a big-screen projection TV.

Find food, fun, service at O'Tooles

By Duane Ramsey
SPECIAL WRITER

O'Tooles offers fine food, friendly service, fun, entertainment and numerous sports activities in a casual environment with "A Touch of Irish" at the local restaurant that opened last fall in Novi.

The owners of the original O'Tooles in downtown Royal Oak opened their second sports-themed restaurant on Novi Road just north of Ten Mile Road in October. They completely remodeled the interior of an existing former restaurant at that location, according to owner Steve Wadle.

"We want people to come here for the food and fun environment. Our laid-back down-home atmosphere is ideal for enjoying your meal and watching your favorite sports teams play," said Steve.

O'Tooles has daily food specials for lunch and dinner with a fresh menu that includes big burgers, a selection of appetizers, salads and sandwiches, pizza and an "Irish fayre" fare. It includes Irish stew, shepherd's pie, Gaelic steak, New England boiled dinner and fish and chips.

Patrons can "build your own burger" for \$5 starting with a three-quarter pound patty and your own selected toppings from a list of 20 items. A smaller \$3 cheeseburger and fries lunch special is offered Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

With the Frequent Diner Club at O'Tooles, members can earn 8 percent of every dollar they spend toward the purchase of food and non-alcoholic beverages, excluding tax and gratuity.

O'Tooles recently introduced the 2004 Patio Party held on Fridays from 5 to 8 p.m. during the summer featuring the Bar-B-Q for Novi's best happy hour, said Steve. The party includes live entertainment with singer Jon D. Lamb currently performing.

They also have live entertainment on Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday evenings, and a dance floor with a DJ on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

The full menu is offered with outdoor patio seating weather permitting. A deck is also available for banquets or private parties, according to Wadle.

The local sports restaurant features two 46-inch, high-definition plasma televisions above the bar and 24 other TVs located around the restaurant for watching your favorite sports event or team.

The spacious game room features darts, pool tables and several video games with a large-

O'TOOLES

- Novi location:
24555 Novi Road
just north of 10 Mile
in Novi
248-349-7038
- Royal Oak location:
205 West Fifth Ave.
in Royal Oak
248-591-9226

screen projection TV. Patrons may also play Club Keno through the Michigan Lottery at O'Tooles.

Sports are not just the theme at O'Tooles but some are actually played on the baseball diamond and sand volleyball court located on the premises. The restaurant holds competition in softball and volleyball, while sponsoring all-star teams in those sports.

O'Tooles recently announced the formation of coed and male

flag football leagues that will play on Sunday mornings and afternoons, beginning June 27. Eight-person teams can register for the four-on-four, non-contact format until June 22 by filling out a registration form at the restaurant, calling 248-389-1200 or going online at www.flightzonefootball.com.

Any sports team, sponsored or not, can become an "All-Star Team" at O'Tooles and earn 10 percent of every dollar team

members spend, excluding tax and gratuity. As teams accumulate credit, they can use it for team parties, uniforms or apply it toward next season's league membership.

The management team at O'Tooles in Novi includes Carmen Young with managers Scott Niskar and Scott Sciriba. The friendly bar and wait staff will see that each customer enjoys their visits to the restaurant.



From left, Jon Eckerly of South Lyon, a customer at O'Tooles, receives special service from waitresses Lindsay Lowlor and Lisa DiNuzzo.

• Full Menu • Live Entertainment • Patio Seating • Happy Hour Specials • Banquet Facilities

Patio Party!!
Every Friday
New Drinks! New Menu!
John D. Lamb
performs live 5-8

O'Tooles
"A Touch of Irish"

Flag Football Leagues
Now forming!
• Coed or male • 4 on 4
• 14 game regular season
\$395 per team (8 person roster)
Sunday Afternoons
League begins June 27

FREE APPETIZER
with the purchase of two sandwiches or two entrees
Monday - Friday 4-9pm
Exp. 9.10.04 • In house only

Introducing The Bar-B-Q every Friday for "Happy Hour"

- Domestic Bottle \$2⁰⁰ • Import Bottle \$3⁰⁰ • Well Drinks \$2⁵⁰
- 16 oz. Domestic Draft \$2⁵⁰ • 16 oz. Import Draft \$3⁰⁰
- 22 oz. Domestic Draft \$3⁰⁰ • 22 oz. Import Draft \$3⁵⁰

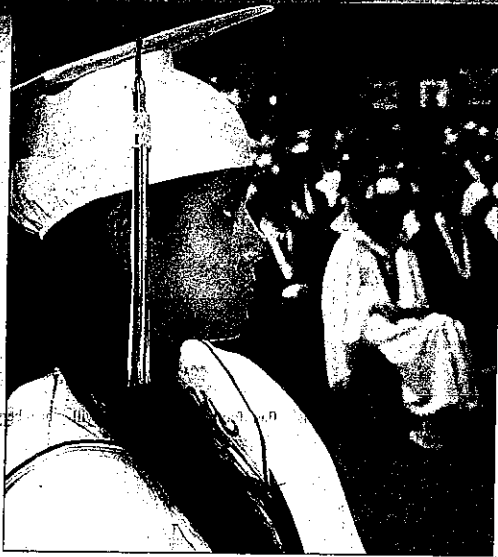
• Sunday SIN (Service Industry Night) Work in a Restaurant? 25% off your Bill!
• Bring in your sports team and receive 10% off your entire bill all day everyday

Buy One Sandwich or Entree Get 2nd for 1/2 Off
of equal or lesser value
Monday - Friday 6-9pm
Exp. 9.10.04 • In house only

24555 Novi Road • Novi • 248-349-7038 • Keno • Happy Hour Specials Monday-Friday 4pm-7pm

A special salute to the
Class of 2004

Congratulating the students from
NOVI HIGH SCHOOL



Above, Novi High School senior Shawn Calvin awaits her diploma at last Saturday's commencement at Compuware Arena.



Right, Novi's Nitasha Ahluwalia receives her diploma to cap off 13 years of education.

Below, Novi High School graduate Ryan Carroll receives a congratulatory handshake from principal John Lawrence.



Photos by John Helder

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL - 2004 TOP TEN GRADUATES



Neil Rao

PARENTS: Ratha Rao, Mike Rao

SIBLINGS: Megan Rao, 14

POST GRADUATION PLANS: College of Literature, Science and Arts - Honors - University of Michigan

CAREER PLANS: Undecided

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER, AND HOW? Mr. Donald Crockett. As my AP biology teacher, he helped enlighten me on the subject, both toward present and future success.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- DECA
- Seminar Planning Committee
- Freshman Mentor Program
- Debate
- Spanish Club
- Tennis
- National Honor Society
- Interact Club
- Quiz Bowl
- Model U.N.
- Amnesty International volunteer
- Student Congress
- Political campaigns volunteer
- Teens Aiding the Cancer Community

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- AP Scholar with Distinction
- National Merit Scholarship
- Letter of Commendation
- Who's Who of American High School Seniors
- Chemistry Olympiad
- U. of M. Select Seminars
- Blue Cross and Blue Shield Honors Corp
- Fellowship Scholarship
- U. of M. Dean's Merit Award
- Gloria & Carlos Bell Research Scholarship

1972.265



Allison Sansom

PARENTS: Fred and Sheri Sansom

SIBLINGS: Adam, 20; Anna, 15

POST GRADUATION PLANS: Point Loma Nazarene University

CAREER PLANS: Work in the field of print journalism

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER, AND HOW? Mrs. Carmichael (journalism/English teacher), as she was the first teacher to expect something from me.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- School Newspaper Staff
- Whitehall Nursing Home Volunteer
- Theater
- Sunday School Teacher
- Drama Club

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- National Merit Finalist
- Honorable Mention from Michigan Interscholastic Press Association for sports feature and editorial
- Magna Cum Laude

1899.207



Elizabeth Song

PARENTS: Jing Song, Jane Song

SIBLINGS: Katie Song, 9; Matthew Song, 2

POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business

CAREER PLANS: International business with concentration in finance

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER, AND HOW? My father. He has been my inspiration and a constant source of support and encouragement

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- International Club President
- Teen Court President
- Debate Team Captain
- Forensics
- DECA Nationals
- National Honor Society Secretary
- SADD
- Model U.N.
- Michigan Student Congress
- Thespian Society

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- Michigan Math Prize Finalist
- National Merit Scholarship
- AP Scholar
- Honor Roll

1972.265



Chao Meng

PARENTS: Mike Meng, Cathy Dong

POST GRADUATION PLANS: Stanford University

CAREER PLANS: Medical research/medicine

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER, AND HOW? Mr. Crockett, my AP biology teacher. He sparked my interest in biology.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Computer Club President
- National Honor Society
- Boisford General Hospital volunteer

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- AP Scholar with Distinction
- National Merit Finalist
- Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition
- Math Competition Award of Distinction

1956.250



Kristen Giacobbe

PARENTS: Susan and Peter Giacobbe

SIBLINGS: Adam, 14

POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Pennsylvania, Huntsman Program

CAREER PLANS: International studies and business

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER, AND HOW? My parents. They have always supported me and helped me achieve everything.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Sotball
- Spanish Club President
- Freshman Mentor Program Executive Board
- Church Youth Group Leadership Team
- SADD
- National Honor Society
- Interact Club
- Drama Club

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- National Merit Finalist and Scholarship Recipient
- Honor Roll four years
- Graduating Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa
- Michigan Math Prize Competition Semi-Finalist

1950.800

THE FORMULA
Here's how we pick the Top Ten high school students. Using their official transcripts, students can choose either their SAT or ACT score, combined with their grade point average, to come up with a composite score. That is the number shown at the bottom of each student's profile.

1. GPA (Convert to 4.0 scale; 7 semesters.) Include only mathematics, English, science, social science and foreign language (round GPA to three decimal places.)
2. Combine SAT or ACT score (choose one) SAT composite score ÷ 10 or ACT composite score ÷ 27.777... multiply by 27.777...
3. Total score: GPA plus SAT or GPA plus ACT



Douglas Lambert

PARENTS: Ted and Elizabeth Lambert

POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan

CAREER PLANS: Engineering

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- FIRST Robotics
- Band
- Model U.N.
- Political Activities Club
- National Chemistry Olympiad
- Roller Hockey League
- Magna Automotive Testing - full-time work

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- National Merit Scholarship Finalist
- Michigan Merit Award

1938.750



Megan Hsu

PARENTS: Frank and Ann Hsu

SIBLINGS: Jason, 14

POST GRADUATION PLANS: Stanford University

CAREER PLANS: Medicine/medical research

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER, AND HOW? Mrs. Story (seventh grade). She inspired me and gave me a great foundation. I learned so much from her.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Tennis
- JV Boys Tennis Manager
- National Honor Society
- Science Club Historian
- Interact Club
- French Club
- Teacher Aide
- Providence Hospital ER Student Volunteer
- SJA District Court Student/Volunteer
- Novi Parks & Recreation Ice Arena After-School Program
- Walk for Arthritis
- Children's Holiday Day Program
- Piano - National Guild

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- National Merit Finalist
- Math Prize Competition Finalist
- Chemistry Olympiad

1925.000



Brennan Quenneville

PARENTS: Cathy and Richard Quenneville

SIBLINGS: Michelle Rae, 19

POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan College of Literature, Science and the Arts Honors Program

CAREER PLANS: Undecided

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER, AND HOW? My parents because they pushed me to succeed.

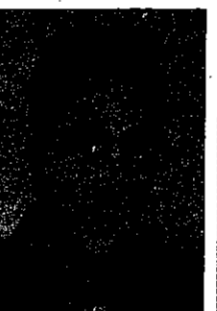
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Novi Singers Choir
- SADD
- National Honor Society
- Salvation Army Bell Ringer
- Onstoomany - local rock band member (winners of 2003 Battle of the Bands contest, sponsored by Underground Youth Group, Oak Pointe Church)
- Roller Hockey

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- Who's Who of American High School Students
- Honor Roll
- Gold Collar Graduate

1916.707



Shamil Kotecha

PARENTS: Pratap and Daxa Kotecha

SIBLINGS: Sona, 16

POST GRADUATION PLANS: University of Michigan

CAREER PLANS: Medicine

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER, AND HOW? My parents have always encouraged me to do my best.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- DECA
- Newspaper Staff Writer
- Tennis
- Interact Club
- Spanish Club
- Drama Club
- National Honor Society
- NHS Play Performances

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- Thespian Society
- Drama Letter
- Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association Awards
- AP Scholar
- DECA District Winner, State Finalist, Math Award
- Novi Youth Association - Outstanding Youth of 2001 Nominee
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Presidential Award for Excellence
- Summa Cum Laude

1916.707



Daniel Ping

PARENTS: John and Janet Ping

POST GRADUATION PLANS: Study organic chemistry at University of Michigan

CAREER PLANS: Surgery/medicine

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER, AND HOW? My parents by not pressuring me to do well.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Soccer
- Tutor
- Musical Theater
- National Honor Society

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- Honor Roll
- Summa Cum Laude
- 2001 KVC All-Conference Academic
- Presidential Excellence Award
- Phi Beta Kappa

1906.707

PROUD OF OUR GRADS



Detroit Catholic Central Daniel Reaume

We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. Superior Band letter and Honor Roll Student. Love Mom & Dad



Lakeland High School Andrea Cunningham

Congratulations and good luck at Grand Valley State University! Love Dad, Mom and Sara



Milford High School Kyle J. Chilcutt

Congratulations! We are very proud of you. What a fine young man you have become! Love Mom, Dad & Leah



Milford High School Robert Lanzetta

Bob, we are so proud of you. Remember: "Believe I can touch the sky." Love Mom, Dad, Larry & Nick



Milford High School David Muckley

David - you've made us so proud! Good luck at MSU. Love Mom, Dad & Andrea



Milford High School Bethany Peerbolte

Bethany, we love you! Off to MSU!!



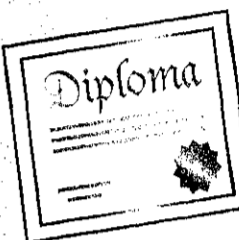
Milford High School Reid Popour

Our love and prayers are right behind you all the way! Mom, Dad, Jordan & Grant



Northville High School Emily Lynne Benish

Reach for the stars, work hard and never forget to smile & laugh. You are our joy and pride! God Bless you on your journey to MSU this fall. Always With Love, Mom, Terry, Amanda & Sarah



Northville High School Emily Coughlin

You made it Emily! Congrats and good luck at BGSU! With Love From Mom & Dad



Northville High School Gary Jackson

We're so proud of you. Go Bottomakers! We love you. Mom, Dad, Tom, Mark and Gloria



Novi High School Eric Hilsenrath

A great future awaits you at University of Chicago/College Wrestling. We are very proud. Be true - Dream Big. Love Mom, Dad & Kristen



Novi High School Brandon Heffernan

Congratulations Brandon. We're all very proud of you. Here's to your continued success. Love Mom, Z and Ryan



South Lynn High School Jerrod Brown

Jerrod - Love you and love you are going to do great. You know right from wrong and you keep God in your heart. Dream big dreams for your future! Even our mothers make us learn from them and love us. Trust in yourself and take one day at a time. Remember Jesus and always God and I will be with you and love you eternally. OX, Mom



South Lynn High School Amanda deBoer

YOU MADE IT! We are so proud of you! Love Grandma, Papa, Mom, Brett, Aunt Dawn, Dave, Michelle, Katie, Kyle, Jordan, Nathans



South Lynn High School Mark Andrew Fanning

Our son - an Eagle, a man, a graduate... We are so proud of you! Good luck at Western!



South Lynn High School Natalie Hannon

Congratulations Natalie Hannon! A bright future awaits you at Michigan State University! We love you! Mom, Dad, Emilie & Becky



South Lynn High School Shaun Helmer

You've grown into a fine young man and we are very proud of you. Love Grandma & Grandma Kenyon



South Lynn High School Amy Majka

Congratulations Amy. Good luck in the future. Always the sunshine of my life. Love You, Grams



South Lynn High School Cody McDaniels

Hoping life gives you more ups than downs. We couldn't be prouder! GVS - Here you come!!



South Lynn High School Kristin Nichols

"To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield." Believe in yourself, the world is yours! Our love and support always. Love, Mom & Dad



South Lynn High School Tracy Servies

We love you more than you'll ever know. May God always guide you through life's highs and lows. Love You, Mom & Dad



South Lynn High School Tracy Servies

Wish we could be there to see you graduate. When I return from England and Kurt returns from Iraq we will party! All our love, Tammy & Kurt



University of Notre Dame Liesa N. Bednar

We are so proud of our Doner! Our wish is that you may truly enjoy all that you have achieved.



YOU DID IT!!

Austin Gregory Adair
Kylee Jayne Adair
Nishiya Ahluwalia
Cole Jameson Allen
Mercedith Lee Aman
Stephanie Kay Anichuk
Kyle David Anderson
Mark DuVal Angelucci
Evan Michael Anselmo
Teresa Rose Azevedo
Eric James Ayles
Robert James Bailey Jr.
Heather Dawn Balon
Rebecca Lynn Barber
Jennifer Elyse Barry
Kevin Charles Barry
Allison Marie Barsamian
Leslie Anne Bateman
Jason Robert Bates
Kander Hunt Bayouk
Heather Marie Beach
Joseph Rajan Beal
James David Beavis
Ana Caroline Candelaria Beerthwer
Lei Bei
Joseph Thomas Belter

Alexandria Joy Carlin
Lauren Rae Carosio
Kyle David Carroll
Ryan Douglas Carroll
Timothy Davis Cartwright
Bradley Charles Chandler
Alfred Huang Chang
Bryan Christopher Channell
Christina Marie Chaudhry
Stephen Lee Chiang
Amanda Jane Church
Brandon Mark Cigna
Brittany Alexandra Cirka
Kevin Richard Clay
Robert Louis Clemens
Joannice Elisha Foon Co
Jordan Robert Collins
Kerrie Lynn Comilla
Jason Robert Bates
Colin Michael Cook
Ryan Christopher Cortez
Trevor James Corze
Nathan Alec Crankshaw
Adam Michael Crepeau
Philip Robert Cullen
Eric Thomas Cunningham

Mary Catherine Ellis
Kristine Marie Elrod
Jeffrey Kenneth Engelmann
Jason Peter Erickson
Tyler Ross Farnant
Julie Ann Farrugia
Bella Feldbaum
Danielle Theresa Fennelly
Michal Filipowski
Kara Michele Fisher
Christopher Timothy Fouts
Christopher John Fox
Antonio Joseph Franchi
Joseph Bernard Fratito
Sara Beth Fukui
Ely Lauren Garden
Rebecca Christen Gastorek
Steven Martin Gawronski
John Alan Gazette
James Matthew Ge
Kristen Melissa Giacobbie
Niki Sue Giannoulakis
Alison Bernadette Gilchrist
Aida Gimna
Tom Gjonaj
Ashley Catherine Glover

Whitney Marie Haynes
Emily Katherine Healy
Brandon Robert Nicklaus II
Lauren Ashley Nilfin
Nicholas Christian Nyberg
Kara Lynn O'Connell
Lisa Rene O'Connor
Ted Alan Oberst
Dallas Charles Odum
Richard Allen Okster
Amanda Marie Orlando
Joshua Bryan Olkowski
Stephanie Marie Ong
Christian James Orlando
Alec Braden Overly
Jeremy Michael Pace
Andrew James Paldan
Beati Richard Pantaleo
Caitlin Elisabeth Parent
Maureen Ann Pawlak
Julia Leigh Peneca
Samantha Lucy Perry
John Michael Peters
Ashley Marie Petrosky
Jennifer Leigh Petz
James Michael Peurach

Andrew Michael Kristofik
Gretchen Suzanne Kroll
Ronald Robert Nicklaus II
Lauren Ashley Nilfin
Nicholas Christian Nyberg
Kara Lynn O'Connell
Lisa Rene O'Connor
Ted Alan Oberst
Dallas Charles Odum
Richard Allen Okster
Amanda Marie Orlando
Joshua Bryan Olkowski
Stephanie Marie Ong
Christian James Orlando
Alec Braden Overly
Jeremy Michael Pace
Andrew James Paldan
Beati Richard Pantaleo
Caitlin Elisabeth Parent
Maureen Ann Pawlak
Julia Leigh Peneca
Samantha Lucy Perry
John Michael Peters
Ashley Marie Petrosky
Jennifer Leigh Petz
James Michael Peurach

Naomi Nemoto
Matthew Gater Nickels
Ronald Robert Nicklaus II
Lauren Ashley Nilfin
Nicholas Christian Nyberg
Kara Lynn O'Connell
Lisa Rene O'Connor
Ted Alan Oberst
Dallas Charles Odum
Richard Allen Okster
Amanda Marie Orlando
Joshua Bryan Olkowski
Stephanie Marie Ong
Christian James Orlando
Alec Braden Overly
Jeremy Michael Pace
Andrew James Paldan
Beati Richard Pantaleo
Caitlin Elisabeth Parent
Maureen Ann Pawlak
Julia Leigh Peneca
Samantha Lucy Perry
John Michael Peters
Ashley Marie Petrosky
Jennifer Leigh Petz
James Michael Peurach

Kathrin Leigh Russette
Laura Marie Rybecki
Megan Elizabeth Rzepceki
Ayumi Sano
Allison Rae Sansom
Suzany Sarkar
Shelli Sarman
Mark Joseph Saurer
Jerrod Andrew Schell
Rene Marie Schmitt
Christopher Ellis Scott
Scott Lee Shannon
Steven Patrick Shannon
Melissa Irene Shively
Irene Zonia Shmaysa
Jonathan Sierra
James Joseph Simon
Brady Arthur Simpson
Trenton James Sisson
Ashley Candyn Skinner
Catherine Marie Sloan
Bryan Scott Smith
Devin Kyle Smith
Glacia Lemayna Smith
Stuart James Smith
Priyanka Sunil Solanti

Antanda Ruth Toloff
Sarah Katharine Traub
Lindsay Nicole Troher
Adam Douglas Turner
Scott Aaron Utley
Prasanth Rithina Vajjapuri
Ashley Marie Valentine
Abhista Valtabhancni
Laura Louise Vaughn
Gina Aurora Vincenti
Amanda Nicole Vitta
Elizabeth Nicole Wasick
Beth Marie Walker
William Michael Walker
John Meija Wang
Janine Marie Waranowicz
Christa Lee Ward
Rachel Elizabeth Watson
Lindsay Kay Wegryn
Terrence Oliver Welch
Laura Elizabeth Wesley
John Curtis Westerdic
Rachael Ann Whitehart
Nathan Richard White
Allison Leigh Wickert
Dawn Elizabeth Wilfong

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2004

David Lewis Bendernagel
Jonathan Farrell Benson
Douglas Edward Benton
Caitlin Davis Berger
Scott Albert Bergerson
Courtney Renee Bernier
Jeffrey Edward Berry
Shelley Mae Bethune
Sarah Rose Biedron
Kerri Lynn Bivins
Joshua Douglas Blanchard
Lindsay Marie Blank
Lindsay Beth Blaszcak
Daniel Bindu
Mark Joseph Bonaventura
Lindsay Marie Bone
Jordan Isaac Boyington
Adam Richard Brandau
Christopher Michael Brandis
Corinne Ann Brennan
Colene Hartman Brockman
Brittany Ann Brodzki
Lindsay Marie Brooks
Joshua Ronald Buck
Charles Douglas Bulhak
Dane Abraham Bullen
Janie Jeanette Burke
Carrie Anne Burnett
Shawn Marie Calvin
Andrew Ray Caniffen
Carrie Lee Caponyala

James Michael Crapski, Jr.
Steven Patrick Daney
Jennifer Lynn Danelson
Allison Marie Davies
Alicen Lisa Davis
Mario Anthony DeGrazia
Emily Christian DeNeen
Dana Marie DePoter
Pratyusha Devarakonda
Jason Michael Dietrich
Melissa Lynne Dillman
Adrienne Michelle DiPavine
Daniel Frank Dixon
Ryan Michael Dixon
Bradley James Dobrynski
Elizabeth Marie Doll
Melissa Anne Doolin
Maysa Anne Doykne
Nakia Danielle Doss
Andrew William Doster
Joel Patrick Dragan
Lesley Ann Drake
Bryan James Drury
Danielle Marie Dudek
Kristen Michelle DuRoiene
Danielle Irene Duquesnel
Teresa Marie Dwyer
Kevin Andrew Dye
Jonathan Ryan Dyson
William Anthony Elkins
Bryan John Ellis

Colin Daniel Goldstein
Rachel Elizabeth Good
Rebecca Marie Goodenough
Andrew Louis Gorman
Kimberly Ann Grabow
Teresa Ann Graz
Sean Aubrey Grant
Kyle Bradley Grech
Celeste Brittany Greer
Dana Marie Greiss
Alison Elizabeth Grulich
Kristin A. Guibord
Elaine Marie Guzman
Julie Elizabeth Hagopian
Chelsie Reshell Hall
Kristin Marie Hall
Kelly Ryan Hallett
Mark Thomas Hamill
Alexander Edward Handloser
Patrick Everett Harlan
Eric Michael Hansen
Jessica Lynn Harbin
Jaimie Quinn Harden
Brandon Eric Harrell
Jennifer Dale Harris
Patrick Taylor Grant Harris
Michael William Hart, Jr.
Erica Christine Hartland
Ashley Marie Harshorne
Brandon Michael Hatcher
Ashley Amanda Haynes

Florence Ariene Jirasek
Jill Kathryn Johnston
Kathryn Marie Jones
Robert Nelson Jones
Brian Glenn Jorgensen
Eric David Joseph
Peter Roger Kalinowsky
Barret Jay Kaltz
Mark Ward Kaminski
Erica Marie Kanitz
Amanda Kasht
Kristin A. Guibord
Lydia Lynn Katsamberis
Michelle Calvin Kelly
Elizabeth Christine Kelsey
Anthony Charles Kern IV
Michael Richard Kewstan
Thomas Justin Kim
Veronica Marie Kirin
Jennifer Lauren Kish
Bryan Mark Knudgen
Jennifer Lynn Knockart
Kristin Lee Kobylarcz
Kimberly Concepcion Koch
Brian Paul Kozlowski
Samantha Chandes Muralidhar
Elizabeth Ann Murphy
Rycki Nakamura
Stephen Michael Nawrot
Stephen Michael Nelson

Teresa Marie Mammoser
Steven Andrew Manza
Kyle Franklin Margrave
Andrew Jason Marsoupiun
Jennifer Ann McCall
Elizabeth Ann McCanna
Katie Marie McDowell
Jennifer Anne McKenna
Michael Reich McLoughlin
Katherine Joan McMichael
Jill Kristine McNamara
Jennifer Marie Mehl
Patrick Sean Meier
Chao Meng
Emily Margaret Michel
Alice Miett
Rebecca Anne Miller
Shahyar Farooq Minhas
Emily May Monti
Andrea Nicole Morabito
Laura Michelle Moriandi
Andrew Joseph Morris
Daniel John Morrison
Lounisa Jamal Mousalant
Shreya Kulkarni
Sambhita Chandes Muralidhar
Elizabeth Ann Murphy
Rycki Nakamura
Stephen Michael Nawrot
Stephen Michael Nelson

Christopher Ryan Popczak
Daniel John Ping
Jake Anthony Pizzari
Courtney Lynn Pistolesi
Carlo Peter Pizzari
Joseph William Postema
Brandon Michael Potocky
Meghan Victoria Pratt
Nicholas Kwang Prokates
Renee Davis Pritch
Joseph Samuel Prokaj
Kathryn Anne Eylet
Sandra Saba QaGuangis
Brennan Paul Quenneville
Suraj Ramachandran
Anna Marianne Rao
Neil Kulkarni Rao
Renu Mahan Rao
Rebeka Marie Raun
Danielle Marie Reeves
Christopher Richard Renkiewicz
Brian David Reaner
Brooke Elizabeth Strachan Reynolds
Anna Marianne Rickard
Kimberly Kay Rinaldi
Rebecca Jean Roemer
Scott Steven Rubin
Brittany Lynn Ross
Lirini Colleen Rouhan
Molly Bridget Ruhl
Vishal Rungta

Elizabeth Hunn Song
Kristina Marie Sorek
Sarah Jenette Sprague
Avinash Sriharan
Adriane Kimberly Stueck
Amanda Michelle Stueck
Ryan John Stee
Amanda Jean Stefanak
Joshua Richard Steinger
Samantha Marie Stricker
Darin Lee Styles
Andrew John Summerville
Li Sun
Michael Douglas Sundberg
Andrew James Sunislo
Ashlea Jo Surles
Kenneth Martin Swiland
Matthew Robert Swaggett
Anna Christa Switzer
Julie Ann Szewczak
Jennifer Lynn Teeters
Kyle Joseph Teevens
Crystal Michelle Terrell
Tiffani Raven Anne Terry
Sarah Kathleen Thelen
Christina May Thompson
Chad Robert Thurman
Alex Tieu
Eric John Tingwall
Jeanette Lee Tiso

Allison Marie Williams
Cornelius Manuel Williams
Elaire Ann Williams
Lauren Ashley Mattison Wilson
Lance Michael Wilson
Michael Louis Winagar
Jason Wong
David Lawrence Woods
James Wilton Woods
Michelle Maria Wuerth
BoQiang Xiao
Carl Kai-Hoo Yi
Michelle Cole Zanskas
Kimberly Elise Zarynski
Lindsay Marie Ziegler-Netter
Rachel Marie Zentz
Solomon Zheng
Frank Hanming Zhu
Adam Stewart Zorza

Anne-Laure Demassy
Honorary - Foreign Exchange Student
Wiviana Garcia
Honorary - Foreign Exchange Student
Ayaka Ito
Honorary - Foreign Exchange Student
Manlio Latoronda
Honorary - Foreign Exchange Student
Masuyo Yokota
Honorary - Foreign Exchange Student

Congratulations Class of 2004 NOVI & Walled Lake HIGH SCHOOL

Grid of business advertisements including ACE CUTTING EQUIPMENT, GATSBY'S, NOVI EXPO CENTER, PITTSBURGH PAINT, DAN'S AUTO CLINIC, etc.



Walter's 54th ANNIVERSARY Sale! 3 DAYS ONLY! THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY. Includes ads for EPSON, BOSCH, APPLIANCES, AIR CONDITIONERS, and Frigidaire.

What a way to end it!

Senior all-night party caps off commencement evening

Hollywood theme a hit with graduating seniors

By Rebecca Miller
FORMER NOV HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

As the senior class stepped into Novi High School for the final time, they were shocked to discover the sights of the building. "It looks nothing like the school. If I didn't know the school so well I would have no idea where I was," senior Adriane Stenek said. With an entrance way lined with a red carpet and spotlights that glowed for miles, students were filled with anticipation as they entered last Saturday's Hollywood-themed senior all-night party.

"I think the theme is very cool because it includes a lot of activities. The strobe lights and red carpet in the entrance makes it feel like just like Hollywood," senior Cindy Herman said.

"The kids exceeded our wildest expectations; everyone was happy and excited and expressed their gratitude which makes it all worthwhile for the parents."

Donna Roemer
Counselor and organizer

Upon their arrival seniors were lead to the "ticket box" where they were given their VIP passes and were then sent to "security" to check-in their belongings. From there, students were able to pick up their itinerary and complimentary cameras to commence and capture the evening's activities. "I was really grateful they had a place to put our belongings, because otherwise, I would have lost them throughout the night," senior Kerrie Conthia said.

In a hallway lined with pictures of their past, students scanned the photos in amusement as they made their way into a future full of fun. "I thought it was really cute. It was funny because everyone looks the same for the most part," senior Julie Perreca said.

Throughout the rest of the school were other movie-musical gings-on, such as The Mummy Theater, where seniors could get their handwriting analyzed. And, The Lord of the Rings where students could be mesmerized by the magician or get a unicyclist was dipped hand.

"My favorite activity was either smoking Goffin Cook in the boxing ring for three straight minutes or having Mrs. Gluver hook me up at the hot black back tables in the casino," senior Perry Welsch said.

Concessions were readily available at a buffet full of donations of pizza, pasta, chips, chicken, cake, cookies, and other assortments of decadent delicacies.

"The food was pretty good and having it out all night long is a good idea, so people aren't hungry all night. Having all the different kinds of food that they picked was good because of the variety," senior Brittany Cirka said.

Students were once again able to blast into the past as they entered the fieldhouse where they enjoyed carnival games, moonwalks and prizes. Students also had the opportunity to enjoy a taste of their own stardom by acting in their own music videos.

"I thought that the carnival theme was good," senior Becky Roemer said. "I noticed a lot of kids that enjoyed it, so I think it was a great idea. But I loved the whole party. The music videos were hilarious."

While students enjoyed the festivities a group of volunteer parents walked the hallways to keep the craziness to a controlled level.

"The kids exceeded our wildest expectations, everyone was happy and excited and expressed their gratitude which makes it all worthwhile for the parents," counselor and organizer Donna Roemer said.

After a year of planning and hours of preparation, students were grateful for all of the parents' efforts.

"When I walked in I was amazed with how much time and effort was put into the setup, especially the amount of organization," senior John Janssens said.

To round out the evening, students gathered in the auditorium for a raffle and to watch the senior video.

"I thought it was well put together. I like how they organized the photos from the beginning of the year to the end," senior Amanda Kashtat said.

In a night full of old memories and making new ones, students were able to come together and celebrate their accomplishments. "It was a lot of fun, and it was nice to see everyone there and getting along. It was a great ending to an amazing year," senior Whitney Haynes said.



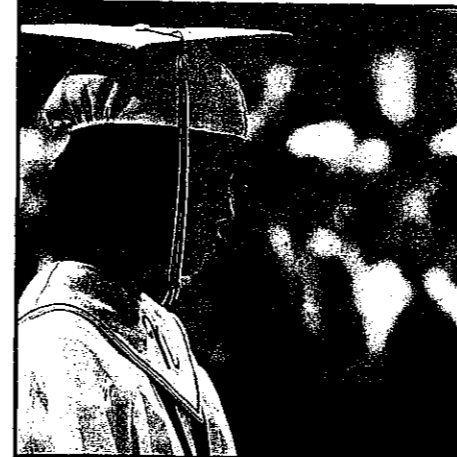
Novi High School graduates Bella Feldbaum, left, and Kristen Giacobbe and Courtney Kolb ascend the steps to the school's field house while wearing balloon hats during last Saturday's senior all-night party.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Rebecca Miller is a 2004 Novi High School graduate.

"The night was what I expected. During the day, my family and I went out to a late lunch and going to commencement was really exciting. I got a little nervous going up. I was more happy than sad. I hope that the audience got from my speech that everyone should make a goal for themselves for the future and use the past and rely on family and friends."

Anna Switzer, class president, will be in the U.S. Naval Academy in the fall.



Kimberly Koch waits in line to receive her diploma.

"It meant a lot and it hasn't all settled in yet, but it's a momentous occasion. I'm more happy at this point, but I think once it all starts settling in that I'm leaving for school and not going to see a lot of these people again, that will change. I just hope that the crowd realized that there are a lot of memories and a lot of things to look forward to, but that we need to enjoy ourselves while we can and that when we look back on these days, we don't hope that we did things differently."

Elizabeth Song will be attending the University of Pennsylvania in the fall and hopes to go into financial studies.

"This is something I have been waiting for my whole four years I've been here. I remember when I was little I got to see my sister do it and it felt kind of amazing at the time. Even though it took forever, it was worthwhile because we got to see all of our friends finally reach their final goal in high school. It's like a door opening to the beginning of our new lives."

Joe Lounsbury will be attending Oakland Community College at first and hopes to transfer to another school soon after to study engineering.

"It felt really good to see all of our achievements and successes and all the time we put into it to know that we're finally done and moving on. It's sad to know that we're never coming back here after this and it's sad to know we're probably never going to see half these people again, but it's also time to move on and start your own life."

Teresa Graez will be attending Western Michigan University to study marketing and advertising and maybe international business.

"I was really nervous because I thought I was going to trip. That was my biggest worry. I had a good time. I'm happy right now. I can't wait for next year."

Lindsay Troher will be attending Oakland University in the fall. She thinks she is going to play softball there for a couple years and then she hopes to transfer to Arizona State University to study plastic surgery.



Front to back, Novi High School graduates Emily Michel, Lauren Niffin, Caitlin Parent and Meghan Pratt await their diplomas.

"The evening was exactly what I expected. Everything was up to the standards that Novi has. All the speeches were great and it was a nice closing to a great year at a great school. I had a couple feelings of sadness just because it was all coming to an end, but I also had feelings of joy because I know we're all taking the next step in our lives."

Joe Belter will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall and studying biomedical engineering.

2004 COMMENCEMENT

"I had a lot of fun, but it was more emotional than I expected. I'm indifferent right now, I don't know if I'm happy that it's over or sad that it's over."

Meghan Pratt will be attending Central Michigan University in the fall to study business education.

"Commencement was a bittersweet experience. I kind of took a moment to reflect on my whole high school experience. A lot of good memories popped in my head and now I'm thinking towards the future. I still can't believe this is happening. On the way to commencement I was in kind of a shock that I was actually putting my robe on. It was kind of scary, but kind of exciting at the same time."

Draw Dexter will be attending Purdue University's management school.

"I had my 15 seconds of fame. I took about 10 minutes to get ready. I threw on my coat and my cap and headed off really happy about the evening. I'm more happy than anything right now. I just can't wait to go to college."

Brandon Potocsky will be attending Western Michigan University next fall to study business.



A line of 446 Novi High School graduating seniors enters Computware Arena at the start of Saturday's commencement.

"I thought it was great the entire class was together for the last time and that everyone will be departing. We were finally together for one moment. I'm filled with joy. This morning I slept in late and when I woke up I had to iron my gown. I took lots of pictures with friends, went out to dinner with my family, I had a little party with the family."

Rene Schmitt will be attending the Douglas J. Aveda Institute next fall, which is in east Lansing.



A Novi High School graduate of the class of 2004, Jeff Engelmann, joins junior Christina Lis, alumni and fellow classmates in the band to perform a musical selection.

"Commencement was what I expected. It was really nice. I was actually surprised by my classmates' speeches. They were really well put together."

Christopher Brandis will be attending Michigan State University in the fall and probably studying either business or education.

"I clapped a lot, there was a lot of applause and I really appreciate how people clapped for me as I clapped for them. I really liked the speeches of all the teachers and all the students. Right now I'm happy, but I'm probably going to be sad later on."

Li Sun will be attending the University of Michigan to attend business school. He hopes to be on Wall Street some day.



Nicole Hermann receives her diploma.

"It was pretty surreal. I enjoyed my time at commencement. I worked this morning and when I went home I revised my speech about 15 times and I rehearsed a lot. All my family came over and we took pictures. I went to the ceremony with my family and it was the time of my life. I hope the crowd got from my speech that they should never forget what is most important. They shouldn't remember the times that were bad in high school. Remember the times you gained knowledge and things that even your enemies taught you. Appreciate every part of it."

Ashlea Surles, class vice president, will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall and possibly medical school.

"The evening was more than I expected. It was a little long, but it was a lot of fun and it was a long time coming. It was actually more emotional than I thought. I was really sad because I couldn't believe that it was over, but it was fun."

Brooke Reynolds will be attending Central Michigan University in the fall to study pediatrics.

PROUD OF OUR GRADS 2004

 <p>Millford High School Aaron Harutunian Congratulations on a successful beginning and a promising future. Love Dad, Mom and Nathan</p>	 <p>Millford High School Matt Pearce Great job Matt! We are very proud of you! Love Mom, Dad, April & Lance</p>	 <p>South Lyon High School Kyle Kohe Congratulations! It has been a joy watching you grow. We are so proud of you! Love Mom, Dad, Colin & Audrey</p>	 <p>Lakeland High School Tera Neirath You're so beautiful and we're very proud of your accomplishments! Live, Love, Laugh With Love Mom, Dad & Tny</p>	 <p>Northville High School Adam Douglas Blunk "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. We are so very proud of you. Lots of love Mom, Dad & Gavin</p>
 <p>South Lyon High School Amber Farmer Amber, Congratulations on your accomplishment. We wish the best for you in whatever you choose to do. Love Mom & Dad</p>	 <p>South Lyon High School Joey Blankenship We are so proud of your honors and achievements: SLHS "Ironman" and U of M Evans Scholar! Congratulations, Son. "GO BLUE!" Love Mom, & Dad</p>	 <p>South Lyon High School Jessica Taylor Jessica, the moment you were born our life began. You are such an intelligent & compassionate young woman. We love you! Congratulations! Love Mom, & Dad</p>	 <p>Northville High School Ashley Lauren Dickinson To our granddaughter Ashley, we are very proud of you. God bless you. All our love. Grandma & Grandpa Brodzik</p>	 <p>Northville High School Halle Bojovic Halle, Congratulations on getting accepted in the school of Music Dance program at the University of Michigan. Love Mom & Dad</p>

YOU DID IT!!





Amanda Baranowski

High School: Milford High School
Parents: Lynne and Jim Baranowski
Siblings: Marissa, age 13
Post Graduate Plans: I plan to attend Michigan State University in the James Madison College and the Honors College. I hope to attend law school and work for a non-profit organization.
Academic Honors: High Honors every semester and AP Scholar
Extracurricular Activities: Spanish Club, 3 years, Treasurer Senior year; Varsity Equestrian Team, Most Valuable Player Award; National Honor Society; and Highland Hills Pony Club, 4 years
Academic Influence: Sonora (Cathy) Longore has influenced me the most in my academic career by taking me to Spain and showing all of us how important it is to be internationally aware. Because of her enthusiasm for exploration of other cultures and other parts of the world, I plan to major in international relations, continue with my Spanish, and learn another language.



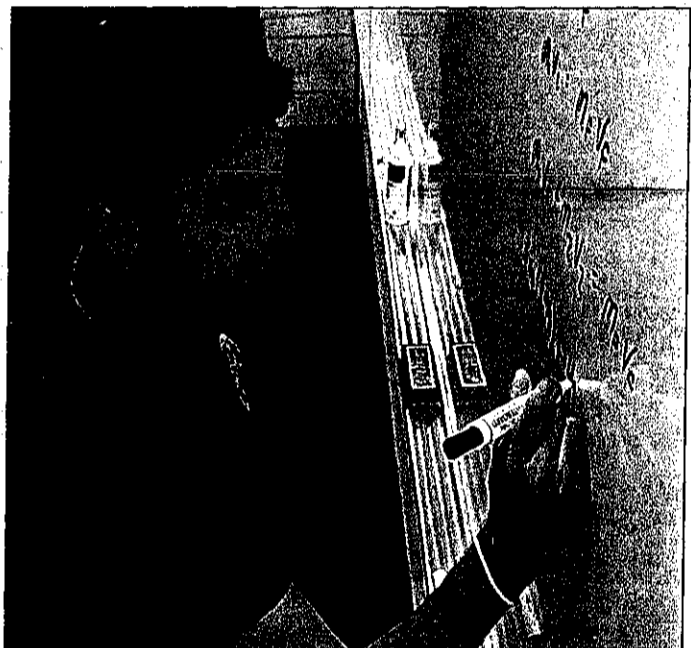
Shannon Pennala

High School: South Lyon High School
Parents: Donald and Loreta Pennala
Extracurricular Activities: Member of RHOGS (roller hockey league) in Brighton; works at Lyon's Marketplace.
Academic Honors: Board of controls scholarship; Women's Society of Engineers - certificate of merit; Women Society of Engineers Michigan Tech Chapter - certificate of merit; Principal's list.
Post Graduation Plans: Michigan Technological University to study engineering.

2004 ALL-AREA ACADEMIC TEAM

Geoff Calkins

High School: Northville High School
Parents: Steve Calkins and Joan Wadsworth
Siblings: Tim, 19; and Virginia, 15
Extracurricular Activities: Vice president of National Honor Society; a capella singing; oboist with DSO Civic Ensemble.
Academic Honors: National Merit Finalist; AP Scholar with honor award
Post Graduation Plans: Attend Yale University and study chemical or biomedical engineering
Academic Influence: Mr. Joe Cislo



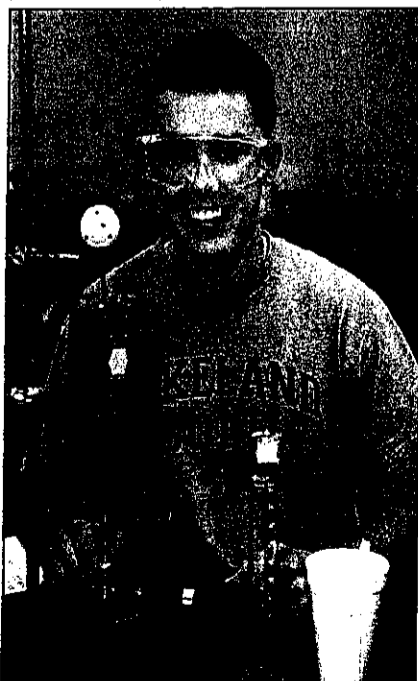
Neil Rao

High School: Novi High School
Parents: Ratna Rao, Mike Rao
Academic Honors: AP Scholar with Distinction; National Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendation; Who's Who of American High School Seniors; Michigan Math League Finalist; Chemistry Olympiad; U of M Select Seminars; Blue Cross and Blue Shield Honors Corp.; Coca-Cola Scholars Semi-Finalist; Telluride Scholarship; U of M Dean's Merit Award; Gloria & Carlos Bell Research Scholarship
Extracurricular Activities: DECA; Seminar Planning Committee; Freshman Mentor Program; Debate; Spanish Club; Tennis; National Honor Society; Food Services Committee; Interact Club; Quiz Bowl; Model U.N.; Amnesty International volunteer; Student Congress; Political campaigns volunteer; Teens Aiding the Cancer Community
Post Graduation Plans: College of Literature, Science and Arts - Honors - University of Michigan



Elizabeth Song

Parents: Jing Song, Jane Yong
Extra-Curricular Activities: International Club President; Teen Court President; Debate Team Captain; Forensics; DECA Nationals; National Honor Society Secretary; SADD; Model U.N.; Michigan Student Congress; Thespian Society
Academic Honors: Michigan Math Prize Finalist; National Merit Scholarship; AP Scholar; Honor Roll
Post Graduation Plans: University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business; international business with concentration in finance



Paul Birkholz

High School: Lakeland High School
Parents: Allen and Karen Birkholz
Siblings: Kevin and Mark, age 15
Post Graduate Plans: I plan to attend the University of Michigan College of engineering. I have not officially decided what branch of engineering I plan to study, but I am leaning toward chemical engineering. I want to be a chemical engineer.
Academic Honors: Michigan Merit Scholarship, all-academic all-state for boys' golf, University of Michigan regent's Scholarship, University of Michigan College of Engineering Scholarship, Boys' State participant, sixth place in MFTES competition for architecture, Channel 7 Best and Brightest, and AP scholar.
Extracurricular Activities: Captain of varsity golf team, treasurer of the National Honor Society, astronomy club, quiz bowl, teen court juror, tennis team, Christmas in April volunteer, Toys for Tots participant, and Crop Walk participant.
Academic Influence: Pat Barnes, the chemistry teacher at Lakeland High School, has influenced me in choosing my academic career because she sparked my interest in chemistry.

HomeTown Newspapers honors the best and the brightest of the class of 2004. Members of the team are selected on the basis of a mathematical formula which combines grade point average and standardized test scores.