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Voters will head to the polls Tuesday to fill two seats on the Novi School Board of Education. Be sure to see the six candidates' responses to our questionnaire and check the new precinct polling locations

Who we like

See which two candidates the Novi News endorses.





Finding Novi's History

Linda Erwin walks among the pear trees of the Erwin family's former orchard at corner of 10 Mile and Novi Road. The Erwins ran a produce stand and farm market at the intersection for years and harvested the orchard until about 1969. The 99-8r orchard is now slated for development in Novi.

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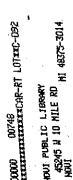
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Main Street project debated

■ Liability of city, DDA questioned by group

By Pam Fleming

There's one thing for sure about the newly-proposed MainStreet Novi project:

It's not a sure thing.

Members of city council's Main Street Committee met with Dave and Pierre Nona of Triangle Development to discuss the brothers' plans for Main Street Novi on April 13, with many mixed feelings about the project expressed by committee

DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE

Dave and Pierre Nona of Triangle Development in Farmington Hills have been invited to the June 6 city council meeting so council members can further discuss the developers' plans for Main Street Novi. City council meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are televised live on cable Channel 13.

The Farmington Hills developers want to construct a \$120-million-dollar project east of the Grand River Avenue/Novi Road intersection at Main and Market streets.

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Developer says DDA captures only increase in taxes

By Pam Fleming

Dave Nona of Triangle Development, said the April 13 meeting between the Farmingon Hills developers and members of city council's Main Street Committee

was a success.

"We thought that the meeting went very well received. "we thought that the meeting went very well. The plan was very well received. Everybody likes the plan, but there are some concerns about the DDA," referring to the plan's proposed Downtown

Development Authority,
"I think there's a misunderstanding about what a DDA entails," Nona said. "I think there is some concern that a DDA is a reflection of a deteriorating area.

a reflection of a deteriorating area.
"We think this is a misconception. It's a
nice tool that a lot of towns have. Troy has
one, and it's certainly not a deteriorating
area. Rochester Hills also has one," Nona

"It's just a mechanism to help commu-

nities to revitalize."

Nona said he will bring in consultants working on the proposal to the June 6 city council meeting, when Triangle Development will be placed on the

Golf

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NOVI CONCERT SERIES

· What: The Novi Concert

jazz, opera and pop tunes in its

Sunday, May 1
• Where: Novi Civic Center,

45175 W. 10 Mile Road, just

· Details: www.noviconcert-

· Cost: free to public;

refreshments included

Band, a 50-piece woodwind

ensemble, plays Broadway,

annual spring concert

east of Taft Road

band.com

• When: 7:30-9 p.m.,

Members of the Novi Concert Band prepare for their upcoming concert band series presentation on Sunday May 1. From left are Daniel Hammelet, Ron Salow, Norma Daniel, Dick Cywinski and Cam Kureth.

Jazz, Broadway, opera brought to life

Novi Concert Band's 32nd show is Sunday

By Kim Kovelle STAFF WRITER

Rumors of a new concert band aught Ron Salow's ear when he moved to Novi.

first moved to Novi.
Nearly 32 years later, he's still
tuning up his bass clarinet with
the Novi Concert Band.
"I guess the word just sort of
got around," chuckled Salow, 77;
"Of course, there were no bands
back in those days in Novi. I'm,
sort of the pioneer." sort of the pioneer

Now 50-strong, instrumentalists carry on the tradition this Sunday in the group's annual Novi Concert Series.

Still donning dark suits and oun conning dark suits and crisp white blouses, performers will bring to life show tunes and opera classics — all free of charge.

arge.
"I try to bring in a variety," said Jack Kopnick, director of 13 years. "The general musiclanship is high. They work to put on an excellent program.

excellent program."
This year's variety features
Broadway tunes from Phantom of
the Opera, Fiddler on the Roof
and West Side Story.
Operatic spice
Giuseppe Verdi's Aida and
Giacomo Puccini's Nessun

Dorma, among others.
Behind the woodwinds are a
diverse group ranging in age from
20s-80s, Kopnick said, and hailing fegion-wide.
A soprano clarinetist since seventh grade, Norma Daniel of
Wixom joined about a decade

ago.
"You needn't stop your musical rou necen't stop your musical career, so to speak, just because you're out of school," she said. "After you've known them for a while, you feel like they're maybe comrades."

Toting her Le Blanc instrument, aniel, 74, said classical music is a favorite.

For Salow, a retired music

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outing set for parks

Foundation event Aug. 4

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Dust off your golf clubs and

check those grips.
The first Novi Parks
Foundation Golf Outing will
take place at 10 a.m. Aug. 4 at
Links of Novi, according to Parks Foundation charter member Daye Staudt. Links of Novi is located at

West Bloomfield-based Singh Development, who owns the property where Links of Singh Development, who owns the property where Links of Novi sits, will serve as the primary sponsor of the fund-raiser. This is the last season the course will be open. Singh will begin developing a 439-home subdivision, Legacy Parc, on the site in 2006.

"They are making a very signer."

"They are making a very sig-Basically, all of the dollars that we take in we'll be able to put toward the foundation," Staudt

said.

The \$100-per-person fee will include an 18-hôle scramble, cart, lunch, dinner, door prizes and possibly a silent auction. Organizers hope to attract 200 golfers to the event.

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Murder suspect in court

Man charged with first-degree murder in 2003 execution slaying

By Pam Fleming

A 2003 homicide in Novi may have been solved this week when Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorcyca announced Tuesday the issuance of a warrant in a bizarre case involving a State Farm

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Bridge closing raises safety concerns

■ Police urge motorists to use major surface streets

By Pam Fleming

Meadowbrook Bridge on Meadowbrook Road between Nine Mile and 10 Mile roads has been closed since midnight April

The closure of this major north-south route in Novi has caused many motorists to cut through the nearby subdivisions rather than using the designated detours, such as Haggerty, Novi or Taft roads.

To alleviate this problem which many residents feet has become a public safety issue with vehicles, speeding through their neighborhoods, the city of Novi



o by JOHN HEIDER

Novi police and officers like Lou Bigliadi are trying to keep motorists from speeding down and cutting through Chattman Street during the reconstruction of the nearby Meadowbrook Road bridge.

has placed "Local Traffic Only" signs at the entrances to several subdivisions in the area of the The city or the police can't close a public street or write citations for motorists for just driving down the street. But, the

police can pull people over for exceeding the 25 mph speed limit in the neighborhoods.

Novi Sgt. Pat Panning said motorists should not use the neighborhoods as a cut-through but

pornoons as a cut-through but instead use major surface streets. "It's not illegal but it is strong-ly discouraged due to the increased volume of traffic, which certainly has a negative impact on the neighborhood roads," he said. At the April 16 budget meeting

in council chambers, two residents from subdivisions affected by the increased traffic asked city council members if the city could adopt a temporary ordinance that would prohibit all vehicular traf-fice except residents of the neigh-

so, police can't issue a ticket to a motorist just driving through, but, "We are strictly enforcing all applicable traffic laws," Fanning said.

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Farming fruit was a family affair



Linda Erwin walks among the pear trees of the Erwin family's former orchard at corner of 10 Mile and Novi roads. The Erwins ran a produce stand and farm market at the intersection for years and harvested the orchard until about 1969. The orchard is now slated for development in Novi.

- 1884: William and Augusta Erwin receive 133 acres at southeast corner of Novi and Ten Mile roads as a wedding present circa 1921: Farm is sold the Morris family, then passes hands
- 1936: In the midst of the Great Depression, Gow tells Erwins he can't pay property taxes
 • 1937: The Erwins' son, James Erwin, buys back the property
 and starts excapallying a fruit farm with apple, sour cherry and pear
- 1946: James Erwin's sons, J.W. and Edward, become business partners and land owners; stepson Robert helps later • circa 1948: cold apple storage facility is built at the intersec-
- tion's corner • 1953: James Erwin buys a 240-acre fruit farm in Lyon
- 1956: extra rooms are added to the Novi storage building, which becomes Erwin Farms market • late 1950s: Keeping the market, James Erwin sells the farm,
- which the family still works

 1969: Erwin Farms orchards are closed • 1983: remaining property is split between J.W., who gets the store, and Edward
- circa 1994: Erwin Farms market closed, sold
- 1998: Novi ice Arena built on the southern most part of the former farm; Walgreens drug store built on site of former market opers propose a Kroger grocery store and strip

Former Erwin Farm Location 10 Mile 9 Mile

farm, market once were Novi staples

When Barb Brunett moved to Novi 34 years ago, she told peo-ple she lived just down the road from the Erwin Farms.

mark store. I used to go there quite a bit."

Today, Walgreens has replaced

the grocery shop at the southeast corner of Novi and 10 Mile roads. Scraggly pear trees just beyond are sole remnants of the Erwin family's 133-acre fruit farm. But relatives, who still run prehards in Lyon Township, say the farm had a solid 85-year life.

"There's been only one year in all those 85 years that we didn't have enough of a crop to make a profit," said Edward Erwin, 80.
"That's a pretty amazing thing."

ed off a wedding present.

In the family
Green, rolling land just west of today's CSX Railroad tracks start-Edward Erwin said his grand-After the land switched hands

during the Great Depression, Edward's dad James inherited it when an owner couldn't pay awer a war santa interier a when an owner couldn't pay axes.
"He got back the family famin and the start putting apples up," said Bill, 60. "It was my joh to keep the

was the boss and leader, of course, and then he had three sons." Oldest son J.W. Erwin recalled a childhood of hard work in tough times. James kept a garden packed with radishes, peas, parsnips, carrots and sweet corn.

"It was my brother and my job to hoe that," he said. "It became about a two-acre garden. We'd pick maybe four bushels, Then, it was our job to shell 'em.' Involved with local govern-

ment, James was a generous man who gave land to his business-She was surprised by the usual repliy: "Oh, I know where that is."
"Obviously, it was a draw,"
Brunett said, "It was a real landpartnersons, Edward said.
Orchards teeming with sour cherries, peaches, pears and over 20 apple varieties were fulltime work by 1946. Ten-and-a-half

hour workdays were the norm. Roaning Kentucky mountaineers helped pluck fruit from trees, and trucks packed with apples rumbled to Detroit murkets. Coupled with Lyon orchards, sales peaked from the 1960s-80s, Edward said.

"We'd have enough apples in storage on the first of April that we'd have to pack out 800 bushels, five days a week, to clean 'em out by in June," Edward said.

Heeding local advice, Erwins built a small tan brick storage building in the 1940s. A decade later, it became a bustling market. Salesman J.W. trained son Bill Erwin the retail trade. Now running the Lyon locale with wife Linda, Bill stocked Macintosh, red delicious and Jonatham apples. "Every Saturday morning we'd

rows full all weekend long."
Weekend specials included specialty Cortland apples sold from a wagon at \$3 a bushel — "ridiculously cheap" compared to as much as \$20 today, Bill said.

But as subdivisions began to spring up, James Erwin's attention turned to Lyon orchards.

because we were going to be forced out by the urbanization of Novi," Edward said. "How prophetic that was." Sold in the 1950s, the farm was still worked by Erwins until 1969. The shop was family owned and operated for about 25 more years before it too closed.

Today, "agri-tainment" is the draw at Erwin Orchards' 191

acres in Lyon Township.
"You Pick" apples, sweet cherries, raspberries and pumpkins attract thousands each year, Bill

said, as do a cider mill and haunt-ed house.

Not for long, though: the prop-erty is under contract to be sold,

likely for subdivisions.

"It's just a matter of a few years," Bill said. "I'm getting old.
I'm getting tired. I haven't got

anybody to pass it on to."

As for Novi's fallow grounds, the Novi ice Arena now occupies the south end. Developers last

year pitched a Kroger and strip malls for the rest, but that's not yet been approved. Brunett said a grocery near the site of the former landmark might

offer healthy competition.
"By the same token, I hate to lose the orchard," she said. "It's still part of that small town feel—



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and he was very exact about his playing." Salow said: "We miss him."

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Country place

Members of an original Novi Concert Band, circa 1973. Ron Salow, still with the group, is the second clarinetist from left, first row, Irv Kalb, who recently died, was the sole male trumpeter. Guy Smith, the band's founder, directed.

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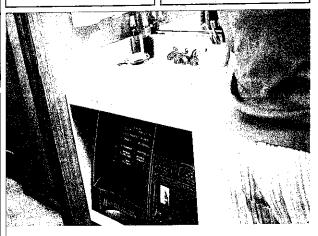
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Man sentenced to 10 years following drug bust

■ Codefendant awaits sentencing in Wayne County

Novi with \$4.8 million between the two from an alleged Arizonaand Texas-to-Michigan marijuana ring, was sentenced April 18 in Detroit's U.S. District Court to 10

years in prison.

District Judge John Feikens sentenced Tam, 40, of Carefree. Ariz., under a plea arranged by Assistant U.S.

rently awaiting his assignment or lesignation in the federal prison

Montalvo, 32, of San Antonio, also pleaded guilty and is awaiting sentencing. Both are lodged by the U.S. Marshall Service in the Wayne County Juil in down-Terbush said the 10-year-sen-

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"The federal system got rid of parote. Supervised release is a period of time after they're released from prison where they're under supervision. It's kind of like probation," she said. "It follows actual custody time." A somewing day less not been

A sentencing date has not been set yet for Montalvo. Terbush said Tam received the

mandatory minimum sentence ir

exchange for pleading guilty and waiving his right to file pretrial motions.

The grand jury indictment stated that Tum and Mondaldo agreed

to distribute over a ton of marijua about March 2004 when the two traveled from Arizona and Texas to assist a drug organization in large quantities of controlled sub-

stances in east Michigan, according to the indictment.

The two rented rooms at the Studio Plus Hotel in Novi on or about Feb. 18, 2004, for the purpose of narcotics trafficking activ-

ities. The men used these rooms to store equipment used to distrib-ute marijuana, collect and store drug proceeds, the indictment said.
On March 18, 2004, the men

had about \$3.4 million in drug proceeds at the hotel that were seized by Novi police.

On or about March 12, Tam-rented a house at 861 Allen St. in

Northville to be used in drug trafficking. The two men delivered about \$1,392,172 in drug proceeds to this house, thus involving the Northville police, who seized the funds on March 19, "Tam had just rented the place

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"The Novi Police Department is pleased with the sentence for Tam and strongly feels that this action will continue to interrupt the distribution of marijuana to metropolitan communities,

including Novi, and to southeastern

Novi deputy chief of police

said. "He hadn't even moved in

Michigan in general."

possession of marijuana for sale, a

felony drug offense, in 1990.

The two men were found with a .45 caliber and a .32 caliber semiautomatic pistols and ammuni-tion. Montaldo was also charged for having a 9 mm semi-automatic pistol.

The Novi Police Department

is pleased with the sentence for Tam and strongly feels that this action will continue to interrupt the distribution of marijuana to metropolitan including Novi, and to southeast ern Michigan in general," said David Molloy, deputy chief of

"The Novi Police Department

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law enforcement partners on future investigations," Molloy

proud of the outstanding inves-tigative work that was performed by our Novi police officers and detectives and the agents from the Drug Enforcement

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

■ Police urge motorists to use major surface streets

"Obviously, we're sensitive to the needs and concerns of the residents down there, so we have officers giving the area a lot of

extra attention."
Fanning said that it was an unforeseen circumstance that the bridge is out, and that it is causing some headaches for the resi-

dents in that area.
"We want to do all we can to minimize and mitigate some of those problems," he added. those problems," he added. Fanning said members of the Novi Police Department and members city government met recently with homeowners in the area and have been in regular area and nave need in teginal contact with residents and some of the homeowner associations, such as Meadowbrook Lake, Willowbrook and Village Oaks, to address some of their con-

cerns.
"Haggerty is a good option for motorists, because you have the ongoing project at 10 Mile and Novi roads," Fanning noted.
Council Member Lynne Paul asked city officials during the April 16 budget meeting if

police could place a weight limit on vehicles entering the subdivi-

sions off Meadowbrook Road.
"Weight limits really aren't
enforced on neighborhood
roads," according to Benny
McCusker, director, Department of Public Works. "We can't stop delivery trucks from Art Van or

Home Depot."
Fanning said, however, that officers are aware of commercial

Councilman Bob Gatt asked fellow council members if they thought there was a chance that Meadowbrook Road would be widened to three lanes at some point, and, if so, should the bridge be widened to three lanes also?

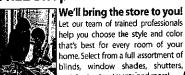
now to three lanes and be proacnow to fince tames and to widen the road to three lanes at some point?" Gatt said.
"We're not planning on widening the bridge," said Rick

Helwig, city manager.
Engineers assessed the bridge on April 22, and city council will on May 2 to approve funding for the bridge work in the 2005-2006 budget. The Meadowbrook Road Bridge project will replace the \$500,000 Taft Rehabilitation

Fam Figure 1 a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by c-mail at pfleming@ht.homecomm.net.

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COMMUNITY

Guernsey giving namesake cattle to Maybury Farm

■ Tour offers a chance to name cows, win prizes

nonth for a 1,300-pound Guernsey ow from Indiana.

Last week, the 3-year-old bovine.

ive birth to a male calf. Tomorrow, she and her baby will arrive at their new home, Northville's Maybury Farm, a gift from Novi staple Guernsey Farms

Dairy.
"We knew they needed animals out there," said Hugh McGuire, one of the dairy's four brother owners. 'It's hard to find a Guernsey cow in necessity

This Saturday, residents can help feed the brown and white cows—all about. We get along." and submit a name for the mom ---

for a \$1 donation.

In return, they'll also be treated to a tour of the dairy's 28,000-square- all comes together. foot processing plant, live music, free samples and a glimpse of the freezer, the tour will walk partici-

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The cow will complete a new burnyard family, according to the Northville Community Foundation, which runs the farm. Most animals perished in a 2002 fire.

There were possess.

home-delivering dairy products -

Karen Kinville, the youngest daughter who handles finances, said dairy work was both a passion and

"To feed all those kids," she

Before milk, ice cream, yogurt

Starting by a huge, recently added

and eggnog hit Guernsey's store shelves, though, the plant is where it

John McGuire, 96.

all under one roof.

"There were cows there when it burned," said director Shari Peters. "This is the only animal we needed. are separated. Then, they're homog-enized and pasteurized, or blended hack together, at high temperatures.

After going through mixing and freezer tanks, ice cream gets special We're happy to get it." In the business' first plant tour in eight years, McGuire and his 13 sib-lings will all be there, along with their father and company founder. flavors by a fruit and nut feeder and

a ripple machine for caramel and fruit swirls. Packaged in cardboard or plastic, A family affair for six decades, Guernsey boasts 23 relatives mak-ing ice cream, bottling milk and the dairy delicacies are then shipped by Guernsey's fleet. "Fifty miles in all directions, we

> that Guernsey cows were once the preferred breed, "They produce higher butterfat."
> Though Maybury's Guernsey won't be tapped for any dairy prouets, farm goers will be able to visit the cow, along with chickens, hors-

> AM radio host Foster Braun will judge a "Cutest Kid Eating Guernsey Farms Dairy Ice Cream" contest, Entries due tomorrow; three winners will get prizes,

. What: Guernsey Farms Dairy of Novi is hosting a plant tour to help donate a Guernsey cow to Northville Community Foundation Maybury Farm: live music, clowns, free samples, raffle and "Cutest Kid Eating Cream"* ali included

• When: 11 a.m.-3 p.m., • Where: 21300 Novi Road. between Eight and Nine Mile

 Details: (248) 349-1466. www.guernseyfarmsdairy.com

April 30

'Note: contest photos must be submitted by April 29

To boot, donors will be entered in a raffle. Top reward: 52-and-one-half gallons of ice cream, 12 jars of hot fudge, 52-and-one-half gallons of milk and a dozen 12-piece chicken dinner buckets. But the money will go to a bigger

"The dollar is used to (help) feed the cow," Kinville said, "I think

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Kim Kovelle is a staff writer for reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107.

Beautification Commission, at (248) 249-8205.

Local Girl Scouts will partie pating in a Gold Award Project – Project PUNT (Picking Up Novi's Prash) - this Saturday

Girl Scouts go for Gold

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

The project is a plan to enhance the aesthetic appeal, improve the quality of life, and preserve the arrounding environment of the Novi community through a coordinated effort to pick up polluting trash along Novi's roadways and mportant sites.

The project starts with registra-tion from 10-10:30 a.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Any and all are welcome; groups or individu-als. Call Jennifer Rudolph (248) 380 8828 or Cathleen Garbacik mation or questions

Commission has four vacancies

The city of Novi's Beautification vacancies. The only requirement to be a volunteer on the commission is that applicants must be a resi-

No experience is required, and those selected for the three-yearjudgment in the case. "There was term attend a monthly two-hour a payment around \$57,000 for

beautification projects and public events. Anyone interested may visit the commission's next meet-ing at 9 a.m. May 4 at the Novi Civic Center or call Moira Rohinson, chairperson.

Quinn said. Shannon, the current developer of the land, also has a landscape

Office park planned Shannon Development has urchased property from Carlton roperties to create Stoneridge

12 Mile Road between Novi and Dixon roads. The Novi Planning Department recently received a site plan for several small office buildings west of the Carlton

Under a consent judgment with Carlton, the vacant property contains 7.217 acres. The back of the property will be a parking lot with berms on three sides. "Its a definite improvement to

brought to council because of the amendment to the consent judgnent of April 2002 in favor of City staff unanimously favors

are responsible for the consent

the project contingent upon the

"Hollywood Nights" are available at

Canton, metro Detroit Hollywood Video stores, or by calling CLF at (800) 825-2536 or visit Web site

kukemiamichigan.org. You must be 18 years or older to participate. Last year's Movie Marathon saw

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dation. Wixom's Diane Fikan was the top fund-raiser in 2004, bringing in pledges of over \$1,500. For her efforts, Fikany won a one-

Children's

funds being paid to the city,"

udgment payment.
"We would like you to approve

Tom Schultz, city attorney, said the city has not yet received payment on the first consent the right-of-way, and that would come back to the city," he said. Quinn said Carlton Properties

City kids come to work

Staff members were invited bring their children, grandchil-

New das station plan

approved Novi residents who live near Office Park on the north side of the intersection of Novi Road and 13 Mile Road can look for ward to a new gas station in the near future. Novi City Council members

unanimously approved the request for a final site plan from Mike Kozlowski of Caeruleum Environmental Design in Dearborn Heights for a gas sta tion and convenience center at he southeast corner of the inte section at the council's April 18

the area," said Matthew Quinn, meeting. Kozlowski is representing Brian Sharrack, owner of the pro-posed Sharrack Gas and Convenience Center. The 1.512 acres of property was part of the Sandstone consent judgment executed on June 26, 2002.

The facility will be a one story, 3,960-square-foot building with a car wash and gas station. 1,800 square feet for retail use and 2,000 square feet of offic space. The project includes 16 fueling stations and an automatic

The city of Novi staff is participating in "Take Our Sons and

Daughters to Work Day" today. grade through the 12th grade

vere eligible to attend the event The day begins at 9 a.m. with a welcome breakfast hosted by City Manager Rick Helwig in council chambers. During this opening reception, children will be introduced to City Government 101 and tour city hall.
Following the city hall tour,

children will visit Fire Station #4 and receive a behind-the-scene look at the workings of a fire department and see a training exercise in the tower. Children will then return to

"shadow" their parent or adult friend on the job until lunch is served at noon. After lunch, children will visit

the Southwestern Oakland Cable Farmington for a tour and introduction to video production. Mayor Lou Csordas will then join the group at SWOCC to par

The city of Novi staff is call-

ing upon local residents to help plant trees this Saturday in obser

30, about 300 trees will be plant

From 10 a.m. to noon on April

vance of Arbor Day.

ticipate in an actual telev production to be aired on Cable commissions and committees in Channel 13, the government an ex-officio role. These students will provide a Arbor Day event set

emment operates and makes dec sions, and establish service and volunteer habits for the future Students can be appointed to the Parks, Recreation and

west of Beck Road.

Refreshments will be served

In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day

be set aside for the planting of

trees. Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in

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City seeks youths to serve

The Novi City Council recent-

ly adopted two policy resolutions

representative on a board or com-

mission or as a member of the

City of Novi Youth Council.

Forestry Commission; Historical Commission: Beautification

Commission: Library Board; and Housing and Commu Development Advisory

The 13-member Youth Counci is charged with the responsibility of making recommendations to the city of Novi concerning the needs of children, youth, and families of the city and the appropriate means by which pub-lic and private agencies in coop-eration with volunteer efforts

the April 30 tree planting, call Parks, Recreation and Forestry at (248) 347-0400. may address such needs. Members must be Novi residents at the high school level (entering freshmen or older). The Youth Council will:

 make recommendations to city council on issues relative to the youth of Novi,

· serve as youth ambassadors encouraging Novi youth to become civically active within the community either as a student to the city of Novi and

 encourage and promote the education of youth regarding city government and citizen partici-Interested students will be

To promote student youth par-ticipation and leadership in gov-ernment, the city has established appointed by members of city council based upon completion of an application, a written essay and an interview.

the placement of one student rep Applications are available at the city clerk's office, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, and online at

www.ci.novi.mi.us. Applications will be accepted at the clerk's office until 4 p.m. June 8.

City council will conduct interviews for all applicants on

June 13 before app Boards, and Commissions for 2005-2006 terms.

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"Hollywood Nights" kicks off row at 10 a.m. and goes until 10 a.m. Saturday. Participants must raise a minimum of \$94.70 in pledges, bring them to the lobby of Emagine Theater on the morning of April 29, and then sit back and

Movie marathoners will enjoy unlimited access to popcom and pop, as well as hinch and dinner on Priday, and breakfast on Saturday. The "Super Star" that collects the

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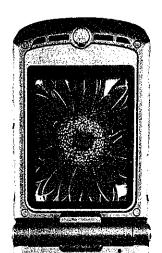
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Japanese citizens say Novi is OK

■ Consul General meets with mayor

By Pam Fleming

As Novi government's leader, Mayor Lou Csordas gets to meet all kinds of interesting people. Recently, the mayor visited with Consul General of Japan Yoshiyuki Sadaoka (pronounced

Yo-she-you'-key Sah-dah-oh'-kah) of Bloomfield who met with April 11, has been visiting

with mayors Consulate General of Japan is the name of the Detroit office. Consul General of Japan is the chief of mission's title.

in Michigan," community in Michigan," Csordas said, Sadaoka also serves a Japanese population in Ohio.

This is his sixth assignment for

Japan, Csordas said. "We have 9,000 Japanese residents in Michigan and 1,500 Japanese live in the city of Novi, which means one sixth or 17 per-

Michigan and Ohio. "We want to further promote the tight relationship between Japan

for the Novi News. She can be Japanese live in the city of Novi, reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. which means one sixth or 17 percent of the entire Japanese popupleming@ht.homecomm.net.

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lation in Michigan live in Novi,"

Sadaoka said.
"We have 43 Japanese-owned businesses in Novi," he added.
In total employment in Novi, 635 employees are Japanese, with 485 American workers, So Japanese companies contribute to the local economy of Novi Sadaoka noted. Csordas asked the Consu.

General why so many Japanese peo-ple live in Novi. Sadaoka said they believe it's a safe community, there many Japanese-owned businesses in Novi, there's good golf in the area and they like the city's location. He added that Japanese residents also enjoy going to the Novi

Public Library.

In the future, the Detroit office would like to sponsor a festival celebrating the culture of Japan, Sadaoka said. His goal as Consul General is to create economical cultural and educationa exchanges between Japanese residents and others in the U.S.

A native of Kochi Prefecture in south Japan, Sadaoka moved to Michigan last September. The Consulate General Office of Japan in Detroit was established in 1993 as a result of the increasing num-ber of Japanese residents in

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Charity skate

Even though spring has sprung, 325 children and adults from the Detroit metropolitan area slipped on their ice skates on April 10 to help area children's harities. Novi residents and businesses participated n Skate@TheJoe, a first-time special event. Play it gain Sports - Novi (owner lan Somerville pictured) onated nearly 100 skates for skaters to use that day, and along with pizza and pop guests enjoyed soup lonated from Zoup! Hosted by The Helpin Foundation, the \$20,000 proceeds raised from Skate@TheJoe will benefit Children's Hospital of Michigan, West Bloomfield-based The Grodman Cure Foundation and The Marc Suris Legacy Fund, all of which help children with illnesses.

Wixom library hires new director

announced the hiring of Lisa Hoenig as the library director; she began April 25.

technology department of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, Toledo, Ohio. In 1993, she was promoted to assistant manager of that department, and became the library's puent and trademark depository library enough to the Patent and Trademark depository library enough to the Patent and Trademark depositors. The Library Board completed a comprehensive recruitment, selection and solicitation

trademark depository library rep-resentative. In the summer of 1998, Lisa transferred to the Holland Branch of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library ered for the library board

Lisa to our

degree in english literature and a master's degree in information and library studies from the University of Michigan. In January 1990, she began her pro-fessional career as an adult refer-

and foreign language collections, and technology upgrades. Hoenig's strengths include supervision and team-building, reference, collection develop

Depository Library Program Seminars, Hoenig was treasurer of the Patent and Trademark Depository Library Association from 1996-1998. In 1995, Hoenig founded the Inventors Council of Toledo, and served as Lucas County Public Library system and worked as assistant manager there.

For the past five-and-a-half years, Hoenig was reference supervisor for the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. She managed adult services, building up staff and and the library's collection. During her tenure, Hoenig its president until 1999. She is a nember of the American Librar Association, Michigan Library Association, and Beta Phi Mu the International Library Science Honor Society. Professional interests include community development, outreach, comput-er education, and adult literacy.

Hoenig plays golf, piano and clarinet. She enjoys games, books, film and travel, and takes horseback riding lessons. Her hasband, Jeff, is a systems During her tenure, Hoenig-implemented services such as Internet classes, an annual adult summer reading program, DVD of Michigan. They reside i Superior Township.

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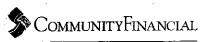
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BUSINESS

Husky employees celebrate Earth Day

■ Novi business cleans up local Lakeshore Park

By Pam Fleming

Being a good corporate citizen means being good to the environ-

Employees at Husky Injection Molding Systems in Novi devoted a whole week to the environment last week in observance of Earth Day on April 22.

"As part of our core values, we are also an environmentally friendly company," said Lewis Beam, environmental health and safety specialist, N.A. Service & Sales, at Husky, located at 45145 W. 12

Mile Road.

Based out of Bolton, Ontario. company officials believe in say ing the earth and our environment On April 19, Husky employees visited Parkview Elementary School in Novi, where they talked to four classes of second-graders on the importance of saving our environment, including giving a presentation on "Reducing,

Reusing, and Recycling."
Students also had a "Recycling Relay." in which four classes competed against each other to see which class could identify the most recyclable and non-recycla the products.

On April 20, employees partici-

pated in the same program with first-graders at Thornto Elementary School in Northville, And on April 22, Earth Day, 2 Thornton Husky employees and family

members helped Parks, Recreation

and Forestry Department staff clean-up Lakeshore Park in Novi. Volunteers picked up trash, painted trash containers, raked and spread molch. Husky paid for stock in accordance with the com-

Novi's Lakeshore Park last Friday. Helping to spread some wood chips around recently planted trees are Shannon Burger, Danielle Golden and Lewis Bean, far right, the company's Environmental Health and Safety Specialist who

pany's GreenShares program. Husky developed this program to educate and promote environ- ny stock.

mentally friendly acts. Based on a list of approved activities, employ-ees can earn GreenShares. An employee tallies GreenShares

earned each quarter, and Husky

"This is just one of many ways Husky promotes the environment," Bean said, Michael Diletti, vice president,

and his 4-year-old son, Daniel.

Service & Sales Americas, Flusky, and heating and cooling systems. "The trucks we have in our and an 4-year-old soit, Daniel. The ducks we save in our helperletean up Lakeshore Park, as service fleet are also environmentally friendly in terms of the buildings are constructed with emissions and miles-per-gallon environmentally friendly materials ratings that they have," he

"We take the environment into consideration in every business decision that we make throughout the year."

Michael Diletti

Vice president Service & Sales Americas, Hosky Injection Molding Systems, Nov.

"Even some of our vans at our Difetti said that's business a

We take the environment into consideration in every business decision that we make through-

out the year," he said. This was the first time Husky employees had worked in a Novi

We've had quite a few volun teer groups that help out in our parks, and we encourage businesses and groups to come out It helps gives us a little bit of a jump start in the spring," said Matt Wiktorowski, Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.

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the association's board of directors. A member for 30-plus years. Williams will oversee 15 others in their mission to improve the hos-pitality industry climate statewide

DSW theft details released

announced a follow up on credi card and purchase information theft at various locates, including one in Novi.

Retail Ventures, Inc. released

results of an investigation that began around March 8. It found that between mid-November and mid-February, information was stolen from 108 stores, The origi-

nally reported number was 103 rmation from 1.4 million credit cards was involved, the company reported, including cred it or debit card numbers, names and transaction amounts. Drivers' license numbers and checking

account numbers were reportedly taken from 96,000 checks. However, addresses and Social

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Baronette workers awarded

news at the April 4 Michigan Hotel, Motel & Resort Association Stars of the Industry event.

TeachersCount. dubbed room attendant of the year. The limited edition items are available as yards signs for \$39.95 and as \$28.95 wall hangers. Also, General Manager Leonard Williams was selected chairman of Teacher Appreciation Week is the first week of May, but the partnership tasts until June 30. TeachersCount is a non-profit organization offering teachers

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reported its first quarter camings

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increase from last year on com-mon stock shares, which rose to \$0.07 by March 31, Funds from

operations were \$0.56 per share, a

eported 5.7 percent increase from

Sales per square foot increased

7.2 percent, the company said.

Taubman offets information at

www.taubman.com.

April 20.

Dosh named consultant

Business at Indiana University KSI is headquartered in

Maria Dosh of Novi was named an independent consultant with Daisy Blue Naturals, the company recently announced.

Launched in 2002, Daisy is a personal skin care product direct ales business that offers more

DeMaria hires two

DeMaria Building Company, which has a Novi regional office recently announced two new hires at its Detroit headquarters. Amy Osebold joined the mar-keting and sales team as marketing coordinator, while Douglas

Taubman also recently announced a Nordstrom store will be arriving at Twelve Oaks. Marshall Field's will add another Bubnes now works in the same 60,000 square feet, and the multiself will get an extra 25-30 department as sales coordinato DeMaria's Novi office is at 45500 Grand River Ave. stores.

Based in Bloomfield Hills.

Walsh hosts seminar

Walsh College's Novi camputoday will host a small business Auto production update Nationwide, automakers are

expected to produce 257,299 vehi-cles this week, up 0.7 percent from last week, according to

Ward's Automotive Reports. Output this year stands at 5.25 million, down 1.9 percent from this time last year

Patient safety concerns Taubman reports earnings

A State Commission on Patient Safety will be held today in New Hudson to discuss how to increas patient safety and reduce health

Comprised of 15 state organizations, the group said it will com-pile a report to submit to Gov. Jennifer Granbolm, In its fourth meeting, the commission will discuss how to obtain and review will examine compiled recommen dutions for a final report.

Northwest gets more jets

orthwest Airlines announced April 22 that it will be getting 15

additional jets.
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for adults, \$7 for sentors and \$5 for children under 12. The church is located at 44400 W, 10 Mile Road in Novi, For more information, call (248) 349-2345. Visit www.faithcommunity-

• The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross offers a worship service every Wednesday from 12:10-12:50 p.m. Come and share your lunch from with God at a worship service that includes scripture and Hoty Communion. The church invites all to worship Simdays at 7:45 and 10 a.m. Nursery care is available at 10 an worship service. The nursery

s coordinated by a registered pediatric nurse.
Adult Bible Study is on Sunday. at 9 a.m. Worship Center for chil-dren ages 3-7, and Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Rev. Karen Henry is

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pastor and priest in charge and Rev. John W. Henry II is assistant

· Meadowbrook

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every month; all are welcome. Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross has moved to 40700 W. 10 Mile Road (between information, visit www.oak ointe.org or call (248) 912-0043. St. James Catholic Church Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads), Novi. Call (248) 427-1175 is located at 46325 10 Mile Road or visit www.churchoftheholy-

Novi, Call (248) 347-7778. • First United Methodist Church of Northville presents a community-wide healing service with prayers for healing of body, mind, relationship and spirit on the first Monday of each month at

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· The Holy Family Church offers a Spanish speaking mass

Men's Choir at 7:30 p.m., free 6:30 p.m. in the church: April 30, May 28, June 25, July 30, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 29, Nov. 26. will offering.

The church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between

The church 'Theology on Tap' program designed for young adults, but all are welcome.

It will be held at Gus O'Connor's on the corner of Grand River and Market Street from 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. The schedule is: • Monday, May 2 – The Legacy

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www.holyfamilynovi.org.

• The Novi United Methodist Church The Novi United Methodist Church Men will be Tea on the checks. Mail checks to Church of the Holy Cross no later sponsoring a yard sale on Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The event will also include a bake sale by the United Methodist Womer

Church of the Holy Cross
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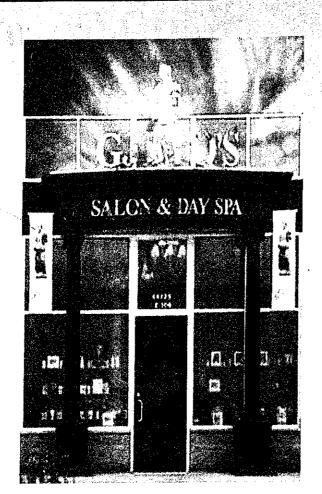
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EDUCATION

Total physical response

■ Middle school students excelling with new method of learning

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

Walk by a foreign language class at Novi Middle School on any given day, and you might just see something a little out of the ordi-

You might witness students closing their eyes while standing at their desks acting out words by doing hand motions, while all the

while, not saying a word.

This method of teaching is called "Total Physical Response," and has only been around the mid-

dle school for a couple years. It was first piloted by Karen Bryant, French and Spanish teacher at Novi Middle School. She said she introduced it because

She said she infroduced it because the traditional way of teaching with a textbook was just not meeting the needs of students anymore. "Basically, we were using a program in the eighth grade that we didn't think was good," Marian Tyler said, who also teaches french and Snanish at Novi French and Spanish at Novi Middle School. "We were ready for a change and as far as the sev-enth grade goes. It seemed like we were teaching them to memorize words and phrases, but it wasn't really effective and it wasn't long

being taught to students could be used later on in their lives, like days of the week or numbers, the TPR method is more of a progres-

in matand stand grade we were taught from a book and it was really difficult." Dougherty said. "This natural way of teaching, in that it works on listening and speaking skills first, and reading and writing words down, we draw pictures, we words a progress."

In matand stand grade we were well as the stand it was really difficult." Dougherty said. "This year is a lot different because we were well such it was a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at richari@ht.homecomm.net.

"When you think about it, that is how we learn language," Tyler said. "Our first language was listening and speaking and much later, you do the reading and writing."

They don't have enough years under their belts to see what kind." it because I'm able to actually look at the story that Madame Bryant

under their belts to see what kind of impact this method of teaching is having at the high school level yet, but Bryant and Tyler said do different concepts being taught to her because she didn't find it interyet, but Bryant and Tyler said do see a major improvement in their. own students since switching over.
"Most of my kids love it,"
Bryant said. "It's an active class,

little bit more now because of the stories and the songs and it's something that interests me," Ayala said.
"Not like reading from a boring

eighth grade. She says her foreign cognit grade. Says its ordered language class is "very fun because (Bryant) will show you an action for a word and it helps you to remember it better.

"On a quiz, if you can't remember the desired language of the says of

ment is in their grades. Ryan Dougherty is an eighth grader in Bryant's class. He explained that in fifth and sixth grade, he wasn't sure how he was doing in foreign language because he didn't feel confident, but with this new way of teaching, he is doing very well.

"In fifth and sixth grade we were truth feen book grid trung rate."

Novi Middle School French teacher Karen Bryant sets up an scene for her students to perform as they learn the language through acting out fun scenes using TPRS - or Total Physical Response Storytelling.

at the story that Madame Bryant gives us and I'm able to compre-hend what it says." Figith grader Monica Ayala had similar views. In the past, she said that she had a hard time grasping

"I think I can relate to the class a

Annalisa Morgan is also in the

SCHOOL BRIEFS

State band festival

Novi High School is hosting the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association State Band Festival for both middle and high schools, Groups from area middle and high schools will be performing on Friday, April 29, from 2 -9 p.m and Saturday, April 30 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. On April 29, the Novi Middle School seventh grade band will per form at 3:30 n.m. Performances tak place in the Fuerst Auditorium and admission is free. Concessions a also available.

Awards galore for NHS

Twenty-two students represent-ing The Cat's Eye television broadcast, The Wildeat Roar, Novi High's newspaper, and Reflections, the yearhook staff, attended the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association

up. Broadcast and Yearbook entered the contests for the first time, but for the newspaper, it was Telum visit.
 Broadcast won several awards:
 First place: Amanda

and staff - newscast

Honorable Mention: Drew

and Loomer - commercial

Loomer - openers and a public service announcement; Matt Irwin

Yearbook won several awards (all are based on the 2004 year-book, so all but one of the individ-

nal winners graduated last year);

First place: Kevin Shannon

ndex Second place: Katic Slovan

Kobylarek - graphics; Melissa Dillman - academic photo Third place: Steve Gawronski, Gloria Smith, Becky Roemer and

Lindsey Blank - feature spread Staff - division pages Honorable Mention; Shanne

The newspaper captured the

sports action photo

advertisement spread; Kristin

December and January and McCracken - weathercast: Kaitlyn Rich - video DVD/CD production

February issues of the Roar. They are judged on writing, photograph and design.

The students were successful in

coveted Spartan Award, which is

the highest ranking it can achieve in the state. The kids won it based on their entry of the November,

individual categories also: First place: A.J. Glubzinski -news page spread; Cameron Lewis editorial cartoon; Carla Morabito portrait photo

portrait photo Second place; Chad Thurman (class of 2004) - feature column; Mariem Qamruzzaman - news/fea-ture photo Jordan Barnes - ad design Third place; Margeaux Reizian; Stockeria Bud.

Stephanie Park
Honorable Mention: Chelsea Thorpe - news analysis; Qamnizzaman - human interest feature, sports feature, new story; Emily Erickson - sports photo; Tiffany Lin - news/feature photo and story package; Lewis - two fo illustration; Bryan Dechart - opin-ion page spread; A.J. Glubzinski news page spread; Lauren Preston - entertainment page spread.





they're involved, they're engaged and it's not intimidating. There is

so much to do as a group, that they're not worried about failure." The proof of student improve-ment is in their grades. Ryan

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NOMINATION LETTER

Diane Flavins normilation lett written by Novi High School Special Needs Teacher Jodie Sikailis

Diane Flavin has con beyond her role as a parapro-fessional in the classroom and has become an integral part of the students' programming al flow High School.

How High School.

She has a genuine interest in students care and well-being and understands students academic needs. Dane or very self-directed. Not only is she walling to come early, stay little, and on orsis had others resist doing, but she is also willing to come server.

She's Novi High's Dove

Oakland County paraprofessional of the year

8y Ramez Khuri

angin with the 20 Ostonial County Annual DOVE Award same day. Well, to har great sur-prise, that "worke day" finally came earlier this month "Of course I didd't know about it mill the letter of norm-nation came as the mail box."

Havin said. "They usked (Noris High special acids technical seeds to the seed of the special acids to the seed of the special seeds to the seed of the special seeds to the special seeds to the special seeds and t



Novi High School Art **Award Winners**

both awarded Kensington Valley Conference Art Awards Symposium earliet this month. Choice First place in Jewelry and Judges Cholce First Place in Ceramics, while Irle came away with Judges Choice Secont Place Planting. Pictured is Shroyer's seramics piece.

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Novi designer makes a mark in the Big Apple



rouched princess cut jack-et with pearl buttons, underneath is a "flapper" style dress with tiered

Model Marissa Surman shows off some of Jeannette Tiso's threads during a recent fashion show in New York City, Tiso graduated from Novi High School in 2004, The top is a short sleeve

■ Tiso moves from halls to the runways

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print notes for accession is also show.

"From a wacher," perspective, the slow was concluent in some size of the sone. The students had to be organized, had to work, with models who had personalizes, had rather. Arty scal world strainers is submible, and it was a great learning experience. I was quite impressed."

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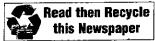
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The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to suppose proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

A copy of the proposed 2005-2008 budgel is currently available at the Novi Civic Center. Office of the City Gerk for public inspection, 45175 Wost Ten Mile Road, Yow, Mich gan

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■ Eight Novi Middle School students take awards

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WHERE WE STAND

Endorsements: Our two picks for school board

On Tuesday, voters will pick two people to fill seats being vacated by John Streit and John Balagna on the Novi School Board of Education. Both terms are for four years and begin July 1.

Like every district in the state, Novi is trying to keep its head above water while funding continuous to dissipate. The seven-member board is in charge of a \$60 million budget, eight schools and nearly 6,200

The challenges this district faces are very serious and, thankfully, there is a pool of candidates capable of dealing with those issues. Due to a family health issue, Paul Flavin no longer wishes to be considered a candidate. That leaves six. Any of five would be good choices, but only two can win. (As in the June 2003 election, we still do not feel that Mario Fundarski is a viable candidate who has the level of commitment to Novi schools that the others do).

Ann Glubzinski has lived in the district for 22 years and has two children in the system. Both her professional experience and volunteer efforts provide a solid background for inclusion on the board. She has a firm grasp of the issues, but more importantly, she has a game plan for dealing with them. Glubzinski will be a champion of Novi schools' strengths while working hard to correct its weak-

■ Dan Austin has a tendency to speak in administrative talk, but that's because he serves as deputy superintendent for Oakland County Schools. Bottom line: He fully comprehends the issues and his knowledge, education and experience would be great assets for the board. Austin has a decade of residency here, a teenager in the schools and a genuine commitment to bettering the district.

We were, however, very impressed with the three remaining candidates - Dennis O'Connor, Katie Raeon and Lisa-Ann Smith - as well. With such a strong field, this election is a testament to the level of dedication and concern of the residents of Novi.

Regardless of which candidates you feel strongest for, we ask of you one thing: Get out and vote on Tuesday, May 3. The polls will be open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. These candidates are willing to give up a good deal of their time for your schools; surely we can give them a bit of ours by casting votes.

Correction

On page 14 of the Novi Community Guide, Justin Fischer's name was spelled incorrectly in the Zoning board of Appeals section.

PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

How do they do that?

Guernsey Dairy's Hugh McGuire shows a 500 gallon ice cream mixing tank in the Novi Road production facility in which ingredients are stirred for more than a day and kept at a constant 40 degrees Farenheit.

Local residents will get to see how the dairy makes ice cream and milk products during its annual open

T, E

Welcome, Providence Hospital

As a Novi resident, I am thrilled that Providence Hospital will be expanding here. Everyone is entitled to health care in a convenient location to their home and family Denying Providence the right to expand in order to keep paying patients dependent on Hospitals located a 20-plus-minute drive from their home will not solve health care ssues for the uninsured. There must be a etter way to provide affordable health care

While other facilities are aftering their services levels to provide greater income, Providence will invest a great deal to provide not just hospital beds but all kinds of med-ical services. I'm also looking forward to the new Physical Rehabilitation Center. As a disabled individual whose ongoing conditioning is imperative to my quality of life. I look for is imperative only double on a facility that can provide ongoing support in a maintenance program where physical ther-apists are in the building to help with the occasional problems. I'm not interested in training in a fitness center, which are readily

available throughout Novi The expansion of doctors offices, testing facilities and other services will be an asse to our community. Providence Hospital has always been an asset to our community with their continued support for our schools, seniors and Novi service clubs. I welcome their expansion with open arms and thank them for all they do for Novi.

Ginger Barrons

our endorsements. We realize

the readers of the Novi News

value our opinion, and we con sider endorsements one of the

fundamental services a news-

make up the board of educa-

tion. They will have to work

installed in their homes since we

started spreading the word. I hope

research on radon levels in Novi

believes many area residents don'

even know what radon is, much

less that it can be detrimental to

and what can be done about

together to solve the problems

Whoever wins will represent

What's so confusing?

I just read Hannah Donigan's (4/21/05) letter to the editor, Hopefully, I can help her to understand that President Bush's plan does not force anyone into a private account.
only an option. People can still keep the guaranteed option if they choose. Most young people don't believe Social Security will be around for them. If it is there the benefits will be greatly reduced. Private accounts alone can not save Social

Security. The must be other changes to the current system. There was a reason that the original age that you would receive full benefits was set at age 65. People didn't live that long. If we adjusted that age to today's life expectancy it would be set at 75 or greater.

We already have a system that is general ing winners and losers. I started working in the 1980s. During that time the amount of earnings subject to FICA taxes has more than tripled and Medicare portion is no longer capped. I will pay more into the sys-tem than any of the current senior citizens and I will be lucky to receive a fraction of

the benefits.

President Bushl's openling the debute to solve the Social Security crisis. The solution to fix this problem is going to have to be shared by the entire adult population. We have ignored this problem for a long time and the solution is not going to happen

Edmund P. Shaheen

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It's hard to pick just two when many deserve a shot

For a couple of months, I've been thinking about this news-



as there is a very solid field of five candidates.

Picking just two people when you know any of them proud was a challenge. Let me explain how we make those

First, there was the candidates forum several weeks ago. ing questions on the spot. For each question, we

It offered the perfect opportunity to see and hear each can-didate in one setting, answerinked the candidates' answers - I being the best; 6 being the

worst – and tallied a ranking. Next, we gave each candidate eight questions and nine days to submit their answers (150 word maximum for each answer). Those results are included on pages 6B and 7B of this edition. These question naires offered the candidate are little more time to air their

views (as opposed to the one-minute time limit of the forum) Then there were the phone interviews. Audience members submitted questions at the

forum, but due to time con-straints, many were not asked. We pulled a half dozen or so of the toughest ones and included them in our inter views. This gave each candidate yet another venue for presenting their game plan for the

Lastly, we talked to members of this community to get a just two of seven voices that feel for what they are looking for in board members - and able weight in our decision-

making process.

As you can see, it's a combination of factors that go into right now while planning for board races for about 17 years now, and I continue to be amazed at individuals who are willing to sacrifice their person

> Cal Stone is the editor of th Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 or

Family hopes Novi man's death will not be in vain

Longtime Novi resident Tom Williams died on Tuesday, April

His death came too soon, when he had a wife, three daughters and workers who thought the world of him. It was tasteless, odorless,

invisible radon gas that comes Pam Fleming breakdown of

uranium in the earth, that seeped through a wall of their basement, which led to his demise.

Tom died from a form of lung cancer attributable to high levels of radon exposure. After he received the diagnosis last April, only a few months before his scheduled thirement in July, a test indicated that adon levels were indeed high where he had worked out on his

treadmill for more than 25 years. It's ironic that working out -something that is supposed to pro-long life — actually led to shorten-ing it in Tom's case. His widow, Judy, a Novi teacher

for almost a decade, called last veck to tell me Tom had died on friends and loved ones rather tha in the more sterile environment of a very long time because he was previously so healthly," she said Tom graduated from the Detroit

Police Academy in 1970 and served as a lieutenant with the Wayne State University Police Department for 35 years. Several of his comrades came to O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home to pay their He was also an instructor at

Oakland Community College for 26 years as a scuba instructor, He was a platinum diver with more than 1,000 dives to his credit and over 2,000 students.

Since her husband's illness, many area residents have become aware of high radon levels in their homes. As a legacy to her husband,

Judy Williams will continue her efforts to increase public awareness of this silent killer. Government pamphlets about radon were avail-

able at the funeral home last week "We sure want to get the word out about the real local problem that lies north of Eight Mile Road Certainly, there's a long history of our city council knowing about the problem," Judy said,

She said many people have checked radon levels in their homes since the Williams' efforts to nform others about this silent

In January, the Richard
Carmona, U.S. Surgeon General,
issued a press release about the danger of radon in homes. Radon i "I can't tell you how many peonle have had reduction systems put n their homes because of this," she in the United States has a high level of radon. More than 20,000

lung cancer each year. Donations in Tom Williams

American Cancer Society, Northville Relay for Life, Tom's Stars & Stripes Team, 18505 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076,

Protection Agency Web site at www.epa.gov/radon, call your state adon office or call the

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

OTHER OPINIONS

Party lines are drawn with increasing skill

Well, they may not be able to balance the judget, attract new industry or fix the roads, but our politicians do know how to do one thing right: draw the lines of their congressional or legislative districts so they are sure to get re-elected or, failing that, to assure that their party will continue to control the dis-

Both parties have become amazingly skilled at gerrymandering. And more often than not they are engaged in a silent conspiraey that assures that most Democratic districts will stay Democratic and most Republican districts will reliably vote GOP year after year.

This is the nasty secret that underlies why our political ntensely partisan and so rigidly unchanging over recent years. Michigan's John Dingell, who as the currently longest serving member of Congress should know, says that there are no more than 25 435 around the country. Wayne County Probate ludge Milton Mack, one of

Phil Power

the smarter people on the bench and a longtime student of Michigan oting behavior, adds that just a handful of higan state legislative districts are competitive these days.

Why is this a problem? Simple, In districts

that are drawn to favor one party over the other, the important contest is not the general election. It's the primary, when a small minority of voters, usually a more strident group than the rest of us, picks their party's who then will waltz to certain victory in the November general election.

For Republicans, it's the passionate Right-

to-Lifers and the religious/social conservatives who turn out and generally pick a candidate who is usually to the right of the majori-

EVENTS

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TIME: 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m

LOCAFION: VFW-Pest-2259. 2652 Loon Lake Road, Wixom

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appointments can be made by call-

ing (800) GIVE-LIFE. To donate

general good health.

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DATE: Sunday, May 1

one must be 17 or older

LOCATION: Borders Express.

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JCPenney DETAILS: Book signing by

Darrin Brege and Karen Bell-Brege, authors of Chill Art. CONTACT: (248) 735-8301

DATE: Wednesday, May 4

TIME: 5-7 p.m. LOCATION: Salone Nadwa

DETAILS: For people interest ed in joining the "U Crew" on UPN or "The On-The-Scene

team," on CBS, the on-air talen

and emiss-mots marketing street

teams, ages 18-35 CONTACT: (248) 348-7316

Fuchre Tournament

DATE: Saturday, May 7

TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civid

Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

DETAILS: Sponsored by Novi

and Day Spa, 43236 11 Mile

Road, Novi Town Center

CRS and UPN Talent

Auditions

DATE: Friday, May

ty of the party. For Democrats, it's their equally highly motivated ACLU members, union functionaries and "tree huggers," AKA avironmentalists, who tend to select numies more liberal than most

As respected veteran political columnist
David Broder puts it, "Each party now only plays to its hard-core supporters, and the pragmatic center goes unrepresented," With general elections then coming down to a choice between extremes, it is any wonder partisan conflict has become so sharp? And with most voters more or less firmly in the middle of the road, is it any wonder many of us feel left

out of the political process That's why there's been a fiddling with election rules to make it easier for all of us to vote, or alternatively, to change the way the redistricting process works.
In Michigan, State Rep.
Christopher Ward, R-

Brighton, has introduced a bill that would allow voters with a photo ID to cast an absence ballot at the local clerk's office, without having to give a reason, any time during the week before the election. (As it now works, to get an absentee ballot you have to be older

on election day.) Ward says he has bipartisan support for his bill, although Gov. Jennifer Granholm and other Democrats object to requiring voters, some of whom may not work or drive to produce an ID. Elsewhere, people are talking about chang-ing the way in which district lines are drawn. In Michigan, they are drawn up by the majority party in the state legislature to favor their side. About the only legal limitations are those that require all districts to be the same size ("one man, one vote") and avoiding

drawing lines that slice through normally rec-

LOCATION: Church of the Holy

Cross, 40700 W. 10 Mile Road (one half mile east of Meadowbrook)

DETAILS: Tickets are available

at Holy Cross, 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesday

CONTACT: (248) 427-1175

City of Wixom Photo Show

LOCATION: Wixom Library,

Child" is a program in its fourth year with a grant from the Michigan Council for arts and cul-

tural affairs and Oakland County

Chamber of Commerce Casino

LOCATION: Lucky's in Fountain

DATE: Saturday, May 14

DETAILS: This is the only

Chamber of Commerce.

fundraiser that supports the Novi

CONTACT: For more informa

CONTACT: (248) 624-2850.

arts, culture and film.

Night Fundraiser

DATE: May 9-May 31

49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom DETAILS: "Visions of a

than 60 or declare you must be out of town

In California, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegge wants to shift the line-drawing from the legis lature to a panel of retired judges. Maybe these are both good ideas. Especially appealing to me is the thought that drawing district ies is a task too important to be left to the

But the trouble is that neither strategy addresses the basic problem. Making it easie to vote absentee doesn't change the dynamic of each party playing to its hard-core support-ers in primary elections. And retired judges, most of whom owed their seats on the bench to one party or another, are not immune to being almost as partisan as legislators. Judge Mack has developed a fine 10-point 'Voters' Bill of Rights" that nearly frames

what a good voting system ought to do. what a good voting system observed to be linefuled are:

• The right to have their vote count.

Consider Republican voters in an overwhelmingly Democratic district. Does their vote

int for much? No. The right to vote in elections that matter.
Consider Democratic voters in an overwhelmingly Republican district. Do November elec-

matter to them? Not in local races. The right to vote in election districts that are fairly drawn. The key notion here is "fairly." In Judge Mack's mind, fair means not errymandered for nartisan advantage.

Judge Mack has succeeded in defining that a properly functioning democratic (with a small "d") voting system ought to do. Plainly, the system we now have is failing these tests. Next week's column will describe a simple, common sense solution that could go a long way towards healing our steadily more dysfunctional political system.

Phil Power, the former chairman of Hometown Communications Network and regent of the University of Michigan, is a metime observer of politics, economics, and education iss ues in Michigan

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TIME: 7-8:30 a.m.

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DATE: every Wednesday

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center,

DETAILS: Meeting of local pro-fessionals and business looking to increase word-of-mouth referral

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tion. CONTACT: (248) 956-5000 to

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Novi City Council Meeting Walled Lake Builder's

DATE: Mondays, May 9 and 23 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

Novi School Board Meeting

TIME: 7:30 p.m. I OCATION: Educationa Services Building, 25345 Taft CONTACT: (248) 449-1200

CONTACT: (248) 348-0531 Hovi Choralaires Spring

DATE: Saturday, May 7 TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi High School, Fuerst Auditorium, 10 Mile and Taft

DETAILS: Çost is \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and children. Purchase tickets at Novi Civi Center or at the Novi Senior Center Meadowhrook Commons CONTACT: www.novichoralaires.org

Church of the Holy Cross Mothers' Day Tea and Fashion

DATE: Saturday, May 7 TIME: 1:00-3:30 p.m.

CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

DATE: Thursday, May 5 and 19

BUSINESS

Spotlight Lunch, La Luna Grill DATE: Wednesday, May 4 Road, Walled Lake DETAILS: Free soft drinks with

meal purchase, mingle with other Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce CONTACT: (248) 624-2826

How to Start a Business DATE: Thursday, May 5 LOCATION: Oakland County

complex, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, DETAILS: This is a seminar for anyone thinking about going into business, including how to imple-ment ideas and receiving a list of

CONTACT: (248) 465-5483 Providence Center for the Healing Arts — Artist in

ONGOING: Thursdays TIME: 1:00-2:30 p.m. LOCATION Creative Arts Studio, Assarian Cancer Center,

47601 Grand River Ave.
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Sunday, 1-5 p.m. DETAILS: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library. CONTACT: (248) 349-0720

GOLF OUTINGS

Young Life Golf Outing

DATE: Thursday, May 19 LOCATION: Links of Novi. 50395 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. CONTACT: Paul Ankerl, (248) 449-8234

EXPO CENTER

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International Women's Show

DATE: April 28-May 1 TIME: Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-8

p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. DETAILS: Women, come to \$4 for children ages 6 years-12 years; parking is \$5. CONTACT: (704) 376-6594 or

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John and Debbie Bechtel o Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Ann Bechtel to Kyle Kearney, son of Myles and Patty Kearney, of Northville

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Novi High School. She earned her bachelor of science in education at Central Michigan University and is teaching third grade at Cesar Chavez' Academy

The groom-elect is also a 1997 graduate of Novi High School, He earned his bachelor's of science in mechanical engineering at Michigan State, and is employed at Hella Electronics in Plymouth A July 2005 wedding is planned.

Names in the News

Suttle Toastmaster winner

Novi resident Cliff Sunle recently won second place in the Division 28 Toastmaster Division 28 Toastmaster International Speech Competition. A Toasimaster of two-and-one-half years, Suttle competed against participants from Ohio, Southern Michigan and Western Ontario. The event was held April

Suttle is a professional presen-ter of leadership and esteem build-ing training based at 22203 Antler

In the Service

Army Pfc. Jay W. Graunstadt is deploying to Afghanistan to serve as a memher of Combined Joint Task Force-76 (CJTF-76), The soldier is regularly assigned to the Southern European Task Force (Airborne) based at Caserma Ederle Vicenza, Italy,

CJTF-76 is a combined and joint rotation unit supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. The soldier will join other units that comprise CJTF-76 to help the Afghan people continue on their progress to a free society of Millford High School and joined the Navy in March 2002.

combined joint task force include establishing security, defeating Al-Qaida and Taliban forces, and deterring the re-emergence of terrorism. The soldiers are committed to staying the course in Afghanistan and standing firm with the Afghan people against forces actively working to prevent the establishment of a stable and secure environment.

Graunstadt, an infantryman. is the son of Linda K. Barnwell of Mesa, Ariz., and Randy J. Graunstadt of Walled Lake. He is a 1997 graduate of Walled Lake Central High

Navy Airman Travis Q. McMurray, son of Tim McMurray of Walled Lake, is currently in the middle of a rouine scheduled deployment, while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, home-ported in Bremerton, Wash, McMurray and more than 7, 600 of his shipmates of the Carl Vinson Carrier Strike Group

(CSG), deployed to the Persian Gulf in support of the global war on terrorism. The Carl Vinson CSG recently relieved the USS Harry S. Truman CSG in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and maritime security

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Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Nicholas L. Winne, a 2002 graduate of Walled Lake Central High School, Walled Lake, and the Marines of 2nd Force Service Support Grout recently assumed operational control of Marine Corps Logistics forces, while stationed at Camp Tagaddum

Iraq.
Winne's unit deployed from Camp Lejeune, N. C. in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and provides logisti-cal support including supplies maintenance, transportation, landing support and health services for II Marine

Sailors primary mission is to assist in the reconstruction of Iraq, and develop a safe and global threat of terrorism.

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Trinity Health awards \$700,000 to community health

Trinity Health, headquartered in Novi, recently awarded more than \$700,000 in grants to be shared by nine community health programs that work to improve the health status of at-risk popu-

ations.
"These grants support the pitals to improve access to health care services among the most vulnerable and at-risk members of our communities," said Sister Gretchen Elliott, senior vice president, Mission Integration, Trinity Health. "They bring people a step closer to receiving the proper care they need."

The Trinity Community
Health Fund addresses locally
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health care practitioners, increase Health Fund addresses locally able to improve our ability to identified health-improvement priorities. Grants are used to fund health care practitioners, increase clinical capacity and access, "said Virginia Moralez, R.N., premises at any given time repre-sents a wonderful resource for Novi and the surrounding coma the suffounding com-s," says Issac Grinberg, Heart Cardiology

encourage the development of health education in underserved areas and stimulate community-based collaboration.

More than \$4.5 million in

grants have been awarded to community programs operated by Trinity Health-owned or managed member hospitals since the program began in 2000. Clinica Santa Maria, a clinic operated by Saint Mary's Health Care in Grand Rapids has used

part of its multi-year grant award from 2004 to expand its medical staff and expand access and qual-ity of care to underserved Hispanic persons, "With these funds, we've been

ciate 'Irinity Heatin's support to positively impact the health and well-being of the Grand Rapids community."

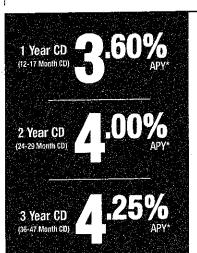
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St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital in Pontiac. Connect for Kids will ensure that medically and economically ieopardized and economically jeopardized children receive intervention

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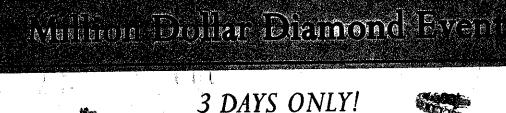
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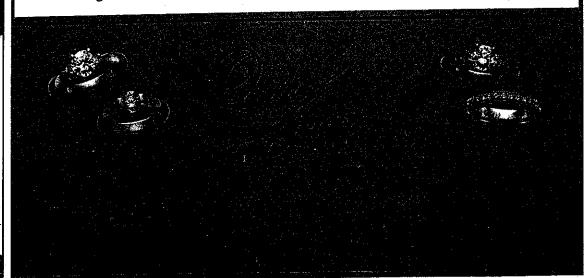
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Using her head

Emily Esbrook is one of the best soccer players in the country. She's not the kind of athlete to admit that though, so it took a selection to the though, so it took a screenon to an Olympic Development Program's national team to say it for her.

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Grand Slam

Novi graduate A.J. Rowe didn't wait to come back home from the United States Marine Corps before getting back into baseball. Instead, he tried out for the USMC baseball team and carned himself a spot as a

"He's so excited," said his mother, Lynn. "He said he wasn't throw ing as hard as he used to, but he'll

Rowe, who spent two tours in Iraq, is expected to get out of the Marines in September.

Next-level lacrosse

Jeff Policicchio and Sean Costello are two very happy lacrosse players these days. Why?



they'll be playing the sport in college It's not very common for two players from the same team to get scholarships for

playing sports, but for both to land in the same state? Both Policicchio and Costello won't have to drive far to see each other. Both Wildcats will be playing their collegiate ball in New York next year.

Check back next week for full

Verbal commitment

chelc Rolino, a junior basket ball standout, has finally made her decision. After receiving letters from colleges like Eastern Michigan University, Miami of Ohio and the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay — among a slew of others — Folino has verbally committed herself to committee netsert to playing for Niagara, New York. The Wildcats forward, who averaged 14 points a game and 8.8 rebounds for Novi last season, was an All-Area Dream Team Player of the Year and a member of the squad for the past three years.

Silver Anniversary

A lot of people may not realize it, but this year marks Novi coach Bob Smith's 25th anniversary as the track coach at the high school. Through the years he's helped make the Wildcats one of the top teams in the state. He's coached conference, regional, state and even

national champs in his time. We just have to wonder what



His turn

Next year could be Novi gradu-ate and current Central Michigan University football player Matt University football prayer ivial:
Gorman's year to shine. The guy
that was starting ahead of him in
the defensive back corps was none
other than James King of Walled
Lake Western Farne. King not only won a state championship under Mike Zedebski at Western, but he went on the CMU to set a NCAA record for the most blocked punts in a game (five). Now, King has signed a free-agent deal with the Cleveland Browns. He reports to

rookie camp today.
With King out of the way, it's
Gorman's turn to shine. We wish
him the best of luck.



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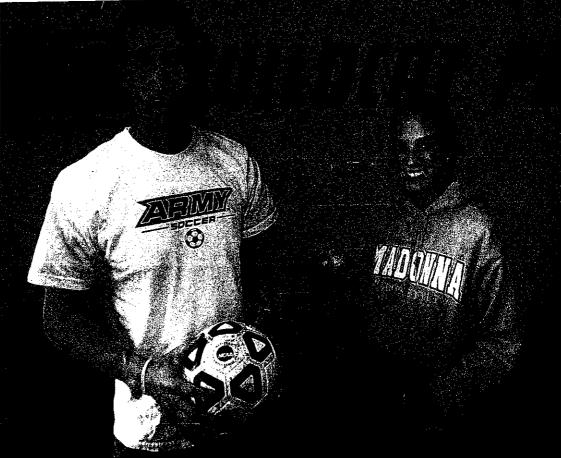


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Wildcat A.J. Glubzinski will be headed off to Westpoint in the fall to play soccer while Alyssa Wagner will be staying a little closer to Novi and will be playing softball at Madonna University.

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Glubzinski headed to Army

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Joining the United States Army wasn't something Novi senior A.J. Glubzinski thought

about until this year.

Now, he's going to be playing soccer for them.

"Originally their soccer coach contacted me in early coach contacted the In early August before I participated in the Score on the Shore in Long Island with my club team," Glubzinski said. "It was a standard recruiting letter and I really never thought of it again until October when I received a letter of assurance." letter of assurance.

Glubzinski thought and decided to go through the application process. He earned a congressional nomination and then his appointment to the Military Academy at West Point. He visited the campus, met some cadets and made his

decision. "It's such a great opportunity to be trained as a leader and to get one of the best educations in the country," he said. "I was impressed with the cadets on the soccer team and I believe y are people I can get along h and it's a place where I

The Novi goalie had plenty of interest from other institu-tions as well. He could have played at Colgate University, the University of Chicago or Albion College. He spoke with

the coaches at Dartmouth

before that possibility eventu-ally fell by the wayside. "I had a lot of opportunities," he said. "I took visits to all of those schools but West Point felt like the right place for me." And West Point thinks Glubzinski is the right fit for

them, too. The school calls for great leadership, intelligence and athleticism out of any of their cadets. Glubzinski fits that hill

that bill.

Not only was he one of the top goalies in the state this year, Glubzinski is the editor and chief of the school newspaper, the Wildeat Roar, and is the secretary of the National Honor Society, Glubzinski also

strives to always be the best.
"I feel that I'm an extremely driven person," he said. "I feel I'm extremely tight, extremely constrained and extremely disciplined. As well as any cadet going to West Point, my goal is to be in the top of my class. I'm not going to be less that the best I can be in any situation. I feel this is going to be a chal-lenge and I'm going to be ready

Glubzinski said he's very excited about the possibility of getting playing time next year. The team is expected to have an opening at goalie and the Novi Wildcat is hoping to slide right in and take it.

I have to put everything I have into preparing myself," he

said. "I've got to be able to put myself in the best situation for me to succeed and in order to do that I can't cut any corers at this point through my workout.

this point through my workout. I don't want any regrets."

The decision to join the Army was a hard one for Glubzinski but it was even harder on his family. His father, Bob, and his mother, Ann, are supporting his choice as is his little sister, Amy.

Glubzinski is appreciative of all of the support he has had

all of the support he has had from them over the years but he knows its up to him to make West Point the opportunity he knows it can be.

He did say, however, that he hasn't decided if he's ready to make the Army his only career.

"As far as that goes, I'm blding back for now," he said. holding back for now," he said.
"I've got four years in school and then time in the service to see how I like it. I'm not closing the door to it, but I want the experience and seeing how that works out will dictate what I do in the long run."

Glubzinski has earned his place at the top in athletics, academics and extracurricular activities. Now he's headed for the Army and everyone has to wonder just what he'll accom-plish now that he's put his mind to succeeding at that.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Madonna University softball coach Al White, right, will be welcoming Nov's Alyssa Wagner to his team this Fail.

Wagner inks with Madonna University

By Sam Eggleston

Novi senior Alyssa Wagner is

Novi senior Alyssa wagner to one tough girl.

After having arthroscopic knee surgery to remove some cartilage from her knee, Wagner was on her feet and limping

about the very same day.
"I was on crutches for about

five minutes," she said. "I just couldn't stand it."

couldn't stand it.

It's that kind of toughness and
determination that helped land
Wagner a spot on Madonau
University's softball team for
next year, not to mention a little
bit of scholarship money to go
with it. with it.

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Novi baseball's Kensington Valley Conference.

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the state after defending champion Northville lost.

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Players selected to the Olympic Development's national team. Novi's Emily Esbrook is one.

Years Novi's Bob Smith has been coaching Wildcat boys track and field.

Novi tennis' combined score over Ann Arbor Greenhills and the Pinckney Pirates.

Novi soccer's combined score over and South Lyon Lions.

Shutouts senior goalie Kim Herbst has collected so far this season.

Sometimes it's just nice to be the top team around. The Novi Wildcats soccer team can safely say they are right now, especially considering soccer coaches' association said so with a No. 1 ranking in the state this week.

that ranking either, as they showed with a 5-0 shelling of South Lyon last week after crushing Lakeland 10-0.

Against South Lyon, the Wildeats found Sarah Schmitt adding the first score of the night on a cross pass from Stephanic Crawford for the quick lead just five minutes into the game ut 10 minute later, Érawford tallied a goal of her own, head-ing in an Emily Esbrook corner kick. Pia Janssens added two goals in the remainder of the contest while Kristi Timar, who is headed to Michigan State next year, added one. Kim Herbs de three saves for her fifth

shutout of the season.

Novi is currently 6-0-1 over all, with a tie against Northville and is ranked No. 1 in the state. When Novi took on Lakeland, t wasn't pretty — for the

Engles.
The Wildcats found the ball half before earning the mercy victory just nine minutes into the second half.

Timar led the way with four goals while Crawford added two Katie Chaklos, Esbrook and Katie and Kellic Walker each added a goal for the victory. Kelly Hebert collected two assists, as did Janssens and Kellie Walker while Lauren Marchioni, Kristine Chaklos Shae Reichley and Katie Walke

y. Herbst carned the shutout.

Tough loss

The Novi Wildeats girls track and field team knew they had what it takes to beat Lakeland. Unfortunately, all their took veren't available when they took on the Eagles, losing the KVC

"It was a tough loss because we were missing some of our key varsity people," said Marsha

Novi was without Paige Janer, Christina Lis and Margeaux Reizian — all point scorers for the team.

The girls still had some out-

standing performances despite the loss, Allison Lofgren had three personal best performances. She went 15-fect-7.75 in the long jump, 4-8 in the high jump and a 17.09 in the hurdles. Golf playing well

Other notable performance came from Monica Barlage in the 100 and 200 dashes, as well as Lillian Xian in the long jump with a leap of 14-2.

Emily Reid continues to be competitive in the hurdles, as does Allie Sisson in the 300 hur-

dles and the 200 dash. Mechan Bannatz, Patti Ramos teams to the meet with scores

ANTHONY



Photo by JOHN HEIDER Novi polevaulter Eric Preston clears the bar on this attempt during a home dual meet

Bannatz, Shannon Wagner and Akamatzu/Abby Greulich placed Ouch!

Jen Rudolph threw a personal-

best 88-6 in the discus and a 27-5.5 in the shotput.

The Lakeland meet also marked the return of junior Hope Morris to the line-up after sur-

The Novi girls golf team had a

good showing at the Hartland Best Ball Tournament last week when they took sixth out of 16

The squad, coached by Deb

Harris, brought three two-person

added together for a team score The team of Asako

In the Oakland County tourna-ment, which was won by Rochester, Novi finished 11th out of 18 teams.

> improved our score by 10 strokes Jessica Westfall led the way with a 102 while Akamatzu shot 105. Jackie Chudy shot a 105 as

Haslett/Ashley Simms took

were recorded by Simms with a 101 and Yoo-Jin Kim with a 108.

a 103 and Audrey Oh recorded a

CRITICS ACROSS THE GALAXY ARE

with five goals on the day, but Catholic Central proved too much for the team to handle. John Favorite and Parker Beard each added one goal in the losing

The Novi Wildeats lacrosse

team thought they had the right weapons to take down Catholic Central this year. Unfortunately,

they were wrong. "The Shamrocks, who will

move to Novi for next year, won

the contest, 8-7.

Jeff Policicchio led his team

It wasn't much of a contest

when the Novi Wildcats boys

track and field team took on and defeated the Lakeland Eagles, 100-37, last week. The team also Walled Lake Western, a double header contest on a recent devastated Howell, 85-52. the Saturday.
nish"We didn't do so good," Green

Wildcats found first place finishes coming in the 100, 200 and Against Central the Wildcats Against Central the Wildcats gave up nine runs in the first earned victories as well. The Wildcats dominated the relays, winning the 4-by-100, 4-by-200, 4-by-400 and 4-by-800 events. The squad also won the shotput, discus and pole vault.

Against Central the Wildcats gave up nine runs in the first errors, poor decisions and lots of walks. The game ended 14-3 after five innings with Steve Hart taking the loss. Craig Lawler had two bits in the game. 400 dashes while the distance

two hits in the game.

Against Western, Novi found themselves running into a very hot team and taking a 7-4 loss. Against Howell, the Novi boys followed the lead of S discus and pole vault. followed the lead of Ryan themselves running into a very Pritchard, who took first in the shotput and discuss, while Eric Cislo went 3-for-3 with two douses the price of the bles while Flavin had a two-run Zhao took first in the long jump. Dan Coleman strutted his tal-Dan Coleman strutted his talent, earning first in the pole vault

second and third, respectively.

Also taking first was Mark Moore in the two mile, while Amol Huprikar finished second "It was a ve "It was a very good game by

Flavin cranked out the game

winning run on a double.

Earning the win was
Morrison, who wasn't feeling

"He had a sore throat and was

running a temperature, but he wanted to pitch," said Green.
"He did a good job against a

very good Brighton team." Novi had several good defen-

Flavin went 2-for-3 in the

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Mark DuFrense and Kip Miller finished first and second, respectively, in the 800 run, white Jarrell Woods took first in went 2-for-4 and Matt Perelli went 2-for-4 and Matt Perelli the 100 dash and Derrick went 2-for-3 in the victory.

Ups and downs

It's proven to be a season of too well. ups and downs for the Novi Wildeats baseball team so far this year. Thankfully, the squad has been hitting the ups when it really counts — in the Kensington Valley Conference.

Rensingion variety Conference.
The team, coached by Rick
Green, is boasting a 5-4 overall
record currently, but is undefeated in the KVC with a 4-0 mark.
"Wa're prefet heave?" cold.

The Wildows Folkled ed in the KVC with a 4-0 mark.
"We're pretty happy," said
Green. "We know it's going to
their week with a 7-3 victory over South Lyon in a game that was cut short by rain.

Cislo earned the win on the

get tougher and tougher as we start playing double headers on Wednesdays and Fridays with kVC games. Then, we'll play doubleheaders on Saturdays in tournaments too."

mound, throwing all five and allowing three runs — two of which were earned — while which were carned — while striking out two and walking The tournaments will give Novi a chance to see which

pitchers besides ace Billy Morrison and the reliable Kevin game with two home runs and three RBIs. Cislo will be able to step into the rotation for KVC contests.

"We're experimenting right now," said Green. "We're wait-ing to see who's going to step

fect over the center field fence," said Green. "It was a great hit."

Steve Hart went 2-for-2 in the victory. The Novi Wildcats have had plenty of success, beating Howell 3-0 earlier this year with

Morrison throwing a complet

game for the shutout and getting the winning hit at the plate. Cislo went 2-for 4 in the contest. Against Lakeland just a few days later, Novi earned a 6-0 wit with Cislo on the mound. He allowed no runs, three hits, gave up two walks and struck out five in the victory. The game marked the return of Zach Flavin to the

games. Flavin cranked out two RBIs on his first at bat while Morrison went 2-for-3 in the game and Tom Ciaverilla went 2-for-3 and

She's keeping her head in the game

Esbrook is one of nation's best

By Sam Eggleston

Novi sonhomore soccer standout Emily Esbrook knows what it means to be in the spotlight she's been there since she was five

The Wildeat player can do any-thing on a soccer pitch. She can dribble, she can pass and she can score. She's been noticed by highlevel coaches since she was young, which is why she plays with the top-ranked Michigan Hawks club team and is one of the reasons Novi's squad is ranked

Care to loin in?

Her ability is also what found her receiving an invitation for the Olympic Development Program's Michigan team. There she was isked to showcase her abilities and, once again, the coaches took

"You get selected to a state team and then your state team goes to the regionals," Esbrook said of the program's process "From there they select a regional play three games against other regional teams. The national coaching staff is there and out of all the players they select 18 to the

Esbrook, it just happens, was one of those 18 players was shocked," she said. "I really wasn't expecting to be

The Novi sophomore, along with Northville sophomore Danielle Toney, earned the right to play with the national team hey practice every other month California for a week.

While in training, they have practice two times a day and even ay against other national teams the last practice, the team took

on the Germans.

"They are really, really big,"
Esbrook said. "I'm not kidding. They're huge."
Playing Europeans is nothing new to Esbrook. As a member of

the program's regional team she participated in three games in

Eshronk said girls soccer isn't as developed in Europe as it is in the United States but said she expects the teams will continue to

Though she's only a sopho-more, the Novi standout already

Natural ability

has her eyes set on college.
"I'd like to play at Santa Clara California. I'm already out there a lot for training and I think it's great out there. Plus, they have

> Eshrook's plans to play in college come as no surprise to Brian O Leary, her high school coach. He said she has the ability and dedication to play at the next

some really good soccer pro-

level.
"Emily-Esbrook is one of the most skilled players we have ever had at Novi," he said, "Her ability to possess the ball and find the open player are second to none She's so good at it, in fact, that i dictates the style of play that we

The Wildcats like to keep the ball on the ground, stay in posses-sion of the ball and keep their opponents on their heels through the whole game. Since Esbrook has the ability to control the ball, the Wildcats often rely on her i difficult situations.

"Other players on the team know this about Emily and know they can pass it to her even when she's in a crowd or when we are having trouble getting the ball set-tled down," O'Leary said. 'She'll immediately get it settled and find the open player."
Esbrook's ability makes her a

natural part of soccer in all forms. She's not only a part of the development program, but also a mem-ber of the Michigan Hawks, a the nationals in Orlando

"I really like all of my coach she said of her three teams. They're all really good."

And she really likes her team-

hand. They've been an insepara- couldn't get into it as much as mates too. On the program's national team. Esbrook and Toncy are fast friends. Even when the two high school teams squared off for a tied game earlier this year she complimented the Mustangs' forward on a good game.
"It's really nice to have some-

one to train with and when you go out to California to train you have a good friend with you," Esbrook said, "It makes it a lot more, com-fortable to go out there."

Everything else is just

ble pair for a long time and the sophomore said she wouldn't

have it any other way. just didn't have my heart in them

The Wildents tried softball, which she played under the coaching of fellow Novi soccer player. Stephanics Crawford's, dad. The sport, it turned out that

The sport, it turned out, just was-n't for her. "I was awful," she said, "I never played and I was the last batter."

soccer.
"I just like the competition,"

she said. "I get so into it and my "I started playing soccer when I was young and I stuck with it," she said. "I tried other sports but I agame. I didn't have that with the other sports When she first started play-

ing. Esbrook said she never thought she'd take the game as far as she has. As time went by, she started, to get an inkling of what could possibly be held in

Novi High School soccer player Emily Esbrook practices outside the school.

"I was awful," she said. "I never layed and I was the last batter."

She even tried her hand at bas-

in top shape and everything. Pretty soon you realize that you just might be able to keep playalways there to cheer her on.
"It's great having them there," she said. "It really helps when you

Esbrook said she has to balance her schoolwork though. Thankfully, she noted, Novi High School isn't afraid to work with

her.

"They're really good about it,"
she said. "The teachers are really
nice and they gather all of my
assignments together before I go."
Beyond school, teachers,

worse so I had the surgery done.
I just didn't want it to effect my college."
Wagner admits she tried to

opportunities I've nad; Est said. "It's all been amazing."

coaches, teammates and games, Esbrook has the support of her family. Her parents, Rachael and at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at

MHSAA continues fight in gender-equity lawsuit

Athletic Association takes its appeal to the highest court in the land — the United States Supreme

At stake: a revised high school sports schedule allowing girls vol-leyball to be played in the fall and girls basketball to be moved to the winter. Also moving to the full wil be girls golf and boys tennis. Boys golf will move to the spring season The MHSAA, the gover

body for almost all high school Court will conduct a conference



Sam Eggleston

"The MHSAA does have insurregarding the request to consider an appeal of the lower court rulings and pet their insurance company an appeal of the lower coun rutings in the sports seasons litigation. It's a fight some believe should and. Others disagree.

"Personally, I think it's a noble the specific property of the Western Lakes Activities and the specific property of the Western Lakes Activities (driving the appeals)."

"There are outside factors of the Western Lakes Activities Association. "The conference is in the specific property of the Western Lakes Activities and the specific property of the Western Lakes Activities and the specific property of the western Lakes Activities and the specific property of the sp

extension, until the case is heard," said Ellis. "While I may not be a lawyer, I think if they decide to hear the case the stay would be entered;"

same. Why is that bad? This state winter. That means those sports don't line-up with their college

automatic."
Móstly, everything will stay the

just happens to be the final holdout in getting the volleyball season in the fall and the girls hoops to the ounterparts. A delay will likely slow down the inevitable, not prevent it. Schools are prepared for either

hear the case, then the seasons will immediately be expected to "The conference has built sched-

rersonany, I trimk it s a none fight," said Northville athletics director Bryan Masi. "Though a lot of the schools have prepared for either decision, they haven't given in."

(unving the appeals). Association. "The conference is in good shape. Most schools, I would think, should be ready by now." The MHSAA is rolling the dice with the Supreme Court appeal, but on the losing side of the legal bat of the supreme Court appeal, but on the losing side of the legal bat on the losing side of the losing side of the legal bat on the losi they're hoping.
The appeals court in Cincinnati,

But if the Supreme Court decides to hear the case, it could which upheld a decision by a discontinues. Novi athletic director curt Ellis said if the MHSAA were to lose their litigation, they'd be responsible for the plaintiff's court esponsible for the plaintiff's court of the section of the plaintiff's court of

"The MHSAA is hoping the Supreme Court will not only hear their case, but use it as a way to get continuity or consistency in the court of appeals."

Novi High School athletics director

put off the pain, taking aspirin courts that make you predetermine which one you'll argue," said Ellis.
"The MHSAA is hoping the
Supreme Court will not only hear Walled Lake Western. case, but use it as a way to get continuity or consistency in the

could have a broader meaning to the United States appeals process The MHSAA is rolling the dice with the Supreme Court appeal, but they're hoping.

But who would notice anyway?

Everyone would finally be able to watch their sports when they want to the most, right?

on all phases of the game including dribbling, shooting, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship, and defensive concepts.

inquiry to the university and was invited to come to a scrimmage. There, she mixed with other possible recruits and madonna players for some to play. She said Madonna was informal games. It was much longer before the school was offering her a scholarship and a chance to play softball at the

likes showing that she's able to

"I was excited," she said. "I signed the letter of intent before at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at a segleston hopes to study sec-

standing there. "I'm thankful for all of the tunities I've hadd Esbrook

Just like it's no doubt great for

with the 18 best 16-and-under

them to look down on the field

Madonna inks Wagner

ondary education with a focus on mathematics. Until then, she still has plenty of school to go Her future in the sport was one of the main reasons Wagner decided to have the surgery April 15 instead of waiting — well, that and the pain. through, a prom and graduation mot to mention an agonizing two weeks of keeping score for her softball team. "It's really hard," she said.

"It started hurting one day when I was running on the track inside," she said. "It actually "I'm still going to all the games but I'm just keeping score for them. I might coach first when started hurting before then but that's when it became really the assistant coach isn't there noticeable.
"I didn't want to make it It's hard because I want to be

cerned about team before any personal accomplishments, said she can see the benefit of her not being able to play right now.

"It's going to be a good time
for Brittany Luka, who will be

and still playing despite having to grit her teeth through much of it. Every athlete has a point pitching a lot," she said. "It will be good for the rest of the girls when the pain becomes too much and hers came against because we've had a couple of She played the first five innings and nearly crumpled on She played the first live innings and nearly crumpled on the mound.

"It was just way too much," she said. 't was killing me. I wasn't batting and I couldn't run. I was hurting the team by the property of the purpose reason. She didn't the purpose reason.

the current season. She didn't trying to play." the current season. She didn't So she went under the knife. want to risk her scholarship. In the long run she said she believes she'll be better off.

She didn't want to risk softball "We're all big into softball," believes she'll be better off.
She's expected to be off the diamond for two weeks before hard time if I have errors. We coming back to play.
Wagner likes challenges, She

just try to be the best we can wagner fixes chattenges, site likes showing that she's able to overcome them and be all the who is 12 and pitching for the better for it. That's one of the middle school,

"It's a family game," Wagner reasons she caught Madonna's

The senior pitcher sent an Because of how close she is

SPORTS SHORTS

Girls baskethall camp

The Novi Wildcats girls basketball team will

The Novi Wildcats girls basketball team will be hosting a girls basketball camp June 27-July 1 at the Novi High School Field House.

The camp, hosted by varsity coach Bill Kelp and members of the girls varsity basketball team, will teach girls, grades 2-9, the fundamentals of the game of basketball.

Cost is \$126 and includes a T-shirt and a basketball in addition to the experienced craching the state of ketball in addition to the experienced coaching of skills and basketball basics. Registration

For more information, please call Novi Community Education at (243) 449-1206. their playing abilities. Emphasis will be placed on all phases of the game including dribbling,

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ning Monday, May. 2.

play, sportsmanship, and defensive concepts. Students will be grouped according to age, size, and ability. Gym clothes and shoes are required.

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Fetters just wants to make a mark at Novi

clear-ent favorite sport, but

plays when that season comes His efforts, he hopes, rubs off

By Sam Eggleston

Anyone who has ever met Novi senior Richie Fetters likenoted he gives 100-percent of his dedication to the sport he by came away with the idea he's quiet kid. Which is why it's always so

Fetters, who made a career at Novi with football and tennis isn't so quiet when he's compet-ing. Instead, he draws plenty of attention by being a standout

things about his athletic endeavors is his choice of sports. "It actually kind of happened

when I was little," he said, "I fell in love with tennis and foot-

The love for the two sports came from his mother, Jana, and his father, Rich.

The tennis-loving blood that

came from his mom's side as she played the sport of flows through Fetter's veins week,

came at a cost for Fetters.
"They told me that I could either be great at one or good at

both," he said. "I decided to be good at both." And good he has consistently been. Fetters, who turned 18 April 14—the same birthday as teammate and told him they his father—earned playing were going out to win some his father — earned playing time under the coaching of Tab

Kellepourey for football's run to

on the players who are coming through the ranks beneath him. "I've never really ever given up in tennis or in football," he

said. "I always keep trying. I hope I leave a good impression on the underclassmen on how not to give up and to always. keep fighting for what you want."
Fetters found out the true

meaning of lighting last fall when he found out his mother was diagnosed with cancer. "It was preny rough," he said. "We lost to Milford that week

and then I found out the news The Novi senior considered

she played the sport at his options. Even leaving the Northville High School. His team was something he ponfather was a high school football player.

She told me she's be disapport.

pointed if I quit because of her, he said, "She wanted me to con-tinue with football and that was the right decision. She really helped me out there."

And his teammates helped out too. The Novi football team was quiek to support their longtime were going out to win some games for his mom.
"She's doing good." Fetters

two doubles tennis player under Jim Hanson this spring. She feels it's all taken care of Fetters said he doesn't have a clear-cut. Eurorite sport, but

Meanwhile, Fetters will keep playing. He'll keep striving to-be a feader for his team and someone for other players to tearn from And while he's playing, his mom will be watching.
"She comes out to every foot

realized the value of sports.
Though he knows his future isn't one of professional fame, he intends on being involved at

ball game and every tennis match," he said, "She's there

that level nonetheless.
"I'm going to Miami of Ohio
and I'm going to study accounting and law," he said. "I realize
I'm not going to play profesional parts. June 1975. that level nonetheless

agent."

If Fetters applies all he has learned from sports and stays as dedicated to his career as he has his athletic endeavors, then there's no doubt he's going to

be successful. "Who knows, I might end up representing a guy like Kevin Cislo," he said. "I wouldn't Most likely, neither would be

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Novi #2 doubles teammates Richie Fetters, left, and Eric McQueen give each other a w-five after winning a point against their opponents in a late-April match at the Wildcats' temporary home: the courts of Novi Middle School.



Wildcats jumping for joy with recent success

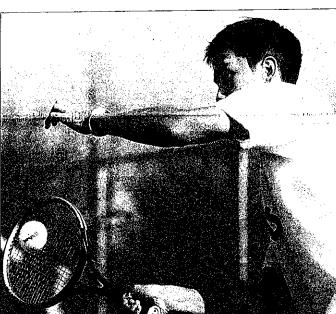
short work of their tennis school tennis match." foes last week as they crushed both Ann Arbor have what they believe to be Greenhills and Pinckney, 8-0. their final line-up until the doubles.

Greenhills, the defending hopeful return of Prasanna presented Novi with a shoulder injury. stronger challenge than the

Hanson, "They're always a singles,

Heffernan and Felix Liu will The Wildeats currently play while Richie Fetters and

Division IV state champions. Venugopal, who is out with a Mike Mehl and Adam Doster, while Jason Hsu and Kyle Goodman, a junior, is Chris Shah are taking on Pinckney Pirates could at one singles while Roshan teams at four doubles, Nan nuster, but in the end the Ramachandran, a sopho- Jiang and Uday Vadula have more, is at two singles. Justin seen action of five doubles "Greenhills is a solid Namm is at three singles and when the Wildcats play the team," said Novi coach Jim Kevin Lai will play fourth exhibition flight against other



Novi #1 singles player Kyle Goodman hits a forehand at the net as he warms up for



Novi #1 doubles player Felix Liu hits a forehand in a game against Ann Arbor's Greenhills School.

Photos by JOHN HEIDER



Novi High's Roshan Ramachandran hits a forehand Ann

Novi School Election

Field for 2 seats now down to 6

Board election set for Tuesday

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

Only five days remain as six Novi School Board candidates continue to campaign for two seats, soon to be vacated by president John Streit and member John

run again.
The election, which normally. takes place in June, is set for Tuesday, May 3 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Candidates include Danford

Austin, Mario Fundarski, Ann Harold Glubzinski, Demis O'Connor, Katie Racon and Lisa

candidate endorsements. please turn to the Opinion page on 20A.

There originally were seven candidates, but due to personal circumstances resulting from a family illness, Paul Flavin announced that he can no longer nresent himself as a viable candidate for the election.

"While I sincerely feel my

experience and commitment to the schools would have offered the voters a clear alternative to the traditional candidate in this election, I have been unable to actively campaign for this position." Flavin said. "(The circumstances) have taken and continue to take a considerable amount of the time that would otherwise have been vailable to the school district and

community."
Besides Balagna and Streit, the even board team currently con-

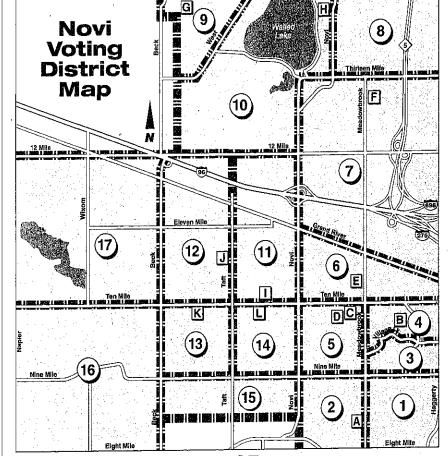
sists of George Kortlandt, Carol Elfring, Bruce Bagdady, Julie Abrams and Dave Brown. Board member terms are for four years and start July 1.

decisions for a school district tha has a \$60 million budget and as of February had 6,180 students. The Novi Community School District houses eight schools, which are broken down into six elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. They are: Novi High Schobl, Novi Middle School, Deerlield

Elementary School, Parkview Elementary School, Novi Woods Elementary School, Novi Meadows Elementary School, Village Oaks Elementary School and Orchard Hills Elementary As of November, the district

changed the date to the first Tuesday following the first Monday in May each year. The original intent of the change was to consolidate all the schools to a November election, but school districts thought they should have more options than that, so the state came back with four dates to choose from. The May date made

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(3) B Village Daks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook Rd.

(4) C Novi United Methodist Church 41671 Ten Mile Rd.

5 D Orchard Hill's Elementary School, 41900 Quince St. 6 E Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Rd.

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(10) H Hickory Woods Elementary School, 30655 Novi Rd 1) Taith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 West Ten Mile Rd.

(12) J Novi Meadows / LTC, 25299 Taft Rd.

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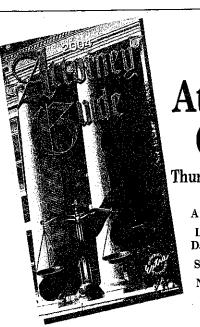
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Vote for Glubzinski on May 3

Steve Riggs

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

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

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

4. What process do you think the board should use in coming to decisions? In other words, what is your philosophy on decision making?

5. Do you believe the board of education communicates -well-with the public? Why or why not? If not, how would you go about improving that communication?

6. Many parents have brought up concerns about the full-day kindergarten situation in the district, saying that more students should be able to take advantage of it. What are your thoughts on the current lottery system?

7. How would you go about prioritizing budget issues?

8. In terms

of quality of education, and meeting the student needs and state and federal / mandales, what / overall grade

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Danford Austin Age: 59 Resident of Novi: 10 years Children: Ashley, 26; Nicole,

Profession: Currently the deputy superintendent for Oakland County Schools Served for a year as interim superintendent in 2003

Education: Bachelor of arts from Kalamazoo College, master of arts and Ph.D. from Michigan

■ L As a parent of a daugh-ter who has attended Novi schools from kindergarten through eighth grade and who will enter Novi High School in August, I have a deep interest and commitment in assuring she and all Novi children receive the best possible education. I will bring a parent's perspective to the board that includes focus ing on the results that are best for all our children. I also bring the perspective of a professional educator and financial manager with more than 30 years of experience in K-12 and college education programming and administration to the board. This perspective will be helpful as the board continues to focus on improving student achieve-ment, facility planning, priori-tizing expenditures and managing budget and operations. I ave been a science teacher. college instructor and education administrator including: chief financial officer and chief oper ations officer. I think I can help the school board continue to build on a culture of school

mentary, Research on studen achievement is compelling. Investments in teaching and excellence and achievement that makes Novi a desirable place to learning for K-3 significantly improve the long range student achievement and reduce remedi ation costs later on. As a board ■ 2. A school board member's primary role is to set policy and provide direction. Some examples include: 1) representmember I would ask for a plan that would replace the curren kindergarten lottery system with a program that would provide a full day of kindergarten for all ing the community to assure the best possible education is provided in the most cost-effective manner; 2) creating an environment in which kids can learn. eligible students yet retain the half-day option for those who desire it. The cost of offering teachers can teach and the community is engaged: 3) fulfilling a tiduciary responsibility – to assure all funds are spent propfull-day kindergarten to the entire district is minimal and offers a strong ROL The plan for providing full-day kindererly; 4) serve as the employer of garten would need to include staff and ensure that personnel systems support high perform-ance and school results; 5) identification of staff, facility corriculum and budget needs assuring all due diligence stan-dards for school operations are up to date and effective; 6) focusing school resources on programs and services that mee

the needs of all students; and, 7)

assuring authentic and frequent

and the community in decision

making so as to create owner-

lence in academic and student

support programs in light of tighter resources, tougher accountability standards and

effectively managing student growth across the district with-out diminishing excellence in

programming: 3) focusing on

strategic unmet needs for pro-

the 1 in 5 English Languag

the challenges requires the

board, staff, parents and com-

trict's long-range planning com-

mittee. In addition, as a board

member I would support cre-ation of three committees

Committee, District Growth

Program Committee each with broad representation from the

with the board, solutions to the

key challenges. A fourth board

hallenge is gaining consensu

on the standards and expecta-

tions for student behavior and

the compliance procedures utlized as related to the Athletic

Code of Conduct and Student

■ 4. The school board is a

steward of the public's interest in providing the highest quality

education possible. As a result,

the board needs to emphasize

open, two-way communicati and collaboration that maxi-

Code of Conduct.

Committee and Student

including: a Finance

Learners, and achieving equity in our elementary school facili-

changing student needs; 21

ship for school programs.

mieation is in place to

■ 7. Before making budge decisions the board needs to have a thorough understanding of where we have been and where we are going with respe to revenue and expenditures. The answers to these questions quire the board to create a expenditures for key functions and revenue from all sources. I addition, the board should call for a five-year financial forecas of revenue and expenditures based upon realistic budget sumptions. This should also nelude at least three years of trend data on the projec expenditure impact on the fun equity (known as the rainy day fund). In addition, the board needs to categorize progra and services to determine wha gramming such as expansion of all-day kindergarten, support for is essential to delivering the core curriculum and what is an support the creation of a citi zens budget advisory committe with broad, district-wide repre sentation of parents, staff and munity to engage in serious planning and dialogue. I support continuing the efforts of the dispriorities within the parameters set by the board. The board's t priority should be funding the core academic curriculu

and services that support stu 38. We have a history of providing a quality education for all students, MEAP scores time to improve from an fready high level. The district continues to make AYP (an community and staff to develop, yearly progress). Students who are college bound consistently core high on entrance exams Ninety-five percent of high school graduates pursue higher education. We are working to neet the needs of all our stu dents and supporting emerging student needs such as English Language Learners (1 in 5 stu-dents), students with a wide range of disabilities, and aca-demically talented students. \ have a great community and staff that is up to the challenges of the future. I give the district an overall grade of A-.

mizes input from all groups who have an interest and stake in the success of our students and schools. As a board mem the issues, decision processes and timelines up front and communicating that widely to the community. I would also focus on collecting and reporting dat that is relevant to the decision before the board. By taking this building and utilization of valid and relevant data, decisions tha ire made can be fully and quickly implemented because parents, staff and the commun y have "ownership" for the

■ 5. On many issues I thin! the board has communicated well with the public. The millage, building renovation plans, ong-range planning, curriculu needs and some student result are all good examples of nication by the ourd. On the other hand, the process utilized for engaging parents and communicating sul tantive issues related to revi ns to the Athletic Student

of a communication plan that has left the community feeling divided, disengaged and frus trated. On major issues such as student behavior codes and budget decisions, I would focus on framing the issues, defining the timeline and gaining input, would expect much more substantive data and less personal pinion to form the foundation of the decision process. At input meetings with parents or staff, I would support the formal ceording and reporting out of their input so as to have a record of the deliberations. In the long run, that builds trust and

accountability and helps focus

groups on the results you are try ing to attain. A communication plan should be critical to every

major decision of the board. In

my work with Congress, the Legislature and as an adminis

tor, I have seen some very diffi-

cult issues resolved utilizing thi

■ 6. I would support greate

school, kindergarten and early

hudget investments in pre

open approach.

District residents 3.AA. Funding Form a political coalition of the Teacher Unions, MEA, AFT, school board members State of Michigan, school dministrators and all groups who suport public educatio form a Political Action Committee to Amend Proposa A to allow school districts, by

BB. Introduce and support new legislation to legally allow parents to pay the difference for their kindergarten children o attend full time kindergarter CC. Form a standing P.A.C. for fundraising political activi-ty to benefit our Novi schools

4. On any major decisions, town hall meetings should be held to receive t community's imput and the board should support the majority position. A current example of this was the policy to remain as is concerning athletic random drug testing

■ 5, I believe our currer board does communicate well with the public. The only

6. I have already swered this in question num ber 3.

■ 8. Grade AAA!!



Mario Fundarski Ane: 60 Resident of Novi: two years Spouse: Grazyna Rataj.

Children: none Profession: Professiona matchmaker; owner/manager of Looking for Love Introduction-International Marriage Agency Education: Bachelor of arts

■ 1, I want to serve the stu dents, parents, seniors, taxpay-

degree, political science, histo-

ry, Michigan State University

ers of Novi. 2. The role of a school member is completely open as to what the board member makes it. I will be completely accessible at all times to ou community and pro-active politically active to enhance aur Novi schools.

3. A. Funding B. Solution to our curren lottery system for our kinder irten students C. More political involve ment by our Novi School

to increase their Homestead

change as already stated would be the forming of a permanent Novi P.A.C. for political

■ 7. Curriculum always comes first. All other items are negotiable.



Ann Harold Glubzinski Age; 48 Resident of Novi: 22 years

Spouse: Bob Children: A.J., 18; Amy, 16 tor for Young Life Education: Bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in political science and MRA with an emphasis in marketing

■ 1. In 1992 my eldest child enrolled in Village Oaks Elementary and I became an active participant in Novi Schools. My involvement has never ceased and today I volut teer as the treasurer of the Nov Athletic Boosters, Serving on the board is the logical exte sion of my volunteerism. I will draw upon both my education and professional experiences a ticipate on the board BA and MBA from

Michigan State University · Professional experience as Adjunct Faculty - Business Department Schooleraft College, Various managemer and marketing positions in the financial industry, information technology and youth ministry Novi Community Schools gues

teacher and guest secretary. I am proud of the excellence that Novi strives to achieve and have a desire to continue the tradition. I believe I have the knowledge base, and skills nee ssary to make quality decisions the best interest of all the students in the district. 2. School board member

ould work as a team of professionals who:
• hire and evaluate the superintendent

establish district policies create district-wide goa and empower the staff to work o achieve them

are fiscally responsible by adopting a balanced budget which focuses on established

 approve curriculum
 guide the employment and professional development of the district's employees · identify facility needs and nicate those to the com-· adopt a contract with the

employees that is equitable, workable and affordable. The role of the school board is NOT: to micromanage the everyday operations of the district to champion particular issues which would benefit only

subgroup of the district. Once elected, I will become mactive member of the Michigan Association of School Boards. This affiliation will allow me to become fully trained to be a leader on the goard and will serve as a statewide level.

3. 1. Managing a growing student population
 a. We must balance the

enrollment at our elementary chools and assure that there is equity in curriculum, facilities resources and class sizes at al buildings.

b. We must include all students in the school's academic, athletic, co-curricular and fine

must have a sense of value and belonging within the school Finances The board must maintain a balanced budget utilizing all balanced odget utiling and feasible sources of funding for school programs. Our first pri-ority should be high quality education for all Novi students. Also, the district must continu to support its existing employ-

rts programs. Each student

ees as well as pursue additiona funding.

3. Creating a learning environment which addresses the unique abilities and learning tyles of each student The staff must evaluate each student's abilities and plan to meet their individual needs so

as to achieve Adequate Yearly

Progress as mandated by the

■ 4. Decision-making requires three steps. First, there must be a fact-finding process. The board has the respo to get complete, accurate inf mation and to know applicable laws. Sources of information include the administration which has been appointed to

review a particular issue, Next, there needs to be a period of analysis. They must do th analysis as a group while ing input from interested school employees. These may include announced public hear ings. The board has the charge to think outside the "box" to allow for creative decis making that answers the following question:

• Does this support our goals and priorities which we have

established for the district Thirdly a vote must occur to ne the direction of the board. After a decision has been made it is the responsibility of all board members to support the decision and work towards

5. All organizations can improve their communication to their constituents. Currently, the primary avenues for con members to approach the board are via letter or open microne slots in the board agenda These avenues appear to be a source of frustration to the conmunity. In order to make the exchange of information more user friendly the board could

 Using the school Web site to explain the procedures for issues to be placed on the agen-da, how they will be evaluated and timing for decision.

 Having the superintendent prepare a newsletter which includes upcoming items for board review and action, recent decisions and the process for unlementation and an avenue to receive feedback from the

· Beginning a quarterly state of the district forum hosted by the board. This time would pro vide two-way informal commu nication between the board and munity regarding issues of est to both parties.

■ 7. First the board should

budget items asking the follow-

to meet the primary objective of

providing for the educational

eds of all K-12 students?

in the most cost efficient man

Next, divide the items into

Non-negotiable necessity.

The item provides excep

onal quality to the district.

• Items that set the district

Start with the funding of the

first category of budget items.
Then prioritize the next two levels of items. Continue to fund

the budgeted items until the

Identify the items which must be cut from the budget and

determine if there is another

means of providing for this bud-

orships, community member

support, booster/parent generat-

■ 8. I would award the District a B+. An A would indi-

achieved its stated goals and

a C would indicate we are an

ther perfect nor average!

Our biggest assets include:

a community that supports

and is involved in the education

a staff, administration and

board working as a team to pro

ent for all students

vide a high quality learning

· a leadershin team who

Areas which need improve-

· meeting the needs of a

· working within the state

funding system to creatively meet our district's growing

financial needs and priorities

diverse student population

al mandates

"average" district. We are nei-

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ner by the district?

Is the item being purchased

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Is the budget item necessar

dates. When it was announced last January that two different incumbents were not seeking re ■ 6. Currently, the lottery is election, my telephone rang off not satisfying the demand for all-day kindergarten. Two major hurdles must be overcome to the book. Many people called and urged me to again seek elec-tion because they trust my decimeet the demand for all-day sion-making ability. All policy kindergarten: space and teachers. The board must creatively decisions should be focused on what's in the best interest of our ate the best solution to meet this I have the passion, honesty demand, while considering that and dedication to help cont the level of excellent education and extra-curricular programs gram. Because the district receives the same amount of state funding for kindergarten-ers whether they attend a full-

2. School board members should be good communicators and good listeners. They also or half-day program a lottery need to be strong problem should not be the determining olvers and decision makers. Most importantly, the role of a board member is to be a leader factor deciding who is enrolled in full-day programs. The board needs to generate an aquitable solution for all families regard less of the elementary school

not a follower. Board members should be proactive, not reactive, to serious district issues. Too est officials are great to react to problems - after it's too late. That's not leadershin. Many officials want to wait (and hope) for the state to change its funding policies. That may not happen. We can't count on the state to bail us out of financial disaster. That's a reac-

Dennis O'Connor

Resident of Novi: 14 years

Children: Sara-Beth, 20; and

Profession: Training/market-

ing consultant, DOCOM

Education: MBA Wayne

State University, majoring in

marketing/ management: BA

University of Michigan, 1979

double major; journalism and

mathematics, secondary teach-

1. I want to serve on the

hool board as an "extens

of my volunteer service to the

ni member of both the Novi

Novi community. I am an alun

Band Boosters and the Novi Athletic Boosters (former vice

president and publicity director)

also am a member of the Novi

Community Education Advisor Council and served on the No

It isn't easy to defeat incum

bents. Yet, I finished third in last

year's race to two strong candi-

Long-Range Planning

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tive strategy. As a board member, I will seek to proactively structure educational programs within budget constraints. We need to solve budget problems (with help from private businesses and ent to share expenses with other governmental units) to help maintain the educational excellence we expect from our

■ 3. 1) Educating a diverse student population - As our stu-dent population becomes more with the difficult challenge of meeting the learning needs of ALL students at various skill dents are placed in classroom with little or no ability to speak English. We need to offer more training to help our teachers

address this challenging issue fails to keep pace with expenses, need to work together. Therefore, I would direct adminstration to develop a coordinathensive. long-term (focused on bridging the "gap' between the schools, other goval units and private businesses) to help raise additional

revenue and to help share 3) Equality in educational programming - We must strive for an equitable curriculum for ALL ntary students, especially with our kindergarten students (see question 6 for details).

■ 4. When faced with challenging policy decisions, only one question should always come to mind; "What's best for Too often, recommendation are quickly approved by board members with little or no discus-sion. I believe in CRITICAL

THINKING. We need to take the time to properly analyze all issues that are recommended by central stration. We need to ask ons. It is imperative to

seek opinions from teachers building administrators and par-ents before making important

The process should be stan dardized and publicized – before decisions are made. Issues need to be presented to the board well in advance of a decision. There should be plenty of time in between meetings to seek public opinion. We need to listen to public debate before arriving at a decision. After all the inforon doing what's best for our

■ 5. The board needs to be more responsive to public concems, as part of an overall COMMUNICATION strategy In his high tech world of e and instant messages, if you wait any longer than 48 hours to response to someone, then it eems like that issue goes into oard truly cares about an issue but its lack of a quick response to a letter-to-the-editor in the Novi News or public comments at board meetings creates the wrong impression

The board also needs to direct utilize Channel 10 – the cable operated school television station. We live in a "visual" world so the district needs to lever age Channel 10 to properly pro mote Novi Schools. We need to see more video of various school and publicized in a "TV Guide format" on the school district

■ 6. The current lottery sys tem for full-day kindergarten is unjust and unfair. It has created the perception of "haves" an "have-nots." Why should al students at one clementary school receive full-day kinde garten, while students at the other four elementary school are placed in a "lottery" for the same opportunity? It's just not right that more than 125 tox paying parents, who requested full-day kindergarten, were denied this opportunity because they "didn't win the lottery." they "didn't win the tottery This isn't the way we wan young parents to be introduced to Novi schools.

If we can afford full-day kindergarten, then let's offer it to ALL the children of parents who request it. If we can't afford it, then let's offer a full-day educa our traditional half-day kinder garten curriculum with an expanded version of our already essful half-day Kindergarten-Care program through Community Education K-Care features top-notch niciors, who coordinate cur-

kindergarten teachers. 7. Prioritizing budget issues clearly is a major goal if we are going to maintain fiscal respon-sibility and integrity within our school district. I recently served on the Novi Long-Ran Planning Committee. It was an exhaustive (but rewarding) process which helped to identif ical issues that will face the school district during the five years. The results will serve as a "road map" for future boards. The committee was comprised of more than 100 teachers, administrators, bu ness leaders and parents, it truly collaborative offort

We need to use this same process to help prioritize budge items. Revenues fail to keep pace with expenses – and finan-cial projections are not favorcial projections are not ravor-able. We need to prioritize budg et issues in an honest, open way with a clear commi strategy and community involve

■ 8. I believe our overall disle is an "A." However, because of mandated meas meats from No Child Left Behind (NCLB), Adequal Yearly Progress (AYP) and Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) initiatives, we must continue to improve each year.
We earned all "A's" and one "B" from state and federal officials. These results are excepional because of a total team effort by the board, administra

It's been an extremely stress ful year for our teachers. There's been a lot of pressure to meet the basic educational needs of our students, while dealing with the additional state and fedand mandates. Our teachers have performed admirably.

Likewise, our administrators

have been tremendously proac-tive and forward-thinking on this issue. They have helped to pre-pare our teachers to respond to the various mandates. The board also has supported the process by approving additional (teacher training) days to help accomplish this goal.



Katle Racon Age: 47 Resident of Novi: 19 years Spouse: Floyd Raeon Children: Nick Raeon, 17: Elissa Raeon, 15; and Alex

Profession: Registered nurse for 25 years: currently working Center in Farmington Hills Education: University of Michigan School of Nursing bachelor of science in 1980

1. A public school board hould comprise a representa tive sampling of the community. As a registered nurse, I will ment, problem solving and inication skills to suppor eaming for all our children hin caring and joyful learning environments. As mother of three children currently in the district. I will bring a current parental perspective to the board. Parental involvemen

key component to our kid's suc cess in education. My participa tion in various school and dismy enthusiasm and volunteer commitment to help promote the education of our kids. I also want to promote better cor nity cohesiveness by improving communication between parents, teachers, administrators, the public at large and the school board. Once elected and at my own expense, I look for ward to participating in certification classes offered by the Michigan Association of Schoo Boards in order to serve to the

best of my ability. 2. I think a school board member's role is multi-faceted. Primary roles include hiring a uperintendent, abiding by state laws and developing district policies and procedures. Fisc responsibilities encompass bal ancing the budget, prioritizing ures, hiring staff and negotiating employee contracts We follow the Long Range Plan, which provides the frame work for our district's success-

es, such as meeting our chil-dren's learning needs, satisfyi mandates, staying focused on current research and best teach ing/learning practices and incor-porating the community by encouraging their input and pro viding avenues for comm tion aides in connectedness among the residents. In order achieve these goals, a school board must also balance the budget, identify, prioritize and ces. As an elected official, it is crucial he available and listen to public oncerns, ideas and opinions 3. Quality programn

funding are important. Mr. Dion (our new superintendent) and two board members will begin this year as a new working team. I would support the continuation and further develop ment of diverse, high-quality programming within caring, example is to identify differenti ed instruction as vital to meeting the learning needs of our diverse student body and provides support for it with profes sional staff development. Parent forums could be one way to incorporate comn prior to the board making crit cal decisions. Prioritizing the allocation of resources, and looking for collaborative mean to gain new resources demonstrate fiscal responsibility. Participating in our School
Funding Task Force helps the public become more kn edgeable about current funding neactices. Citizens can contact their legislators to after the school funding system so our

4. Problem identification and ownership are followed by fact finding from the field experts. Analysis and potential solutions with their possible outcomes are proposed. Public input is elicited, if appropriate. Additionally, I will be guided by these questions: Is it the truth and is it right for the learning needs of all our kids? Does the solution support diverse learning opportunities for kid in caring and joyful environies for kids

per pupil foundation allowance will keep up with inflation and

unfunded state mandate costs.

ments utilizing best teaching and learning practices? Have we way for the district to allocate its resources? Are we progress-ing instead of regressing? I real-ize no decision will make everyone happy 100 percent of the time. I want to know that my pinion has been heard and val nted and that I have received even if I don't agree with it. ■ 5. I don't believe that any

one communicates effectively 100 percent of the time and we

current school board format of

receiving comments from the audience does not lend itself to

the two-way communication a

issues of redistricting and financial uncertainty

■ 6. I believe that when more

people want something than you

currently have space for, the lot-tery is the only equitable way to

assign the open positions in th

full-day kindergarten classes. I

empathize with those parents or

the waiting list and I believe full-day kindergarten should be

kindergarten parents are inter-ested, as evidenced by the wait-

Classroom availability, staffing

needs and cost are factors also

We know that every kinder-garten child receives the same

half or full day) and the same

from charging for full-day kindergation education. We or

curriculum. The law forbids us

it to the public to seriously look

at this issue again and provide a

eline for the decision

ing process. Perhaps the addi-

tion of a second class will be

7. My primary focus will always be on the learning needs of the kids in the classroom.

Are we in line with our Long

teachers have necessary

resources? Are we offering

diverse programming that is future sighted, reflecting current research in teaching and learn-

ing and promoting joyful learn ing? Each building should be

about its resources and staff uti-lization. If the budget needs to

be cut again, I would ask each

would cut in their own backyan first - not in someone else's. I

would look at the acquisition of

our resources. Are we getting

mandates as efficiently as pos

islation to change the school

gained with the union in good

ty professional staff?

faith in order to maintain quali-

8. My overall grade would

be developing as expected and

consistently striving for excel-

lence. High quality education and the pursuit of excellence is

the expectation in Novi. It wa

one of the reasons I moved here

19 years ago. With Dr.Lippe and the current board's vision,

kids, parents willing to volur

teer and state of the art build-

ings and technology. Meeting student's learning needs has

our increasing ELL population

access to student data, aligned

curriculum and staff develop

improvement, Our North Central Accreditation Proce

helped us comply with state

staff and admir

and student data collection have

nate to have a wealth of talente

believe the school board's job is

to utilize this expertise and DTO

and the various methods, means

become more challenging.

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an option for parents. Many

ing lists at each school,

helpful, if the public partici-

mmunity forum could elicit.

Lisa-Ann Smith should always strive for Age: 42 Resident of Novi: 7 years nprovement. The communication process involves active, reflective listening and speaking Spause: Rick the truth. One way to improve Children: Elizabeth, 10; communication could be to Rebecca, 5 **Profession**: Part-time indeetermine timelines for voting pendent consultant give the public advanced know Education: Bachelor of arts in edge of opportunities for input prior to the actual vote. It could science and computer science posted on the Web site, in e Novi News and/or at the end and master's in science and administration of an agenda as a featured ager da issue for the next meeting. A second method could be oper forums for purposes of prov ing information and opportuni ties for community input. The

■ 1. Our kids are our future and it's imperative that we provide the best education possible for each child. That is why I numerous district com and served in several PTO leadership positions over the past five years. I created and led the Yes! Yes! For Novi Schools campaign and the Novi School Funding Taskforce, My background (see www.Lisa-Ann4NoviSchools.org) shows my deep commitment to our schools and my ability to gener Novi schools are a center-

piece of our community and want them to remain excellent At this turning point that will shape the future of our schools, we must make fiscally sound decisions without sacrificing our commitment to excellence We can't make short-term deci sions that adversely impact the foundation of our great district As a board mem her. I will be fiscally responsible, keep educa tion as the #1 priority and make sound long-term decisions

2. Members of the board of education serve as trustee for the school district. They establish policy, approve edu tional goals and curriculum s, and work together changes, and work togethe with the superintendent, a istration, staff and commuto set vision and direction for the district. The board of education is responsible for approving the annual budget and maintain-

ing a balanced budget.

Board members should not get involved with the day-to-day detail of classrooms or support functions. Rather, they have a responsibility to ask the right questions, collect information and make informed decisions that will impact the day-to-da activities. They must be open to and invite community input at every level. They must be willing to receive and seek information about district activities. They must embrace the district as parts and as the whole!

■ 3. FUNDING - Novi is fortunate compared to other dis tricts – cuts have had minimal That must continue. We seek alternative funding and evaluate district processes to identify new efficiencies integral to setting budget priori

GROWTH - As our commu nity gets larger, I will work to "make big small" in our schools and in the district. We can't let kids get lost as enrollment increases. The growth and age of our district also impacts facilities. In keeping with the district's new long-range plan. ensure adequate and equitable facilities throughout the district. LEADERSHIP CHANGE - A new superintendent and two new board members brings the most dramatic district leader-

ship changes in over 10 years.

My experience working within

school district and with the

board on various committees/projects will facilitate a smooth transition. 4. I am a collaborative ecision maker. I think that the hoard should always gather innut from those affected in any lecision. I will use the sar type of priorities outlined below for budget prioritization and for

decision-making. As a board member I will use from both within and outside o our district. Working with the est of the board. I will use the ith my own knowledge to make sound decisions that are best for the district as a whole.

■ 5. The board meetings are on cable Channel 10 several

nes a day between meetings special programs are on cable, meeting schedules and agendas are on the Web site. The district Web site is continually being However, there is room for

with the great increase in number of households movir away from cable we need to nine how to reach them Is there an inexpensive way for channels? Can we use Web

technology? Board meetings are intended make comments but it's only one-way. We should look for ogue between board member and the community. Discussi sessions or "town-hall" type neetings would enable m should also have a policy to ensure timely response from ppropriate district staff to those at raise issues or questions during public com

■ 6. I have been a strong supporter of equitable opti for full-day kindergarten throughout the district, and I am unhappy with our reliance on a 'lottery" system. For the 2005-06 school year all elementary chools have a waiting list f full-day kindergarten and fou of the five have enough on the vait list to fill one more full-Clearly, there is educational support and community desire for more full-day kindergarter district forward, providing more full-day kindergarten ela without losing the half-day option that many parents contin-ue to seek for their children. Choice is how we will best meet the needs of students.

■ 7. My priorities are clear The number one priority needs to be educating the kids! 2. Decisions are not made vithout first gathering input from the community and from experts and then assessing their pact on the future.

3. The immediate as well as the long-term effects on our district and our programs. 4. Look for alternative funding possibilities. Could we get a grant, find a business or comnity partner to lessen our

5. Think differently. Are there alternative ways to accomplish the same goal? Can volunteers be used or any other less expen sive but still effective ways to mplete it?

6. Consider the implication of

deferring new or special programs, investigate more and/or save to do it in the future. ■ 8. Students in the Novi Community School District receive a high-quality, nationa ly-recognized education which prepares them to be caring, members of our global society

Many people move here for the school district and many remain here because of it, prot our residents' property values. The district strives to meet the needs of all students and has had good reports on state and

Specific to mandate h we must follow them (and I feel most of them are dates can take teachers away from the classroom too much We need to be vigilant, ensuring that our teachers are focused or planning and teaching, protect ing their time from other, less ntial tasks. I give the dis room for improvement

NFIB UPDATE

Moonlighting in Self Defense

Moonlighting -- working two jobs to make ends meet - is more than a time-honored American tradition; it's a necessity for a substantial share of the nation's workforce. According to the most recent employment-situation summary released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 7.2 million Americans hold more than one

The federal government does-n't collect statistics on how many of the nation's 25 million smallbusiness owners are forced to juggle the equivalent of two jobs most of the time. They don't do it to earn extra income, but to pro-tect what they've already gained against a never-ending list of government regulations, tax schemes and ill-conceived, but politically popular programs that gnaw incessantly at their cash registers and bank accounts.

And while these late-night-oilburning entrepreneurs are certain ly not eager to add anything else to their time-crunched schedules, President Bush's State of the Union message was a clear call for them to put in some extra hours. Only this notice from the nation's chief executive was a plea for help to roll back some of those anti-free-enterprise initiatives that have gobbled up far too much of the American business sector's precious time and financial resources.

Fitting a third job into their already long days won't be easy, but by becoming grassroots political activists at every opportunity between now and Election Day 2006, small-business owners can have a major, favorable impact on their struggling enterprises.

The president has made it very

clear that he understands the important role of entrepreneurs in the nation's economy Announcing his Fiscal Year 2006 budget, he specifically pledged to boost small-business owners and their employees, calling on more affordable and accessible to Americans through the enactment of Small-Business Health Plans (also known as Association Health Plans or AHPs).

These plans are a key priority for the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB). Passage of legislation such as the Small Business Health Fairness Act would make health insurance more affordable for small-busi-ness owners by allowing them to band together across state lines through bona-fide trade associations to buy insurance at lower premium costs for themselves premium costs for themselves and their employees. Main Street supporters U.S. Reps, John Boehner of Ohio, Sam Johnson of Texas, Nydia Velazquez of New York and Albert Wynn of Maryland recently introduced the Small Business Health Fairness Act in the U.S. House, U.S. Sens. Olympia Snowe of Maine, Jim Talent of Missouri and Christopher "Kit" Bond of Missouri have introduced companion legislation in the Senate.

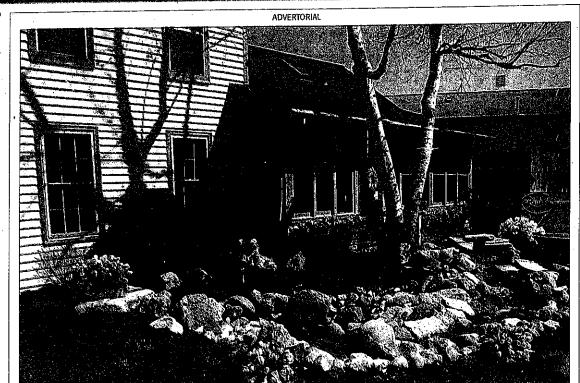
The cost of health insurance

has been ranked the No. 1 probsince 1986, according to the NFIB Research Foundation's Small Business Problems and Priorities," which reports on the most pressing issues facing small business. While very important, it is just one of the issues that need

The president also promised to focus Congress' attention on the pressing need to make permanent the tax cuts that were passed in 2001 and 2003, to repeal the "death tax," and to reverse the upward trend in frivolous law-

By moonlighting as letter writers, e-mail messengers and visi-tors to their elected officials' offices to help them promote these crucial small-business agenda items, America's over worked, excessively taxed and red-tape tangled entrepreneurs could, in the long term, reduce the moonlighting they're now required to do to hold the government at bay.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB, the nation's largest smallbusiness advocacy group. A nonprofit, 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.



Polished Outlook is located in Milford in the unique setting of a restored historical home built in 1857 with an elegant, but homey, Victorian

Get rejuvenated at Polished Outlook

By Annette Jaworski

Those who have discovered it know that a visit to Polished Outlook Salon and Spa in Milford feels like a warm welcome home. It begins at the front door where clients take off their shoes and slip into a pair of cozy

Owner Mona Ruggers knows it's little touches that make clients feel special, like gentle background music and wonder-ful aromas. Flavored coffee and snacks can be found in the kitchen You'll find fresh flowers and real hand towels in the bath-

Polished Outlook is located in the unique setting of a restored historical home built in 1857 with an elegant, but homey, Victorian décor. No wonder they were voted the No. 1 place to shuck stress in the Best of Detroit survey in 2002. For the month of May, mom's

the word, according to Ruggers.
Mother's Day Spa gift certificate
packages are the perfect way to
show mom that she's appreciated. Polished Outlook can put together a relaxing day with the services she enjoys the most, whether it's a massage, pedi-cure, makeover or facial. Confused? Monetary gift certifi-cates are a great way to let them to choose what they like best.

Why not make it a family affair with a mother/daughter package? They also feature teen pricing for their younger patrons where applicable. Don't forget prom dates are quickly approaching; schedule appoint-ments early to avoid disappoint-ment. It's also the time of year for weddings, whether it's the bride to be or mother of the bride or groom. They'll help you look glamorous for that special

wants her skin to look it's best.
Polished Outlook offers a number of facials, including its deep not try a marine hydro spa pedi-

cleansing signature facial, vita-min mask, glycolic acid resur-facing or clasto freeze collagen treatment. The staff can recommend the benefits of each to

The entire staff is image con-

ized and individualized for each person. A new trend isn't always

Suited for everyone."

After 18 years of experience,
Ruggers and her staff continuservice and termiques and other the finest in salon products. They use only top-of-the-line products, exclusive private label beauty products not found in other stores or salons. They're careful to use only natural nail

They can demonstrate how.
"Everyone can have healthy nails if they follow through with home care treatment," said

Ruggers.
"It's that time of year for

their clients and prepare a regi-men for continued care at home. Get ready for the bathing suit season and protect yourself from suns rays with a buff and bronze

treatment and sunless tar appli-cation. Or rejuvenate every inch of skin with hot stone therapy, aromatherapy, algae therapy body treatment, a contouring re-texturizing treatment or cellulite reduction. Add the smooth look of depilatory waxing hair removal from eyebrows to bikini waxing. Polished Outlook also offers Brazilian bikini waxes.

"Spring is also a great time to update your look from makeup to hair. Right now curl is back," said Mona Ruggers. Why not refresh your makeup with a mini-makeover.

The paties staff is languagers.

sultants from nails to makeup to spa treatments, she added. They'll help you discover your best look.
"Our makeovers are personal-

ously strive to improve their service and techniques and offer spa products so there's no over-powering smell. Healthy, natural nails are easier than ever to have.



Karen DiCicco (left) discusses products with owner Mona Ruggers

cure complete with pulsating hydrotherapy, and a 15-minute leg and foot massage. Both feet are then immersed in a warm paraffin bath for deep moistur-ization or have them treated with algae therapy spa treatment. Top it off with a fresh polish - a favorite or something fun. Guys can enjoy the same treatment with a matte finish. Or try sole relief to remove callouses and to

make feet soft, smooth and silky.
Polished Outlook recognizes
that men also want to look their best and aims to accommodate them as well. Due to the increasing demand, they're adding a new, more masculine decor to one of their treatment rooms. They can take advantage of a

nney can take acvantage of a number of spa services includ-ing nail and hair care. In addition to all the Mother's Day specials, there's always something new and exciting to try at Polished Outlook. The beav way to discover new techniques way to discover new techniques and promotions is through its Web site at www.polishedoutlook.com., which features new and creative beauty treatments exclusively on line. Of course they continue to offer the latest techniques and trends for hair-cut, color and care. A fun place to shop, Polished

Outlook's boutique is stocked with lovely one of a kind gifts like hand made purses by Lauren Scherr, fragrant sachets, triple milled soaps and physician endorsed hats with UVB and UPF protection. No appointment

is necessary to shop.

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