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• SATURDAY

Today is the last chance to visit the Easter Bunny at Twelve Oaks Mall. He makes his home inside the Novi and 12 Mile roads mall Central Park Garden in the lower level, center court. Photo operation hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

• SUNDAY

Happy Easter. See Page 7A for a complete listing of area Easter Sunday worship schedules including time, address and contact information.

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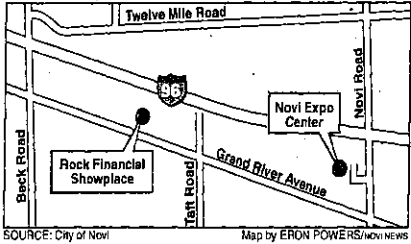


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Left, Kevin Adell hopes to rename the former Novi Expo Center as the "Novi Trade Center" and shows a mockup photo of the logo he wants to put on its water tower. Adell wants to bring Gibraltar Trade Center-like commerce to the former expo center. Right, Rock Financial Showplace owner Blair Bowman has filed a lawsuit against Adell, alleging harassment and interference.

By Greg Migliore  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

### Novi Expo Center Update



SOURCE: City of Novi

Map by ERON POWERS/NOVI NEWS

Two prominent businessmen are squaring off over the fate of the Novi Expo Center.

The owner of the vacant building, Kevin Adell, said he's planning to turn it into a flea market, similar to the Gibraltar Trade Centers.

He wants to open in less than four months, and workers were already replacing carpet and doing minor repairs last week.

But Blair Bowman, who managed the Expo Center from 1992-2005 before building the \$18 million Rock Financial Showplace, said Adell's plans violate a non-compete agreement between the two.

Bowman also hit Adell with a

\$5 million lawsuit last month in Oakland County Circuit Court, alleging acts of interference and harassment that forced him to give up his rights to the Expo Center. Bowman, who operated the facility through his manage-

ment company, Novi Expo Center Inc., turned in keys to the building last month.

"We're going to pursue them and hold them responsible for the damages that they have made us, Novi Expo Center Inc.,

suffer," Bowman said.

He said he would also consider legal action to stop Adell from opening up a trade center. Adell called the lawsuit "frivolous."

"He (Bowman) was a disgruntled tenant who couldn't pay the rent," Adell said.

Bowman had subleased the facility to KWWIK Enterprises LLC, an entity run by former Novi Chamber of Commerce Chairman Keith Wilson, who wanted to turn the property into an auto mall. Under terms of the deal, rent could be deferred for a year, court papers said. Wilson and Bowman said they're no longer

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## Million dollar discussion

2007 NOVI SCHOOL BOND \$26.4M VOTE MAY 8

### District holds first bond forum

By Renee Gates  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

A handful of parents attended the first informational forum the Novi Community School District held on Monday to explain the \$26.4 million school bond issue in detail to community residents.

Robert Gibbs has two children at Village Oaks Elementary, one of the three schools listed in the bond to receive a new gymnasium and separate music and art rooms.

"I came to see what additions they were going to do," he said.

"I think it's awesome and it saves us money."

That is the message, more than anything, the district wants communicated to residents.

"We're saving money and we're going to create a more competitive district," said Gail Credit, assistant superintendent for business and

finance. That was also the determining factor for Village Oaks parent Nora Whyte.

"I support it," she said after the forum.

"It comes down to finances for me, for most people I think that is probably true," she said.

Novi Schools Superintendent Peter Dion addressed the enrollment situation of the district.

Dion said for the first time, Novi's student enrollment is leveling off. Because schools are funded based on their enrollment numbers, it is necessary to stay competitive to attract more people to the district.

"We need to attract people to Novi," he said.

"(The bond) will set us up on a stage where we can continue to do that."

Forum attendees viewed a Powerpoint presentation of the bond's three different areas and a break down of how their taxes will be affected. Kathy Hrit, chairperson of Friends of Novi, a community-led bond support group, also attended the forum.

"I think we're getting the word out," she said. "Part of the challenge is making people aware."

If you would like to know what you can do to get the word out about the bond, visit the Friends of Novi Web site, [www.friendsofnovi.org](http://www.friendsofnovi.org).

Peter Dion

### Informational meetings on the May 8 Bond election:

Date	Place	Time
April 18	Novi High School	7:00 p.m.
April 23	Novi Woods Elementary	7:00 p.m.
April 24	Instructional Technology Center	9:30 a.m.
April 24	Novi Meadows Elementary	7:00 p.m.
April 25	Parkview Elementary	7:30 p.m.
April 30	Deerfield Elementary	7:00 p.m.
May 1	Novi Middle School	7:00 p.m.
May 2	Orchard Hills Elementary	6:30 p.m.

More bond information and a PowerPoint presentation are available on the district Web site, [www.novi.k12.mi.us](http://www.novi.k12.mi.us).



The Flower Alley, recently opened by Lee Ann and Jeff Adam, and features flowers and lots of other gift ideas.

## Setting up shop

### Business owners choose Novi for start up

By Victoria Mitchell  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Bowman-Adam family is the opposite of many Michigan business owners. Instead of packing up shop and

heading out of town, the family chose Michigan to relocate and start a new floral business.

"We just rolled the dice..." said Jeff Adam, co-owner of The Flower Alley in Novi. "Sometimes the best businesses are started when the economy is down."

Business owner Brett Gorenstein shares a similar story.

He chose a new West Road storefront as the first U.S. location for his children's furniture store

Mother Hubbard's Cupboards.

Gorenstein said he didn't hesitate when choosing the Metro Detroit area for his first U.S. location and anticipates duplicating the success he's seen in Canada, where all of his products are manufactured on site in Toronto.

But economic indicators are not boosting the same optimism.

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# Follow the leader

■ Fox Run honors Dave Mercer

Fox Run, a campus for men and women at least 62 years of age, announced that Dave Mercer is the 2006 recipient of the "Leadership Award." Mercer has held the position of Senior Facilities Manager since the community opened in June 2003.



Courtesy photo  
Mike McCormick (left), executive director at Fox Run; Dave Mercer, senior facilities manager; and Judi Donovan, director of general services.

The "Leadership Award" is given to recognize outstanding leaders at all Erickson Retirement Communities. Erickson of Baltimore, Maryland is the developer and manager of Fox Run as well as 18 other similar campuses across the United States. Fox Run is located on Thirteen Mile Road near the M-5 connector in Novi. Mercer was recognized at a special gathering of his peers and presented with a certificate of achievement. He will travel to the Erickson Annual Meeting in Baltimore in May to be included in the company's national award ceremony. Mercer, a resident of Belleville, joined the Fox Run team with diversified experience in the facility operation.

Staff members are nominated for the "Leadership Award" by the executive team at Fox Run. Consideration for the award is given only to those who exemplify Erickson's mission statement of "sharing gifts to celebrate life." The recipient must also excel in the "Erickson Way" values of caring, diversity, enthusiasm, excellence, friendliness, fun, honesty, initiative, respect, responsibility, teamwork and innovation.

# Courts may decide future of Novi Expo Center

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presenting those plans. Adell and Bowman have fought a series of legal battles

over the last 10 years and are in arbitration over the Novi Expo Center lease. The 300,000 square-foot structure was built as an auto parts factory in 1986 by Adell's father and manufactured door guards. It's also been a warehouse for Akhawi's liquid.

### What's next

Adell is plunging ahead with his plans for a market, to be called the Novi Trade Center. It would operate on weekends, and vendors would sell fur, tutus, watches, luggage and other items. He also wants to have gun and knife and sports card shows at the site.

He pegged his startup costs to be about \$300,000 and plans to charge vendors \$86 a weekend

for floor space. He said he's also considering opening a restaurant on the site.

"I look at Gibraltar's model, and it's very successful," Adell said. "Times are tough. People want deals. I know Novi looks at this concept as low-brow."

City Manager Clay Pearson said the site probably would need to be re-zoned, which could take at least two to four months. He said the city has not received any documents from Adell.

"At first blush, it looks certainly like that is not a permitted use," Pearson said.

Adell said if he can't open a flea market, he'll try to re-open the facility as an expo center.

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# Eye candy

■ Local floral shop boasts colorful treats

By Victoria Mitchell  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

It isn't by accident walking into the Flower Depot is like experiencing a feast for the eyes.

The owners, Jeff and Lee Ann Bowman-Adam, recently relocated to Novi from Orlando where they grew creatively doing work for Walt Disney World.

Their return brought a flair for sensory detail and unmistakable whimsy for their new floral store, the Flower Alley on Novi Road, south of Grand River Avenue.

The store is set up to be a "treat for the eyes," the couple said.

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everyone," Jeff said.

The store carries fresh and silk flowers and floral arrangements, a variety of top-line, competitively priced gift items and balloons.

Both Jeff and Lee Ann are certified balloon artists, a title held by a small portion of the U.S. population. Lee Ann is also a master designer, specializing in small and large-scale floral arrangements.

"Jeff is crazy for balloons and I'm crazy for flowers," Lee Ann said.

### The operation

The couple's more than 4,000-square-foot building follows a European street theme, complete with rustic colors, street lights and walkways, detail expected on a visit to Walt Disney World.

Jeff, known to many as Mr. Mouse because of his love for the Walt Disney empire, said he brought to his Novi store the same drive and attention to detail Walt Disney was known for.

And much like Walt Disney World offers a wide variety of products, so does the Flower Alley.

"We like to have something for

### Making the move

After making Orlando their first United States home, the couple said they decided on Novi because they missed the seasons and the people from this area.

Both grew up in Canada where they operated a floral store for about 12 years.

The couple said they are enjoying sharing their passions with the Novi community.

"We just want to bring some life into the area," Jeff said.

The couple said they also enjoy sharing their mission of quality, affordable merchandise.



The Flower Alley, recently opened by Jeff and Lee Ann Bowman-Adam, will offer fresh-cut flowers at its Novi Road location.

"When they leave with even just a market bunch of flowers, people will say, 'wow,'" Lee Ann said. "It is the little details you can add."

### The value

Along with whimsical attitudes and helpful hands, Jeff and Lee Ann also pride themselves on

quality and value pricing.

"I'm a very hard bargainer," Jeff said, explaining how they keep their price points reasonable. "You have to look out for your customers ... If you service people well, then they will support you."

The couple has already made giving back to community a priority by working with local charities and businesses.

But their favorite part of the new store is just being inside and taking in the beauty.

And coming soon is their "Everyday is a Holiday" room where Jeff will share his love of the holidays year round.

"It truly is every day is a holiday," he said.

Another area of the store scheduled for a future opening date is

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NOVI NEWS

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### Is this location right for you?

- Is the facility located in an area suited for your type of business?
- Is the facility large enough for your business? Does it offer room for all the retail, office, storage or workroom space you need?
- Does it meet your layout requirements?
- Can you find a number of qualified employees in the area in which the facility is located?
- Do people want for customers live nearby? Is the population density of the area sufficient for your sales needs?
- Is the facility consistent with the image you'd like to maintain?
- Is exterior lighting in the area adequate to attract evening shoppers and make them feel safe?
- Are neighboring businesses likely to attract customers who will also patronize your business?
- Are there any competitors located close to the facility? If so, can you compete with them successfully?
- Is parking space available and adequate?
- Can suppliers make deliveries conveniently at this location?
- If your business expands in the future, will the facility be able to accommodate this growth?

# Local business owners choose Novi for start up

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Comerica Bank announced at the end of last month the Detroit Area Business Activity Index fell 2 points in January.

The latest reading matches the recent low recorded in October 2006 and is down about 12 percent from a year ago.

Dana Johnson, chief economist at Comerica Bank, said the index is an amalgamation of a number of different indicators including utility output, car sales and the labor force.

"What I found noteworthy was the index for the Detroit area is

lower," he said. "Southeast Michigan is not as strong as the overall state economy."

Johnson said the Detroit metro area has been hit much harder than the state as a whole by the restructuring of the auto industry.

Comerica Inc. recently announced it will move its corporate headquarters to Dallas from Detroit to be closer to its markets, which is expected to affect about 200 Michigan employees.

Other economic reports also paint a bleak financial picture.

The latest report by Federal Funds Information for States, a research group financed by the National Governors' Association and the National Conference of State Legislatures, shows Michigan's economic momentum is sliding backward.

The report shows Michigan's economic momentum ranks last among the 50 states.

The Index of State Economic

# Computer Builders Warehouse Opens in Novi

Computer Builders Warehouse recently opened in West Oaks Mall, making this the sixth location in the Metro Detroit area for the chain. JR Breslin, Computer Builders Warehouse chief operating officer, said the company's move into Novi is part of its overall strategy to become Michigan's biggest and most comprehensive computer store chain.

The store provides retail, commercial sales, security systems and 24-hour service time for repairs.

The 2,500-square-foot retail and technical location in the Kohl's Shopping Center across from Twelve Oaks Mall employs five people.

Momentum ranks states based on three measures - growth in personal income, employment and population.

But a red bottom-line perception isn't stopping business owners like Adam and his wife, Lee Ann Bowman-Adam.

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# MY BUSINESS

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## Tower to be sold for \$1 billion

Deal could be finalized this summer with private investor

By Greg Migliore  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Novi's Tower Automotive Inc. will likely be the latest North American auto company swallowed up by private investment since Cerberus Capital Management L.P. was driven into bankruptcy by spiking material costs, production cutbacks by domestic automakers and an expensive expansion in the 1990s.

The deal could be finalized by July 31. If other companies decide to make bids for Tower, the auto parts giant would be auctioned off June 21. If the agreement with Cerberus falls through, the private investment firm would net a \$4 million fee, Kirk said.

Under terms of the deal, Tower would pay off its bankruptcy financing and creditors would recover an undisclosed value. At the moment, there are no plans to merge Tower with another company, and Cerberus is supportive of Tower's current management team, including Chief Executive Officer Kathleen Ligocki.

Tower is one of the world's largest suppliers of vehicle frames and a crucial supplier for Ford Motor Co.'s truck lineup. It is also a major supplier for General Motors Corp., DaimlerChrysler AG, Toyota Motor Co. and other automakers.

### A long bankruptcy

Tower has closed or sold 12 plants in the United States while in bankruptcy. It also opened a facility in Meridian, Miss., as it reentered its North American footprint.

The supplier brokered deals with 10 of its unions and hopes to achieve \$30 million in savings. About 1,500 workers have left the company for various reasons in the last two years, and its global headcount now stands around 10,500.

"We have accomplished a tremendous amount during the last few years in restructuring Tower so the company can strongly compete in today's global automotive marketplace," Ligocki said in a statement. "The recapitalization of the company is the last major milestone in our restructuring process. We are excited to have the support of an investor like Cerberus, a group dedicated to investing in the automotive sector for the long term."

Although Tower appears to have moved out a deal to again make it competitive, the company's bankruptcy was rocky at times. In 2006, it underwent tense negotiations with the United Auto Workers and nearly triggered a strike when it asked a bankruptcy judge to tear up its union contracts.

### Cerberus looms large

New York-based Cerberus is emerging as a prominent player in the North American automotive market. It bought a controlling stake in General Motors Acceptance Corp. for \$14 billion last year. It's also trying to purchase Troy-based auto parts supplier Delphi Corp., as that company reorganizes under bankruptcy protection.

Most recently, Cerberus reportedly has been interested in buying the Chrysler Group, which was essentially put up for sale by DaimlerChrysler in February. Cerberus is one of a

### Snapshot: Tower Automotive Inc.

**HEADQUARTERS:** Novi  
**SPECIALTY:** Makes frames and suspension parts for the Big 3 and import automakers  
**EMPLOYEES:** About 10,500 globally  
**NEWS:** Reached a tentative agreement to sell company to private investment firm Cerberus Capital Management L.P. for \$1 billion. Tower has been bankrupt since February 2005.

### Who is Cerberus?

Cerberus Capital Management L.P. is a private investment firm based in New York. It has taken an interest in the troubled automotive industry recently, buying a controlling stake in GMAC. It's also trying to buy Delphi Corp. and is reportedly in the running for the Chrysler Group.

In Greek mythology, Cerberus is the three-headed dog who guards the gates of Hades.

strong of private investors that have taken an interest in troubled automotive companies. Private equity firms bring loads of cash, but often push for sweeping changes to cut costs.

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Workers are shown leaving the Novi headquarters of Tower Automotive Inc. The auto parts giant will likely be sold to New York investment firm Cerberus Capital.

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## March right up

City seeks participants for annual parade

By Victoria Mitchell  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ready to March? Applications are now being accepted for involvement in the City of Novi Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony.

"We're looking for Civic groups, local businesses, veterans, anybody really who wants to get involved," said Tracie Ringle, Novi Parks, Recreation & Forestry Communications and Resource Development Supervisor.

Organizers said floats and marchers are both welcome for the 10 a.m. May 28 free event. The parade will begin on 10 Mile Road and Kirtin Boulevard and travel west to the Novi Civic Center.

A memorial service will take place immediately following the parade.

Ringle said pre-registered veterans are offered a reserved seat on the city's honorary float and will be recognized in the ceremony at the Novi Civic Center.

Event organizers said participants already started signing up. "It's coming to grow," Ringle said. "It's growing every year."

Returning groups ready to go



**Interested in Marching in the City of Novi Memorial Day Parade?** Official participation forms are now available at the Novi Civic Center and must be returned by Friday, May 18. Veterans, bands, Scout troops, kids, businesses and other civic organizations are invited to participate in the parade and memorial ceremony. Registration forms are also available by visiting the city's Web site at [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org). For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

are listed at [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org) - one for parade marchers and one for veterans. Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony applications must be returned to the city by Friday, May 18.

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## Easter Sunday Worship Schedule

- Meadowbrook Congregational**  
LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road  
CONTACT: Rev. Ed Williamson, Interim Minister (248) 348-7757 or [gregce@noviworld.com](mailto:gregce@noviworld.com)  
Easter Sunday: 9, 11 a.m.
- First Baptist Church of Novi with Oakland Baptist Church**  
LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or [www.firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org](http://www.firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org)  
Easter Sunday: 11 a.m.
- Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross**  
LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or [www.churchoftheholycross.com](http://www.churchoftheholycross.com)  
Easter Sunday: 10 a.m.  
Maundy Thursday: 7, 9 p.m.  
Good Friday: 6:15, 7 p.m.  
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Easter Sunday: 7:45, 10 a.m.
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Holy Thursday: 7:30, 9 p.m.-midnight  
Good Friday: noon, 1:30 p.m.  
Holy Saturday: noon Blessing of Easter Baskets, 8:30 p.m.  
Easter Vigil: Easter Sunday: 7:30, 8:45, 10:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m.
- Oak Pointe**  
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# MY HEALTHY LIVING

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## Doctors: Know the signs, symptoms of cancer

By Tracy Mishler  
NEWS SPECIAL WRITER

Deborah Phillips wants to know as much about cancer as she can. Her daughter, Monica, 17, was diagnosed with brain stem cancer at 16 and has since been in and out of treatment.

"You never think it's going to happen to you or your child," Phillips said. "It's definitely hard, but she's got faith in God."

Phillips was among many area residents signed up for the Dinner with a Doctor series to learn about different types of cancers and their signs and symptoms.

Dr. Michael Kraut, medical director of the Providence Cancer Institute, spoke to 91 people about lung, colorectal, prostate and breast cancers part of the monthly series held at Novi's Providence Hospital last week.

"It's what you can do to keep yourself from dying early," said Kraut. "Most cancers are fairly silent until they are beyond the early stages. It's good to educate people on what signs to look for."

Kraut said in most cases, if you are not aware, you won't know you have cancer until it strikes.

**Learning the signs, symptoms**

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the four most common cancers are lung, colorectal, prostate and breast cancer.

"Leading at statistics, every body dies from something," Kraut said. "Most deaths of people in their 80s and 90s can be attributed to heart disease, but premature deaths is where cancer comes in."

Kraut said the low cancers are responsible for more than half of cancer-related deaths in the U.S., with lung cancer causing almost 30 percent by itself.

"He said the best thing to do when you're not feeling well is to see your doctor."

"Lung cancer has the early symptoms," he said. "How can you detect it, especially in a smoker whose had a chronic cough for years?"

"The best thing to do is have reg-

ular doctors appointments and follow the guidelines of the U.S. Preventive Service Taskforce. And any doctor can help with that."

He said to avoid things that are bad for you or are known to be dangerous.

Kraut said colorectal cancer, which occurs equally in both men and women, is curable when caught early.

"Diet is a big issue in colon cancer," he said. "But in all cases, diet is important."

"My mother had breast cancer," he said. "We're very concerned."

John said he enjoys going to the Dinner with a Doctor series because of the information he normally wouldn't receive.

"Normally you hardly get a chance to talk to your own doctor," John said. "Here you get to listen for an hour and ask questions. It's a pretty good deal."

Adrienne said she was most interested in hearing about breast cancer as she recently watched an episode of the Oprah Winfrey Show which dealt with a certain culture that is a greater risk for breast cancer.

"I'm at greater risk," she said. "Breast cancer killed my mother, and that's why I'm interested."

Kraut said the best defenses against cancer are knowing the risks, doing research and staying healthy.

"We need to support research and find the underlying causes," he said. "Treating cancer is difficult and a big challenge, but stopping it before it starts is a better challenge."

Tracy Mishler is a freelance writer for the Novi News.



Dr. Michael Kraut answers a question about brain cancer from Novi resident Ron Jones.

### Cancer's common signs

#### Symptoms of lung cancer:

- Shortness of breath
- Chronic coughing
- Wheezing
- Coughing up blood
- Chest pain
- Fever
- Weight loss
- Warning signs of breast cancer:
- New lump in the breast or underarm (armpit)
- Thickening or swelling of part of the breast

#### Signs of colorectal cancer:

- Irritation or dimpling of breast skin
- Redness or itchy skin in the nipple area or the breast
- Pulling in of the nipple or pain in the nipple area
- Nipple discharge other than breast milk, including blood
- Any change in the size or shape of the breast
- Pain in any area of the breast
- Blood in or on the stool
- A change in bowel habits

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#### greater his risk for getting prostate cancer

- Family history: A man with a father, brother, or son who has had prostate cancer is two to three times more likely to develop the disease himself
- Race: Prostate cancer is more common in some racial and ethnic groups.

Source: Center for Disease Control and Prevention

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# MY EDUCATION

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## Class Notes

### Parkview Student Wins Metro Parent Award

Alison Mascarenhas, a third grader at Parkview Elementary, was awarded the Grand Prize in Metro Parent Magazine's Young Authors and Illustrators contest. She won for her illustrations and writing of her story, "Party in Space," in the 8-10 year old category of the competition.

### Board of Education Candidate Forum

The Novi League of Women Voters in conjunction with the Novi Community School District PTCA In-school Council is hosting a forum for the candidates in the May 8 School Board Election. The forum will be held Tuesday, April 17 at 7 p.m. in the Instructional Technology Center (ITC) at 25345 Taft Road, behind the Educational Services Building. The public is encouraged to attend.

### Novi Community School District Bond Information Meetings

The second informational meeting to discuss the May 8 Bond issue is 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 18 at Novi High School. District administrators will explain each issue of the bond and answer questions. All are encouraged to attend.

### Novi Community Education Preschool Registration

The Community Education Preschool is now accepting registration for the fall 2007-08 school year. This year the preschool program is offering additional four-day-a-week classes, along with its established variety of classes and times. Children must be 3, 4, or 5 years old by December 1, 2007. Children must also be completely toilet trained.

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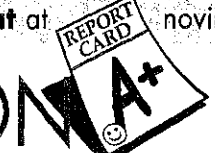
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# Getting outta town! Spring break is here

Students look forward to sun, surf, time off to relax

By Renee Gates  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Erica Hagan was so excited she left a day early. Hagan went with friends and their parents to the Mexican tourist location called the Riviera Maya. This is the Northville students' first spring break trip out of the country.

"We're going to a place where three hotels are all part of one all-inclusive resort," she said. "Pretty much everyone I know who's going down there is in one of those three hotels."

Hagan will have a lot of company.

This weekend marks the annual spring break migration of students and their families to sunny destinations and warmer climates from the Northville, Novi communities. It's more than tradition; it's like an official holiday season.

"I'm always shocked at the sheer volume of kids who go somewhere for the break," said Northville High School principal Robert Watson.

"It's very significant. I'd be very interested to see percentages."

The percentage is high among the class of 2007. At Northville High School, senior Nick Galdes believes he will see the majority of his classmates in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

"What happens in Cabo, stays in Cabo," he said.

**Traveling man**  
Jim Eichelhart of Brookside Travel in Northville has helped families get out of town for spring break every year since he opened his travel agency seven years ago.

"Most people from this area are choosing to go somewhere for spring break," he said. "In good 60 percent of the senior class."

The most popular destinations for this year's senior class are in Mexico, he said. Riviera Maya, Cabo San Lucas and Puerto Vallarta are the favorite locations.

"A lot of them want to go to the sun," said Eichelhart.



Brookside Travel owner Jim Eichelhart has helped plan a lot of students' spring break trips down south.

Novi High School senior Matt Lee is traveling with a group of 10 guys to Puerto Vallarta.

"I'm pumped," said Lee with excitement. "We'll probably hang out on the beach. It's a mellow bunch of guys," he said. The group will be accompanied by eight sets of parents.

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Pennsylvania, so traveling for spring break is still a new concept for her.

"We don't, not usually, only because it's such a busy time," she said.

"If her family doesn't go back cost to visit relatives, they will look for places local to go, she said, like driving to Chicago and visiting the museums."

This year, both her boys are involved in the First United Methodist Church annual spring musical, entitled "Indescribable."

They will practice through spring break and perform through May 20, she said.

Eichelhart admits the trend could be because of financial reasons.

"You could tie it to the economy; people can't afford to go, because you're talking \$3,000 versus \$1,500."

**Alternatives**  
Economies have certainly affected Hillsdale Middle School mom Linda Kyle.

"This year I've been unemployed for eight months, so we've foregone any vacations or traveling," she said.

Kyle moved to Northville seven years ago from

lot of international families, said Novi High School Assistant Principal Stephanie Schriener.

"They go to China, Japan and India. But a lot of our families don't travel during spring break because there is not enough time to go home."

That's the case for Novi High School junior Vidhi Banzari and her family.

"We're usually summer travelers," she said. "We go to India and California for some part of the summer."

For her spring break, Banzari is planning to study for her AP test and take a day trip with a friend to visit the Toledo Zoo.

**Traveling is not elementary**  
For families with small children, traveling itself becomes the adventure. A group of Novi elementary school moms gathered for lunch at Panera Bread said most of them will travel, mainly by car and to places local.

"We usually go where the baby-sitting is," admitted Orchard Hills mother Sue Burrell, with her two youngest children at her side.

They will stay in town for most of spring break and visit family in Traverse City.

"When they are older we'll travel more, but not now," she said.

Barbara Kobak's 11-year-old is in the Novi Jaguars Soccer Club tournament in Brentwood, Tenn. So the family of five will load up the car and travel south for the game and make a family trip out of it.

"We're going to visit Nashville and Memphis and see Graceland," she said.

Julie Tomkinson is the only one of the group traveling abroad. Having lived in Novi for 14 years, her family returns to England every two years to visit family.

She has two children in elementary school and one in middle school. They don't always travel during spring break week, she said.

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# Like father, like daughter

By Renee Gates  
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Stephanie Boileau wasn't feeling any pressure.

Now a freshman at Novi High School, she has competed in the Science and Engineering Fair of Metropolitan Detroit during her middle school years. But this was the first year at the senior, high school level.

"I wasn't really expecting to go to nationals at all," she said. "I wanted to make it to the final round, which is the afternoon judging, but that was it."

More than 1,400 students enter the science fair every year, but only the top 100 make it to the final round. Stephanie knows this because her father, James, has judged the event for the past 21 years.

"I thought this would be a great opportunity for her to stand up and see what it's like to present in front of a group of people," he said.

The final round involves a presentation the student makes to a team of three judges defending their project.

Judges question students to discover how well they understand their projects. The question can be rather thorough, Stephanie said.

"It's not scary but it is intimidating," she said. "You get a little jump in your stomach when they come."

**Grand surprise**  
What happened next surprised them both.

Only eight individual students of the 100, and one team are chosen as Science Fair Grand Award winners.

When Stephanie's name was called it caught them both off guard.

"I was back there talking, not paying attention," James admitted.

"I didn't believe it at first," Stephanie said. "I was looking at some of the other projects and they were really good."

Grand Award recipients win a full-tuition scholarship to Wayne State University of Lawrence Technological University, or a partial tuition scholarship to the University of Detroit-Mercy or Oakland University, Grand Award



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NOVI NEWS

James Boileau takes a look at his daughter Stephanie's engineering project, which recently won the Grand Award at the Detroit Science and Engineering Fair. Stephanie's project analyzed how residential windows could be made to better withstand debris during hurricanes and high winds. Mr. Boileau won the same award 25 years ago.

recipients also receive an all-expense paid trip to compete in the International Science and Engineering Fair in Albuquerque, NM, May 15-19.

"It's just really cool. I've never experienced anything like that," Stephanie said.

"I think it's just really awesome. We get to go to Albuquerque for a week, all expenses paid, for something I worked hard at," she said.

A proud father, James takes the opportunity to brag about his daughter.

"As a freshman it's very rare to win a grand award, mostly because it's the combination of

preparing the project and presenting it in front of the judges," he said.

He received a full ride to Wayne State University to major in engineering. From there he took a position in the research department of Ford Motor Company. Ford continued to pay

for his education up through his doctorate degree.

He continues to judge at the fair because he sees it as his way of giving back for all the opportunity

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ities the fair has given him.

"I love the science fair," he said. But James didn't judge his daughter in competition. Since Stephanie competed in Engineering, he judged environmental and life science. He is very proud of his daughter's accomplishment.

"It's nice to know that college is paid for no matter what," he said. It's the pride in seeing her create something, test it out, develop it and understand it, and then the pride of seeing her being able to stand up and defend it."

Stephanie's project was ambitious by James' standards. She studied the impact resistance of residential window glass. She was curious after looking at pictures of houses with windows blown by Hurricane Katrina. She wondered if there was any way to improve the impact resistance of windows. From her research she developed the theory that clear packing tape would increase impact resistance. She found out otherwise.

Tape doesn't improve the impact resistance. But it did keep the broken shards in the frame and it did reduce the hole created upon impact," Stephanie said.

And that's important because when windows break, the large volumes of air get into the house causing the walls to collapse. A house has a better chance if the windows aren't completely shattered, she said.

Stephanie is not sure if she will compete in the science fair again next year. She's just taking one thing at a time for now.

In addition to science fairs, Stephanie competes in track and cross-country, plays in the marching band and maintains a 4.0 grade point average.

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 11, 2007. Published April 5, 2007.

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### Time to start thinking about school bond

It's getting close to decision time for two issues that will shape Novi's future. In May, residents will vote on a \$26.4 million school bond that would pay for improvements to facilities, security and technology. In November, a \$16 million bond to pay for a library expansion is expected to be on the ballot. The measure would fund improvements that would more than double the size of the current facility. Novi's leaders are asking for a list of costs. They acknowledge that. But they also want you to be informed as you ponder your decision. The school district is playing host to a series of information sessions to answer questions and spell out what they want to do with your money. The Library Board has come before City Council fairly regularly, and is taking pains to get its message out. This means right now, it's on you, the Novi voter. You're not asking for a list of costs on the school bond and more than seven months to figure out the library proposal. Use this time wisely. Take a closer look. Show up for the meetings. Go to the groups' Web sites. Pick up a newspaper. Ask the tough questions. What benefits you? What aren't you sure about? Now is the time to search for those answers. When you step into the voting booth, have a clear mind and know what you want. Local leaders are asking for money, but they're also asking for direction.



**Fine Wine!**  
Karen Murphy of Shelby Township takes a sip of a cabernet franc wine at last week's International Wine Exposition at Novi's Rock Financial Showplace. The expo featured more than 20 wine distributors.

## State's small problems become large - from neglect

Have you ever had a leaky faucet, a tiny cavity in a tooth, or a small hole in the roof? What happens when you neglect these relatively small problems and do not address them? Most of us have had this experience and know the answer - small problems grow into BIG problems if neglected and ignored. When you continuously neglect a problem, it does not go away. It festers and gets bigger. Okay, if you and I know this phenomenon, and have learned from them, why don't our elected leaders? For years, cutting across Governors and Legislators from both political parties, our elected leaders have looked at and ignored a multitude of small problems, hoping they would go away. Certainly some actions have been taken - but they have been marginal, such as budget cuts, accounting changes, and delayed payments, and have not addressed the structural problems that need to be fixed in the long haul.

How many times over the last few years, even decades, have you heard:  
• we are too dependent on the auto industry; we must diversify and do not address this;  
• a quality education is the key to a prosperous future; yet we spend more money educating the adults in the system rather than the students we profess to want to prosper and succeed;  
• It is often said the first part of solving a problem is problem identification. We have identified Michigan's problems. We are:  
• Spending more money than we are taking in;  
• Disinvesting in education when thinking for a living has replaced lifting for a living;  
• Too dependent on a shrinking manufacturing base because of technology and outsourcing for jobs to other states and nations;  
• Not producing an educated citizenry that can step into the brain jobs of the 21st century;  
• Living in a flat world that is tilted away from Michigan with no plan to tap the Global markets

Organized and structured as if nothing has changed (like the auto industry that long denied the existence of quality competition) when everything has changed; and  
• Relying on our elected leaders on both side of the political aisle who are more interested in appeasing the special interest groups that keep them in power (Governor and Democrats - the Michigan Education Association (MEA), the trial lawyers and organized labor; and the Republican - the State Chamber of Commerce, insurance companies and realtors) than addressing the needs of the citizens.  
In the halls of the state capitol we need leadership, collaboration and compromise that address the needs of the people and fixes the problems for the long haul. We will know that the tough choices have been made and the problems truly addressed when the MEA is furious with the governor and Democrats and the state Chamber of Commerce is mad as hell at the Republicans for stepping up and leading us boldly into the future. Yes, it is true, you have to break a few eggs to make an omelet.  
If we think of that small cavity that you ignored and recall the pain when doing nothing caused an abscess that resulted in a root canal. Yes, the pain of fixing Michigan's problems will be great because they were neglected for too long. Yet we know that if we do not step up and fix the problems now - they will not get better on their own and will likely get much worse. Ignoring and pretending to address the structural problems

**About Tom Watkins**  
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## As a company, Michigan faces financial ruin

Any company facing disaster must do three things:  
1) Cut costs to the bone in order to survive.  
2) Stabilize its financial position to gain breathing room.  
3) Invest heavily and systematically in whatever distinctive, proprietary and competitive assets it has. The goal has to be to drive sales up and gain market share.  
Michigan is no different. We're facing financial disaster. And this state needs to right-size and stabilize itself fast - while figuring out how to become more competitive in the future.  
Let's look first at where we stand: State government faces a General Fund Budget deficit that is now at least \$686 million, and which must be resolved in less than six months.  
But then a new fiscal year starts - and the total projected shortfall for the 2007-2008 fiscal year that will begin Oct. 1 is around \$900 million. That's assuming the Single Business Tax that the legislature voted to repeal as of Dec. 31 is fully replaced. That tax produces around \$1.9 billion a year in money the state cannot afford to lose. Yet the legislature still isn't close to agreeing on any replacement tax, and the clock is ticking.  
There's more. For years the state has been borrowing more than \$1 billion every year to paper over the chronic general Fund deficit, a shortfall created by unrealistic economic

assumptions.  
Seven years ago, when we had a healthy "rainy day" fund, we were raking in nearly \$140 million from interest income. Today, the cupboard is bare, and we're spending \$85 million a year in interest to finance the deficit. But the shell game is about over. Michigan is at its short-term borrowing limit, so we won't be able to finance our fiscal irresponsibility any longer, at least this year.  
What all this means is that we need to launch - right now! - a far-reaching, broadly acceptable package of financial reforms modeled on what any company has to do in order to survive:  
1) First, cut costs. Michigan is operating on a structure of government dating back to the 19th century that is simply cannot afford today. The buzz word is "restructure."  
What that means is taking a hard look at how government is organized, what it does and how much it costs.  
For example, if we imprisoned our criminals at the average rate of our neighboring states, we would save \$500 million a year in our corrections budget. If we benchmarked what it costs our state government to provide services against other, better managed states, I'll bet we'd find at least that much in savings.  
Thanks to the Home Rule Act, adopted in 1909, we have one of the most complex local government systems in the entire nation. We have 83 coun-

ties, 1,242 townships, 274 cities with less than 10,000 population, 259 villages and 553 school districts.  
And each of those has its own overlapping and duplicating costs, bureaucracies and sources of funding. Do we really need that many school districts and townships? Of course we don't. We should require consolidation and cost sharing for any money the locals get from the state.  
Our teachers do, by and large, an OK job. But they're among the highest-paid in the country. And their pension and health care benefits are gold-plated, a legacy of the good old days when we were the world's automaker. Health care alone costs more than \$1,200 per pupil, and best estimates are that one in every three dollars of School Aid funds will go to pensions and health care by 2018.  
The total unfunded liability for state workers' pension and retiree health care benefits is \$35 billion.  
Workers in the private sector have pension and health care benefits cut, so why shouldn't public employees share the pain?  
2) Once we get serious about cutting costs, we then gain the moral legitimacy to bring the tax system kicking and screaming into the 21st century. In advocating a 2 percent sales tax on services, Gov. Jennifer Granholm got the sequence wrong. She should have started with cutting government costs and only then looked to raise revenue.  
Many people - including, very privately, many members of the legislature - believe we cannot simply cut our way to prosperity.  
They expect that taxes are going to have to be raised. But it is not simply a question of turning a tap. It will take the Department of Treasury months to work out how to administer and collect whatever tax system the legislature passes and the governor signs.  
Lansing, which will need that money as soon as possible, needs to realize that time is rapidly running out.  
3) If we fix the tax system, we have a chance to stabilize our financial position by curing - once and for all - the chronic structural billion-dollar annual deficit in the General Fund. For years, the legislature and governor have papered over this deficit by a combination of one-time fixes, accounting gimmicks and mid-year budget cuts. Left unresolved, this chronic budget deficit will result in a "fiscal train wreck" according to Tom Clay, the

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highly respected and semi-retired research director of the Citizens Research Council.  
4) If we stabilize our financial position, we can generate the funds required for a sustained investment program to beef up Michigan's durable, distinctive, competitive assets. Those include our colleges and universities; the brains and skills of our people; our environment; and the admirable quality of life it brings. Without such an investment program, we'll lose the competition with other states and enjoy chasing Alabama and Mississippi in the next to the bottom.  
None of this is rocket science. Indeed, conversations I've had with thousands of Michiganders over the past year leads me to believe this program taps into the core of an emerging consensus of far-reaching reform principles for our state.  
But a complete fix will be a complex and long-term matter, and nobody I've talked with thinks it can be enacted thoughtfully or competently by Lansing in the next few months.  
What's much more likely in the short-term is that the gover-

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# OPINION

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## LETTERS

### Support Bond, Support Schools

Becoming a Novi resident in 1995 was a decision dominated by the performance and reputation of the school district. I would eventually enroll my four children into. I was obviously not alone as housing values have continued to rise and the reputation of Novi Schools has continued to prosper. What continues to differentiate Novi from many of the surrounding communities is that its residents and School Board have acted to enhance and support our schools without becoming fiscally irresponsible. Rather than build a new high school and saddle residents with 20 years of additional debt, we chose to expand and improve our existing facility saving \$15-20 million dollars over the cost of a second high school. Given the current economic climate and the outlook for school enrollment waning within the next ten years that choice was clearly correct.  
We are at a similar crossroads with our elementary schools. Substantial investments were made to build Deerfield and rebuild Novi Woods. Bringing the other three elementary facilities up to those standards is necessary and will provide value to every homeowner in the city. What makes this case so unusual is that we are in a position to make those essential upgrades yet lower our tax burden at the same time.  
A critical piece of this bond that should not be overlooked is the investments in security. It is very unfortunate that society has "evolved" to a point where the security of our children even need be questioned. We all would like to allow our children to grow up with the innocence and trust we enjoyed, but it is undeniable that times have regrettably changed. If Columbine didn't convince us that school violence was a threat to our community, incidents far too close to home at Buell Elementary School in Mt. Morris and Chippewa Valley High School in Clinton Township were certainly the wakeup call. Novi has consistently demonstrated the foresight to take action when the situation warrants it, and we are fortunate to be able to do so without pricing current and prospective residents out of the community.  
I support this bond proposal and urge you to vote in favor of it.

In order to be fair to everyone, this newspaper will not run letters to the editor the week prior to an election that open new issues. Expressions of thanks to political supporters are best made by buying an advertisement.  
The Novi Public Schools election will be held on Tuesday, May 8.

### More Bond Support

A March 22 letter to the editor showed a common misconception about the school bond issue. The property tax rate is scheduled to decline 1.03 mills next year due to debt paydown and refinancing. The district is asking for a return 0.49 mill for technology, safety and improvements to general school buildings. I am pleased to support the school bond so we can invest in our children and our community, and still return over half of the scheduled savings to taxpayers.

Scott Horsburgh  
Novi

### Battle of the Books Thank-You!

On behalf of the entire Youth Department of The Novi Public Library, we would like to commend the forty-five 5th and 6th grade Novi children who participated in our 2006 Battle of the Books at the Novi Civic Center on Saturday, March 24, 2007. Eight teams read the same six books and came together in a competition to answer questions about those books. We applaud the commitment of their parents and coaches who spent countless hours reading and preparing these youngsters for the competition. To us, every single one of these young persons is a winner for participating in our event.  
The names of the teams and their members are as follows:  
1st Place: Nasa Jr. (Nishant Kakkar, Aswini Kaminurthy, Akhil S. Nistala, Sanchita Mehta, Jubee Prakash, Raj Raina; Coaches: Resita Raina and Mesta Kakar)  
2nd Place: Shady Anonymi (Neel Bhattacharyya, Moynak Gangopadhyay, Jordan T. Moran, Josh Lu, Pavan Rao, Blake Reynolds; Coaches: Jane Horan and Rita Bhattacharyya)  
3rd Place: The Ultimate Readers (Mike Beaton, Ajay Chandrasekaran, Mirra Hadzjalagic, Raghu Madan, Tim Maeherson, Jacob Steffler; Coach: Barbara Maeherson)  
Book Busters: Aditya Balasubramanyam, Jeswanth Kodali, William Sohn, Ali Taha, Palguna Thalia, Elissa Wei; Coach: Sobha Kodali)  
The Dazzling Dolphins: Kara Berg, Brenna Cameron, Joanna Dorelli, Elizabeth Mena, Elizabeth Richmond, Alison Trainor; Coach: Kim Richmond)  
The Dolphins: (Eric Biberstein, Callie Collins, Cadia Ortiz, Shaban Hattin, Chase Nasa Jr., Nishant Kakkar, Coach: Primal Hattin)  
Fudge Monkey: (Lauren Carroll, Toya Elongkali, Hannah Fan, Ushani Gullapalli, Vidya Sekaran; Coach: Sumathy Sekaran)  
Sparks: (Shiva Swaroop Bongu, Prateek Chintalapati, Shashank Chitta, Albert Gang, Kunj Goonka, Rohan Veda; Coaches: Abhinava Kodali and Medhura Tamurani)  
The following ten volunteers gave up a Saturday afternoon to offer us a hot dinner, and Jamou Naidu.  
Lastly, we would like to thank the Friends of the Novi Library for their financial support of this program. Without their help, this program would not be possible. We also thank Bioventure Family Skating Center, which was generous enough to donate free skating passes to each participant.  
Since we know that reading habits begin in childhood, it behooves us to focus a substantial amount of our energy on making reading and the use of the public library relevant to this segment of our population. Activities like Battle of the Books, we believe, do this in an entertaining manner.

Margi Karp-Opporner, Kelly Kolchuk, Suzanne Carpenter, and Phyllis Weeks  
Youth and Teen Services Librarians  
Novi Public Library

### Vote Yes on May 8th

My family and I moved to Michigan 5 years ago. We chose to live in Novi because we wanted to be in an area where schools were supported by their community. We have lived in numerous cities and have found that the best communities support their schools.  
Having voted on many school bonds in the past, we have realized two things. First, school boards do not bring bond issues to their community unless it is absolutely necessary. Second, buildings get old and the needs of their occupants change. We have schools that are 49, 47 and 25 years old in Novi. Would your own home last 50 years (or even just 25) without some upgrade or repair?  
In addition, we live in a world where technology is advancing at a fast pace. We must support the use of technology in our schools to stay current.  
Everywhere I've lived, I've heard the same reasons for not supporting a school bond: "I don't have kids in school anymore"; "my kids go to private schools"; "I don't like this school board/administrative staff and the decisions they have made"; "What people really need is a reason to vote 'YES'."  
On May 8th the reason to VOTE YES is simple - YOUR TAXES WILL NOT GO UP and Novi Schools will be able to make necessary renovations to 3 buildings and make improvements in technology and security. This is a WIN-WIN situation for our entire community. Without good schools, you cannot get money to move into your community. When this happens, funding is decreased for programs in the city including those for children and senior citizens. I can honestly say, had Novi's bond levy failed in 2001 we would have looked elsewhere to live in 2002.  
Let us please continue to support this great community - Vote YES on May 8th! No increase in taxes and we can finally get those fourth graders at Orchard Hills eating lunch in a cafeteria instead of their classrooms!

Dori Daskalakis  
Novi

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GEMOLOGIST  
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EVENTS

Book Signing DATE: Saturday TIME: 2-4 p.m. LOCATION: Borders Express at Twelve Oaks Mall

Survivor's Rupert Boneham at Border's DATE: Tuesday, April 10 TIME: 7 p.m.

Free Investment Workshop DATE: Tuesday, April 10 TIME: 7-9 p.m.

Novi Oaks Chapter of American Business Women's Association DATE: Wednesday, April 11 TIME: 6:15 p.m.

Michigan Paralyzed Veteran of America Open House DATE: Thursday, April 12 TIME: 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

American Association of University Women DATE: Tuesday, April 17 TIME: 6:45 p.m.

Democrats of West Oakland County DATE: Tuesday, April 17 TIME: 7 p.m.

Book Club Meeting DATE: Friday, April 20 TIME: 7 p.m.

Spring Design Seminar DATE: Thursday, April 26 TIME: 7 p.m.

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Thursday of every month LOCATION: Walsh College Troy Campus

Learn to Design Your Own Jewelry TIME/DATE: 1:30-3 p.m.

Colored Pencil Workshop TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., second Tuesday of every month

Knitting Yarns TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m.

Line Dancing DATE: Monday and Friday TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT

Novi City Council Meeting DATE: Monday, April 16 TIME: 7 p.m.

Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting DATE: Tuesday, May 1 TIME: 6 p.m.

Novi School Board Meeting DATE: Thursday, April 19 TIME: 7:30 p.m.

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High School Study Break Movie DATE: Thursday, April 19 TIME: 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Wildflowers of Michigan DATE: Thursday, April 19 TIME: 7 p.m.

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Novi School Board Meeting DATE: Thursday, April 19 TIME: 7:30 p.m.

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Asian Pacific 11 a.m.-12 p.m.: Computer Lab

Focus Hope 1-3 p.m.: "Ask the Lawyer" by appointment

Bingo Wednesday 9 a.m.: Stretch & Strength

Body Recall 10:30 a.m.: Quilling

Blood Pressure; TOFS; Learn the benefits of Warm Water Therapy

Clogging Club 12:30-2:30 p.m.: Sing-A-Long

Contract Bridge 1-2 p.m.: Yoga

Book Discussion, "Can't Wait to Get to Heaven," by Fannie Flagg

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Kayla Sexton-Carson, 1, meets the Easter Bunny at Twelve Oaks Mall last Monday. Kayla is held by her granddad Bob Sexton.

ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE

4610 Grand River Ave. Call (248) 349-5500 or visit http://rockfinancialshowplace.com for more information.

Bereavement Support Group

DATE: Third Tuesday of each month TIME: 7:30-9 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

Women's Prayer Support

DATE: Saturday TIME: 9:10-30 a.m. LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church

Neighborhood Baby-sitting Co-op

DETAILS: Using the co-op, you and your children can make friends and get what you need accomplished without the little ones in tow.

Friendship Circle

DATE: Second Thursday of each month TIME: 10 a.m. LOCATION: St. James Catholic Church

MOMS Club of Novi

DATE: First Thursday of each month TIME: 10 a.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples

DATES: Second Thursday of each month TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Chapter

TIME/DAYS: Wednesdays 11

Mothers of multiples living in and around the Kensington Valley school conference are all welcome.

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## Pizza Marvelous? Yes It Is



Andy Nofar and Novi's Pizza Marvelous

When you think of mouth-watering delicious ingredients, what comes to mind? The list probably includes fresh vegetables, cheeses, and meats. And the list probably includes the delicious taste of pizza. Combine all of these delights into one item and you come up with a fresh pizza from Pizza Marvelous of Novi.

Located within Novi Fine Wine & Liquors on 43340 W. Ten Mile Road, Pizza Marvelous has consistently been voted the number one pizzeria in Novi by its customers and readers of The Novi News, who have given it their "People's Choice" award. What started out as a small business for owner Andy Nofar has mushroomed (no pun intended) into a popular carryout and delivery food service for customers throughout Novi and the surrounding area. In just six short years, Pizza Marvelous has become the pizza of choice in the community. "Everyone knows about our pizza and everyone loves it," said Nofar. And for good reason.

Nofar and his staff pick the freshest ingredients daily and believe that freshness is the key to a food's good taste. He admits that it doesn't hurt to have some secret recipes, too.

Speaking of secret recipes, Pizza Marvelous is also famous for its juicy barbecued ribs, which literally fall off the bone and are adorned with a special secret sauce. Nofar said he guards his secret very closely. Beyond the popular pizza and ribs is an extensive menu which includes chicken wings with different sauces, submarine sandwiches, hamburgers, appetizers, salads, lasagna, breads, and desserts. All are available for carryout or delivery.

But it is the pizza that has made Pizza Marvelous famous. Nofar knows that. He keeps fresh slices available in his Novi Fine Wine & Liquors store. And its popularity extends way out beyond the store's four walls.

Pizza Marvelous pizza can now be found at concessions stands throughout Novi's athletic fields. Nofar also makes sure that all Novi athletes and their families have the opportunity to sample his great pizzas. "We always donate pizzas to the annual Jaguar Soccer Tournament," he added.

And if customers don't attend athletic events, they can always get smartly priced, great food products delivered right to their door. There is free delivery within the three-mile radius of Pizza Marvelous. If a customer needs beer, wine, liquor, or cigarettes delivered with their food order, Nofar said he can do that, too. (Just have a valid ID at the door when the delivery arrives.)

For customers who choose to pick up their pizzas, Pizza Marvelous always has some type of coupon special available. For example, the latest coupon is for a large pizza with one topping for \$5.99. Nofar said you can pick up that special 15 minutes after you call it in. For hungrier people, a medium deep-dish pizza with two items is only \$11.99. And you can add another of the same for only an additional \$4.99. "And don't forget to add beverages to the order," said Nofar.

While some pizzerias may have a limited selection of available toppings, Pizza Marvelous has every fresh ingredient possible including pineapple, anchovies, jalapeno peppers, steak, and chicken. Specialty pizzas include veggie (five ingredients), meat lovers (four ingredients and extra cheese), BBQ chicken, and the newest Greek, just to name a few.

With the graduation and wedding party season approaching, it is a great time to begin planning the event with Pizza Marvelous catering, too. Imagine giving your guests the opportunity to enjoy food that their neighbors have voted as Novi's best. You can choose large party subs or just give your guests a variety of mouth-watering food to choose from.

Customers can start calling in their lunch orders on Monday to Saturday at 11 a.m. The kitchen stays open until 11 p.m. on weeknights and midnight on Friday and Saturday. Sunday hours are noon to 10 p.m. Look for the newly remodeled Novi Fine Wine & Liquors store on Ten Mile just west of Novi Road.

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- By John R. Hall

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include scripture and Holy Communion.

**Youth Worship**  
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second and fourth Sunday of every month

**DETAILS:** All youth welcome.

**Alzheimer's Support Group**  
DATE: Saturday, April 14  
TIME: 10 a.m.

**DETAILS:** Meetings held on the second Saturday of each month, offering support and open discussion for all those dealing with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

**Holy Family**  
LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road  
CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holyfamilynovi.org

**Mass Schedule**  
TIME/DAY: 7:30, 8:45, and 10:30 a.m.; 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 5 p.m. Saturday

**Bible Study**  
DATE: Thursdays  
TIME: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

**DETAILS:** Join the group for prayer, sharing, and discussion of the Sunday scripture readings.

**CONTACT:** Maria (248) 349-8847 or e-mail at spintwalk-er001@aol.com

**Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting**  
DATE: Last Wednesday of each month  
TIME: 10-11 a.m.

**DETAILS:** This free informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required.

**CONTACT:** Lisa Molloy (248) 334-3555

**Accent on Women Program**  
DATE: Tuesday, April 17  
TIME: 7-9 p.m.

**DETAILS:** The author of "Alive on the Andrea Doria" and Novi resident, Pierette Domenica Simpson will speak on surviving the sinking of the great ship. The event is free.

**CONTACT:** Deborah Phillips, (248) 344-7404

**Catholic Update**  
DATE: Monday, April 30

**St. James Catholic**  
LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 347-7778

**Mass Schedule**  
TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

**St. Paul Lutheran**  
LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville  
CONTACT: (248) 349-3140

**Sunday Worship**  
TIME: 8:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.

**Kindergarten Registration**  
DETAILS: Children who turned five before Friday Dec. 1 may register for full or half-day kindergarten at St. Paul's Lutheran School.

**Novi United Methodist**  
LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile  
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652  
Sunday Worship  
TIME: 9:45 a.m.

**First United Methodist of Northville**  
LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville  
CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or visit www.lumenorthville.org

**Sunday Worship**  
TIME: 8, 9:15, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

**Community Healing Service**  
DATE: First Monday of every month

**DETAILS:** This service is open to anyone asking God for healing in their life or in someone close to them.

**Career Ministry Meetings**  
DAYS: Sunday  
TIME: 1:30-3 p.m.

**DETAILS:** The Career Ministry program is to help meet the

needs of job seekers and others in career transition. It is free of charge and is focused on providing career development resources, programs, and networking opportunities to anyone in the Northville/Novi area.

**Spring Performing Arts Series Concert**  
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 22

**DETAILS:** Presenting the Christian concert team of Randy and Marli. Afterglow immediately following the performance.

**Crosspointe Meadows**  
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Elementary School, 23200 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 427-2700, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org

**Sunday Worship**  
TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m.

**St. John Lutheran**  
LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills  
CONTACT: (248) 474-0584 or visit www.stjohn-lutheran.com

**Saturday Worship**  
TIME: 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday Worship**  
TIME: 9, 11:15 a.m. Sunday School  
TIME: 10:15 a.m.

**Faith Community Presbyterian**  
LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile  
CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org

**Sunday Worship**  
TIME: 9, 10:30 a.m.

**Gracepointe Presbyterian**  
CONTACT: (248) 497-3178 or e-mail gracepointe@mac.com

**Worship Service**  
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Sunday, April 22

**LOCATION:** Crowne Plaza Hotel, Novi, in the Amphitheater.

**DETAILS:** The public is invited for worship and to stay after for fellowship and learn more about Gracepointe. Child care will be available. For more information on Bible Study and other ministries see contact info.

**Send your calendar items to Novi News:** 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167; fax to (248) 349-9832; or e-mail to csf@novi.com.

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**The Baha'i Faith**  
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**Novi fights to regain title**

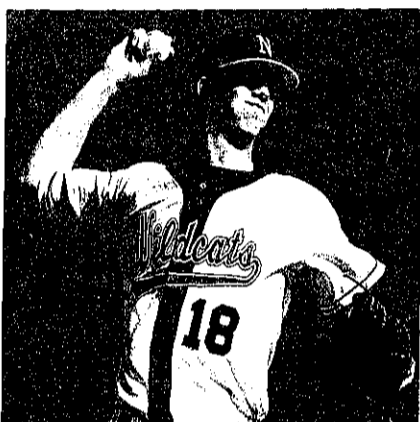


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Wildcat pitcher Tyler Scott fires a fastball during Novi's game against Milford on Monday.

By Jeff Theisen  
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Novi head coach Rick Green is heading into the season with a large team — 17 in all.

He has a nice blend of returnees and newcomers that have already shown they are ready to step up.

The Wildcats held the league title for six years in a row before Brighton became the champ last year. Novi finished 15-20 last year, but Green says chemistry will make or break his team that features equal strengths throughout.

"I think we're a very versatile team. We've got a lot of guys that can play all over the place. And there's really nobody that is above the other guys.

But having a lot of competition means playing time will be spread around.

"One thing about these guys, they're going to have to share time," Green said. "They're going to have to be able to come out of the game and cheer on the other guy when he's in there for you.

"We're going to have to play with a little bit better chemistry than we did last year."

Pitching duties will be handled by several players. Junior Tyler Scott returns as the top starter. Fellow junior Mark Heard has already thrown five innings of shutout ball; senior Matt Hohenshil has delivered a couple of saves; Danny Pilgian will throw some innings as well

as play in the outfield; and Mike Slack will see some time on the mound and at first.

"The best thing that's turned us around is our pitching staff seems like they're doing a lot better than they were doing last year," Green said.

Parrolling the outfield are big hitting senior Brett Glover; senior centerfielder Ryan Figurski; junior Pat Schlenke will help out with the outfield and the infield; and Heard will also see some time in the outfield.

Brandon Schwanz, a senior, returns and will be a captain. He will help out in several positions in both the infield and outfield.

Infield positions will include senior Stephan Figurski; junior Justin Bid; Danny Kilger will be another utility player; Garrett Green; son of Rick, will also help out on the infield; and Slack is the best fielding firstbaseman.

Several players will also see time behind the plate. Hohenshil, Andy Harrington and Phil Cieski (injured last year) will each call the pitches.

Coach Green expects his team to battle with Hartland, Brighton and Lakeland for the league crown.

"We always want to win our division first and then worry about the playoff's later," he said. "It's not an easy thing to do, even though we did it six years in a row."

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**Balanced 'Cats ready to compete**



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Wildcat Luke Mayfield throws the shot during a meet against Northville.

**Novi hopes to use 1-2 punch to get victories**

By Jeff Theisen  
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

What Novi boys track coach Robert Smith likes about his team is he doesn't have to point at any one area to lead them. The Wildcats are strong all over.

As the head coach of the cross country team, Smith has the best rapport with the distance runners who were also on the cross country team.

He knows the strengths that runners Mike Wheat, Mike Beard, Kenny MacDonough, Alex Prasad, Scott Wagner and Josh Lumley bring, but it doesn't mean that is where the Wildcats are going to beat on teams. Several teams in the KVC are strong in the distance events, so the Wildcats will rely on team depth to gain wins.

Some of the long distance runners will also be part of the middle distance runners along with Aaron Croad. The 400-meter runners

include Ben Foerg (200 and 400 meters) and Eric Johnson.

Dan Simmons returns as the top sprinter. Newcomer Arshann Hall brings good depth to the lineup. Hall will also help out in relays and may be the No. 1 long jumper. R.J. Gordon worked with the team as a freshman and missed his sophomore year, but he will

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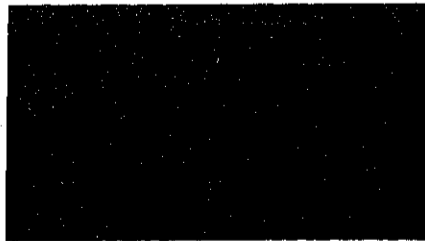
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**NOVI NEWS Athlete of the Week**

**Novi junior Craig Howell, Lacrosse**

Howell had a busy offensive week, scoring two goals and handing out four assists in an 11-7 win against Northville. He also tallied three goals in an 8-7 loss to Holt in the season opener.



# Novi soccer remains undefeated

By Jeff Theisen  
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Despite outshooting Ann Arbor Pioneer 28-3, the Novi soccer team tied 1-1 March 28 on the road. The Wildcats bounced back with a 4-0 blanking of Livonia Stevenson two days later and a 4-1 win against Grosse Pointe South on Monday.

"We dominated the game but could not seem to finish off our opportunities," Novi head coach Brian O'Leary said after the Pioneer game. "Overall, we played well on 80 yards of the field, but the front 20 yards we struggled to convert, due in part by good goal-keeping on Pioneer's part."

The Wildcats got on the board first with seven minutes left in the first half. Stephanie Crawford sent a pass to Stephanie Janssens who one-timed it home.

The score remained the same until the final minutes of the game.

The Pioneer goalie stopped a breakaway, and tiding the momentum. Ann Arbor scored a minute later on the only on-goal shot of the game for the Pioneers.

Against Stevenson, the Wildcats suffocated the Spartans, not allowing a shot on goal during the shutout.

Crawford got the scoring started with the lone goal of the first half on a feed from Emily Esbrook.

The defense from Jessica Barndt, Kristine Chaklos, Shannon Cody, Rachel Barndt, Chelsea Budong and Alli Howard did a great job in the first half -- and for the entire game -- not allowing a single shot on goal," O'Leary said. "In the second half, we came out great using all of our options and scored three goals in the first 15 minutes of the half."

Scoring the goals in the second half were Katie Chaklos from Janssens, Crawford off a Katie Chaklos corner kick and Katie Chaklos again to cap the scoring.

Against South, most of the scoring came from the subs. Katie Chaklos opened the scoring in the 18th minute, finishing off a cross from Esbrook.

After that, the subs took over and continued the scoring.

Ellen Brinza scored her first career goal off a feed from Megan Bunn, her first assist with 14 minutes left in the half.

Morgan Hatley talked her first career goal three minutes later, from Courtney Milon's first career assist.

Another three minutes later, Alyssa Fraser natcher her first Wildcat goal off a second feed from Milon.

"It was great to see our new players getting involved in the scoring," O'Leary said. "They have been getting better and better every game, adjusting the speed of play and the physical style of playing against older players."

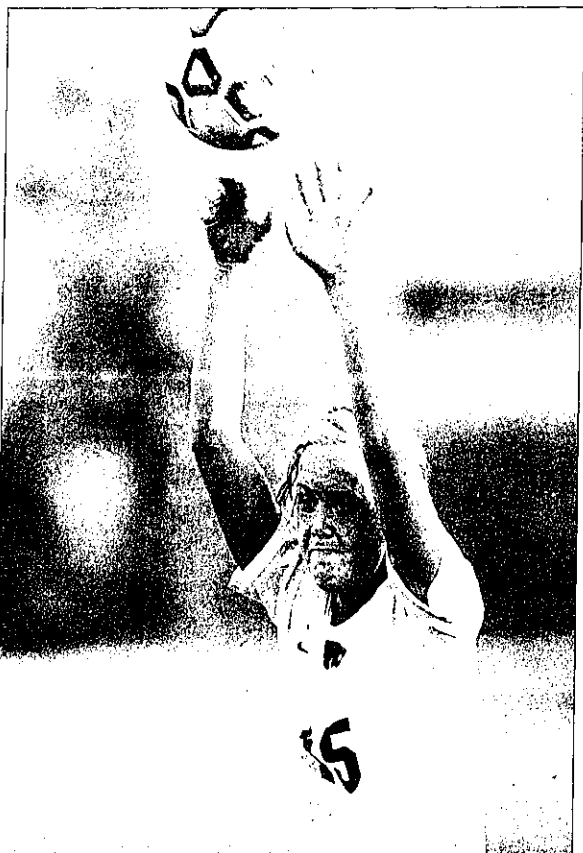


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Wildcat Shannon Cody handles a throwin Monday.

sprinters took a 1-2 finish with Dan Simmons winning in 23.82, and Arshawn Hall finishing next in 24.96.

The Wildcat 3,200 runners finished in the top four positions to secure the win in the next event. Mike Wheat was first in 10:17, Josh Luntley was next at 10:20, followed by Kemy MacDonough (10:21) and Mike Beard (10:34).

Other Wildcat first-place finishes came from the 400 relay team, the 800 relay team, Simmons in the 100 meters (11.51), Foerg in the 400 meters (54.90) and Hall in the long jump (19-4). Novi also swept the 1,600 meters with Wheat (4:41) followed by MacDonough, Beard and TJ Butler.

Stevenson, dropping the opener 6-5 and picking up their first win 4-0 in the second game.

On Monday, Novi broke open a 4-4 tie in the fifth inning. Schwanz left off the fifth with a double and moved up on a Mark Heard single. Phillip Coleski knocked in a run with a single, and Pat Schlenke knocked in his second run of the game with another single, giving the Wildcats a lead they would keep. Brett Glover had a two-RBI double in the first inning.

During the opener, the Wildcats struggled to field the ball in the opener. Novi committed six errors and lost a one-run game, 6-5. Brandon Schwanz suffered the loss.

The Wildcats rebounded thanks to a strong pitching effort from Heard and Matt Hohenshil. Heard picked up the win, and Hohenshil closed out the shutout for the save. Danny Kilger led the Novi offense, going 3-for-4 during the doubleheader.

# Wildcats lacrosse knocks off Mustangs

Novi's Riegel nets three vs. Mustangs

Submitted by Craig Hepler

team with five ground balls each, and Hepler had 14 saves in goal.

## Opening game

Thursday night, the Baseline rivalry was in full force as Novi (1-1) took on Northville at home. The Novi Wildcats came out on top of the Northville Mustangs 11-7.

The first quarter was back and forth with the two teams trading goals. Novi's middle Nick Zoroya put in two goals while Northville's Gelven and Ziomck each scored one.

The first quarter ended with a disputed goal by Novi's Matt Mandeville with less than one second on the clock. The referees decided that the goal had beat the horn and the goal would stand despite the protests from the Northville bench. Novi led 3-2 at the end of the first.

The second quarter belonged to Novi as Craig Howell, Travis Blackledge, and George Riegel all scored. Northville was able to add one at the end of the half, cutting the deficit to 6-3.

In the third, Northville tried to mount a comeback with Larabell scoring early but Novi's Riegel completed a hat trick with two more goals and Mandeville knocked in another. Two more goals by Northville kept the difference at three, 9-6.

Novi's goalie Eric Hepler shut the Mustangs down in the final quarter as he faced shot after shot by Northville. Of the nine shots on goal in the quarter, Hepler had eight saves and only let in one. In the meantime, Blackledge and Howell each scored another goal for an 11-7 Novi victory.

Goals were scored by Riegel (3), Nick Zoroya (2), Howell (2), Mandeville (2) and Blackledge (2). Assisting were Howell (4), Blackledge and Brad Petrosky. Kevin Rowe and Riegel led the

In a muddy rematch of last year's first round playoff game, the Wildcats (0-1) came up short, losing 8-7 to the Holt Rams.

Tuesday's game was delayed, by lightning for 40 minutes but when the referees said it was time to play, both teams came out ready.

Early in the first quarter, Novi struck first. Riegel scooped up a ground ball and went the length of the field dodging three Rams defenders and putting the ball in the back of the net.

Holt turned things around quickly scoring two goals before Novi's Howell got his first of three goals to end the first quarter with the score tied at 2.

The second quarter was marred with penalty after penalty as Holt took a 4-2 lead with two extra-man goals.

Howell kept it close by scoring his second of the night to end the half with Holt leading 4-3.

The third quarter belonged to the goalies as both Hepler from Novi and Alton from Holt kept their opponents scoreless.

The game really picked up in the final quarter. Novi drew even with an early goal by Matt Mandeville.

Holt moved back ahead 5-4 before Blackledge and Howell scored two more to give Novi their second lead of the game.

It all fell apart though when Holt scored three unanswered goals.

Blackledge's second goal in the last two minutes was not enough and Holt won 8-7.

Goals were scored by Howell (3), Blackledge (2), Riegel, and Mandeville.

Assists came from Zoroya, Nathan Haynes, and Shane McCusker.

Rowe led the team with six ground balls, and Hepler had 11 saves in goal.

## Novi Boys Track

The Novi boys earned a 72.5-64.5 victory against Baseline rival Northville on March 29 at home.

The meet was close until the final few events. Novi led just 58.5-55.5 when the

## Novi Baseball

Wildcat baseball improved to 2-1 with a 7-5 victory Monday against Milford. The Wildcats opened the season with a split against

## Sport Shorts

### Novi Lady Wildcats basketball camp

The Novi basketball camp run by girls in grades two through nine will take place June 18-22.

An emphasis will be placed on all game phases including dribbling, shooting, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship, and an introduction to the Lady Wildcats offensive and defensive schemes. Gym clothes and shoes are required. All participants will receive a T-shirt and outdoor basketball.

The camp for grades 2-5 will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon each day in the fieldhouse. The camp

for grades 6-9 will run from 1-4:30 p.m.

The camp is run by Wildcat head coach Bill Kelp. The fee is \$140, and registration begins April 16 by calling Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

### Sheffield to sign book at Novi Borders

New Tiger slugger Gary Sheffield will appear to sign his new book "Inside Power" at 7 p.m. April 18 at the Borders in Novi.

Borders is located at 43075 Crescent Blvd in Novi. Call Borders at (248) 347-0780 for more information.

# Michigan high school seasons to change

Released by the MHSAA

The United States Supreme Court denied a certiorari request by the Michigan High School Athletic Association in its Sports Seasons Litigation on Monday.

As a result of the Supreme Court's decision, the previous changes in seasons ordered by lower courts will occur beginning with the 2007-08 school year: girls basketball will move from Fall to Winter; girls volleyball will move from Winter to Fall; boys golf and girls tennis in the Lower Peninsula will move from Fall to Spring; girls golf and boys tennis in the Lower Peninsula will move from Spring to Fall; and the MHSAA will offer Upper Peninsula post-season tournaments in soccer for girls in the Fall and boys in the Spring.

The MHSAA issued the following statement after the announcement: "The MHSAA is disappointed that the Supreme

Court has decided against reviewing this case. Now is the time for our schools to step up and work with the decision of the Court to continue to maximize the quantity and quality of interscholastic athletic participation opportunities for young people in our state."

Novi Athletic Director Curt Ellis wasn't surprised by the ruling.

"We've been preparing for this day for quite some time," he said. "Mechanically speaking, we can make it work either way."

"I'm glad the courts ruled as quickly as they did."

He said the ruling will allow families of kids that change seasons time to properly plan ahead.

The only other major change could come from a kid that now has to choose between two sports that were two seasons apart that now fall in the same season.

"There are going to be a few kids who are going to have to choose," Ellis said. "For us, it's a relatively small number of kids."

## The Changes

- Girls basketball moves from Winter to Fall
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# Novi girls seek improvement

■ Offseason work starting to pay off for 'Cats

By Jeff Theisen  
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Two things have Novi girls head track coach Marsha Reid excited for the season — an unchanged coaching staff and an offseason conditioning program.

Reid's assistants Erin Wicker and Keith Sisson each helped the kids during the offseason, and both have collegiate experience that can help the team.

"This is the first year working at Novi that I've had the same coaching staff," she said. "It's huge. The kids are more comfortable with what to expect."

Reid said it all started with two kids and has spread to 30-40 kids that are working throughout the year.

The workouts haven't immediately resulted in wins, but she can tell the Wildcats are becoming more competitive with the top teams in the KVC.

"You get Milford and Brighton as the big guns, but I really think that Pinckney, us and Lakeland are closing the gap a bit," Reid said.

The Wildcats have a strong blend of returnees and newcomers that pushed the early turnout to around 80 kids.

"We have some really good numbers," Reid said. "We've got

some kids that can compete this year. We have some great senior leadership."

Big things are expected from several areas.

Allie Sisson returns for her senior year and will handle the hurdles and help on relays and sprints; senior Andrea Kramer will handle the middle distance runs along with the long jump; senior Kim Zerib will handle throws; junior Rachel Waranowicz will pole vault and sophomore Jen Felcher; junior Marcia Hamelin and sophomore Brittany Davis will sprint.

Foreign exchange student senior Eline Amasing will high jump along with sophomore Heather Arniak.

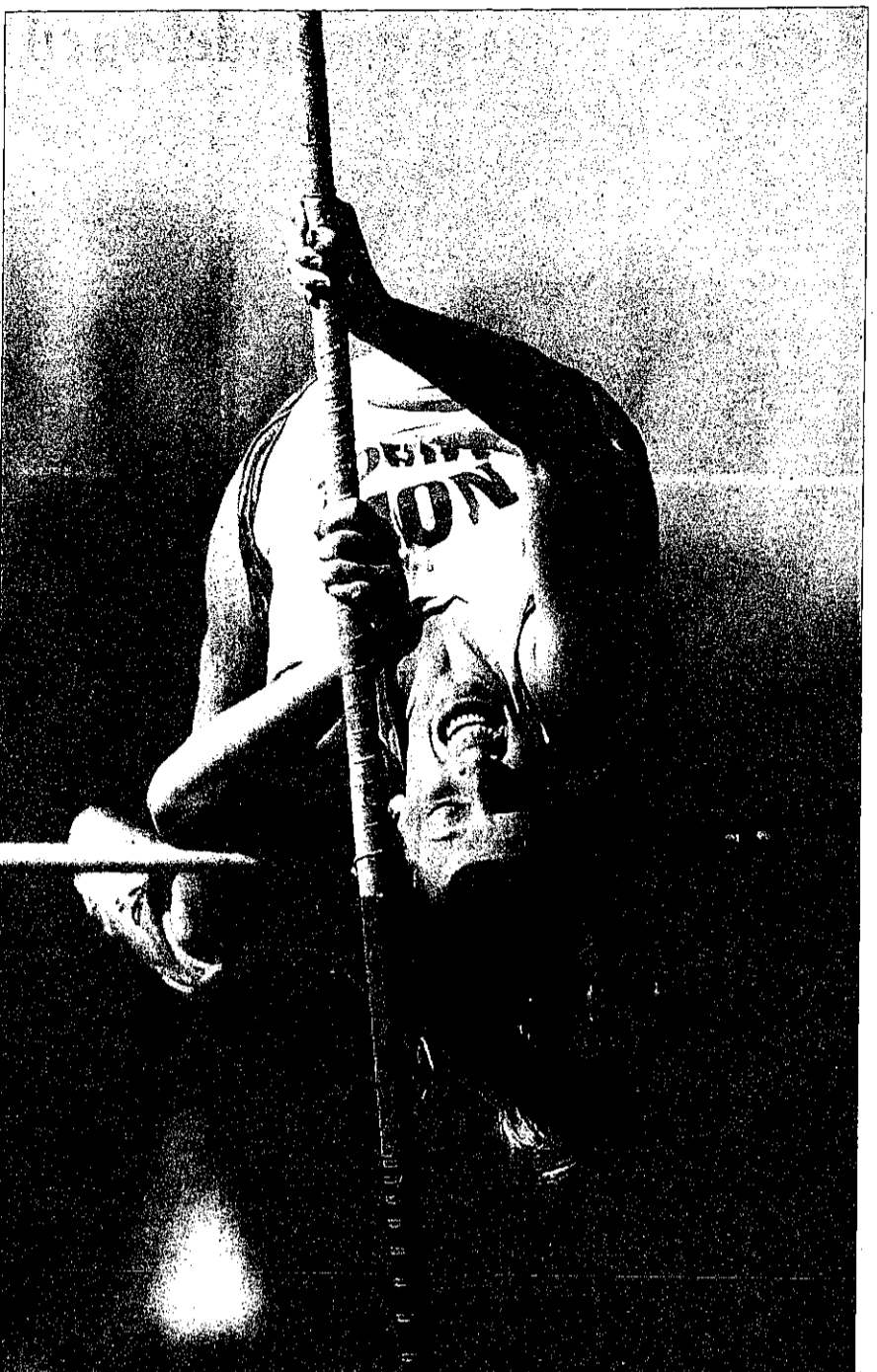
Reid is very familiar with most of the distance runners, as she also coaches the cross country team. Sophomore Laura Sheeran is the top gun.

Freshmen Sarah Berman, Elle Robinson and Marie Ross did not run cross country but will compete for distance spots.

Reid said the team has applied a mission statement to what they want to do this year.

The mission statement includes hard work no matter if the athlete is the team's best or a backup, keeping the athletes healthy, qualifying as many as possible for the state meet and having the athletes set personal goals.

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Wildcat Rachel Waranowicz competes in the pole vault event in a dual meet hosted by the Mustangs of Northville.



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Left: Allie Sisson got first place in this heat of the 110 meter hurdles for her Novi Wildcats during a late March track meet hosted by Northville.

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return for his junior year. Tyler Barnes will also help with sprints. "We have a real nice group of guys there," Smith said of his sprinters. "I'm pleasantly surprised with the early prospects."

Seniors John Brown and Tyler Mouch will lead the throwing events. The pole vault lost four guys that could regularly clear 12 foot to graduation. Handling the duties this year is Eric Preston. The high jumping is still up in the air to be claimed.

"We're pretty well balanced. Our running events are a little bit stronger than our skill events right now," Smith said. "We're looking to go 1-2 wherever we can. That puts the hurt on opponents if you can score twice. Even if they win first, the damage is minimal."

Smith said he doesn't really fret with team goals. He's more interested in the athletes setting goals for themselves to achieve.

The KVC should have several teams fighting for the title.

"Everybody is a league foc. Everybody is good," Smith said. "Hartland, who was the fourth or fifth team in the league last year, and they wound up winning the regional. Every track meet is a real challenge."

"I don't worry about how good the other team is. We try to figure out where they have weaknesses."

### New track

One of the most obvious additions to the track team is the new surface. The colors have changed, but the track itself is right over the old one.

"It was so needed," Smith said. "We had some areas that were unsafe."

"We got used to it right away. It really hasn't changed that much, the track itself."

Smith said the new track might not be the fastest surface, but he doesn't expect the times to drop dramatically. "It might be a little slower,



Novi's Alain Bujaga leaps into the air on a long jump attempt during a meet hosted by Northville High.

because it's more cushion," he said. "You tend to get a little more sag on your step. But that will be very minimal."

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# Keady all over record board

Two Novi seniors make First Team

By Jeff Theisen  
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Northville head swimming coach Rich Bennett summed it up best: "If you want to know what (Chris Keady) meant to the program, all you got to do is walk on our prodeck and take a look at our record board."

Keady's name is littered on the board, holding four individual records and part of two relays.

He owns the 200 individual medley, the 100 freestyle, the 500 freestyle and was part of the 200 medley relay and the 400 freestyle relay.

"Chris came in as a highly-touted freshman," Bennett said. "He lived up to the expectations that he had for himself."

"He was the leader of our team from his freshman year on."

Keady finished his career with a strong showing at the state meet. He finished second in the 500 freestyle (4:38.98), third in the 200 individual medley (1:53.39), was on the second-place finishing 400 freestyle relay (3:08.73) and was part of the seventh-place finishing 200 medley relay team.

The 500 freestyle relay team were both All-American times.

Bennett said Keady wasn't necessarily a vocal leader, but he didn't have to be. Keady did all of his talking with his times he put up.

"He's an absolute tireless worker and competitor," Bennett said. "He was able, at a very young age, to understand the correlation between hard work and success."

"The biggest thing he taught the kids was it's not how much you talk, it's about how fast you swim. In order to swim fast, you've got to work hard from Monday through Friday."

Bennett said Keady was one of the best swimmers he's ever had at Northville because of his versatility.

Keady will attend Cornell.

"We wish him the best," Bennett said. "I've always said, 'If you're going to an Ivy League school, you're All-American in the classroom.'"



Mustang Chris Keady slices through the water during a practice.

## All-Area Swimming

Athlete of the Year — Chris Keady, Northville senior

### First Team

Will Blicke, Northville senior  
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Jon Bardsley, Northville junior  
Joe Kargula, Northville junior  
Brody Blicke, Northville junior  
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Adam Oxner, South Lyon  
Jake Campbell, Lakeland  
Anthony Valdivia, Milford

### All-Area First Team

Novi seniors Mason Irvin and Sean Bugbee represent the Wildcats on the All-Area First Team.  
Irvin saved some of his best diving for the last meet of the year. He was the last diver to make the cut during the state

filled out by Northville's Will and Brody Blicke, Chris Cullin, Kyle Adams, Jon Bardsley, Joe Kargula and Stephen Kruse, Northville senior Will Blicke, senior Chris Cullin, junior Kyle Adams, junior Jon Bardsley, junior Joe Kargula, junior Brody Blicke and senior Stephen Kruse. South Lyon's Zack Kadykowski, Chet Janikowski, Max Sadler, Nick Prutla and Adam Oxner; Jake Campbell of Lakeland and Milford's Anthony Valdivia.

### Honorable Mention

The All-Area honorable mention team includes Novi senior Alex Arbour and Dan Meister; Mustang senior Will Fankell and junior Greg Sheppard; Lakeland's Mark Darga, Kevin Birkholz, Justin Amara-Parent, Milford's Erik Olgeirsson, Scott Chase, Vince Thompson and John Fanchler; and South Lyon's Aaron Parzuchowski, Nathan Bohm, Ryan Keeney, Brent Showerman, Andy Stun, Ben Newcomb, Jon Denys, Cameron Clark and Trevor Moore.

Bugbee was All-KVC in the 50 and 100 freestyle. He was a two-time state qualifier, and swam in the 100 meters this year during the state meet.  
The rest of the First Team is

## On the Move

# Boston bound

The third Monday in April is Patriots' Day in Massachusetts, and that means it is time for the Boston Marathon. This year's event will take place on April 16th and will be the 11th running of this historic race (the world's oldest annual marathon).

For marathon runners, Boston is considered "the marathon." It is the only marathon one must qualify for. The 26.2 mile event goes from rural Hopkinton, through several small villages and towns, and finishes in Boston. The route is lined with 500,000 cheering spectators — including the phenomenal female students at Wellesley College.

This year 22,500 runners will participate — the second largest Boston Marathon in history. Whether one is running their first Boston or their 20th, it is still special and a privilege to be running with the best marathoners in the world.



Jerry Mittman

approached the leaders of Athens, he staggered and gasped, "Rejoice! We conquer!" and then collapsed and died.

The marathon distance was changed for the 1908 Olympic Games in London. King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra wanted the marathon race to begin at Windsor Castle outside the city so that the Royal family could view the start. The distance between the castle and the Olympic Stadium in London was 26 miles. Extra yards were added so the runners would finish in front of the royal box. Every Olympic marathon run since has been a distance of 26.2 miles.

### Novi Runners

Eleven Novi residents are registered for this year's Boston Marathon: Kristin Echols (25), Kathy Johnston (46), Timothy Jones (55), Keri Marini (29), Laura Mullins (38), Deb Norton (48), Maria Ritter (50), Thomas Ritter (46), Brian Sparks (46), Yoshiko Tschler (40), and Michael Vincent (46).

Yoshiko Tschler will be running her first Boston and only her second marathon. She was one of the fortunate few who qualify on their first attempt — though she did not truly appreciate the significance of Boston at the time. She is looking forward to experiencing and enjoying all aspects of the Boston Marathon.

This will be Michael Vincent's first Boston Marathon and his third marathon. He considers Boston "the granddaddy of them all," "the Rose Bowl of marathons," and set apart from other marathons because runners must qualify for it.

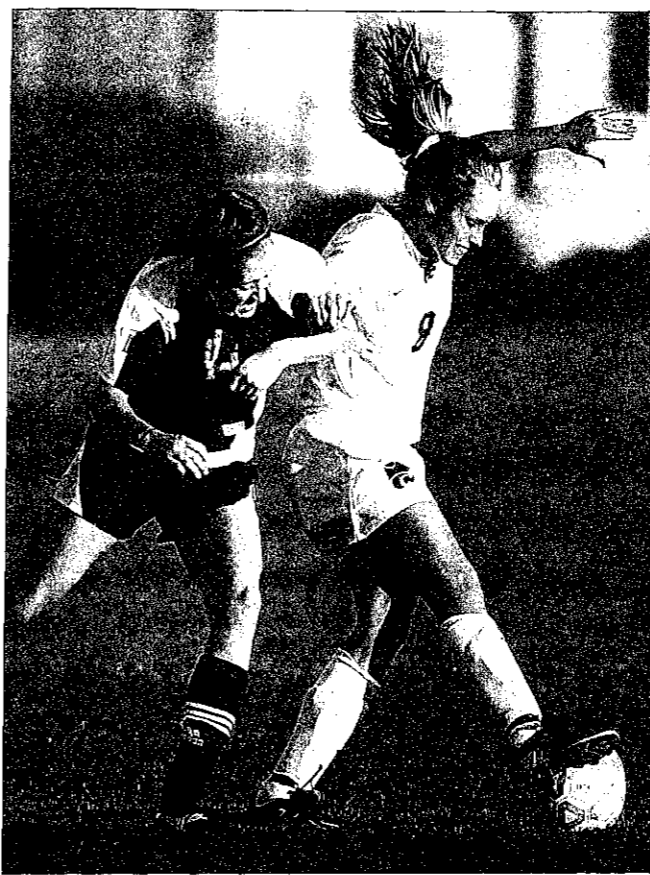
Northville resident Jerry Mittman is an avid runner and has completed over 600 races, including 56 marathons. He can be contacted at jmm997@hotmail.com.

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### The Marathon Distance

The marathon distance was

# KILLER 'CATS



Novi's senior defenseman Jessica Barndt was eventually thrown to the ground on this play by the Grosse Pointe South player she's tangled up with.



Novi's Stephanie Crawford, left, battles a Grosse Pointe Souther for possession of the ball during a home game in early April.



Wildcat forward Megan Burns keeps her eye on the ball as it comes off the foot of a Grosse Pointe South player during last week's game.



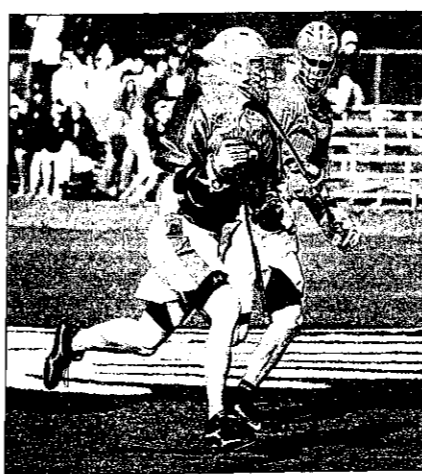
Wildcat mid-fielder Courtney Milon races towards the goal during a soccer match hosted by Novi in early April.



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Novi resident and CC lacrosse player Brad Janer heads upfield against Brother Rice.

## Shamrocks come up just short against rival Brother Rice

Submitted to the Novi News

It was an exciting rematch of last years Division I lacrosse State Championship. Catholic Central came close but lost 7-6 long-time rival, and nationally ranked, Birmingham Brother Rice.

CC started out strong with two early goals by Novi resident Connor Bush. But Brother Rice followed with two goals of it's own to tie it up 2-2. Team captain, Patrick Nemes, also of Novi, put the next one in for CC, which again was matched by a highly talented Brother Rice attacker to end the half in a 3-3 tie.

Catholic Central charged out of the gate scoring three unanswered goals. The hard working CC defense, led by captain Justin Bergin hold Brother Rice to only one third quarter goal. Unfortunately for the Shamrocks, Brother Rice went on to score three in the fourth quarter to end Catholic Central's hope of defeating last years State Champion.

Bush ended the day with three goals, and Nemes contributed two for the Shamrocks.



Novi residents Connor Bush (4) and Pat Nemes celebrate a Shamrock goal against Brother Rice.

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## It's Florida Grapefruit Season! Lean on the Power of this Citrus Gem



FAMILY FEATURES

It's time to liven up your diet with the tangy-sweet flavor of Florida grapefruit. It's in peak season; it's a nutrition powerhouse; and it has received the Best Life seal of approval from Bob Greene, Oprah's personal trainer.

Greene recently launched his new weight management program, *The Best Life Diet*, which includes grapefruit as one of his recommended foods. "I've long been a fan of fresh Florida grapefruit's nutrition and weight-management benefits," he says. The fruit comes out a winner for its vitamin C, fiber, lycopene and antioxidants.

While grapefruit is enjoyable all on its own, it also adds zing to recipes. In support of Greene's new diet plan, professional chefs competed in a national recipe contest to demonstrate how easy it is to prepare delicious grapefruit dishes that fit the nutrition specifications of *The Best Life Diet*. A panel of judges from the renowned Culinary Institute of America reviewed the recipes and selected the winners.

### Winning to Lose

Winning recipes in the "Florida Grapefruit for Your Best Life" contest were designed to help you lose — weight, that is. Each recipe is simple to prepare and contains fewer than 600 calories, at least 5 grams of fiber, less than 600 milligrams of sodium and no more than 5 grams of saturated fat. It should be easy to find Florida grapefruit aplenty in your favorite grocery store. This is one of Florida's best grapefruit seasons in years for taste and sweetness of the fruit. Take advantage of the superb quality and quantity of this year's crop and try out some new Best Life Diet-approved recipes. For these winning recipes and more, visit [www.floridajuice.com/bestlife](http://www.floridajuice.com/bestlife).

#### First Place

##### Florida Grapefruit and Jerk-Grilled Chicken With Arugula Salad

By Chef Matthew Lamm, *Solidero USA in Hummelstown, Pa.*

Prep time: 1 hour  
Cook time: 30 minutes  
Makes: 4 servings

Chicken:

- 4 6-ounce boneless chicken breasts
- 1 tablespoon jerk marinade

Sauce:

- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 2 cups no-sodium chicken broth
- Juice of 2 Florida grapefruits (about 16 ounces)
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped cilantro

Salad:

- 2 cups arugula
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 Florida grapefruit, peeled, segmented and coarsely chopped
- 2 papayas, peeled, seeded and diced
- Fresh cracked black pepper to taste
- 16 grape tomatoes sliced in half lengthwise
- 4 1/4-inch fresh pineapple rings

Place chicken and jerk marinade in large zipper-top bag; seal and refrigerate one hour. Remove chicken from bag and place on hot grill. Grill chicken until thoroughly cooked, about 15 to 20 minutes, or until internal temperature reaches 165°F.

In heavy skillet over medium-high heat, sauté garlic with non-stick cooking spray, then add chicken stock and grapefruit juice. Bring to a boil, lower temperature to medium-low and reduce to syrup. Add cilantro. Stir well and set aside. In large bowl, combine arugula, olive oil, chopped grapefruit and pepper. Toss to coat; add tomatoes and papaya.

Place one pineapple ring on each center of 4 dinner plates. Top each ring with one grilled chicken breast. Divide salad into 4 equal parts; place on grilled chicken. Drizzle plates with sauce.

Nutrients per serving: 414 calories (21% calories from fat); 39g protein; 45g carbohydrates; 6g fiber; 10g total fat (1.7g saturated); 5.8g monounsaturated; 1.5g polyunsaturated;

142mg sodium; vitamin A 70% DV; vitamin C 339% DV; calcium 12% DV; iron 14% DV

Analysis from NutritionData

#### Second Place

##### Florida Grapefruit Salad With Seared Shrimp

By Chef Holly Peterson, *Chef Consultant and Owner of Sea Star Sea Grill in Newport Valley, Calif.*

Prep time: 1 hour  
Cook time: 30 minutes  
Makes: 4 servings

Salad:

- 8 baby potatoes
- 3 Florida grapefruits
- 1 small fennel bulb, thinly sliced (to yield about 1 cup)
- 1/2 cucumber, thinly sliced
- 1 avocado, peeled and cubed
- 1 persimmon, peeled and cubed
- 4 tablespoons fresh pomegranate seeds

Shrimp:

- 2 sprigs tarragon with leaves separated from stem
- 1 head radicchio, torn into medium-sized pieces
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 12 jumbo shrimp (peeled and deveined)

Vinaigrette:

- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon extra-virgin olive oil

Cook potatoes in boiling salted water until very tender. While potatoes cook, whisk together vinaigrette ingredients in medium bowl. Quarter cooked potatoes and place them immediately into vinaigrette while hot to infuse flavor. Zest grapefruit to get 2 to 3 tablespoons of peel. Then, peel and segment grapefruits; place in strainer over bowl to save juice for searing shrimp.

In hot sauté pan, sear shrimp in 1 tablespoon olive oil. Cook shrimp 1 or 2 minutes on each side. Add grapefruit zest and reserved juice to pan. Combine shrimp and remaining salad ingredients, toss and serve.

Nutrients per serving: 508 calories (32% calories from fat); 29g protein; 59g carbohydrates; 11g fiber; 19g total fat (0g saturated); 11.8g monounsaturated; 2.7g polyunsaturated; 635mg sodium; vitamin A 30% DV; vitamin C 196% DV; calcium 14% DV; iron 26% DV

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By John R. Hall  
SPECIAL WRITER

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"People may hire several companies to do a lot of different things instead of hiring one company to do it all, and they wind up having to micro-manage," Bell added.

Bell's staff is professionally trained in all of the latest trends in landscape products and services. Bell recognizes that customers are very educated and expect to have access to the best-trained technicians. His philosophy is to continually train his workers and make his company head-and-shoulders above an already crowded landscape service market.

Bell is in the process of working on a certification program for his service staff. Being certified means that landscape technicians must achieve a standard level of training in the latest technologies and products.

"We just came back from a pond builder's training class," he said. "In it, we learned about how to keep fish healthy."

"We are always trying to encourage our staff to take advantage of training. Heck, I've been in the business for 28 years and I am still learning."

Not only is training a key to having the best landscaping company, being licensed is a big factor.

"A lot of people don't know that this is a licensed industry," Bell noted. "People should ask for proper credentials and insurance when they shop for a landscaper. Being licensed means being able to get the proper permits required for all of the jobs."

Building and maintaining ponds is an example of what many of his customers are looking for today. Bell said that a lot of people enjoy landscaping with water features such as ponds and waterfalls.

He also noted that a popular trend today is outdoor recreation rooms and patios. Not only do the Bell professionals design outdoor rooms to customer's specifications, they supply all of the products, too.

Bell knows that during tough economic times, like those facing a lot of Michiganders now, homeowners have a tough time selling their homes.

New home sales have slowed and considering that landscaping costs make up 10 percent to 15 percent of a new home's budget, it makes more sense to upgrade an existing home.

Many times homeowners choose to sell because they simply want a new look. Bell recommends getting a new look by renovating an existing landscape.

"We take homes that are old and put a new look to them," he said. "That may include new plantings, walkways, porches, or patios."

And he has the expertise and the products to make these changes. The results can be amazing.

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Bell's staff includes: Mike Bell, President, CEO; Marcy Bell, office administrator; and Scott Bell, vice president of grounds maintenance division and sales.

Bell's employs up to 25 people during the busy season and combined supervisory staff has more than 50 years of experience in the landscape service industry.

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## Home Owners Do You Know Information about Lead Base Paint...



Lead-based paint is a health risk for everyone, but especially for pregnant women and children under six. Children can ingest too much lead from paint chips or from dust that gets onto their toys. **Most homes painted before 1950 will contain significant amounts of lead paint and those built up to about 1980 probably contain smaller amounts.**

In 1992 the U.S. government passed legislation requiring the disclosure of the presence of lead-based paint in any house built before 1978. Under this law sellers must:

- Disclose the presence of lead-based paint
- Provide available records about the presence of lead-based paint
- Provide a federally approved lead hazard information pamphlet
- Include disclosure and acknowledgment information in contracts
- Give purchasers up to 10 days to conduct a risk assessment or lead inspection
- Share responsibility with Realtors for ensuring compliance

**Lead-Based Paint** was used primarily on surfaces that take punishment, such as kitchen cabinets, door and window trim, exterior siding and porch floors. If these are in good condition and not deteriorating due to friction, there is little danger.

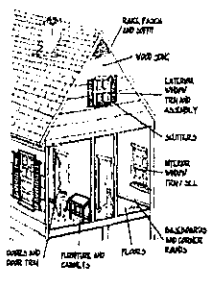
Crumbling, peeling or flaking is a hazard. Dust is always a problem, whether caused by friction or during remodeling and renovations.

A lead analysis kit is available and produces readings instantly. Alternatively, paint or dust samples can be sent to a lab for testing. If the house is lead-free or if it poses a minimal health risk, a Certificate of Lead-Based Paint Safe Housing can be issued.

### What To Do To Reduce Risk

Often the best approach is to leave lead based paint alone. However, if chips or dust around window ledges or elsewhere can come into contact with children:

- Clean up dust before children can ingest it.
- Cover the old paint so that it is no longer exposed.
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### ALANDRE SALON & DAY SPA

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services and packages.

Going to a salon and spa should be more than just keeping an appointment; it should be an experience that satisfies the outer and inner beauty of each person. It should be an experience that satisfies the spiritual soul as well as the physical body. That is the philosophy of Alandre Salon & Day Spa in Northville.

In fact, Alandre's motto is "Bring Your Inner Beauty Out and Escape With Us." Owner Suzie Duqum said every one of Alandre's staff believes in that philosophy and goes well beyond. "Our warm hospitality is what makes us different," she said. "We know that our clients want to be treated as we would want to be treated."

That's probably the main reason why Alandre has been voted the People's Choice Award Winner for best salon by readers of The Northville Record. And the salon has also been given a five-star rating by the Yahoo! Internet search engine.

### MESSAGE

It's not hard to understand why Alandre is so popular with its clients. An experienced staff of stylists, estheticians, nail technicians and massage therapists draw rave reviews from the people they serve, including Khal Hanna, a massage therapist with 25 years of experience.

"A lot of people have lifetime relationships with customers," he said. "We have set our standards very high."

Hanna noted that his clients see massage therapy as much more than just a means of relaxation.

"I appreciate the fact that people are becoming more aware of the benefits of massage therapy," he said. "It is not just to relieve stress. They recognize the preventative and rehabilitative health benefits related to massage therapy. What we are doing for customers is best for the long term, not just for one visit."

One of Hanna's clients, Gail, who counts herself as one of Hanna's long-time customers, spoke about her experiences at Alandre.

"The whole experience has to do with Khal," she said. "I've never had a male therapist and yet I feel very comfortable with him. He offers stimulating conversation and healing hands."

"I don't get a massage just because I want to be spoiled. I have a lot of migraines and I get knots in my muscles. I feel wonderful when I leave. Khal has both the training and the experience."

Training and experience are key words. Both Hanna and Duqum have had international training — Duqum in Lebanon and Hanna in England. They encourage other staff members to continually strive to make themselves better.

"Everyone here has met all of their licensing requirements and are continually engaged in professional development," said Duqum.

### HAIR AND NAILS

At Alandre Salon and Day Spa you can expect nothing but the highest quality in service and products. Featuring Schwartzkoff (Bonacure and Osis), Redken, Bioelements and O.P.I. Nail Lacquer just to name a few hair, spa and nail products.

The Alandre professional staff offers services such as hair styling, cuts, coloring and chemical services. They also offer facial-tinting treatments, make-up, facials, body wraps and treatments — including seaweed and salt glow — full body waxing, nails and massage services.

Alandre also offers Botox treatments for its guests through Youthology, L.L.C. Kristen Rondeau, a fully licensed and certified injection specialist and registered nurse, offers Botox treatments and consultations in the relaxed and pampered environment of Alandre's spa facilities.

### SO MUCH MORE

But Alandre is much more than the obvious. Case in point: at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12, the salon will be



Khal Hanna, massage therapist, administers the healing massage that keeps bringing his customers back to Alandre Salon & Day Spa.

hosting a special exhibition of ballroom dancing (see advertisement). Visitors can learn various dances like the cha-cha, salsa, and tango.

Professional dance instructor Chad Brown answers the obvious question: "Why ballroom dancing?"

"Ballroom dancing is a direct compliment to Alandre, where health and beauty is emphasized," he said.

### SPECIAL PACKAGES

There are special group packages available for wedding parties, proms, dances, etc. All packages include a healthy lunch; wine is available.

Duqum said that Alandre offers packages for couples, too, including a "Couples Delight," which includes two aromatherapy massages, two European deep cleansing facials, and two European manicures.

Duqum knows that her clients have spread the good word about Alandre. She said that people come from all over

Metro Detroit.

"Our guests build a lifetime relationship with us," she said. "By having a full staff on hand with the highest level of competence and professionalism it means that we never need to turn anyone away."

Yes Alandre Salon and Day Spa welcomes walk-ins.

"With every consultation, each guest is assured to greatly benefit from our highly talented staff," Duqum added.

Alandre Salon & Day Spa is also an active member of the Northville community and is involved with several community groups and projects, including the special Locks of Love program that provides hair prosthetics for disadvantaged children with permanent hair loss from alopecia areata, radiation treatments, or burns.

"We are much more than your average salon and spa, and we invite our guests to Bring Their Inner Beauty Out and Escape with Us," Duqum notes.

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## Open House Thursday, April 12 7:30 - 10:00 pm

Featuring: Dance Lessons with Chad Brown  
(professional dancer and instructor) (Cha-Cha, Tango & Salsa)

- Hair Product Demonstrations
- Refreshments
- Color Consultations
- Specials on Mother's Day Gift Certificates
- Botox Consultations
- Door Prizes and Giveaways

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