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## Cops lure murderer

■ Man uses MySpace in attempt to meet young girl

By Greg Migliore  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

A convicted murderer was caught trying to entice a 14-year-old girl into sex Sunday in a Novi parking lot.

**Robert Reeves**

The girl, however, was an undercover attorney general special agent, and Robert Nathaniel-Roosevelt Reeves II was arrested and charged with one count of child sexually abusive activity, one count of using the Internet to commit child sexually abusive activity and as a habitual felony offender.

Reeves is being held in the Oakland County Jail. If convicted, he could face 20 years in prison.

Reeves, a 52-year-old Detroit resident, was convicted of sec-

ond-degree murder in 1974. He was also convicted of unarmed robbery in 1973 and carrying a concealed weapon in 1984.

Reeves had been talking to the undercover agent for the last few months through the social networking site, MySpace. His sexual advances grew increasingly aggressive, which led him to set up the meeting, the attorney general's office said. He was arrested in the parking lot near a Blockbuster Video store near Nine Mile and Novi roads.

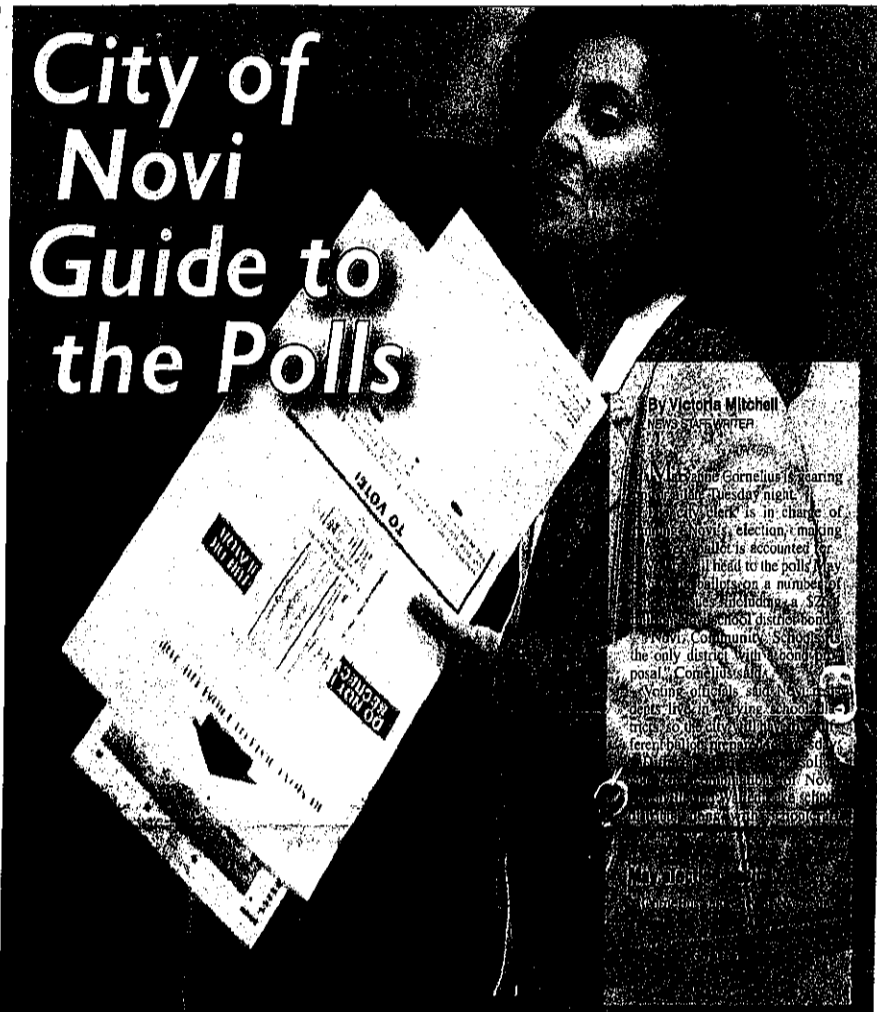
"This case should be a reminder to parents that social networking Web sites can serve as a hunting ground for predators," Attorney General Mike Cox said in a statement. "I encourage parents to talk to their children about Internet safety and to contact our office if their child is ever inappropriately approached."

Reeves was the first person arrested by the state's Child and Public Protection unit in connection with using MySpace to contact a teenager. The unit has arrested 131 Internet sexual predators since it was restructured.

Novi is frequently the site of Internet stings because of its central location and accessibility, Police Chief David Molloy said. Two Novi officers were involved in Reeves' arrest. His pre-trial exam is next Wednesday in 52-1

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## City of Novi Guide to the Polls



By Victoria Mitchell  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Mayor Cornelius is appearing Tuesday night.

City Clerk is in charge of the election, making sure all is accounted for.

All heads to the polls. May 7th will be a number of polls on a number of issues, including a \$22 million school district bond.

Novi Community Schools is the only district with bond issues.

Posally Cornelius said. Young officials said they expect to see a lot of turnout.

For more information, call the city clerk's office at (248) 349-1700.

# Council signs off on \$34 million budget

■ Public safety, among city's fiscal priorities

By Greg Migliore  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

After a couple of weeks of discussion, Novi has a financial road

map for next year. The City Council approved a budget Tuesday evening that spends about \$34 million for the 2007-08 fiscal year. Members made several, relatively minor changes, but signed off on the vast majority of items.

The plan passed with a 5-2 vote. Mayor David Landry, Mayor Pro-Tem Kim Capello and members Bob Gatt, Terry

Margolis and Lynne Paul voted in favor.

Members Andrew Mutch and Toni Nagy dissented, citing the \$725,300 the budget allocates to build an indoor gun range for the police department using federal drug forfeiture money. They have questioned the long-term costs of the project.

Proponents of the plan have argued it is a critical training tool

for police officers.

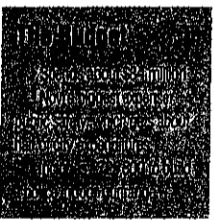
The new budget will increase spending about 4.6 percent, although the final number could change slightly when the modifications made by council members are accounted for. Much of the added spending will go to fund neighborhood roads, retiree benefit costs and fire station renovations.

The police and fire departments will get about half of Novi's

budget, but city officials note public safety is usually one of the top expenses for communities.

The budget also factors in about \$3.5 million in state revenue sharing for next year and \$16.8 million in property tax money.

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• **FRIDAY**

Hurry into the 12th annual Michigan International Women's Show 10 a.m. Thursday through 5 p.m. Sunday at the Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. At 7 p.m. tonight, a charity fashion show featuring City of Novi Firefighters will kick-off a special Girls' Night Out promotion. For more information, call (800) 849-0248.

• **SATURDAY**

Borders in Novi, 43075 Crescent Boulevard, is hosting a visit by the Novi

Theatres at noon today. The group of actors will perform a shortened rendition of its upcoming production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." A children's book reading will immediately follow.

• **SUNDAY**

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## FOR SALE: Landmark Novi cemetery

State moves to sell Oakland Hills after charging former owner

By Greg Migliore  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Novi's Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens has a storied past, but its future is unclear. The 78-year-old landmark cemetery is for sale after the state seized it, along with 27 other Michigan cemeteries, from owner Clayton Smart in December. Authorities say Smart plundered up to \$70 million from the cemetery's trust

He was charged with 39 felony counts last week, including embezzlement, racketeering and failure to trust cemetery proceeds. Smart, a 67-year-old Oklahoma oilman, turned himself in. He faces up to 20 years in prison.

"The defendant's actions are appalling — embezzling trust funds that were set aside to care for cemeteries and burials," Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox said in a statement.

There's no timetable to sell Oakland Hills or the other seized cemeteries, but the state hopes to move quickly, said Rusty Hills, a spokesman for the Attorney General's office.

Mark Zausmer, a Farmington Hills lawyer, was appointed to oversee the cemeteries. Oakland Hills is 152 acres

and sits at 12 Mile and Novi roads. The city isn't involved in the investigation. City Manager Clay Pearson said. Smart bought the cemeteries in August 2004 from Bloomfield Hills resident Craig Blah. The attorney general's office said Smart allegedly wired \$21 million in trust fund money to Bush after buying the cemeteries.

Cox alleges Smart also funneled the cemetery's trust funds into businesses run by his family and high-risk mutual funds.

Smart's businesses are under investigation in Tennessee and Oklahoma.

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Novi's Oakland Hill Memorial Gardens cemetery at Twelve Mile and Novi roads. The cemetery has been in operation since 1929. Photo by JOHN HEIGER/Novi News

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Michigan Attorney General

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Man uses MySpace in attempt to meet young girl

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District Court before Judge Brian MacKenzie. MySpace and other online networking sites have been generating controversy recently as Internet predators use them to seek out on children. Molloy said it's critical not to post personal information on the sites, such as phone numbers and addresses.

**Tips for Internet Safety**

- Keep the computer in a central part of the house
- Don't give out personal information, such as addresses and phone numbers
- Know your children's passwords and screen names

Source: Novi Police Department

"They're creating a danger that they don't need to," he said. Molloy also said computers should be in a central location in the house, so parents can monitor what their children do on the Internet. Authorities said parents should check their children's MySpace accounts for contact with Reeves' site. [www.myspace.com/justshopping](http://www.myspace.com/justshopping). If they have had contact with him, parents should call the attorney general's office at (313) 456-0180.

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**Police Blotter**

Man found with 8.5 grams of marijuana

A man was arrested at 12:29 a.m. April 23 after police found 8.5 grams of marijuana in his

Dodge Charger. He was pulled over after rattling through a blinding red light onto Novi Road from Interstate 96.

Truck front end stolen

Someone stole the grill, headlights and bumper off a Dodge Ram that was parked at Hall

Engineering Co. on Meadowbrook sometime between April 13 and April 15.

The tailgate was also taken off the truck. Four other vehicles parked nearby weren't tampered with.

— By Greg Migliore

**My Novi, briefly**

**Wine Tasting Event**

By the Bottle specialty wine shop is holding a wine tasting event 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 31 at Mezza Mediterranean Grille, 42050 Grand River. The event will feature more than 50 wines from the area's smaller, more selective distributors. A selection of hors d'oeuvres from Mezza's distinctive menu will be available and there will be an opportunity to order event wines at special pricing. Tickets are \$25 per person (\$30 at the door) and are available at either By the Bottle, 23875 Novi Road or Mezza Mediterranean Grille. For more information, call (248) 344-8992.

**Liz Buscher**

Mention, a global leader in corporate mentoring programs. In addition, she served as managing director of Dale Carnegie Training in Michigan.

A graduate of Michigan State University, Buscher earned her executive coaching certificate through the Hay Group in Boston.

She resides in Novi with her husband, Frank, and their two children.

**Fox Run news**

Fox Run, a campus for men and women at least 62 years of age in Novi, announced that Karen Digby, B.A., B.S.N., MS,

GNP-BC, CWS; has joined the team at the community's full-service medical center.

Digby, a resident of Ann Arbor, specializes in geriatric care. She brings many years of experience to her position at Fox Run. Digby was most recently a gerontological nurse practitioner at Millennium Medical Group in Westland. She previously held similar positions at Hope Medical Clinic in Ypsilanti and Greenspan & Associates in Plymouth.

Digby received certification as a gerontological nurse practitioner from the University of Michigan as well as a master of science degree in community health nursing and a bachelor of arts in psychology. She earned a bachelor of science in nursing at New York University. She is also a certified wound care specialist.

**Cooper-Standard Automotive**

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## Pastor now preaching economic development

**■ New member of Novi's economic board is no stranger to community building**

By Greg Migliore  
NEWS STAFF WRITER

James McGuire is a pretty resourceful guy. He's been a pastor for 35 years and literally built his first church in rural Mississippi from the ground up. Set in the middle of nowhere, he immediately realized his parishioners lacked many basic public services. Undaunted, he went about raising cash to build fire and library facilities. He even bought an old telephone truck and turned it into an ambulance.

When he left 23 years later, the church's membership had swelled to 650.

Now McGuire is trying to put his lifetime of experience to work for Novi. He was recently appointed to the city's Economic Development Corp. (EDC) and is working to attract and retain businesses.

Once again at the forefront of a growing community, the 59-year-old Novi resident said he's eager to distill off the lessons he learned more than a generation ago and be a catalyst for development.

"The EDC gives me an outlet for using skills I kind of had to put to sleep," he said. McGuire speaks with a soft Southern accent and is modest about his talents, but others say his ability to get things done will be valuable as Novi tries to revitalize its EDC, which was dormant for years. It's a volun-

### James McGuire

AGE: 59  
NOVI RESIDENT: 11 years

**NOTABLE:** One of the newest members of Novi's Economic Development Corp. (EDC), he's been a pastor for 35 years. He helped build up a church and surrounding community in rural Mississippi.

**QUOTE:** "He's used to handling different situations." EDC member Bob Churella said. "He has the good of the city at heart."



James McGuire

teer board that looks to promote development and help businesses in the city. His term lasts until March 1, 2009.

The City Council unanimously appointed McGuire and Michael Watzka to the EDC in March.

"Both of them are jumping in and seem to be eager to meet the economic goals that the city set," City Manager Clay Pearson said.

Another EDC member, Bob Churella, judged McGuire to apply for the position.

"He's used to handling different situations," Churella said. "He has the good of the city at heart."

### Planting local roots

McGuire has lived in Novi 11 years. He moved to the city after talking over as senior pastor at Northville's Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church. While there, he oversaw the building of the church's \$45 million complex and helped smooth relations with the City Council to get the project

started. He's preached in China, Brazil, Argentina and Mexico and done mission work around the globe. Currently, he's a guest pastor at Fellowship Presbyterian, a "plant" or startup church in Livonia.

Although he's devoted much of his adult life to public service, he also has a passion for the environment. McGuire is a tree farmer and helped save 200 acres of land from erosion in Mississippi by planting 175,000 pine trees, his wife, Lucy, said.

Married for 37 years, the couple has three adult children. In his spare time, McGuire kicks back by playing guitar and fishing.

He said working on the EDC is a new challenge, but it has a familiar feel to it — live when he was a 26-year-old leader of a church in Mississippi.

"I didn't know enough to be scared — but I should have been," he said. "But it really worked out quite well."

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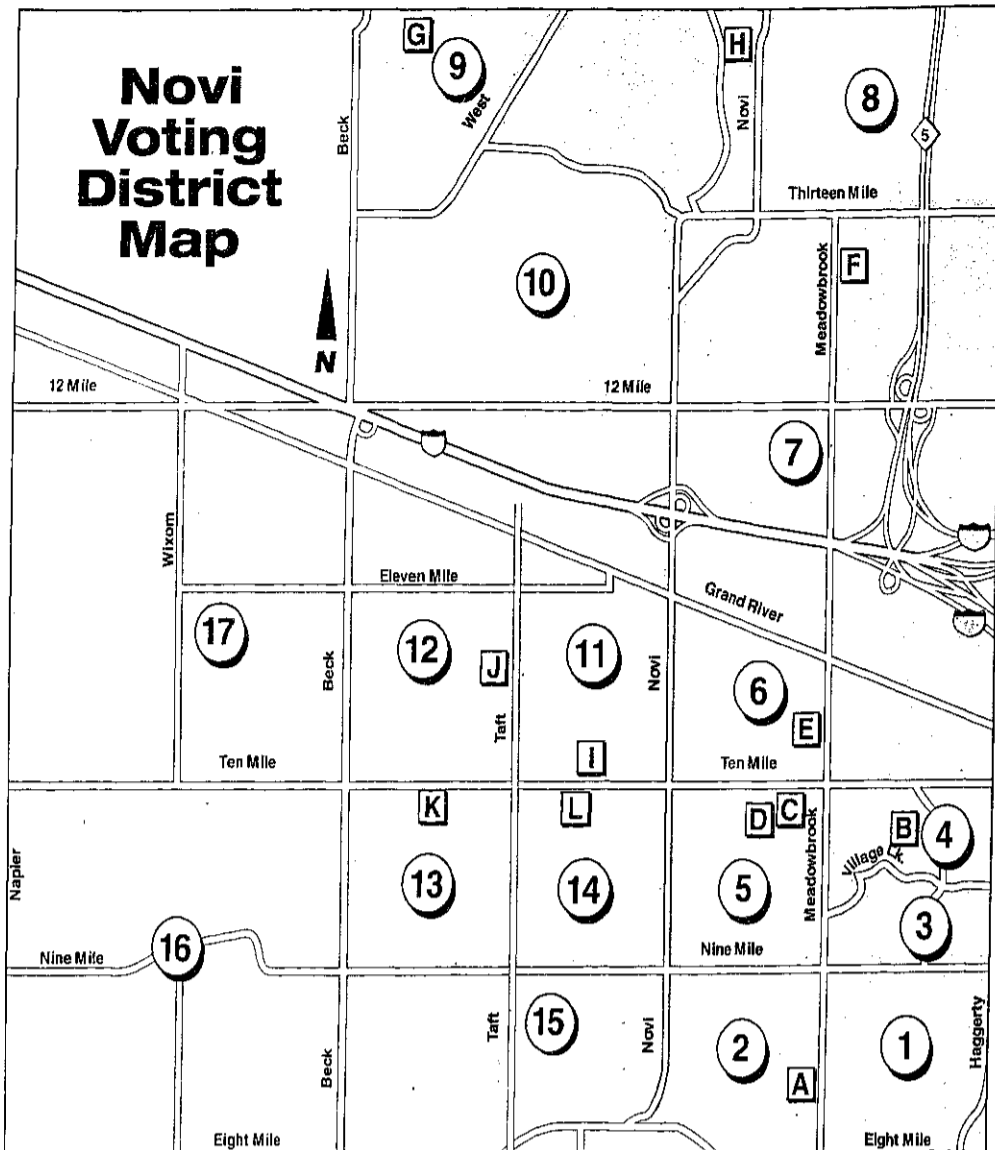
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Bobbie Murphy is invested in this community, involved in Novi Schools, and informed about the issues in education.

Bobbie Murphy is an active and involved parent with four children enrolled in the Novi School District, one at each school level. Her family and her children's educations are directly impacted by the policies and decisions of the Novi School Board. It is clear that she has a personal stake in assuring that all our schools are successful.

We encourage you to learn more about her. For more detail on Bobbie's background, educational focus, and problem-solving ideas, please visit [www.bobbiemurphy.com](http://www.bobbiemurphy.com)





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- 3 B Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook Rd.
- 4 C Novi United Methodist Church 41671 Ten Mile Rd.
- 5 D Orchard Hills Elementary School, 41900 Quince St.
- 6 E Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Rd.
- 7 E Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Rd.
- 8 F Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Rd.
- 9 G Portsmouth Apartments Clubhouse, 31170 Wellington Rd.
- 10 H Hickory Woods Elementary School, 30655 Novi Rd.
- 11 I Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 West Ten Mile Rd.
- 12 J Novi Meadows / ITC, 25299 Taft Rd.
- 13 K St. James Catholic Church, 46325 West Ten Mile Rd.
- 14 L Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Rd.
- 15 L Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Rd.
- 16 M Thornton Creek Elementary School, 46180 Nine Mile Rd.
- 17 L Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Rd.

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For May 8 election results visit [novinews.com](http://novinews.com)

## Ballot Check

### Novi School Bond Basics

Novi Community Schools officials said the \$26.4 million bond appearing on the ballot was proposed to build gymnasiums at three elementary schools and for enhanced security and technology. If approved by voters, the bulk of the proposal, \$19 million, would cover the construction and renovation cost of building separate gymnasiums, art rooms and music rooms for Orchard Hills, Village Oaks and Parkview elementary schools. The \$6.78 million technology portion of the bond would replace student and staff computers and printers. The remaining \$1.38 million would add security systems to all district buildings. The total bond amount to the district, including bond fees and minus anticipated interest, is \$26.4 million. The owner of a \$200,000 home would pay an additional \$49 per year.

### Novi Community Schools Board of Education

Residents will be asked Tuesday to elect three Novi School Board candidates - two for four-year terms and one for a partial-year term expiring June 2009. Running for Novi School District four-year school board terms are David Brown, George Kortlandt, Bobbie Murphy, Craig Parker and Karl Wizinsky. Two candidates are running for one two-year term ending in 2009; board trustee Jeff Nielson and write-in candidate Marcy Salerni. All are Novi residents.

### Walled Lake Consolidated School District Board of Education

Residents will be asked Tuesday to elect two candidates to serve four-year terms on the Walled Lake School Board. The candidates are: Brian Convery, Commerce Township; Phil McShane, Commerce Township; Amy Peterman, West Bloomfield; and Marc Allan Siegler, Farmington Hills.

### Northville Public Schools Board of Education

Residents will be asked Tuesday to elect two candidates to serve four-year terms on the Northville Public Schools Board of Education. The candidates are: Carol Grimmer, Steven Lomske, Marilyn Price and Libby Ann Smith. All candidates are Northville residents.

### Schoolcraft Community College Board of Trustees

Residents will be asked Tuesday to elect three candidates to serve six-year terms on the Schoolcraft Community College Board of Trustees. The candidates are: Mary Breen, Plymouth; Brian Broderick, Plymouth; James Fausone, Canton; Joan Gebhardt, Livonia; Ron Randall, Livonia.

Source: Oakland County

## Your City of Novi Guide to the Polls

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election turnouts are typically about 10 percent. According to Michigan's consolidated election laws, elections are allowed in May, February, August and November. Districts and colleges choosing an election date other than November - a sched-



M. Cornelius

uled general election - must cover the administrative costs. "Because the school districts chose to hold their election in May, the cost is passed on to the school districts to split," Cornelius said. The city clerk said the cost is about

\$30,000. Districts, like South Lyon, choosing to hold elections in November incur zero costs.

### Voting booth

All city polling locations are open Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Cornelius said the busiest times are from 7 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 8 p.m. Voters unsure of where to cast their ballots may visit [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote). The Novi City Clerk's office is also available for questions by calling (248) 347-0456.

Voters must have been registered by April 9, 2007, to vote in the election.

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land urges all residents to exercise their votes this Tuesday.

"Although school is winding down for the summer, decisions made now will affect local districts all year long," Land stated in a press release. "The same is true for municipalities and library districts."

"I encourage voters to take the time to research the issues and cast their ballots." According to Land's office, communities in all 83 Michigan municipalities are holding elections.

### Novi Community School District Bond Ballot History 1993-2006

#### Bond Issue

Dec. 15, 1992  
\$31.9 million  
Passed

Total Votes: 1,737  
High school addition, parking lot addition, renovation of elementary schools, technology.  
Dec. 13, 1994  
\$33 million  
Failed  
Total Votes: 2,266

New middle school, purchase middle school land, Meadows renovation.  
Sep. 23, 1995  
\$33.44 million  
Passed  
Total Votes: 2,819  
New middle school, purchase

middle school land, Meadows renovation.  
June 9, 1997  
\$5.5 million  
Failed  
Total Votes: 1,353  
Improving elementary playgrounds.

March 28, 1998  
\$17.3 million  
Passed  
Total Votes: 3,144  
Deerfield elementary, improving elementary playgrounds  
June 11, 2001  
\$75.64 million

Passed  
Total Votes: 2,459  
High school addition, elementary additions, Novi Woods expansion, transportation/warehouse expansion, middle school concession and tennis courts, purchase of land.

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**ENGAGEMENTS**



**Bagdady-Dao**

Bruce and Carol Bagdady of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter Jennifer Bagdady to Dr. Hip Dao, son of Hoa and Nguyet Dao of Charleston, S.C. The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Novi High School and a 2007 graduate of Georgetown Medical School. She is a resident ophthalmologist. The groom-elect of Washington, D.C. is a 2007 graduate of Georgetown Medical School. He is a resident anesthesiologist.

**Phelps-Galloway**

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel and Barbara Phelps of Novi are very pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Amanda Shannon to Mr. W. Stephen Galloway of Woodstock, Ga. Stephen is the son of Mrs. Sharon Galloway, and the late Mr. W. Donald Galloway, of



**Phelps-Galloway**

Lake Park, Ga. Miss Phelps is a 1998 graduate of Novi High School, and a 2002 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed as a kindergarten teacher for the Atlanta Public Schools.

Mr. Galloway is a 1995 graduate of Lowndes County High School, and a 2000 graduate of Southern



**Kopczynski-Goodwin**

Polytechnic State University. He is employed as an industrial engineer for Manhattan Associates in Atlanta. Both are currently working on their master's degrees. A June 2008 wedding is planned in Atlanta.

**Kopczynski-Goodwin**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kopczynski



**Loeffler-Thompson**

of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter Jessica M. Kopczynski to Justin L. Goodwin, son of Ms. Bonnie Goodwin of Royal Oak.

The bride-elect is a Michigan State University graduate, with a Bachelor of Art's degree in Hospitality. She is currently employed at the Westin Detroit

Metropolitan Airport Hotel.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Michigan State University, with a Bachelor of Art's degree in Human Resources. He is currently employed at Enterprise Rent-A-Car. A January wedding is planned.

**Loeffler-Thompson**

Donald and Janice Loeffler of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter Allison Kay Loeffler to Kurt Joseph Thompson, son of Jerry and Barb Thompson of South Lyon and Cecile and Todd Priestley of South Lyon.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Northville High School, a 2005 graduate of Calvin College and is expected to graduate in August from Eastern Michigan University earning her Master of Arts degree in speech-language pathology.

The groom-elect is a 2002 graduate of South Lyon High School and a 2006 graduate of Liberty University, earning his Bachelor of Science degree.

A July 7 wedding is planned.

**OBITUARY**

**STANLEY ORZECZOWSKI**

Age 77, of Wixom, passed away April 28, 2007. A Funeral Service was held on May 2 at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Donations may be made to the church. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

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## Volunteers honored for hospice work

Local volunteers received recognition last week at Angela Hospice's Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland hosted the dinner, where nearly 100 hospice volunteers were honored for their dedicated service.

Novi residents honored included Nancy Jess, 500 hours and five years; Patty Hanzek, five years; and Jean Finkbiner, 15 years.

"The level of commitment and generosity demonstrated by Angela Hospice volunteers is extraordinary and inspiring," said Donna Kolodtsick, volunteer and spiritual care manager for Angela Hospice. Kolodtsick oversees the hospice's 475 volunteers, who contributed a total of 35,041 hours to the hospice's programs last year.

The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner offered an opportunity to honor volunteers who reached milestones of 500 service hours, or five years of service.



Nancy Jess



Patty Hanzek



Jean Finkbiner

Those recognized received pins denoting their accomplishments.

Two special awards were also presented at the evening came to a close. Kolodtsick surprised Livonia resident Janet Conway with the Volunteer of the Year Award. Sister Mary Eileen Malolepsza, also of Livonia, was named recipient of the 2007 Crystal Butterfly Award, for the most significant contribution to Angela Hospice.

Angela Hospice's volunteers deliver a diverse range of services. Sitting with patients, providing respite for caregivers, offering grief support, gardening, assisting with mailings, and planning special events are just a few of the ways volunteers assist in Angela Hospice's mission to serve the terminally ill. All Angela Hospice volunteers complete a comprehensive 8-week training program prior to beginning their volunteer work.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities at Angela Hospice, call (734) 464-7810.

## Parkview scouts race cars at Providence Park

Small wooden race cars zipped down the track at scale speeds of up to 220.5 miles per hour bringing smiles to children and adults alike at this year's Pinewood Derby Race for Novi's Cub Scout Pack 375. The race was held March 3 at Providence Park Hospital, which sponsors the Cub Scout Pack from Novi's Parkview Elementary. The boys built their cars and competed for the title of fastest derby car as well as awards such as best Cub car and most aerodynamic.

### The Grand Finale winners were:

- 1st Place - Brian Vera-Burgos with his Velociraptor car
- 2nd Place - Jared Mazer with Jared's Fireball
- 3rd Place - Patrick Mancini with Blue Thunder

Winners in each of the Cub Scout dens were:

- 1st Place Webelos II - Jared Mazer with Jared's Fireball
- 2nd Place Webelos II - Daniel Vera-Burgos with Stealth Glider
- 1st Place Webelos I - Declan Winship with White Doom
- 2nd Place Webelos I - Blake Davis with Blue Lightning
- 1st Place Bears - Patrick Mancini with Blue Thunder
- 2nd Place Bears - Brian Vera-Burgos with Velociraptor
- 1st Place Wolves - Phillip Calhoun with Michigan Special
- 2nd Place Wolves - Kevin Tice with Lightning
- 1st Place Tigers - Skyler Pitcher with Orange Lightning
- 2nd Place Tigers - Clay Simmon with 908

Of course, the fun of a race and the pride in making the cars is what the boys will remember. Trophies for the top finishers and certificates for all entries will preserve these memories forever. The Pinewood Derby race is an annual Cub Scouting event.

Cub Scout Pack 375 is sponsored by Providence Park Hospital and includes boys from Parkview Elementary School. The Pack is now recruiting new boys who would like to be a Cub Scout. Parents of Parkview Elementary School boys who will be in grades one through five in the 2007-08 school year and are interested in joining Cub Scouting are encouraged to contact Cathy Vera-Burgos at (248) 305-9708 or via e-mail at cathy@vbfamily.com for more information. Scouts who join now can participate in summer camp activities.

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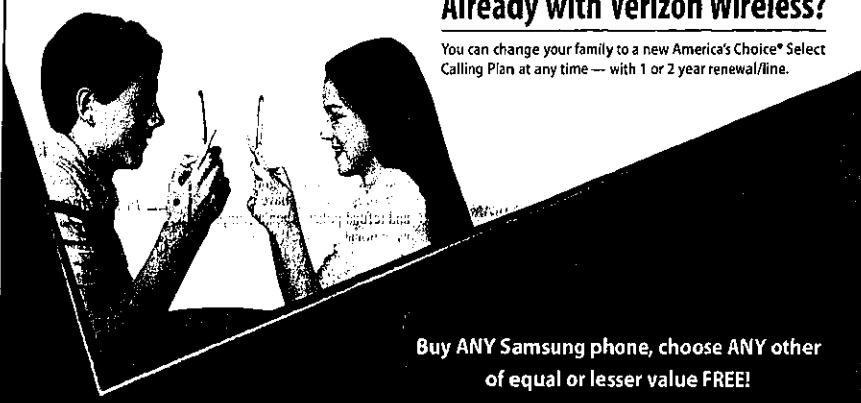
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## Love your pets, watch their food

By Tracy Mishler  
NEWS SPECIAL WRITER

Heather Roberts considers her eight dogs part of the family.

The 35-year-old employee of Gone to the Dogs in Novi said she would do anything to make sure her pets are healthy, including the dozens she watches over on a daily basis.

Roberts, like most people across the United States, was concerned when the Food and Drug Administration announced in March that several brands of pet food for both cats and dogs had been contaminated, causing several animals to get sick and die.

"Of course it's scary," Roberts said. "We don't want anything to happen to any animals, especially our daycare dogs. They might as well be our own dogs."

Roberts said since the announcement in March, Gone to the Dogs had one client who thought she might have some of the recalled pet food.

"We do have informational handouts for our clients to keep them informed," she said. "And since the recall, anytime anyone has questions about the food they're buying, we tell them to look at the ingredients."

### What happened to the food?

On March 16, due to ingredients contaminated during produc-

### Show your pet some love

National Pet Week is May 6-12, founded in 1981 by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and the Auxiliary to the AVMA.

National Pet Week allows pet owners to celebrate their love of pets. The week's goals are to promote responsible pet ownership, celebrate the human-animal bond and promote public awareness of veterinary medicine.

According to a 2001 American Veterinary Medical Association study of all U.S. households, 36 percent of the population owned dogs, 31 percent owned cats, 4 percent owned birds and almost 2 percent owned horses.

For more information on National Pet Week, visit [www.nationalpetweek.org](http://www.nationalpetweek.org).

### Pet food recall list

Visit [www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/petfoodrecall](http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/petfoodrecall) for a complete list of pet food brands recalled.

tion, Menu Foods, Inc. recalled cat and dog food sold between Dec. 3, 2006, and March 6, 2007, along with a number of other brand names sold.

The present recall of more than 100 cat and dog food products pulled from the shelves can be blamed on the chemical melamine, used in fertilizer and plastics manufacturing.

The FDA recently announced 16 dogs and cats have died as a result of eating contaminated foods, although more illnesses and deaths are suspected.

"So far there's been a relatively low number of sickness and death," said Dr. Joe Osbourne,

veterinarian and owner of Meadowbrook Veterinary in Novi. "Cats have been particularly more affected than dogs, but it's still a really sad thing."

Osbourne said he personally has not treated sick animals as a result of the pet food recall, but his clinic did treat a cat that had been clinically affected, causing kidney problems.

He said while food is still watched closely, consumers should read the ingredient labels carefully and avoid rice and wheat gluten products.

"The common denominator is a grain gluten from China," he said. "Wheat and rice glutes are imported to the United States, where the problem lies. Corn gluten is domestic."

The most recent theory regarding the food contamination, according to the Food and Drug Administration, is that Chinese suppliers added melamine to certain ingredients low in protein to make sure they would test high enough to be labeled as protein supplements.

### What's safe?

According to the Food and Drug Administration, if you have recalled pet food, return it to the store where it was bought.

"Stores generally have a return and refund policy when a company announces a recall of its product," according to FDA officials. "If you cannot return the pet food immediately, store the food in a secure place where pets and children cannot get to it."

According to several area grocery stores, including Kroger,

Farmer Jack and Meijer stores, all contaminated pet food has been pulled from the shelves.

Brands such as America's Choice, Mighty Dog and Iams labels were pulled from all Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company stores, owners of Farmer Jack.

Alpo Prime Cuts in Gravy wet dog foods, Del Monte Pet Products including Jerky Treats, Gravy Train, Beef Sticks and Pounce Meaty morsels brands were also pulled from all Kroger Company stores, including many more.

The Food and Drug Administration said the investigation of pet food would continue until they are completely satisfied that the cause of the contamination has been eliminated.

### Love your pet

Doreen Poupard said she completely taken her dog off wet canned dog food, and will continue to keep her cat on prescription food.

"It's a shame," said Poupard, of Novi. "I think they should have done something earlier."

She said the pet food recall can be emotional for many people, but you have to do the best you can with it.

"Talk to people in the pet stores," she said. "You have to find out as much as you can and act accordingly."



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Heather Roberts, owner of Novi's Gone to the Dogs daycare, feeds American cocker spaniels "Kramer," left, and "Maggie" right. Dick Van Patten's Natural Balance dog food is all natural, and trusted by Roberts.

Poupard said the best thing people can do to ensure their pets are safe is to take the emotional part of the equation and talk to as many people as you can.

"Get your head in and talk to people," she said. "I don't consider my dog as part of my family,

but he adds to my life.

"You care about them, love them and try to keep them safe and healthy. That's about all you can do."

Tracy Mishler is a freelance writer for the Novi News.



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American cocker spaniel "Maggie" checks out some kibbles in the hand of Gone to the Dogs doggie daycare owner Heather Roberts. Many pet owners have been concerned about their animals' foods after recent poisonings severely affected dogs and cats.

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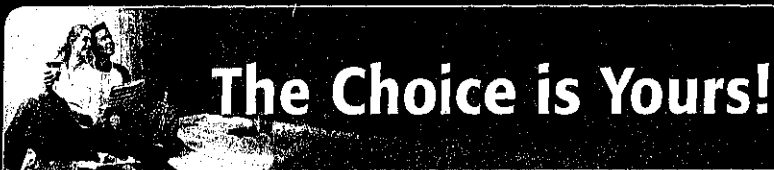
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## Local superintendents respond to funding cuts

**■ Citizens urged to talk to Lansing**

By Pam Fleming  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

School superintendent Peter Dion received bad news this week — a letter from State Budget Director Robert Emerson on Monday announcing school funding cuts for this year.

The cuts, amounting to \$122 per pupil for K-12 students, will become a reality in less than a month unless the Michigan Legislature steps in.

The legislature has 30 days to come up with a plan to save the schools.

An impasse over how to address the state's \$715 million deficit — including lack of consensus on a tax hike — forced cuts.

"We're not going to get any money, so what we've done since Feb. 2 is put a halt to all nonessential items," said Superintendent Peter Dion. "But we're going to continue to run our programs."

"We will also not be replacing people leaving the school district for retirement or other reasons. At \$132 less per student and about 6,350 students, the proposed cut means about \$790,000 less for Novi schools."

"This is going to come out of this year's fund equity because it's too late to cut staff," Dion said. "The school year's almost over."

Those cuts will then be reflected in next year's budget. "We'll just have to cut that amount out of next year's budget," Dion said.

The next question is: "Are we going to get an increase in funding next year?" Dion asked.

"We are being forced to cut costs in one of the premiere school districts in the state," Dion said, which hurts the area's ability to attract businesses, in his opinion.

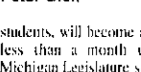
"That's not how you attract businesses in Michigan," Dion said. "Business owners and the public want the type of school districts that Novi and Northville represent."

"There are three reasons people move to Novi — the outstanding school district, it's safe and the location," Dion said. "At a time when we need to attract businesses and jobs, we can't cut school funding."

Dion believes lawmakers need to fix the structure of how schools are funded, and it's not too late for people to contact their legislators about the cuts.

"It's not carved in stone," Dion said. "There's still time for the two parties to get together and resolve this." School ends in Novi and Northville on June 14.

Peter Dion



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This year, C.A.R.E. will be located at Parkway Elementary, 45825 11 Mile Road. Hours of operation are 7 a.m.-6 p.m., and will be closed on July 4. Weekly schedules are due on Wednesday for the following week.

### Novi Places at State Quiz Bowl

More than 700 Michigan high school students from across the state gathered at Michigan State University April 20-21 to participate in a competition started 20 years ago by former Senate Majority Leader Dan L. DeGrow.

The event was sponsored by the Michigan State University Honors College for the seventh time this year. State Quiz Bowl consists of three simultaneous tournaments: Class A, Class B and Class C/D. Quiz teams that have won a league championship or major tournament qualify for this double-elimination competition.

In Class A, the Novi High School team placed third, with Robert Burgos selected to the All

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To secure a spot in this fall's 2007-08 session, parents must register their child at the Child Care Services office at the Instructional Technology Center, 25345 Taft Road, located between 10 and 11 Mile roads. When registering a child (or children), a parent needs to bring the following: A completed registration packet (available on the district's Web site, [www.novi.k12.mi.us](http://www.novi.k12.mi.us)); child's birth certificate or passport; and non-refundable registration fee payment (\$45 for school district residents, \$50 for non-residents).

For more information about the classes, please call the preschool office at (248) 449-1713.

State Quiz Bowl Honorary Team as an exceptional player of the tournament.



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**A Convincing Argument!**  
A team of Novi Middle School students presents an argument for preservation of Novi's open spaces and wetlands to a panel during a class project called "Project Citizen." Groups of students selected a topic that would benefit their communities and then faced a panel of skeptical but encouraging adults who helped focus their efforts.

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The Novi Community School District board of education election is Tuesday, May 8. Five candidates are on the ballot for two four-year terms ending in 2011. Those candidates are school board incumbent David Brown, George Kortlandt, Bobbie Murphy, Craig Parker and Karl Wizinsky. Two incumbents are running for one two-year term ending in 2009: board trustee Jeff Nelson and write-in candidate Marcy Salemi.

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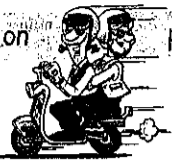


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## Walking into healthier living

By Tracy Mishler  
NEWS SPECIAL WRITER

Ernie Harwell knows walking is key to staying fit. The 89-year-old Novi Fox Run resident serves as the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan's health and fitness advocate, encouraging everyone to be aware of their health, no matter how old they are.

"Walking is inexpensive because you already wear your shoes everywhere," Harwell said. "No matter what your age is, the more active you are the better you are."

Harwell recently spoke at the opening of the "green roof" employee walking path atop the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan's downtown Detroit parking structure during the National Walk @ Lunch Day event.

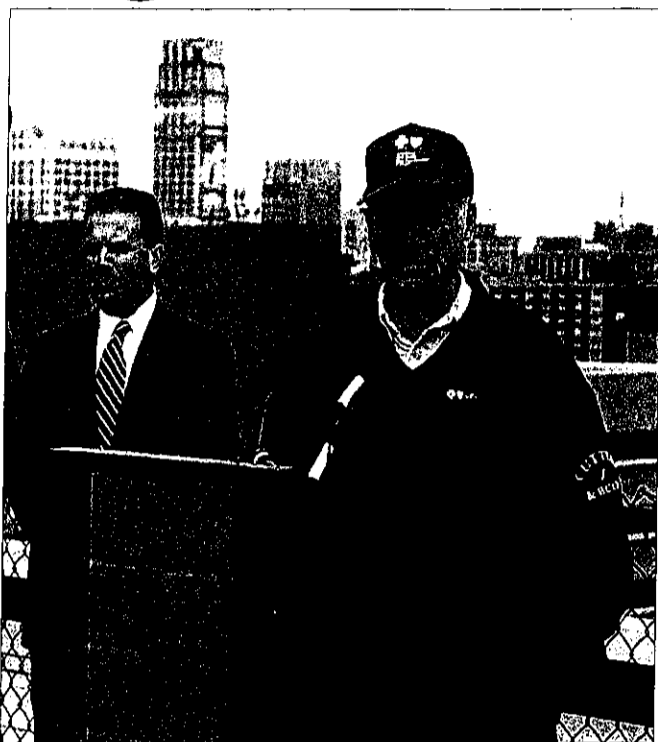
"We encourage everyone to walk," said Helen Stojic, spokesperson for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. "Most American's schedules are very hectic nowadays. What we want to encourage is how easy it is for people to fit a walk into their daily schedules."

Stojic said especially when it comes to seniors, most physicians recommend walking to stay healthy.

"As a health care company, we want to help our members of all ages stay fit and manage conditions they may have," she said. "The Mayo Foundation says walking on a regular basis can reduce the risk of type two diabetes and other ailments."

### Strap on your walking shoes

Rose Lawrence agrees that walking is easy to do. And she takes advantage of the easy workout daily, by walking around her neighborhood and sometimes to the grocery store.



Ernie Harwell, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan's health and fitness advocate, kicked off National Walk @ Lunch Day on the roof top walking path of the Detroit BCBS building.

"Can you believe at 65 years old, I'm walking close to five miles a day, sometimes more," said Lawrence, of Northville Township. "Sometimes I walk up to Farmer Jack for small groceries. It keeps me moving and will hopefully keep me young!" Lawrence said it wasn't until she gained several pounds in her later 50s that she realized she

wasn't going to be around to watch her grandchildren grow up. She sat on the couch watching soap operas all day.

"It wasn't a healthy lifestyle, and I had to change," she said. "I did it for me. I did it for my eight grandchildren."

Harwell said he too has a daily fitness routine. "I do a treadmill everyday and an elliptical machine," he said. "I don't walk like I used to, but the gym keeps me moving."

Lawrence said she encourages all her family members to walk.

### Walking for health

• When done briskly on a regular basis, walking can have many positive impacts on health, including decreasing the risk of a heart attack.

• Walking helps lower low-density lipoprotein cholesterol and raise high-density lipoprotein cholesterol.

• Regular exercise can also help keep your blood pressure in check and reduces your risk of blood clots and irregular heartbeats.

• Walking is the only exercise in which the rate of participation does not decline in the middle and later years.

• In a national survey, the highest percentage of regular walkers for any group was found among men age 65 and older.

• Walking burns about the same amount of calories per mile as running. For example, walking briskly for one mile in 15 minutes burns about the same number of calories as jogging an equal distance in 8.5 minutes.

• In weight-bearing activities like walking, heavier individuals will burn more calories than lighter persons. For example, studies show that a 110-pound person burns about half as many calories as a 216-pound person walking at the same pace for the same distance.

Source: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research and the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

### Take a walk

More than 60 percent of all adults in the United States do not engage in the recommended amount of physical activity. This lack of regular physical exercise can lead to illness and chronic diseases.

Source: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research and the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

get up and walk daily. "It keeps you active and can lower your blood pressure, cholesterol," he said. "I say, 'move those old bones and keep active.'"

According to the Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research, a brisk one-hour walk can burn up to 400 calories for an average person.

"No one wants to be overweight or unhealthy," Lawrence said. "There's no better way to lose weight or stay healthy than taking a walk. It's better to be on your feet than on your butt."

Lawrence said she encourages all her family members to walk.

"The U.S. is the fattest country in the world," she said. "We live on fast food and junk. If everyone would get off their butts and walk a little more, we'd all be healthier and maybe care a bit more."

Tracy Mishler is a freelance writer for the Novi News.

## Webkinz world: Kids buy into latest collectible craze

Parents buy animals as safe, fun outlet for children

By Maureen Johnston  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Nathan Lane was disappointed — not even a poodle left.

Last Friday, the 10-year-old Northville Christian School pupil stood in a line of youngsters aspiring to own a pug, hippo or Chihuahua outside Baby Bliss on Main Street. Word came just 35 minutes after the sale period started: Sorry, sold out until next week.

"We're just lucky to get some in," said store owner Colleen McInnis as she consoled parents, sons and daughters. "It's just constant. Constant phone calls."

If your kid can reach a keyboard and still thinks stuffed animals are cool, chances are your household has heard word of Webkinz.

The latest toy craze that couples cuddly with computers has been a blessing and a curse for McInnis.

### Supply and demand

McInnis and her husband, Trevor, were expecting two shipments of Webkinz again this week. Since the pet-via-the-Internet phenomenon swept into Northville, the merchants have been trying to keep pace with demand for the \$10.95 and \$8.25 plush toys.

"It didn't start getting big until the sidewalk sale (in August)," Trevor said. "Then, it really caught on."

"When school started, it went crazy," he said. Baby Bliss received a shipment of 80 animals and quickly sold out. The couple publicized their sale period via e-mail to their 400-

member mailing list containing families from Northville, Novi and beyond.

"It can be anything — we just say we have Webkinz coming in," Colleen said. "You'll know when you get here what we got in."

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### Tied to the computer?

On the Webkinz Web site, the plush toy maker offers the following suggestions for limiting your child's time on the computer with their adopted pet:

• Allow time to play in the Webkinz World after he or she has completed homework and chores.

• Discuss what is an appropriate amount of time for Webkinz play and set a timer.

• Encourage offline play with the plush toy, such as drawing the rooms they'd like to design, making pictures of their pet and inviting friends over to play with pets.

Source: www.webkinz.com

started as young as preschool. Just two years after their introduction, he said Webkinz are the ticket across the elementary school set.

"They bring them to school," Colleen said. "They play with their friends online."

After nearly joining the Webkinz club Friday, Lane pinned his hopes on a subsequent shipment.

"I have like 15 friends who have them," Lane said. He knew his mom, Lauren, supported his quest.

"He just wanted one and went online to order one, and his friend told him he could get them here," Lane said. "We had no idea this is where everyone went to get them."

"We'll be back," Maureen Johnston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107, or via e-mail at mjohnston@gannett.com.



Sisters Lauren, 9, left and Caitlin Goyer, 11, were some of the excited few who found their Webkinz stuffed animals at Northville's Baby Bliss store on Main St. last Friday.

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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, May 9, 2007.  
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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Our Endorsements

When voters head to the polls Tuesday, we encourage them to cast their ballots for challengers Bobbie Murphy and Karl Witznosky for four-year seats on the Novi School Board and for incumbent Jeff Nielsen for the two-year position.

With four children in the district, Murphy has been involved in a wide variety of school programs as well as the community at large. She offers intelligent, fresh ideas and a true desire to listen - and respond to - the voices of parents. We like the fact that she's opposed to schools of choice for Novi; wants more community forums; could serve as a bridge between Deerfield parents and administration; supports the international baccalaureate program; and wants to establish elementary curriculum that prepares students for a global economy.

Witznosky, a 30-year resident, brings a wealth of business world experience to the table - something that is going to be invaluable as the district faces some extremely tough financial decisions in the near future. He's against the idea of a charter school here; is in favor of the international baccalaureate program; and, as a parent of Novi school children for 24 years, has a history of involvement in the district.

Nielsen was appointed to fill a vacancy on the board last October. Prior, he was on the Redistricting Committee. Like the above candidates, he opposes school of choice here as well as a charter school. He listens to those the district has hired - teachers and administration - and uses their opinions to determine what direction the board should take.

We feel these three candidates will bring positive ideas and action to this district.

Although no one can deny that the state of Michigan's economy is in poor condition, we feel approval of the \$24.6 million bond proposal is a good decision for the future of Novi schools.

Due to debt retirement and refinancing, the current debt tax levy will drop next year from 6.20 to 5.17 mills, and bump up to 5.65 with bond approval - still .54 less than now.

The three aspects of the bond - security, technology and facility improvements - will all keep Novi ahead of the competition. Kids will be safer; they'll have up-to-date tools to learn with; and they'll all be in adequate and equitable facilities.

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Tax increase may solve state woes

Michigan is teetering on the brink of insolvency, but our leaders in Lansing can't seem to get their act together to fix it. How come?

We're being paralyzed by a rich mix of motivations, ranging from fierce partisanship to rigid ideology to the power of special interests to outright inexperience. But a big part of it is simple: Fear.

The single most powerful force in Lansing today is the wide-spread belief that any legislator who votes for any tax increase of any sort will be dead meat and probably recalled on the spot.

All this stems from a series of events that took place nearly a quarter of a century ago, when former Gov. James Blanchard, newly in office and facing a budget deficit even bigger than this one, signed a law temporarily raising the state income tax.

That resulted in the recall of two Democratic state senators, giving the GOP control of the state senate, which they have kept ever since. That event also made one John Engler senate majority leader, and the rest, as they say, is history.

This story has assumed such mythic status, and looms so important in the minds of so many decision-makers in Lansing, that it's worthwhile retelling. Except this time, we need to examine what really happened - and take a clear-eyed

look at the lessons to be learned from it. The fact is that while the politics of the increase could have been handled better, it was needed, and it worked to bail out the state without permanently increasing taxes.

Flashback to November, 1982, when Blanchard, best known as the congressman who engineered the Chrysler bailout, was elected. Things were grim in Michigan. The auto industry was in the tank.

Our unemployment rate peaked at 17 percent. Interest rates were high and Michigan had the lowest credit rating in the nation. State government faced an enormous budget deficit.

The new governor cut spending by \$225 million (that's around \$480 million in today's dollars) and delayed payments to try to cover the cash shortage. He also convened a financial crisis advisory panel that concluded that spending cuts alone could not get the job done.

So he called for a tax increase in his State of the State speech, narrowly got it through the legislature, and on March 30, 1983 signed a temporary 38 percent increase hiking the income tax, from 4.6 per cent to 6.35 per cent - retroactive to the first of the year. He said the tax hike was necessary "to rescue the state from bankruptcy."

Critics howled. They focused their anger on two newly elected

Democratic state Senators, both narrow winners in marginally Republican districts: Phil Mastin, a three-term state House member from Pontiac and David Serotkin, a lawyer and state legislator from Mount Clemens. Fanned by conservative talk radio and grass roots organizing, recall petitions were successfully circulated in both districts. On Nov. 22, 1983, both Mastin and Serotkin were overwhelmingly recalled, giving the GOP control of the state senate.

Immediately, Blanchard's favorable ratings dropped from 60 per cent to 30 percent. But they didn't stay there, and rose as it became apparent the tax increase was working. Less than two years later, a ballot proposal that would have rolled taxes of all kinds back to where they were in 1981 was overwhelmingly defeated.

Blanchard rebounded to defeat Wayne County Sheriff Bill Lucas by the greatest margin in modern Michigan history, 68-31. Polls showed he could have defeated any Republican candidate.

These days, the former governor is an influential Washington lawyer and lobbyist. He still has a home in Oakland County. When I asked him what lessons could be drawn from his tax increase, he was forthright: "Everybody recognized that something had to be done about revenue, even though a lot of

It's Building Safety Week

Earlier this year the City of Novi merged the Building, Planning and Ordinance Enforcement functions to create the Community Development Department to provide a more streamlined process. As a result of this reorganization, the City has increased accountability for key strategic outcomes and improved coordination of processes.

The City of Novi Community Development Department is joining with building departments across America to celebrate Building Safety Week from May 6 through 12. First observed in 1980, Building Safety Week seeks to raise public awareness of building safety by promoting the use, enforcement, and understanding of building codes and fire prevention codes in the nation. Building Safety Week is sponsored by the International Code Council Foundation, an organization dedicated to changing the devastating effects of natural disasters and other building tragedies at home and around the world.

We often say that people don't pay attention to building safety issues until a disaster occurs. But building and fire codes affect you and your loved ones every day. Inspectors, plan reviewers, and others in the City of Novi Community Development Department work to ensure that the structures you and your families live, work, attend school, worship, and play in are safe. By doing our jobs each day, we provide the first line of defense from building disasters. We are silent defenders who are seldom seen but

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In 2006, the City of Novi Community Development Department issued 187 permits for new construction of single-family homes and 211 permits for commercial activity. Those 20,418 "call in" inspections provide the City with building, plumbing, heating, and electrical.

The City of Novi Community Development Department now provides all residential forms, a large number of non-residential forms and informational literature on the City's redesigned website at www.cityofnovi.org or at the Civic Center, which is located at 45175 West Ten Mile Road. You may also contact the Community Development Department at (248) 347-0415.

The City of Novi Community Development Department is a member of the International Code Council, an association that develops the most widely adopted building codes in the nation. Building Safety Week is sponsored by the International Code Council Foundation, an organization dedicated to changing the devastating effects of natural disasters and other building tragedies at home and around the world.

John Hines
City of Novi Building Official

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Novi

Playing into Cho Seung-Hui's hands

As much as I truly feel the public should receive the whole story I have to wonder if our actions made today will haunt our nation in the future. This is what Cho Seung-Hui wanted. Indirectly, by releasing his degraded package to the public, we have followed a portion of his plan, and I fear for his conclusion.

In an age consumed with reality television, sharing personal video footage online as well as informational websites practically making stalking a national pastime, I find we are genuinely curious. We want to sit there, hear the facts and play detective to draw our own conclusions. However, what we do not realize is

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The day my Blackberry almost died

I had a sick feeling when I woke up that morning. It was the day that I thought my dear Blackberry died. I never realized how much I needed and longed for her.

I felt it coming on the night before. I figured, no, she could not be sick; "all would be better in the morning," I thought.

"Why," I wondered "was my sweetheart, my Blackberry, just laying there, no beeps, no vibrations, and no emails?" I could feel the beads of sweat building on my forehead. I felt a bit clammy. I kept picking up my trusty Blackberry every few minutes, just to feel her pulse, her warmth - but nothing.

I rolled over a few times during that long night to caress my leathery Blackberry but she had no life. Up until that point, she had always lit up any room she entered. That night her trusty face provided a dim glow in my bedroom but no emails. She was as lifeless as my old eight-track tapes piled in the corner. "All will be fine in the morning," I promised as I rolled over and attempted to get some sleep. I wanted to be strong in the morning for Blackberry; I felt she needed me as much as I needed her.

With the first beam of the morning sun streaking across my bed, I once again reached out to pull Blackberry close. I

could feel the blood drain from my face as I looked wistfully into her screen with such great anticipation of seeing emails - from my colleagues in China a world away or my Mail Street Journal electronically nestled on my Blackberry porch. But I

gasped when the screen did not even light up, not even as much as a wink.

I stumbled out of bed in a stupor just to get my sweet Blackberry quickly attached to her battery recharger. I plugged her in for what seemed like hours, but were really only minutes, and much to my relief, Blackberry began to regain her color. Her screen was glowing again, just like the first time I looked longingly into her face. Once again, she was lighting up the room!

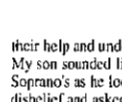
However, my quickly turned to despair as I looked at Blackberry's face, only to have just the same messages from the day before, staring back at me. I gasped. "Nothing new? How could this be happening to me? Why me?" I screamed to no one in particular.

I was in no mood to talk to others. The others in my household had grown accustomed to me, my thumbs firmly positioned on Blackberry, with my face silently staring into her face. It was a strange sensation, as I turned first to my son and then my daughter, pleading for



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Think about it. Seung-Hui has not only credited past school terrorists Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold from the Columbine High School Massacre in 1999 as martyrs, but he has also made "rich brats with hedonistic needs" a stereotypical, yet very tangible target. In twisted justification Seung-Hui compares himself to Jesus Christ, meaning that his wrath and suicide is meant to inspire generations of weak and defenseless people. He wanted to use his horrific thoughts; he wanted to be publicizing him. I guarantee he wanted this to live on, to create a following.

No doubt Seung-Hui was mentally ill, but what about those who feel troubled and alienated? Will they turn to this as the answer? I do not know the future, but I do know we need to reach out for prevention. Actions of this magnitude are beyond logic, beyond reason. However, that does not mean they are beyond prevention. Gun control will not solve this. Classroom plans of retaliation are not the answer either.

Solutions are found in awareness, assistance, compassion and understanding. We do not need another Charles Whitman. We do not need terror on our campuses. Institutions of learning are sanctuary, not a place where innocent students die. What I hope those who feel despair to realize is Cho Seung-Hui was delusional. He did not die for his children, his brothers or his sisters. He killed our children, our brothers and our sisters. The blood will always be on his hands, but change is on ours.

About Phil Power

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan, and was a regent of the University of Michigan from 1987 to 1999. He is also president and founder of The Center for Michigan, a moderate think-and-do tank. These opinions and others expressed in his columns are his own and do not in any way represent official policy positions of The Center for Michigan. Phil would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@chcenter.net.

"NOTAX"

"Voting for a tax increase doesn't necessarily mean you face certain recall," Harrington says. "You have to do your homework, set out the alternatives and make the case. But you ... have to combine that with real expenditure cuts."

So does a legislator who votes for a tax increase automatically get recalled? There's no doubt that a vote for a tax hike gives opponents a political opening. But getting bipartisan support for the tax increase is extraordinarily important. Former Republican governor Milliken was able to arrange bipartisan support for tax increases without much political damage. And even Blanchard, who acted courageously without Republican support, ultimately was re-elected. And the vast majority of legislators who supported his tax boost faced no recall efforts and had no trouble at all. These days, the times are again very grim, and the pressure is fast building.

There is even less of a collegial atmosphere in Lansing, and it's particularly hard to get bipartisanship on tax matters these days. That's because many lawmakers signed a "no tax" pledge, and anti-tax groups like the Michigan Taxpayer Alliance are running around with "Recall" posters in their hands.

What is clear is that no matter what the solution to our present financial crisis may finally be, our leaders have to put everything on the table while negotiating. The no-tax dogma is terribly rigid, risks financial disaster, and represents a misreading of history. There is a "Grand Bargain" available, and most people in Lansing know it: Cut government expenditures big time (including some symbolic ones like judges' cars and perks for legislators) and drag the tax system kicking and screaming into the 21st century.

We need to get this figured out, and done, before it's too late.

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OPINION

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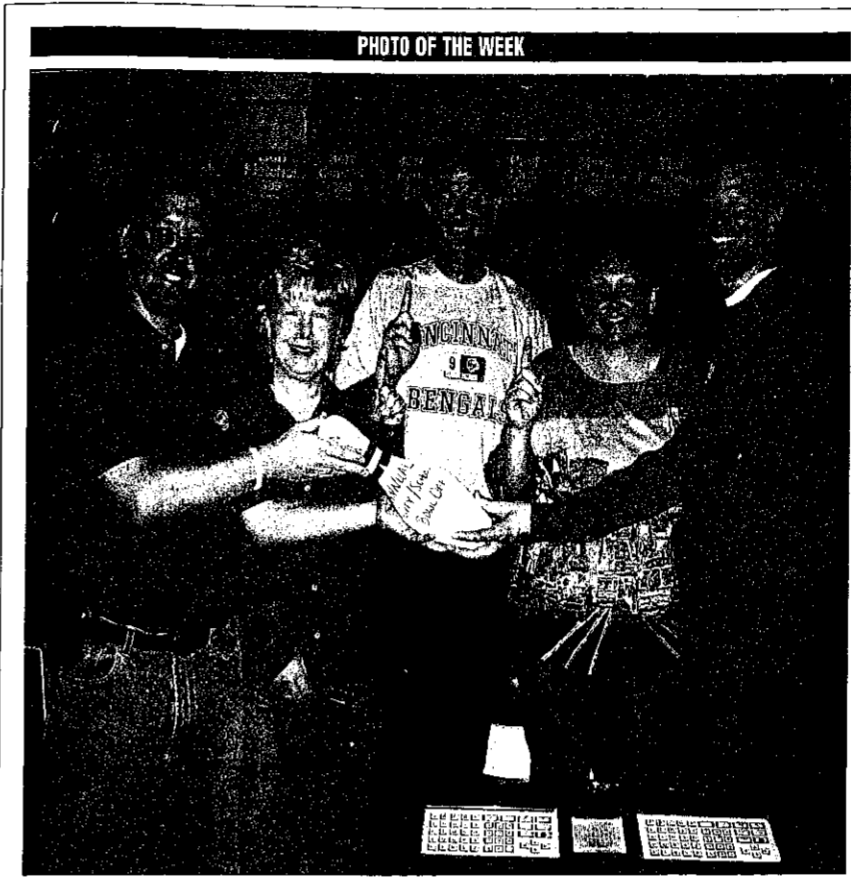


PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Courtesy photo

For the youth

A total of \$16,500 was raised March 10 for Novi Youth Assistance at the annual Bowl-A-Thon at Novi Bowl. The City Team beat the School Board Team, and the Fire Department reclaimed the pin from the Police Department. A record number of bowlers - 160 - participated. Pictured (l to r) are Jeff Nielsen, Novi School Board; Judy Michaud and Randy Auler, Novi Parks & Rec; Shannon James, Novi Senior Center; and Clay Pearson, city manager. Individual winners included: Chuck Piper, men's high game; Jonathan Fairlamb, men's high series; Michelle Steiner, women's high game; Ashley Earl, women's high series; Jason Carlos, boy's high series; Scott Czeke, boy's high game; Leslie Brown, girl's high series; Alex Dinsler, girl's high game; Katie Racon, women's high pledge amount; and Jeff Nielsen, men's high pledge amount.

LETTERS

Ann Marie Nelson
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Join the Relay effort

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Property values stalling should be seen as good news by the anti-tax crowd. It will mean less taxes for homeowners to pay. They should all be pleased.

Michigan can't pay its bills and all the [all taxes are bad] Republicans can say is, "Cut spending." They know taxes are needed but they want Democrats to take the blame and do the hard work. Twelve years, of John Engler tax cuts got us here, and why didn't the Republican run legislature under Gov. Engler cut the wasteful spending back then?

Spending cuts alone won't do; we also need to increase revenue. We could raise the income tax. We have lived with higher income taxes before, and it would be less painful than some other taxes, with less income you pay less, and those with more income would pay more.

Do I want to pay more? No! Do I want a financially sound and growing state? Yes! And voters made that choice last November.

The Republicans should stop the partisan politics and help our re-elected Democrat Governor get our state back on track.

Chuck Tindal
Novi

Our city will once again host Relay for Life of Novi, the national signature fundraiser of the American Cancer Society, at Novi Middle School on June 2-3. As the coordinators of this event, we invite our citizens, businesses and neighbors to join us in an effort to raise money for cancer research and the programs and services offered by the Society.

How can you help? You may wish to form a team, join a team or just donate to the cause at www.cancersociety.org/relayforlife/novi. You could also make a donation for a luminaria - long in memory of, or in honor of, a person with cancer. As a business or individual you may wish to donate items for our silent auction.

We invite everyone to join us on the weekend of June 2-3 at the Novi Middle School stadium. Please be sure to put this important date on your calendar and show your support in the fight against cancer. Any questions can be addressed by contacting the following people.

Thank you in advance for your support!

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**HOT TICKET: Novi's firefighters heat up the stage Friday at Rock Financial Showplace**

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**MY BULLETIN BOARD**

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**EVENTS**

**Book Signing**

DATE: Saturday, May 5, 2007  
TIME: 2-4 p.m.  
LOCATION: Borders Express, Twelve Oaks Mall  
DETAILS: Colleen Burcar, author of "Michigan Curiosities" and "You Know You're in Michigan When...", will be present to sign copies of her books.

**Novi Chorales Spring Concert**

DATE: Saturday, May 12, 2007  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Forest Auditorium, Novi High School  
DETAILS: The Chorales will perform their spring concert, "Encore!", featuring songs we remember, like to sing, and like to hear one more time. Tickets are \$12 per person and are available at the Novi Parks Department, Novi Senior Center, from any Chorale member and at the door.  
CONTACT: Dick Bayert (248) 349-3267

**Democrats of West Oakland County**

DATE: Tuesday, May 15, 2007  
TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Sowaki and Kabob Restaurant, 31150 Novi Road  
DETAILS: Free Press columnist and talk show host Rochelle Riley to speak on key issues for today's democrats.  
CONTACT: Jim Gaudoni (248) 624-7228

**Book Club Meeting**

DATE: Friday, May 18, 2007  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: Starbucks, 302 East Main St., Northville  
DETAILS: "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," Ken Kesey  
CONTACT: northvillebookclub@gmail.com

**Wine Tasting Event**

DATE: Thursday, May 31, 2007  
TIME: 6-8 p.m.  
LOCATION: Mezra Mediterranean Grille, 42050 Grand River  
DETAILS: Features 50 wines from area's selective distributors; hors d'oeuvres will be served; order wines at special pricing; purchase advance tickets at or by the bottle, 25875 Novi Road or at Mezra for \$25 per person, \$30 at the door.  
CONTACT: (248) 344-8992

**Artrain USA "America's Hometown Art Museum"**

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-6 p.m., June 8-12  
LOCATION: 840 N. Pontiac Trail  
DETAILS: Public can tour three galleries and Artist's Studio on board vintage railcars. Exhibit includes "Native Views: Influences of Modern Culture," recently designated an American Masterpiece by the National Endowment for the Arts. Children can participate in an exhibition "Scavenger Hunt."  
CONTACT: Cathy Behrens (248) 624-4847 or Train Travel, Inc. (248) 960-9440; also visit www.train-roads.com or www.ArtrainUSA.org.

**Farmers Market**

DATE: Every Wednesday through the end of October  
TIME: 7 a.m.-1 p.m.  
LOCATION: Walled Lake City Hall Field (between Dasher and Pontiac Trail), Walled Lake  
DETAILS: Vendor applications currently accepted; cost of booth is \$12 per day, special discounts are offered.  
CONTACTS: Call Janell Joyce (248) 624-4847 for application and other information.

**Females in the Family Business Affinity Group**

TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. Third Thursday of every month  
LOCATION: Walsh College Troy Campus  
DETAILS: Walsh Business Leadership Institute invites women who own, are partners in, or work for family businesses. Items discussed will be common

**CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE**

**Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce**  
The Greater Novi Chamber is a nonprofit business association. We provide enjoyable networking opportunities for our members;

act as a bridge between local business and government; help businesses stay aware of other member's services and products and the activities of their community. For more information, contact: Whitney McClellan, executive director (248) 347-4622 or wmgccc@yahoo.com. For event listings: www.greaternovichamber.com.

**Sales Leads Group**  
TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 10 and May 24  
LOCATION: Hoodler's of Novi  
DETAILS: Serious networking on a weekly basis.  
CONTACT: Michelle Winn (248) 835-3754

**Arts Round Table**  
TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m., Tuesday  
LOCATION: MXX Lounge  
DETAILS: Join this eclectic group to discuss art and culture in the area. No charge.  
**Neighborhood Round Table**  
TIME/DATE: 3 p.m., Thursday, May 17  
LOCATION:  
DETAILS: Come and brainstorm about bringing more conventions and visitors to the area and create a new name for the group. The group will meet on the second Thursday of every month.

**82B Breakfast**  
TIME/DATE: 7:45 a.m.  
Wednesday, May 16  
LOCATION: Komica Minolta, 46821 Enterprise Ct.  
DETAILS: For members \$5, non-members \$10.  
**After Hours at Andiamo**  
TIME/DATE: 5-7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, May 17  
LOCATION: Andiamo  
DETAILS: Hosted by Financial Round Table Group. Information provided regarding identity theft, 401Ks, insurance and more. For members \$10, non-members \$15.

**Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce**

Since 1963, the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce has proudly served as West Oakland's Regional Chamber, servicing the communities of Commerce Township, Union Lake, Walled Lake, Waterford, Wixom, Wolverine Lake and White Lake. Our purpose is to improve the quality of life for businesses and residents in the Lakes area. We act as a unified voice on behalf of the business community, provide a forum to discuss and review topics of interest, serve as a source of information and develop programs that are responsive to the needs of the communities we serve.

**Evening Connection**  
TIME/DATE: 5:30-7:30 p.m., May 10  
LOCATION: Pure Salon and Day Spa, 38800 W. 14 Mile, Commerce Township  
DETAILS: Purchase a special Mother's Day surprise.

**Novi Chamber of Commerce**

The chamber is celebrating 40 years of business, representing over 500 members. Our mission is to be a responsible, proactive advocate of business interests in the greater Novi area. We are a business and professional people working together to enhance the life of our community and the businesses in it. For more information, visit www.novichamber.com or contact the chamber office at (248) 349-3743

**Wild West Casino Night**

DATE: Saturday, May 19, 2007  
TIME: 6-10 p.m.  
LOCATION: Lucky Strike Lanes, Fountain Walk  
DETAILS: Enjoy a night of friends, fun, food, poker, silent auction and casino games. This is a great opportunity to get exposure for your company. Be a sponsor or donate a prize.

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issues, and women can share solutions in a nonthreatening, noncompetitive, non-sales round-table. Registration is required.  
CONTACT: Jan Hubbard, jhubbard@valshcollege.edu

**CLASSES**

**Providence Center for the Healing Arts**

LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi  
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455  
**Wanted: One-Time Art Workshop Instructors**  
DETAILS: We are looking for people who have an art or craft that they would like to share in our series of one-time workshops. Please call (248) 465-5455 if interested.  
**Colored Pencil Workshop**  
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., second Tuesday of every month  
DETAILS: The cost is \$2. Beginners are welcome.  
**Caramels Class**  
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday  
DETAILS: There is a \$10 materials fee.  
**Knit'n' Yarns**  
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m.  
Wednesday  
DETAILS: Join others and create hats and shawls for those in need.

**Tai Chi Class**

TIME/DATE: 10:15-11 a.m., Thursday  
DETAILS: Ancient Chinese exercise used to improve flexibility, balance, strength, no experience necessary. cost \$5.  
**Meditation**  
TIME/DATE: 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Thursday  
DETAILS: Learn proper breathing techniques that can be used at home or on the job to help reduce stress; class held in reflection studio, Cancer Center.

**Yoga Classes**

TIME/DATE: 12:30-1:15 p.m. Monday (for backs), 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday (for strength & endurance); 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Wednesday (for backs); 12:30-1:30 p.m. Friday (for backs)  
DETAILS: The cost is \$10 for walk-in; \$80 for 10-class card; \$70 for seven-week evening session. Registration required.  
**Massage**  
TIME/DATE: Various times, Monday and Thursday  
DETAILS: Therapeutic massage is effective for stress and tension, chronic fatigue, pain and headaches. Everyone is welcome. Patients undergoing treatment should bring physician's referral. Call for an appointment. The cost is \$50 for a 90-minute session.

**Oakland Physical Therapy, PC**

LOCATION: 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi  
CONTACT: (248) 380-3550  
**Conditioning for Cycling**  
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Tuesday  
DETAILS: An overview of musculoskeletal conditioning for cycling; emphasis on stretching and strengthening exercise for muscles commonly involved in altered cycling biomechanics.  
**Tennis Elbow**  
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 30  
DETAILS: Lecture and demonstration for those with arthritis interested in starting an exercise program and those currently involved in an exercise program.

**Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southwest Garden Sale**

DATE: Saturday through May 29  
SCHEDULE: 7:45-9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday and Sunday  
LOCATION: 1000 Beck Road, Wixom  
DETAILS: The Garden Center will offer annuals, perennials, hanging baskets and much more.

**Jeanne Clarke Summer Teen Center**

DATE: Monday thru Thursday, June 18-July 27  
TIME: noon-5:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Caterina at Novi High School, 24082 Tall Road  
DETAILS: Summer fun for teens going into 6th-8th grades; have pool, movies, bowling, music, video games, laser tag, field trips. Detroit Tigers, lock-in, tournaments, sports, Cedar Pointe.  
CONTACT: (248) 624-3772 or admin@walledlakelibrary.org

**Walled Lake City Library**

LOCATION: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake  
CONTACT: (248) 624-3772  
**Evening Story Hour**  
TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Thursdays  
DETAILS: Drop-in story time is for children ages 3-5.  
**Toddler Time**  
TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays  
DETAILS: Children ages 2-3 are invited for a story hour.  
**eBay Workshop**  
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 15  
DETAILS: Learn how to buy and sell on eBay in this introductory workshop presented by Richard Truxal; free and open to public.  
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**Wixom Public Library**

LOCATION: 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom  
CONTACT: (248) 624-2512  
**NOVI SENIOR CENTER**  
Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Complex, 25075 Meadowbrook Road  
Friday  
9 a.m.: Stretch & Strength  
10 a.m.: Body Recall  
11 a.m.: Medicare with Jack  
Main  
noon: Lunch  
12:30 p.m.: Dupl. Bridge  
1 p.m.: Bingo

**Novi Public Library**

LOCATION: 45245 W. Ten Mile Road  
HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday  
CONTACT: (248) 349-0720  
Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library.  
**Story Times**  
DATE: Session #5 through May 18  
DETAILS: No registration needed. Brochure listing the days and times of each drop-in Story Time session are available in the library.  
**Mother-Daughter Stamping Event**  
DATE: Tuesday

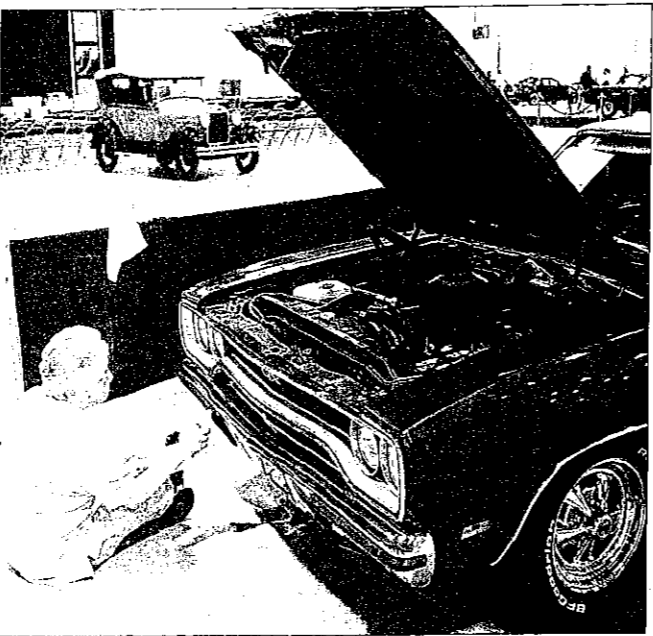


Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News  
Jeff Manon shines up his '70 Plymouth GTX before a classic car auction that took place at Novi's Rock Financial Showplace this past weekend. The auction featured cars from the 1930s and up.

**Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting**

DATE: Tuesday, June 5, 2007  
TIME: 6 p.m.  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

**Novi School Board Meeting**

DATE: Tonight  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Village Oaks Elementary

**Blood Drive**

DATE: Friday, May 11, 2007  
TIME: 1-7 p.m.  
LOCATION: Village Oaks Elementary, 23333 Willowbrook

**Novi High School Band Bottle Drive**

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, May 12  
DETAILS: Students to collect returnables throughout the community.  
CONTACT: Patti Kochyan (248) 348-5155

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**Wixom Public Library**

LOCATION: 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom  
CONTACT: (248) 624-2512  
**NOVI SENIOR CENTER**  
Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Complex, 25075 Meadowbrook Road  
Friday  
9 a.m.: Stretch & Strength  
10 a.m.: Body Recall  
11 a.m.: Medicare with Jack  
Main  
noon: Lunch  
12:30 p.m.: Dupl. Bridge  
1 p.m.: Bingo

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HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday  
CONTACT: (248) 349-0720  
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**Monday 8:45 a.m.: Men's Golf League**

9 a.m.: Stretch & Strength  
10 a.m.: Body Recall  
noon: Lunch  
12:30 p.m.: Pinocchio  
1-1:30 p.m.: "Removing the Mysteries of Probate Court"  
Tuesday  
8:30 a.m.: Panera Bread  
9-11 a.m.: Line Dance-Intermediate class  
10 a.m.-noon: Computer Lab  
noon: Lunch  
1-3 p.m.: "Ask the Lawyer," by appointment  
1 p.m.: Bingo in Activities Room

**Starlight Story Time**

DATE: Tuesday, May 15  
TIME: 7-9:30 p.m.  
DETAILS: Preschoolers and their parents invited to enjoy bedtime stories. Registration not required.  
**Page-turners**  
DATE: Wednesday, May 16  
TIME: 4:30-5:15 p.m.  
DETAILS: Fifth and sixth grade group to discuss "Crazy Lady," by Jane Conly.  
**Library Board Meeting**  
DATE: Wednesday, May 16  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center  
DETAILS: Community members welcome. Broadcast live on channel 13.

**Walled Lake City Library**

LOCATION: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake  
CONTACT: (248) 624-3772  
**Evening Story Hour**  
TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Thursdays  
DETAILS: Drop-in story time is for children ages 3-5.  
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**Jeanne Clarke Summer Teen Center**

DATE: Monday thru Thursday, June 18-July 27  
TIME: noon-5:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Caterina at Novi High School, 24082 Tall Road  
DETAILS: Summer fun for teens going into 6th-8th grades; have pool, movies, bowling, music, video games, laser tag, field trips. Detroit Tigers, lock-in, tournaments, sports, Cedar Pointe.  
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**CONTACT: Michael M. Meyer, Doctorate of Ministry**

CONTACT: jersungfleming@yahoo.com

**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. Also enjoy a moms night out and other social events.  
CONTACT: Sue Tracz (248) 380-0958

**Friendship Circle**

DATE: Second Thursday of each month  
TIME: 1 p.m.  
LOCATION: St. James Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile Road  
DETAILS: Social group for all widows and widowers.  
CONTACT: Norbert Monson (248) 851-6730, Florence Lovight (248) 477-3032 or Joy Lovatci (248) 348-9138 or joyvald@earthlink.net

**MOMS Club of Novi**

DATE: First Thursday of each month  
TIME: 10 a.m.  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center  
DETAILS: Moms Offering Moms Support (MOMS) is a non-profit support group for

mothers who choose to stay at home with their children or work out of their homes.

CONTACT: jersungfleming@yahoo.com

**Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples**

DATE: Second Thursday of each month  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot, 300 Dorothy St., South Lyon  
DETAILS: This group provides information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their families. Mothers of multiples living in and around the Kensington Valley school conference are all welcome.  
CONTACT: (248) 437-5436 for more information.

**Crohn's & Colitis Support Group**

DATE: First and third Wednesday of each month  
LOCATION: Providence Park Hospital and Medical Center  
TIME: 7-9 p.m.  
DETAILS: Enter facility through southeast entrance. Meeting in Conference Room A, immediately to the left.  
CONTACT: Al Biggs (313) 805-7605 or Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (888) 737-2322.

**Women's Prayer Support**

DATE: Saturday  
TIME: 9-10:30 a.m.  
LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom  
DETAILS: Come for encouragement, help, and prayer. Drop in for five minutes or longer.  
CONTACT: Nancy or Susan (248) 926-8332 or harvestfellowship@comcast.net

**Breast Cancer Support Group**

DATE: Second and fourth Tuesday of each month  
LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commons, Classroom C  
TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.  
DETAILS: No registration needed.  
CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

**Novi Toastmasters**

DATE: First and third Tuesday of each month  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center  
Activities Room, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.  
DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion,

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**First Baptist Church of Novi**

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**Oak Pointe**  
LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit [www.oakpointe.org](http://www.oakpointe.org)  
Sunday Worship  
TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

**St. James Catholic**  
LOCATION: 45325 10 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 347-7778  
Mass Schedule  
TIME/DAY: 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

**Novi United Methodist**  
LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652  
Sunday Worship  
TIME: 9:45 a.m.  
Rummage & Bake Sale  
DATE: Friday-Saturday

**First United Methodist of Northville**  
LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville  
CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or visit [www.fumcnorthville.org](http://www.fumcnorthville.org)  
Sunday Worship  
TIME: 8:15, 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.

**Crosspointe Meadows**  
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Elementary School, 28200 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 427-2700, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or visit [www.crosspointemeadows.org](http://www.crosspointemeadows.org)  
Sunday Worship

TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m.

**St. Paul Lutheran**  
LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville  
CONTACT: (248) 349-3140  
Sunday Worship  
TIME: 8:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.  
DETAILS: Children who turned five before Friday Dec. 1 may register for full or half-day kindergarten at St. Paul's Lutheran School.

**The Baha'i Faith**  
CONTACT: (248) 473-0355 or visit [www.bahai.org](http://www.bahai.org)  
Devotional Gathering  
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m., last Saturday of every month  
LOCATION: 23803 Ripple Creek St., Novi  
DETAILS: This is a gathering focusing on prayers for peace. People of all faiths are welcome.

**First Presbyterian Church of Northville**  
LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.  
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911  
Sunday Worship  
TIME: 9:30 and 11 a.m.  
Single Place Ministries  
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit [www.singleplace.org](http://www.singleplace.org)  
PROGRAM SCHEDULE: 7 p.m. Thursdays

**Divorce Recovery Workshop II**  
DATE: May 17-June 14  
TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.

DETAILS: The cost for the workshop is \$45. Child care is available for toddlers through sixth grade. Register for child care at least two weeks before classes start. Registration for classes required.

**Working Group**  
TIME: 11:30 a.m.  
LOCATION: First, second and fourth Saturday, Big Apple Bagel Shop, 2334 Farmington Road, Farmington. Third Saturday, Panera Bread Co., 34635 Grand River Ave., Farmington  
DETAILS: This is a walking/social group. Everyone is invited.

**St. John Lutheran**  
LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills  
CONTACT: (248) 474-0584 or visit [www.stjohn-lutheran.com](http://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 Road  
CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit [www.faithcommunity-novi.org](http://www.faithcommunity-novi.org)  
Sunday Worship  
TIME: 9, 10:30 a.m.  
Rummage Sale  
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-6 p.m., May 10; 9 a.m.-6 p.m., May 11; Bag Sale 9 a.m.-noon, May 12  
Children's Ark Childcare Open House  
DATE: Saturday, May 12  
TIME: 10 a.m.-noon  
DETAILS: Learn about our summer elementary and pre-school programs; also fall pre-school and day care.

**Gracepointe Presbyterian**  
CONTACT: (248) 497-3178 or e-mail [gracepointe@mac.com](mailto:gracepointe@mac.com)  
Worship Service  
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Sunday, May 20 and June 3  
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.

**HEALTH**

**Dinner with a Doctor**  
DATE: Tuesday, May 15  
TIME: 6:30-8:30 P.M.  
LOCATION: St. John Providence Park Hospital  
DETAILS: Orthopedic physician Dr. Jeffrey Michaelson presents "Maximize Your Exercise-How Hard Should You be Working Out?" Dinner held in conference rooms A and B. Use southeast building entrance. Registration required. No charge.  
CONTACT: (888) 440-7325

**Health Screenings at Meijer**  
LOCATION: 49900 Grand River Ave., Wixom  
DATE: Friday, May 25 and June 22  
DETAILS: The pharmacy at Meijer will offer the following



Shawn Kitzman, left, and Jerry Joseph, both of Brighton, check out a '72 Chevy Nova at last weekend's classic car auction at Novi's Rock Financial Showplace.

tests for low cost: Cholesterol, \$30; Liver Function, \$15; Diabetes Screening, \$4; Hemoglobin A1C, \$30. You will receive results within 15 minutes. All tests include consultation and explanations of results and medications by the pharmacist, also blood pressure check. Appointments are necessary.  
CONTACT: (248) 449-5733

**ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE**

46100 Grand River Ave. Call (248) 348-5600 or visit <http://rockfinancialshowplace.com> for more information.

**International Women's Show**  
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday  
DETAILS: Shop hundreds of unique boutiques for custom jewelry and designer handbags. Sample gourmet foods. Watch chefs create culinary magic live at the Celebrity Cooking Corner. Enjoy a chair massage or makeover. Take in a fashion show. Attend a how-to workshop. Meet Mario Lopez from "Dancing with the Stars." Admission \$8 at the door, \$7 in advance, groups of 20 or more \$7.50 each, youth 6-12 \$4, under 6 free.  
CONTACT: For more information call (800) 849-0248 or visit [www.internationalwomenshow.com](http://www.internationalwomenshow.com).  
Scrapbook Mega Meet  
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, May 10-11; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 12  
DETAILS: The ultimate shopping, learning experi-

ence. Admission \$10 at the door.  
CONTACT: For more information visit [www.megameet.com](http://www.megameet.com).

**CLASS REUNIONS**

**Novi High School Reunion-Classes of 1974-1977**  
DATE: July 28  
DETAILS: A combined class reunion is being planned for the four graduating years.  
CONTACTS: Laurie (Maier) Butler, Class of '74, [lbutler@motorcityharley.com](mailto:lbutler@motorcityharley.com); Claire (Salvo) Kingalhofer, Class of '75, [clairk1@comcast.net](mailto:clairk1@comcast.net); Leigh (Tarczy) Guzowski, Class of '76, [laguzow@alumni.nmu.edu](mailto:laguzow@alumni.nmu.edu); Patty (Pohlman) Mayer, Class of '77, [mayer123@comcast.net](mailto:mayer123@comcast.net)

**Novi High School Reunion-Classes of 1987**  
DATE: Saturday, Aug. 11  
DETAILS: More information coming.  
CONTACT: Call (323) 467-0642 or [NoviHigh@gmail.com](mailto:NoviHigh@gmail.com)

**ONGOING**

**SWOCC Studio Tours**  
LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile Road, Farmington.  
DETAILS: Come in for an up-close look at the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Studios local community television studio.  
CONTACT: Melissa Cohn (248) 473-2840

**Novi Concert Band Rehearsals**  
TIME/DATE: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday  
LOCATION: Novi High School, Taft Road  
DETAILS: Open to all wind and percussion players.  
CONTACT: Dيران Kochyan (248) 348-5135

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**vote Tuesday May 8th**

Paul Wizinsky, NHS Class of 2011

Vote May 8th for Karl Wizinsky - Novi School Board [www.Kartwiz.org](http://www.Kartwiz.org)

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**Detroit Mackenzie High School Class of 1957**

DATE: Friday Oct. 19  
 TIME: 6:30 p.m. to midnight  
 LOCATION: Radisson, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia  
 DETAILS: The cost is \$75 per person. Mail M. vonGlehn, 20997 Chase Drive, Novi, MI 48375 for tickets. The deadline is June 30. Note: The reunion committee is looking for classmates from the class of 1957.  
 CONTACT: June Class-Marj Storch at marjstorch@scopolobal.net, Mary Middleton at mvonglehn@aol.com, Susan (Simon) Geraci (248) 697-9429 or vincigeraci@yahoo.com.; January Class-Eleanor Locke at elocke@aol.com or Dick Bebbington at rbebbesville@yahoo.com.

**Belleville High School Class of 1992**

DATE: Aug. 3-5  
 LOCATION: Eagle Crest Marriott, Ypsilanti  
 CONTACT: Richelle Pales (734) 844-8704 or brtolary@comcast.net

**GOLF OUTINGS**

**27th Annual Catholic Central Golf Outing**

DATE: Monday  
 LOCATION: Walnut Creek Country Club, South Lyon  
 DETAILS: To accommodate all participants, some will golf at Tanglewood, South Lyon. Dinner

and festivities to take place at Walnut Creek Country Club. Register as golfer or sponsor soon.  
 CONTACT: CC Athletic Department (248) 596-3829

**South Lyon High School Baseball 3rd Annual Golf Outing**

DATE: Sunday, June 3  
 TIME: 7 a.m. Registration: 8 a.m. Shotgun Start  
 LOCATION: Coyote Golf Club, 28700 Milford Road, New Hudson  
 DETAILS: Includes 18 holes of golf, continental breakfast, raffle, awards luncheon, \$100 per golfer; hole sponsorships available.  
 CONTACT: (248) 486-6553 or sar416@msn.com

**Novi Lions Club 14th Annual Charity Golf Outing**

DATE: Thursday, July 12  
 TIME: 9 a.m. shotgun start  
 LOCATION: Beacon Hill Golf Club, Commerce Township  
 DETAILS: Proceeds go to Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor. Cost is \$100 per person. Includes 18 holes of championship golf, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, steak dinner, \$25 for advance dinner/silent auction tickets only.  
 CONTACT: Terri D. Taylor (248) 755-2384

**Brighton Hospital Annual Golf Classic**

DATE: Monday, August 13  
 TIME: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Lakelands Golf and

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**Professional Chef Training**  
 DATE: June 5-7  
 TIME: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (except for final day)  
 LOCATION: Schoolcraft College  
 DETAILS: Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Department will offer the "Chef to Chef" program, an initiative bringing culinary professionals into the Schoolcraft instructional kitchens to share expertise of chef instructors with industry practitioners. There will be four concurrent seminars: Artisan Breads taught by certified Master Chef Jeffrey Gabriel; Charcuterie and the Modern Kitchen taught by certified Executive Chef Brian Polkyn; Contemporary Classical Cooking taught by certified Master Chef Dan Hugellier; Plated Dessert Composition taught by certified Master Pastry Joseph Dackler. Each seminar allows 15 participants. Fee is \$850-\$950.  
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**National Day of Prayer**

DATE: tonight  
 TIME: 6 a.m. throughout the day

**Wildflower Walks**

DATE: Friday-Saturday  
 TIME: 10:30 a.m.  
 LOCATION: Maybury State Park

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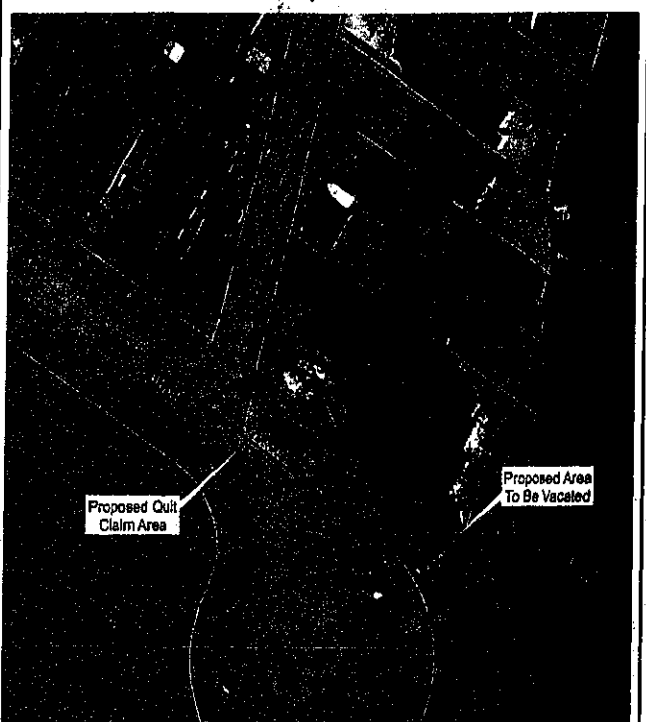
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 LOCATION: Southfield Presbyterian Church, 21575 W. 10 Mile Road, between Lahser

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NOVI**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will hold a Public Hearing regarding the possible vacation of the City's interests in a portion of property located at the intersection of West Lake Drive and South Lake Court described as follows:  
 A parcel of land, part of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 3, T1N, R1E, City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point located 513'43.35'W, 71.73 feet along the easterly line of West Lake Drive (formerly Bentley Avenue, 30 feet wide) and 515'01'34"W, 75.52 feet from the southwest corner of Lot #1 Bentley Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 10 Page 3, Oakland County Records; thence 557'23'25"E 192.22 feet parallel with the northerly line of South Lake Court to the water's edge of Waikid Lake; thence and S08°08'11"W 35.86 feet along the water's edge to the center line of South Lake Court extended easterly; thence continuing along the extension of said center line N57°23'25"W 120.24 feet; thence N33°20'55"W 33.59 feet; thence N50°24'30"W 31.80 feet; thence N34°20'05"W 26.96 feet to the easterly right of way line of West Lake Drive; thence continuing along said line N15°01'04"E 5.16 feet point of beginning. Containing 5302 square feet.



The Public Hearing will take place at the Novi Civic Center - Council Chambers, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, 48375, on Monday, May 14, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend. Any written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's office at the above address. Questions regarding this matter may be directed to the City Clerk at 248-947-0459.

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**Walk on the wild side: Flower tour tomorrow and Saturday**

**Friends of Maybury host full slate of park events**

By Maureen Johnston  
 GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Check out what Mother Nature sprinkled on the forest floor. The woods are bursting with the color of Dutchman's breeches, blood root, yellow trout lilies and trillium. The volunteer group, Friends of Maybury State Park, is hosting two wild flower walks at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow and Saturday.

Friends president George McCarthy said naturalist Selena Browne will point out vegetation varieties and describe the historical use of flowers, roots and bark. "We've done the walk the past three years," he said. "We follow the path and spot anything that's blooming."  
 "Selena adds what it may have been used for in colonial times." Frequent and first-time park visitors will enjoy the seasonal spectacle, McCarthy said. "You're really soaking in the beauty of the flowers and the number that there are," he said. "The woods — you think of it as just the woods — there really are a lot of flowers."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

**Suburban oasis**

The approximate 1,000-acre state park, stretching from Eight Mile to Seven Mile roads between Beck and Napier roads, regularly draws naturalists, cyclists, runners and day campers. The organized walk is one way for area residents unfamiliar with the suburban oasis to venture into the wilderness, former site of the Maybury Sanatorium. In part thanks to Friends volunteer efforts, a self-guided history tour of the tuberculosis institution was dedicated last fall.

As spring finally begins, many wildflowers like these dot the forest floor of Northville's Maybury State Park.

This week, wild flower fans should meet at the concession stand, accessible from the Eight Mile Road entrance.

The guided walk is free, apart from the park entry fee, but the Friends accepts donations toward future programming.

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What: Open to the public  
 What: Wild flower walks  
 Where: Maybury State Park, meeting at concession stand accessible from Eight Mile Road  
 When: 10:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday  
 Cost: Free after park entry fee  
 What: National Trails Day  
 Where: Maybury State Park, meet at the park office accessible from the Beck Road  
 When: 9-30 a.m.-noon Saturday, June 2  
 Cost: Free, park entry fee waived  
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proactive activities in the park, the Friends of Maybury State Park is always open to new members, McCarthy said. The wild flower walks are the latest event hosted by the Friends to acquaint people with the park. Other well-received community outreach programs have included the spring egg hunt, fall Owl Prowl and summer family campout held in cooperation with the Northville Parks and Recreation department. Up next is local observance of National Trails Day Saturday, June 2. Friends volunteers will work on trail maintenance and improvement from 9:30 a.m.-noon.

Maureen Johnston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107, or via e-mail at mjohnstn@gannett.com.

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## The Diamond Castle

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Brothers Kevin and Paul, and father Fred, who began as a watchmaker with Montgomery Ward and later ran stores in Westland and Livonia, have been offering customers the finest quality jewelry with one thing in mind: complete customer satisfaction. It comes as no surprise that Diamond Castle won the 2005 People's Choice award from readers of the Novi News for the best jewelry store in Novi.

Besides specializing in customer service, we also specialize in loose diamonds and diamond engagement rings," said Kevin. All three men are GIA and EGL certified, two very important certifications that signify the expertise and care they put into their work.

Along with their total staff of 35 experienced salespeople, which includes mother Christine Ansara, the Diamond Castle offers such quality products as Bulova, Citizen's, Seaton, and Wittnauer watches — at 25-35% off regular prices. And if a customer doesn't see what he or she wants? No problem. "We can obtain any brand name watch that our customer wants," added Kevin.

How, then, does Diamond Castle offer such good pricing on their merchandise? It all comes down to location-location-location. "We can be more competitive because we don't pay the amount that mall jewelry stores pay," Kevin said. "We own our own building, which keeps our costs down." In addition to keeping costs down, the Ansaras know that the current economy is down, and they are doing their part to help customers. "We are offering more price points because of the economy," Kevin said. "And we can offer 36 months of interest-free payments for customers who are on a budget." Customers interested in making a jewelry purchase from Diamond Castle can apply for credit online at its website, www.diamondcastlejewelers.com.

But Diamond Castle continues to carry the high-end and custom pieces that people don't normally see in other stores. And, like their customers, who they know by first name, they carry special custom jewelry. They also insist on well-known products like The Roman collection by Bellart, which Diamond Castle is proud to represent.

Another reason why customers keep coming back is they know they can always upgrade to a more expensive piece without losing any value from something they had purchased earlier. For example, if a customer buys a loose diamond and two years later doesn't like it, they can come back and purchase a new diamond. Kevin and his staff will give them full credit for the original purchase toward their new diamond. "A lot of women like to come in and we make it easy for them by giving them a credit value," he added. Diamond Castle also aims to make shopping easier for customers when it rolls out its newly redesigned website soon. Currently, customers can visit www.diamondcastlejewelers.com and see what products are sold in the store. Soon they will be able to order the products online and pick them up in person. "We have a complete selection of products," Kevin noted.

Kevin and his Diamond Castle staff serve customers, so they mean and learn all about their jewelry and jewelry. Kevin and his staff are happy to create each customer's buying decision once they choose to make a purchase, they can be sure they are getting the best price available.

"We will give you the best price if we can't apply to apply to any competitor," Kevin said. "We believe in Diamond Castle's business model and competitive advantage. It reflects their philosophy of honesty, a quality that their website also emphasizes. We are again committed to providing high quality customer service, excellent personal service that is simply hard to find elsewhere. For more information, visit the website at 248-442-2440 or stop by the store at 39955 Grand River, one mile and a half west of Novi.

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**SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: LACROSSE**  
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**Confident 'Cats hitting stride**



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Wildcat lacrosse players Travis Blackledge, left, a senior, and juniors Craig Howell, and George Rigel help provide the scoring punch for Novi.

**Novi increases scoring, gets stingy on defense**

By Jeff Thelsen  
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

In high school sports, some teams can survive with a strong offense or a strong defense. Novi lacrosse is winning with both.

After starting the year 1-2, the Wildcats have ripped off six straight wins by an average score of 14.5-4.5.

Second-year Novi coach Nick Asman said the team actually gained a lot of its confidence from its last loss, a 17-9 loss to state-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer.

"Going into the third, I think we were down 9-7," Asman said. "Going into that game, a lot of the kids didn't think they could win that game. It was a little too late when they found out that they could play with those guys."

"I think that was a game where they found

out they really could play at a higher level."

Leading the surge offensively are leading scorer junior Craig Howell, junior George Riegel and senior Travis Blackledge.

"Last year I don't think we had a real confidence that we could score," Asman said. "I don't think we were as capable of making adjustments throughout the game."

Lots of scoring means less work for the defense. Asman said this year's team is better at controlling the ball offensively, which means less opportunities for the other team to score.

Captains of the team include senior goalie Eric Hopler, senior attacker Nick Zoroya and senior defender Brad Petrosky.

Asman said his expertise falls in the defensive area of the game. What he's teaching must be making sense as the Wildcats have only yielded more than 10 goals once this

year. Brighton was limited to three goals. Howell scored two, and Walled Lake Central struck the net just once.

The Brighton game was a highlight for Asman. The Bulldogs were undefeated going in, and they were held scoreless after the first quarter.

"I was real excited about the Brighton game," he said. "There was some uncertainty there ... I think we played a real strong game."

Offseason work has led directly to the Wildcats hot start. Asman said his team played a lot during the offseason, and it's showing on the field. He didn't want to make any predictions as to how his team will end up, but he said he's enjoyed the way the team

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What is SPORTS SPOTLIGHT? Each week, the Novi News takes a closer look at Novi athletes. Have a suggestion? E-mail jtheisen@gannett.com.

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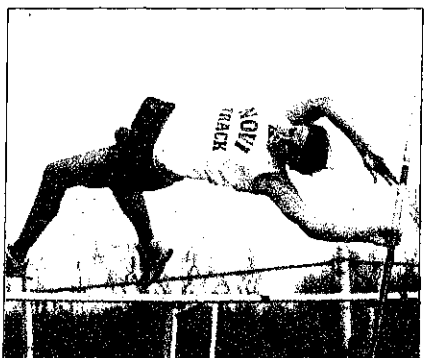


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Wildcat freshman pole vaulter Kaylyn Shelar clears the bar during a home meet against Howell. Shelar will be a junior when the KLAAs begin.

**Novi, Northville to be in same conference, division**

By Jeff Thelsen  
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

A unanimous vote by the KVC teams put the alliance with the Western Lakes Activities Association in full motion.

The new 24-team Kensington Lakes Activities Association is set to start along with the new change of seasons for several sports, beginning the fall of the 2008-09 year.

Cutting down travel was one of the biggest motivators for joining the two leagues.

Novi is now paired with baseline rival Northville, South Lyon, Livonia Stevenson, Salem and the new school being built, South Lyon East.

"It allows us to maintain the best of all worlds," Novi Athletic Director Curt Ellis said. "We had some non-league rivalries that were really important to us as a community, speaking specifically of Northville. We also have some league rivalries that we wanted to maintain and this joint venture really allows us to have the best of both worlds."

"The bulk of our non-conference schedule has been against these teams."

Playing current KVC teams such as Pinckney and Brighton were twice as far as any team in the new division.

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**NOVI NEWS Athlete of the Week**

Novi sophomore Natalie Krick, Golf

Krick shot a Wildcat-low score of 44 on Monday to lead Novi to a 34-stroke win against Howell. She was the second-lowest scorer for Novi at the Bedford tournament with an 85. The Wildcats broke the school record by 10 strokes at the tourney. Krick also was second lowest with a 47 against Lakeland.



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# FUTURE STARS

Submitted to the Novi News

Northville defeated Novi 15-7 last month in the first ever Middle School hockey game between the two school districts.

The game proved that the future of Northville hockey looks bright. This was the first time that boys from the two schools got to experience first-hand a bit of the excitement of playing varsity hockey. Both schools have solid hockey programs, and seeing the ability in these younger players only proves this will continue.



The Northville and Novi middle school hockey teams come together before the first-ever game against each other.



Pat Nemes makes a run for the Shamrocks.

## Nemes leads Shamrocks with 6 goals

Submitted to the Novi News

Catholic Central remains in second place in the Michigan Division I Lacrosse rankings after a decisive victory over Farmington Hills, 15-5.

The CC defense, made up of Justin Bergin, Chad Formica, and Armando (Chief) Munoz only allowed 14 shots on goal. Nemes, led the Shamrocks with a season-high six goals and six assists. Goals were also tallied by Matt Aubrey, Zack Menard, Zack Christensen, Ryan Cebula, and Brad Janer.



Catholic Central's Jake Marmul runs near the Shamrock sideline.

## Sport Shorts

### The Summer Basketball Academy

Area players will receive the best individual instruction available in a camp setting. Five weeks to choose from, June 25-28, July 9-12, July 16-19, July 23-26, July 30-Aug 2, will involve players in three hours of highly intensive skill development training per day.

The boys and girls K-2 camp will run 8:30-10 a.m. for one class and 10:15-11:45 for another class July 23-27 at the Novi Middle School. The cost is \$68 for each class and will teach the basic skills of basketball.

### 4-Star Basketball Camp

Novi basketball head coach Pat Schuler is teaming up with South Lyon head coach Daren Clayton to run the All-Area 4-Star Basketball Camp at Livonia Stevenson High School.

### Botsford offers golf seminar

The Botsford Center for Health Improvement in Novi is offering a golf seminar to help you with your game. Learn tips on how you can increase your swing range of motion and club head speed, prevent injury and improve your overall game.

### Green hosts baseball camp

Rick Green and the Novi Wildcat baseball team are conducting another baseball camp (only outdoors this time) on Saturday, April 28 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Novi High School field, for players ages 7-14.

### Novi girls basketball camp

The Novi basketball camp for 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.

The boys and girls shooting camp for grades 2-5 will run 12:30-2 p.m. and for grades 6-9 2:15-3:45 p.m. July 23-27 at the Novi Middle School. The camp costs \$68 and will concentrate on all shooting aspects with awards being given to contest winners.

## Planet Fitness

# One thing luckily led to another

Time seemed to stop for a moment when I heard that a close friend who was going in for a new routine hip replacement awakened the next day with the same hip and a newly contracted, bypassed heart. During prep they noticed some blood pressure irregularities and after closer review found major blockage and immediately performed the bypass surgery.

I am sure most of you have had a similar experience when someone close, such as my friend, now more than a month in the hospital dealing with serious complications, faces these life threatening health crisis. This experience forces us to get off the fast track of life and re-evaluate...everything. Thoughts and new resolutions race through my mind...

Sixty nine years of age, that sure doesn't seem old when fifty is looking at you straight in the face. So I immediately thought to myself... I better check my diet and get on that treadmill for those 30 minutes (that seem like an hour)...



### Illinois State bound!

Erica Schick, a member of The Sports Club of Novi gymnastic team, signs a national letter of intent to Illinois State on April 16. Schick received a full-ride scholarship for gymnastics.



Sophomore Erin Zerlo gets ready to scoop up the ball during a 4-1 victory April 2 against Grosse Pointe South.

## Novi girls track earns pair of wins

Submitted by Abaries Farhad

The Novi Girls Track team competed against Pinckney for the first home meet of the season. The Novi girls showed up calm, confident and in high spirits to face the Pirates.

Novi and Pinckney jostled for first place throughout the entire meet, but it was apparent that the Novi girls were not going to accept a defeat. The Lady Cats committed themselves 100 percent mentally and physically to every event.

In the high jump, Novi pulled its first sweep of the season with Heather Armiak, Andrea Kramer and Caroline Johnson placing first, second and third. Kramer also jumped 15'4" for first place in the long jump, demonstrating her strength and prowess in the jump events.

Senior Kim Zerlo won first place in the disc and third in shot put, earning the Lady Cats points on the throwing front. Noteworthy efforts were made by all the throwers, several of whom achieved personal records. Junior Sara Sheeran surpassed her personal record in the shot put by over two feet.

Novi girls track team earned first place in the pole vault to guarantee victory over the Pirates. After multiple attempts at varying heights, two pole vaulters were left in the competition. Junior Rachel Warnowicz cleared the next height. Runners, fans, parents and coaches from both teams waited to see if the Pinckney competitor would clear.

On her third and final attempt at the height, the crowd held its breath as the Pinckney competitor vaulted, and to Wildcat's relief, nicked the bar on her way down. Warnowicz earned first place in the pole vault, and Novi won the meet 74-63.

The Wildcat Girls Track team faced off against the Howell Highlanders for their second home meet of the season. Novi's girls began to take in points in the field events before the rest of the meet even started.

Senior Kim Zerlo overtook Howell on her last throw in the disc. She was behind Howell when her last throw of over 103 feet launched her into first place. Senior Alle Sisson won the 100 hurdles, but she was followed closely by senior Margaret Volchoff who finished third. The two hurdlers later breezed through the 300 hurdles, with Sisson in first and Volchoff in second.

## KLAA: Novi, Northville to be in same division

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"We're reducing travel, which reduces not only cost, but more importantly for us, reduces the amount of time students are away from home on school nights," Ellis said. "The difference between coming home from game in Canton to a game in Pinckney is as much as an hour, which is pretty significant when you are trying to get schoolwork in."

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## Novi lacrosse winning streak to six games

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Submitted by Craig Hepler

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# Golf improves record

## Wildcat soccer stays undefeated

By Jeff Theisen  
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Earlier in the year, Novi set the school record at an invite. On Friday, the Wildcats shattered their previous record by 10 strokes, carding a 363 and taking third place at the 19-team Bedford Lavie.

Ashley Simms led the way with an 83. Natalie Krack was next with an 85, followed by Dana Czekaj (94), Kelsey Brandendall (101) and Alex Palmer (102). Palmer's score broke the tie to claim third place.

The Wildcats also beat Lakeland 185-202 April 25. Asako Akamatsu was medalist with a 41 to lead Novi. Krack was next with a 47, followed by Simms with a 48 and Czekaj with a 49. Novi also beat Howell 195-229 Monday. Krack was low for the Wildcats with a 44, Czekaj was next at 47, followed by Megan Wenzl with a 51 and Simms with a 53.

### Soccer

Novi (9-0-1, 4-0) keeps chugging along with a 3-0 win April 25 against Hartland and its first comeback win 3-1 against Brighton on Friday.

Against Hartland, Emily Esbrook scored the lone goal of the first half with a pass from Jenna Carsons.

Stephanie Crawford knocked home the second goal 15 minutes into the second half from a feed by Stephanie Janssens.

The final goal came seven minutes later, when Katie Chaklos intercepted a Hartland pass in the midfield, raced about 25 yards and sent a cross over the Hartland goalies' head to cutting Veronica Salens who one-timed the ball into the net.

"It was another game where we got a solid effort from all of our players, with each player getting at least 25 minutes of playing time," Novi head coach Brian O'Leary said.

Against Brighton, the Wildcats suffered their first deficit of the year when the Bulldogs got on the board halfway through the first half, but it wouldn't last. With eight minutes left in the half, Chaklos sent a pass to Jaime Fratto, who settled the ball down before firing past the goalie for the one-all tie.

Crawford scored four minutes later to take the lead off another feed from Chaklos and a 2-1 lead



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

As she battles a Grosse Pointe South player, Novi's Ellen Brinza controls the ball during an early April home game.

at the half. Esbrook capped the scoring 13 minutes into the second half, heading in a ball from a Jessica Barnard free kick that hit off the crossbar.

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### Novi Tennis

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week, beating Pinckney on April 23, losing to returning state champion Ana Arbor Pioneer on April 24 and hosting an eight-team invite Saturday.

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Goutham Kondapi each won without losing a game. Vivek Athalye won 6-1, 6-3 at No. 1 singles, and No. 2 singles Mani Mahadevan won 6-0, 7-5.

Doubles was also a sweep. No. 1 Ryan Bell and Adam Doster won 6-0, 6-1; No. 2 Ryan Goodman and Kevin Lai won 6-2, 6-3; No. 3 Jason Hsu and Justin Ferooq won 6-2, 6-3; No. 4 Ameya Sohani and Vishnu Venugopal won 6-1, 7-5; and No. 5 Carson Crandell and Tim Oh won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 5.

Other Wildcat wins included John Brown in the shot put (45-2.75), Evan VanBuhler in the 110 hurdles (15.6) and 300 hurdles (42.4), Dan Simmons in the 100 meters (11.3), Arshaun Hall in the long jump (19-8.75), Ben Foery in the 400 meters (54.7), Eric Preston in the pole vault (10-5) and the 4x100 and 4x800 relays.

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earned a split against Brother Rice on Saturday, winning the first game 9-8 and dropping the second game 10-6.

Jake Hanson led the way in the win, delivering three hits with a double and a run batted in for the Shamrocks (5-11, 2-8).

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Novi freshman softball

The Novi freshman softball team picked up its first win of the year in a 22-15 scoring frenzy Monday against Salem. Novi was edged 18-17 in the second game.

Emily Bank earned the win with a complete game and striking out three batters. Jenna Elhage was the top hitting, collecting four hits and scoring five runs.

Knocking out three hits each were Carly Turck and Morgan Adams.

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## Schedules



**Baseball**  
5/4 at Milford, 4 p.m.  
5/5 at Lake Orion, 10 a.m.  
5/9 vs. Pinckney, 4 p.m.

**Softball**  
5/4 at Milford, 4 p.m.  
5/7 vs. Howell, 4 p.m.  
5/9 vs. Pinckney, 4 p.m.

**Boys Lacrosse**  
5/3 at Hartland, 7 p.m.  
5/7 at Howell, 7 p.m.

**Girls Golf**  
5/3 at South Lyon, 3 p.m.  
5/6 vs. Hartland at Catalis, 3 p.m.

**Soccer**  
5/4 at Lakeland, 7 p.m.  
5/7 at Pinckney, 7 p.m.  
5/9 vs. Howell, 7 p.m.

**Tennis**  
5/3 vs. Stevenson, 4 p.m.  
5/5 home quad (middle school courts), 8 a.m.  
5/7 vs. South Lyon, 4 p.m.  
5/8 vs. Greenhills (MS courts), 4 p.m.  
5/9 at Hartland, 4 p.m.

**Track**  
5/3 vs. Brighton, 4 p.m.  
5/5 at Stafford Relays (girls), 9 a.m.  
5/8 at South Lyon, 4 p.m.

**Baseball**  
5/5 vs. Divine Child, 2 p.m.  
5/9 at DeLaSalle, 4 p.m.

**Lacrosse**  
5/5 vs. Cranbrook, 3:30 p.m.  
5/8 CHSL Playoffs, TBA

**Tennis**  
5/5 CC Invite, 8 a.m.  
5/9 at Birmingham Groves, 4 p.m.

**Track**  
5/5 Observant Relays in Farmington, 3:30 p.m.  
5/8 at Divine Child, 4 p.m.

**Novi Softball**

Brittany Luka pitched a 3-0 shutout Friday against South Lyon, getting the Wildcats (1-8) their first win.

Luka allowed eight hits and a walk with five strikeouts for the victory.

Catcher Kelly Hogan had a stellar game behind the plate, throwing out three runners attempting to steal.

Camilla Press provided the big knock with a two-run single.

On Monday, Novi fell 4-2 to Brighton. The Bulldogs scored three unearned runs against Luka.

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## Take care of the one you love at Polished Outlook

By Kate Phillips  
SPECIAL WRITER

Polished Outlook of Milford is the place to come for a day — or evening — of relaxation.

The relaxation starts with just the first glimpse of the quaint building, surrounded by flowers.

It's not the typical salon.

Polished Outlook is a full-service salon, spa and boutique that brings customers a sense of peace and tranquility as they care for their hair and body.

Every room in the historic art deco home has been remodeled into a unique place of respite. One room is contemporary green with glass vases and plenty of sunshine. Another room feels like a stroll through a flower garden, with gorgeous decorations blossoming in every corner. Each area provides a breath of fresh air with its own unique decorating.

"We have a home-like atmosphere here," said owner Ruslana Medyanikova. "It starts as soon as you walk in the door. You can put on a pair of slippers and a robe and you instantly feel relaxed — like you are home after a long day away."

But Polished Outlook is a bit better than home.

The staff serves herbal teas and pamper customers with soft music and friendly smiles. Every need is taken care of at Polished Outlook — with a little something extra.

"You'll love spending time here," Ruslana said. "You'll feel special as soon as you walk in our door and you may not want to leave."

"We try to provide a lovely, peaceful environment that's different than anything you've ever experienced."

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Ruslana Medyanikova makes everyone feel pampered at Polished Outlook with help from her daughter, Alina.

A massage not only makes you feel relaxed and energized, it provides measurable health benefits, like improved circulation, pain relief, lengthening of tight muscles and enhanced organ function.

Staff at Polished Outlook specialize in the relaxing Swedish body massage, warm-stone therapy and mud treatments.

In specialized treatments, the body is rubbed with soothing pebbles, massaged with infused oils and slathered in a lavish treatment like mud or seaweed.

"Our mud treatments are just amazing," said Ruslana's daughter Alina, who assists her mother at the salon.

In the mud treatments the body is massaged with soothing pebbles, massaged with infused oils and slathered in a lavish treatment like mud or seaweed.

"Understanding the need to nurture the body as it nurtures new life is a priority at Polished Outlook."

"We cater to expectant mothers," explained Alina.

Alina recommends prenatal massages and prenatal facials. These services are designed to address the many physical and hormonal changes common during each stage of pregnancy.

**BODY WORK AND MASSAGE**

There couldn't be anything better than a hot stone or Swedish massage at Polished Outlook. It's the perfect accompaniment to a manicure or hair service.

**FACIALS**

One of the most popular spa services at Polished Outlook is a European facial — available in all sorts of varieties — that address the particular needs of the client. Clients are amazed at the anti-aging facials and others swear by the double-deep-cleansing facial.

More than just luxurious, the facials at Polished Outlook cleanse and heal the skin — taking a step toward total health.

"Our goal at Polished Outlook is not only to make our clients relaxed, but to also help them and heal them," Ruslana said.

Many women went without worries about their skin as youth, but are beginning to worry now. The great news is, it's never too late to start taking good care of your skin.

Polished Outlook skin-care products include the newest peptides and collagen creams.

The staff informs clients about the importance of using peptide-based specialized treatments to care for delicate skin around the eyes. There are many benefits that are derived from peptides used in skin care products. Peptides play a big role in building collagen and diminishing wrinkles and rosacea. The

**HAND AND FOOT TREATMENTS**

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Polished Outlook carries its own line of high-quality face, hair and body products that help nourish and strengthen for a beautiful, healthy appearance.

treatments. Whether your hands and feet need rejuvenating from daily activities or you're ready for a night of elegance, you'll find a therapy geared exactly to your needs.

Polished Outlook offers spa manicures and pedicures that include localized massage, long soaks and special spa treatments. The extra TLC is most welcome after a busy week.

Image consultants can take nail services just a step further with a French manicure.

Both the spa manicures and spa pedicures are popular services because they beautify the hands and feet while providing lasting benefits — from the inside out.

"Everyone should try one of our relaxing spa pedicures," said Ruslana. "They're the perfect gift for a hard-working mother or father."

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**HAIR SERVICES**

Polished Outlook is known for its expert hair care. Image consultants have years of experience and thorough training. They attend continuing education courses every year, including trips out of state to learn the latest styles and new techniques from top experts in the field — for both men and women.

Hair services include cuts, styling, perms, hair straightening and hair extensions. Polished Outlook specializes in color services — and can help each client achieve exactly the look for them.

**SPECIAL OCCASIONS**

Polished Outlook is the place to go for special occasions this spring and summer.

Prom parties are a blast at Polished Outlook. Friends can get together for a day of beauty, including an up-do, nail services and even manicure. Eyelash extensions, or false eyelashes, make the prom look complete and can be personalized with sparkling diamonds.

Wedding parties also find that Polished Outlook is the best place to go for a relaxing morning that is as much fun as it is beautifying. The staff serves beverages and hors d'oeuvres to make the occasion complete.

Plus the make-up and up-dos at Polished Outlook will continue to look good the entire day and into the evening. On an important day, going with an experienced salon like Polished Outlook can make a big difference.

Polished Outlook is also the home to many types of parties and social events. From romantic "Just-the-two-of-us" massage dates for couples to upbeat birthday parties, Polished Outlook is the place to count for every special occasion. Gift certificates — corporate or personal — make the perfect gift for any occasion.

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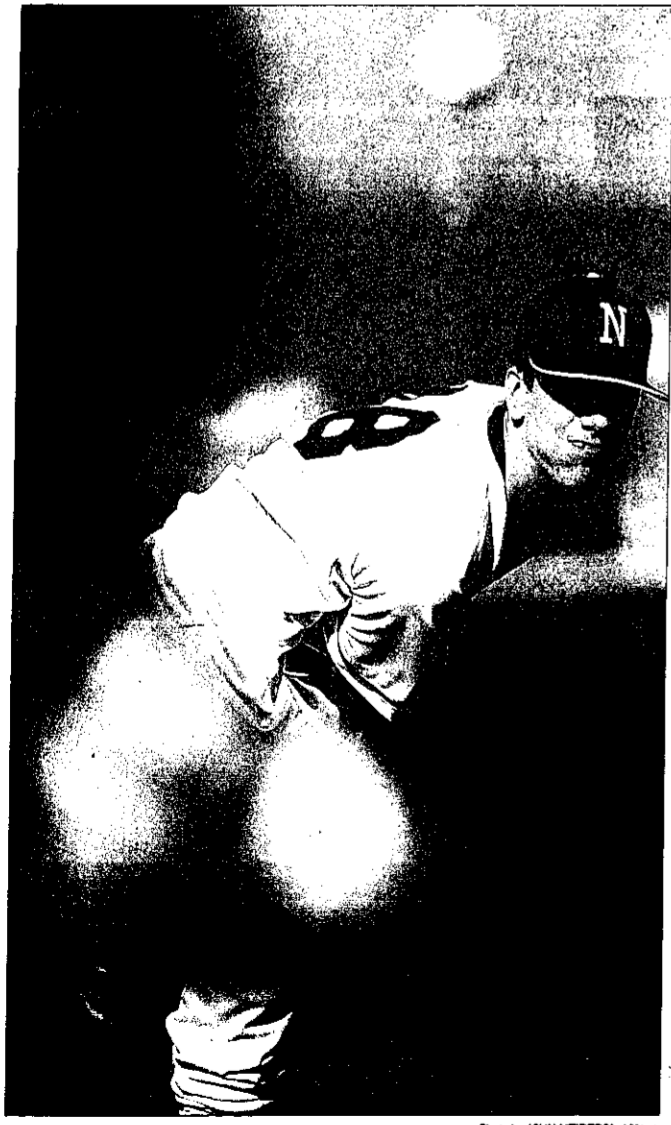


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Wildcat pitcher Tyler Scott fires home to a Milford batter.



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Rebecca Sprys throws shotput for the Novi Wildcats during a recent home meet against Howell.

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## Home Owners Do You Know... How to Detect Sick House Syndrome?



### WHAT CAUSES SICK HOUSE SYNDROME?

Sick House Syndrome occurs when a house can't "breathe". A home needs to breathe in order to rid itself of indoor pollutants. These pollutants result in poor indoor air quality - a "sick house." Inadequate ventilation allows pollutants to build up, causing potential health risks to the home's occupants. Young children, the elderly, and some chronically ill persons are most susceptible to the effects of Sick House Syndrome.

Common sources of indoor pollution include tobacco smoke, certain carpeting materials, furnaces which are operating with a dirty burn cycle, using fireplaces which are not properly vented, candles, pressed wood cabinets and household cleaning products. Moisture build-up, although not a pollutant itself, can also be harmful in a house as it can cause mildew and/or mold growth inside walls, crawlspaces, and other areas. The spores from the mold will be circulated through the air in the home by operating the furnace, air conditioner and ceiling fans.

### HOW CAN INDOOR POLLUTION BE REDUCED?

Source control is usually the most effective way to improve indoor air quality. In some cases, eliminating the specific sources of indoor pollution - for example, removing older carpets, and repairing or maintaining furnaces - may be all that is necessary.

For offending substances such as tobacco smoke, cleaning products, and moisture buildup, improving ventilation is a key means of decreasing indoor pollution. Many newer homes are so well insulated and sealed that only a very limited amount of fresh air can get in. Recommended and effective ventilation requires the home should have a complete air change every three hours. In this situation, using attic or window fans and opening windows (when weather permits) are easy and inexpensive ways to improve and increase ventilation.

More hazardous materials such as asbestos and lead do not normally cause problems if they are undisturbed, but these and other dangerous substances should be analyzed by having samples of the materials collected by a qualified technician, and have analysis by a Certified Lab to identify the type of material if unknown or to verify any health concerns. This will also help to identify if any action is required such as encapsulation, abatement or removal is warranted.



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By Kate Phillips  
SPECIAL WRITER

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Rottermond Jewelers has acquired a new high-tech watch that is changing lives. The well-known jeweler is the only nearby dealer featuring the popular Philip Stein Teslar watch. They're lovely timepieces that are crafted to last a lifetime. But the new Philip Stein Teslar timepieces are more than just a beautiful watch. They're about improved health and well-being. As society continues to explore the holistic connections between mind and body, scientists are discovering that simple solutions can change our lives. These watches are all about creating a renewed sense of health.

### SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Anyone who picks up a Philip Stein Teslar watch can see that it is different. The watch displays two different time zones. Flip the watch over and there are two discs - Teslar chips. It all works together to create a watch that does more than just tell time - you can actually feel the difference.

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"After I wore it for three days, I started noticing the difference," said Cindi Rottermond, who owns Rottermond Jewelers with her husband Dean. "When I woke up in the morning I felt fresh and energetic with no aches and pains."

"I was amazed right away and I am still amazed."

### TESLAR CHANGES LIVES

Many people who wear the Philip Stein Teslar watch - now available at Rottermond Jewelers - notice profound changes in their health and well-being.

Some notice changes in their temperament. They may become less angry or frustrated during stressful situations.

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Many wearers find they simply have more energy and overall improved well-being. Some have described the Teslar effect very simply: "an energized calm."

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### KEY FOR ATHLETES

The Philip Stein Teslar watches and bracelets are becoming popular among professional athletes as their reputation spreads. Many athletes wear the Teslar technology to enhance their performance, naturally.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

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Philip Stein Teslar watches counteract the negative effects of electromagnetic pollution.

Teslar technology is designed to emit a unique 7 - 9 Hz Alpha wave signal that interacts with your body's own electromagnetic energy field. This is similar to the Earth's natural 7.8 Hz signal and the Alpha wave signals emitted by the brain when you are calm, meditating or doing yoga, or when athletes are in states of high performance.

"The Teslar watch is an outstanding, useful everyday instrument that magnifies the strength of the biofield thus protecting the body from destructive electromagneticism," explained Dr. Valerie Hunt, professor emerita at UCLA. "The Teslar watch is an active instrument, not a passive one like a meditation or a magnet. I and my staff all wear the Teslar watches both day and night. I highly recommend them for everyone in this information age. You will know the difference by wearing a Teslar watch."

The benefit of the watch is comparable to being in a quiet, calm cocoon, free from electromagnetic turbulence.

"I am recommending it to all my patients and colleagues to protect them against many unrecognized dangers of electromagnetic fields," said Dr. Doris Rapp, former president of the American Academy of Environmental Medicine. "In our heavily polluted environment we must protect ourselves as much as possible. The Teslar watch is one practical step in the direction of preserving wellness."

**TESLAR FOR EVERYONE**  
With all sorts of wrists and to choose from, Philip Stein Teslar watches are customizable to suit each person's unique personality and lifestyle.

The men's and women's wristbands are available in all bright and neutral shades, in exotic materials such as ostrich, alligator and lizard skin and less exotic materials such as rubber or stainless steel.

The wristbands can be changed at the push of the button so that the watch can coordinate with daily activities and clothing choices.

Rottermond Jewelers carries a large selection of Philip Stein Teslar watches starting at \$345. The watches are each available in four sizes, with options such as diamonds and 18k gold.

The same Philip Stein Teslar technology is also available in a bracelet - for men, women and children.

To see a Philip Stein Teslar timepiece, stop by Rottermond Jewelers, or go online at [www.rottermond.com](http://www.rottermond.com).

So Trapp tried out the watch. "I noticed an immediate effect on my sleep," Trapp said. "I slept deeper and slept through the night more often. Over the course of a few weeks my energy level steadily rose and my resistance to infections increased. I recovered from workouts more quickly and had better concentration during the day. As I traveled across the country I noticed that I no longer suffered from the effects of jet lag. Now I will recommend the watches to my patients and to the elite athletes that I work with."

Researchers have found that Teslar emits the same type of electromagnetic waves that surround athletes when they are in "the zone." It helps with the mental game of concentration as much as it helps the athletes physically.

So Teslar is spreading to recreational athletes as well, like golfers who want to improve their game and runners who need an energy boost. Since the technology responds perfectly to the needs of each person, those who enjoy any sport, from tennis to bowling or softball can play better and handle the physical stressors of the game more easily with the new technology.

"This is single-handedly the most phenomenal piece of sports-enhancement and sports-recovery equipment available on the market today," said Kenta Bell, triple jump finalist in the Athens 2004 Olympics. "When wearing this watch I experienced drastic changes in both my performance level and energy level."

### CELEBRITIES LOVE TESLAR

The Philip Stein Teslar watch has also been discovered by celebrities. It quickly made Oprah's Favorite Things List.

Hollywood stars are now giving these watches as gifts after wearing the watch and noticing results.

"I was given the Philip Stein Teslar sports watch as a gift by movie director Mike Nichols at the end of Shooting 'Closer' and I can honestly say it has changed my well-being ten-fold," said film and theater production designer Tim Hatley. "The technology is astonishing - my energy levels, creativity and health have all benefited. Simply brilliant."

While the results are different for each individual, wearers of the Philip Stein Teslar do seem to notice positive effects.

"Last summer I began wearing my Phil Stein Teslar watch, and since the first week the reaction I have enjoyed most is a much more peaceful night's sleep," said CBS-FM radio host Steve O'Brien. "In addition, wearing the watch all day seems to improve my overall peace of mind and mood."



The staff at Rottermond Jewelers, from left, Carrie Barber, August Coryell and Cindi Rottermond, feel good wearing Philip Stein Teslar watches and bracelets.



This is another.

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