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Revving Up!
Novi High School senior Jon Sayre checks under the hood of his 1995 Mitsubishi 3000 GT during last week's car show. Like a lot of students showing off their rides, Sayre had done many modifications to his car to give it a bit more power. For more on the high school auto show, see page 8A.

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Lakefront controversy

■ Residents, city argue over strip of land next to Walled Lake

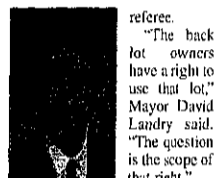
By Greg Migliore
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The City of Novi is taking the rare step of suing its own residents in an attempt to quell a decades-old controversy over a piece of lakefront property.

Neighborhood residents are quarreling over who owns and who gets to use a parcel of land that sits next to Walled Lake at the intersection of West Lake Drive and Penhill Street.

The main issue: How much access should some residents who don't live on the lake have to the property?

The spat has pitted residents who live on the lake against land owners in other parts of the neighborhood, with the city acting as a



David Landry

referee. "The back lot owners have a right to use that lot," Mayor David Landry said. "The question is the scope of that right."

The suit is expected to be filed in the next few weeks in Oakland County Circuit Court. Ultimately, the city wants a judge to issue a ruling settling ownership and access issues.

"My opinion — that's the only way to resolve this issue," Landry said.

The plot of land is about 30 feet wide and stretches from the street to the water. It's used by residents for access to the lake for swim-

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Aftermath of the high school lock down

■ Suspect charged in bomb threat

By Greg Migliore
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Novi schools were shaken by a series of threats made earlier this month, but officials say the campuses are secure and activities have returned to normal.

Novi High School was on lock down May 2-4 after two messages threatening a massacre similar to the Virginia Tech shootings were found. A bomb threat was later found May 8 in Novi's Instructional Technology Center, which is attached to Novi Meadows Elementary School.

Roger Crowe, an 18-year-old

Novi High school student, was arrested and charged with making a false report or threat of a bomb or harmful device in connection with the May 8 incident.

Police said his handwriting was similar to the bomb threat, and said he confessed to the incident as a joke.

Despite the series of nerve-jangling events, Deputy Police Chief Thomas Lindberg called the schools "extremely" safe, and facilities featured an increased police presence during the lock down.

"We have a great working relationship with the Novi school district," he said.

What's Next

Novi High School remains on "heightened alert," said Peter Dion, superintendent of Novi

schools. "In the back of everybody's mind they're still thinking about this," he said. "But I think things are pretty much back to normal."

No other threats had been reported as of early this week, and police are still looking into the first two, Lindberg said.

"We're still actively investigating it," he said.

Crowe could face four years in jail, a \$2,000 fine or both if convicted of the felony charge. The threat was being used as a polling facility for the Novi school election, and there were more than 1,100 students and staff inside.

Court records said Crowe stood mute at the arraignment.

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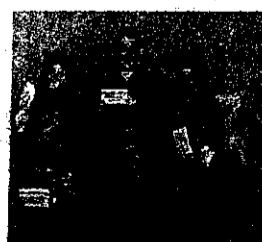
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Novi Police cars were at all the major entrances of Novi High School on May 3 after a threatening message was discovered inside the school.

NOVI WEEKEND PLANNER

• **FRIDAY**

The Motor City Comic Con is happening 1:30 p.m. today through 5 p.m. Sunday at the Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. The annual convention is a multi-media event with more than one million comics and collectibles for sale and trade. Guests include Sergio Aragones, Jay Lynch, Skip Williamson, Stan Sakai and more. Adult tickets are \$20 or \$50 for a three-day pass. For more information, call (248) 426-8059.



• **SATURDAY**

The Novi Theatres presents "Charlie and The Chocolate Factory" at 7:30 p.m. tonight on the Novi Civic Center Stage.

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• **SUNDAY**

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Man drowns in Novi's Village Oaks Lake

Police believe death was an accident

By Greg Migliore
NEWS STAFF WRITER

A 23-year-old Inkster man drowned in Village Oaks Lake Sunday in Novi.

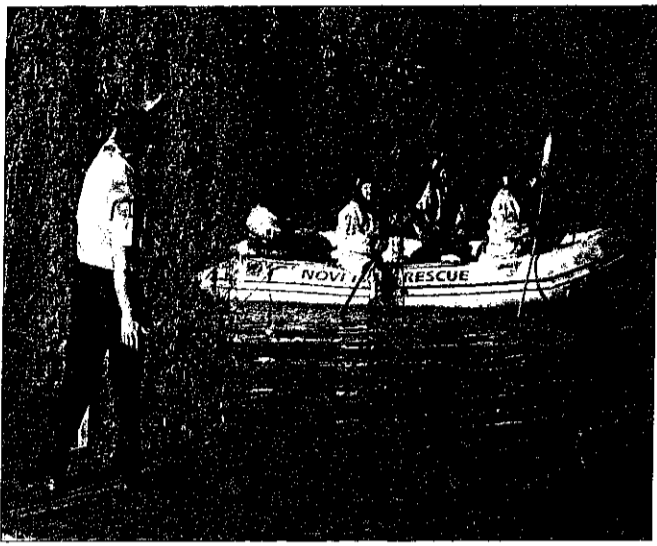
Isaac L. Reid was attempting to swim across a 75-yard section of the lake to cool off after helping family members with household chores. Police believe the drowning was an accident, and neither drugs nor alcohol were factors, Deputy Chief Thomas Lindberg said.

Reid was in Novi visiting family. His brother, who also was swimming at the time, was unharmed.

Lindberg said the water was about 50-55 degrees, which could have contributed to the accident. An observer saw Reid having trouble, heard the cries for help and called 911.

The lake is about 10 feet deep in the area he was swimming. It sits southeast of 19 Mile and Meadowbrook roads in the Village Oaks subdivision.

Novi police officers and firefighters responded to the incident



Novi rescue workers scour Village Oaks Lake for a drowning victim.



Novi firefighters and rescue team members find a drowning man after about an hour Sunday. He was pronounced dead at Botsford Hospital.

at 5:52 p.m. Reid's body was recovered at 7:05 p.m. by Oakland County divers, and he was pronounced dead at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills at 8:02 p.m.

Reid's family members could not be reached for comment this week.

Greg Migliore is a staff writer for the Novi News.

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Suspect charged in bomb threat

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and a not guilty plea was entered for him. Police said his involvement in the first two threats is under investigation.

A \$2,000 reward is being offered for information about the earlier threats leading to an arrest.

Anyone with information about this case should contact the high school administration, the Novi Police Department or call 1-800-SPEAK UP. All leads will remain

anonymous.

The school district is looking to move forward in the wake of the threats. Attendance was down immediately afterward and students wearing baggy clothing or who appeared to be concealing something were subject to searches by staff members. Lockers were also searched for weapons after school hours.

"This is not to be taken lightly," Dia said. "This is a very serious offense, and I think people don't get it."

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Novi High School remains on "heightened alert. In the back of everybody's mind they're still thinking about this. But I think things are pretty much back to normal."

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ming, boating, fishing and other purposes.

The city said it has owned the land since 1980. However, old deeds to property in the area indicate residents have some rights to use the land.

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Residents, city argue over strip of land next to Walled Lake

Novi officials have no plans to develop the property, which is mostly vacant. City Manager Clay Pearson said.

Council members voted 4-1 Monday evening to approve filing the suit. Landry, Mayor Pro-Tem Kim Capello and members Terry Margolis and Bob Gatt voted in favor of it. Member Tomi Nagy dissented, and members Lynne Paul and Andrew Mutch were absent for the vote.

Looking back

- Nuclear air raid drills were part of everyday life for schoolchildren in the late 40s and early 50s.
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MY SENIOR LIFE



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Library reaches out to residents

Community programs offer books, hope to elderly and sick in the city

By Tracy Mishler
NEWS SPECIAL WRITER

Marcy Trice lived a normal life that was until 1989, when the 53-year-old Novi resident said she was poisoned by pesticides while working for her doctor at a Detroit Receiving Hospital causing her to become homebound and dependent on others.

Now, Trice said she lives day to day suffering from Multiple Chemical Sensitivity, also known as toxic injury, chemical sensitivity, chemical illness, and Twentieth Century Syndrome.

"This disease has horribly spoiled my life," she said. "I can't drive anymore. I don't have family in the area and all my friends have abandoned me and moved away."

Trice said for entertainment she turns to books.

"The books become a friend," she said. "When I'm reading, stuck in my apartment, I can project myself into a book, and I'm healthy."

Trice said she never carried her doctorate. She also never had children and divorced from her husband because of the disease.

But thanks to the Novi Public Library, Trice has kept busy for the past nine years reading dozens of books, sometimes three at a time.

"The library is one of few agencies that have helped me to the best they can," she said. "They care because they're feeding my brain."

"It's a staple thing the library is doing its delivering books, but it's also very complex, because I don't believe food is the only thing that gives you sustenance."

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Providing service

Since 1983, the Novi Public Library has offered special services to seniors and those with special needs in the city, like Trice.

Starting with basic book deliveries and processing, into Internet classes for seniors, the library has been the key to the reading world for hundreds of people.

Not only delivering to several homebound residents in the city, the library also visits several senior facilities, once a month, including the Novi Senior Center and Meadowbrook Commons, Whitehall and the Manor of Novi.

"We try to help the seniors and anyone else in need of our services as much as we can," said Lancy Roschig, specialized services department head for the Novi Public Library. "Not only are we a library on wheels, but we also deliver to homebound residents."

Paoline Druschel, former library assistant director who retired in 2003, helped start the specialized services program in 1983.

Druschel said the Internet is one service seniors are embracing. "This is one that we do that's kind of a little more fun," she said.



Novi librarians Kim Wickman, left, and Mei Shih visit the Novi Senior Center last Tuesday as the bookmobile makes its once-a-month stop at Meadowbrook Commons.

Druschel said in the 1980s, she tried introducing seniors to audio cassettes for those with failing vision.

"Back in the 1980s they were intimidated by that," she said. "Now they're into compact discs and other technologies."

"As our population ages and new mediums come out, you have to provide services for seniors and all ages. We have to provide an evolving service based on needs."

Druschel said the Internet is one service seniors are embracing. "This is one that we do that's kind of a little more fun," she said.

Druschel said, "Especially for those who are homebound or in nursing care."

"Reading is one of those things most of them can do and it's a way to keep them active and stimulated. To me, it's important that they can continue to read, and a lot will come up to the day they are gone."

Evolving with the times

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Druschel said, "Especially for those who are homebound or in nursing care."

Internet classes are the most popular classes here with the senior age population.

The library also offers a variety of large print books, senior discussion groups and a wide range of other services to accommodate everyone in the community.

"The library has definitely become my saving grace," Trice said. "They come out once a month and exchange books with me. It's been a miracle because I don't have much stimulation in my life."

Trice said though she has her good days and bad days, she always looks forward to her visits from the library each month.

"I want to continue to read," she said. "I want to be as busy as I can as productive as I can."

"I like to see what other people are doing. The good they are doing - fighting for our environment. That's why I read non-fiction."

Tracy Mishler is a freelance writer for the Novi News.

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Marcy Trice
Novi resident

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AROUND TOWN

Ante up: Novi Chamber plays host to poker night

Cards, casino games to highlight Saturday event

By Greg Migliore
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Novi Chamber of Commerce is upping the ante at its third annual poker tournament and casino night Saturday evening.

This year, the chamber has added casino games, including craps, roulette and a money wheel to round out the event. Dubbed the Wild Wild West Casino Night and Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, it runs from 6-10 p.m. at Lucky's in Fountain Walk.

The event is laid-back and designed to foster informal networking, said Peggy Hayes, past chair of the chamber.

"This is one that we do that's kind of a little more fun," she said.

The chamber is aiming to attract about 200 people to the event, which is one of two major fundraisers it puts on each year. The chamber also plays host to a golf outing in August.

Tickets are \$50 per person and include dinner, tickets for drinks, games and a raffle. The Texas Hold 'Em tournament costs another \$75, or \$100 at the door.

The event also features a silent auction and raffle.

"It has a lot of activities, a lot of different games for people to enjoy, something for everyone," said Fred Moschetti, a chamber board member and one of the organizers of the event.

Chamber officials came up with the gambling theme several years ago to capitalize on the growing popularity of poker, which is televised on a slew of channels and readily available online.

"Poker's such a hot thing right now," Hayes said.

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Tee Up!
Volunteers Bob and Marion Marten of Novi are part of the committee helping to plan Angela Hospice's 19th annual golf outing. Selling raffle tickets, registering golfers, soliciting auction items and signing up hole sponsors are among the committee's tasks.

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SHOWING OFF

Students shine at auto event

By Victoria Mitchell
NEWS EDITOR

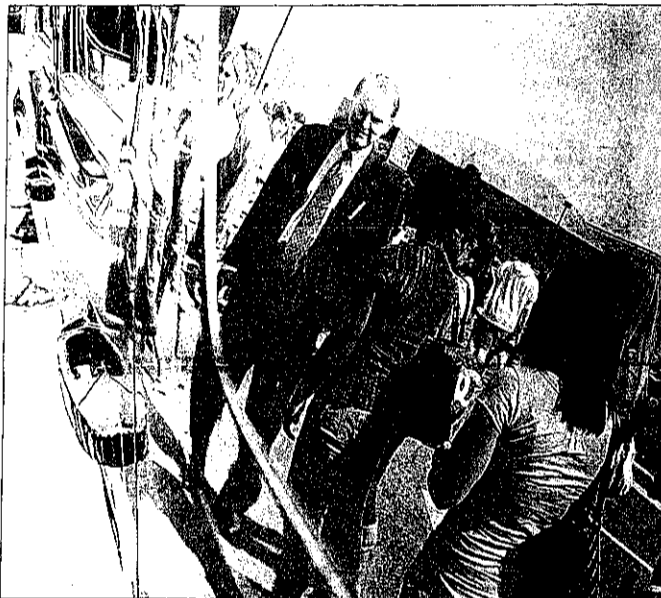
Novi High students crowded the warm parking lot last week for the school's annual car show. "It's an annual event and all the kids bring in their cars or their parents' cars," said senior Jason Dudek. For students, like Dudek, the opportunity is welcomed to show off automotive talents and father-son bonding results. "I like his 1972 Chevelle. My dad got it last year, and we've done a couple of things to it," Dudek said. "We also got car shows at least once a week." For senior Justin Savino, the event, which was sponsored in part by Varsity Lincoln Mercury, was the opportunity to sound off on his handy work. "I installed an insane sound system," Savino said. Other modifications to his Honda Civic EX include new wheels, a spoiler and underbody LED lights. "I just love how everybody sees me in school and can now see my car," Savino said. "I'm always going to have a car like this." Mary Anne Wozniak, Novi High School dean of students and student activities, said the school's annual car show is heavily anticipated. "This is the first thing the kids look forward to after spring break," she said. Wozniak said the event also gives a different population of students a chance to shine. "This is a little different than the academic arena," she said. "Often these kids lack recognition."



Novi High School students check out a Chevy Malibu during their student car show last Friday during lunch hour.

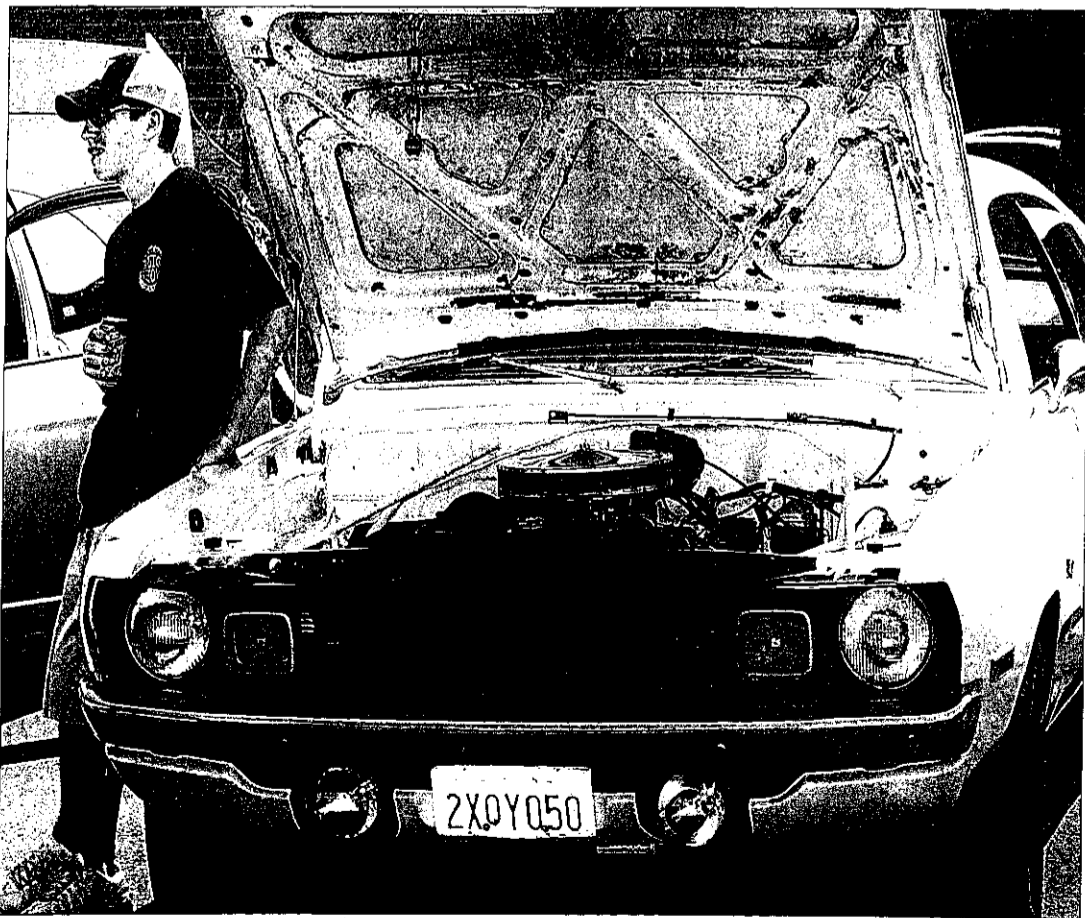


Novi High junior Matt Holly relaxes in his 1984 Avanti last Friday at the school's annual student car show. Holly said that there were less than 200 of the Avantis made in 1984, and that he's lucky to have one of the few left.



Reflected in an SUV's window, Novi School District Superintendent Peter Dion chats with Novi High students during their annual car show last Friday afternoon.

Photos by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News



Novi High student Kyle Malarkey leans against his '72 Dodge Demon during last week's student car show. Students could enter their cars in the following categories: Pre-1980's, Daddy's Car, Modified, and Beater.

GOT A STORY IDEA? Contact the Novi News to spread the word about what's going on in Novi

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Happy Mother's Day!

Students in Darlene Grabowski's class at Orchard Hills Elementary School say I love you to their moms with hugs, songs and treats.



First grader Kacy Shaheen and her mother, Helene Shaheen, stop for a photo during the student's school Mother's Day party.



Last Friday, first graders from Darlene Grabowski's class at Orchard Hills Elementary School paid tribute to their moms. All dressed up and ready to perform are Jessica Tituskin and Mark Meyer.



Dianne Krueger and her son, Adam, share a special moment at the Mother's Day program last week. Sophie Krueger, 3, joined her family for the special event.



Twins Hana and Uta Nishii with their mother, Tomoko.

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Class NOTES

Summer C.A.R.E. program

Looking for an enriching educational summer with adventure and fun? Join the Novi Community Education summer C.A.R.E. program for children in preschool to middle school. The staff is experienced, and activities are age appropriate. Activities will include field trips, crafts, science experiments, sports, games and more. Registration is now open for the Novi Community Education Summer C.A.R.E. program. Packets are available on-line at www.novik12.mil.us or call (248) 449-1713 for more information. This year the program will be located at Parkview Elementary School.

Scrap the Night Away

Novi High School's Senior All Night Party Committee is holding a scrapbook fundraiser 3-11 p.m. Friday at the high school, 24062 Tall Road. Representatives from Creative Memories will give demonstrations and sell scrapbooking items. Tickets cost \$20; includes table space, snacks, pizza, beverages and entry ticket for door prize drawing. To register contact Mitchell at (248) 471-4928 or download a registration form from the Senior All Night Party link at www.novik12.mil.us.

Artistic Flair

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (M-11) announced the winners of the 26th Annual Congressional Arts Competition, An Artistic Discovery. The winners are as follows:
First Place - Darya Zavina, Novi High School, "Broken Kaleidoscope"
Second Place - Elisa Zacherl, Home-Schooled.

"Contemplation"

Second Place - Fanhye Hoang, Novi High School, "Alina"
Third Place - Alina Brudler, Novi High School, "Self Portrait"
Third Place - Darya Zavina, Novi High School, "Reflections"

The first place winner will have her artwork displayed for national competition in Washington, D.C. where it will hang in the Capitol building. Second- and third-place winners will have their artwork hung at the Congressman's Washington, Livonia and Milford district offices, respectively.

Senior Scholars

Five Novi High School seniors received up to \$4,000 in scholarships from Fox Run in Novi. The students are: Mare Alton, Daniel Graf, Kyle Jones, Megan Mammone, Matt Passanite and Patrick Russell. To qualify, students must work at least 1,000 hours, typically during their last two years of high school, and meet other eligibility criteria. Students serve as host and hostesses as well as servers and kitchen support in the campus ForeSide Restaurant and Juice Club Cafe. In total, 19 scholarships valued at \$76,000 were given to area students. Residents of the retirement community for men and women at least 62, raised over \$90,000 to support the fund this year.

World Robofest Champs

Novi Middle School's seventh graders Felix Zhu and Jason Leung (team Devius Duo) won first place in the Junior Game competition at the 2007 World Robofest Championship at Lawrence Tech University on April 28. As the winners, they received Lawrence Tech University \$2,000 Robofest scholarships and a NXT Robot. There were a total of 28 teams from four countries competing in this group. The duo also won

first place at the regional qualifying competition in which 13 teams participated on March 31. Robofest is an annual autonomous robotics competition for students in grades five-12. Robofest challenges teams of students to design, build and program robots to compete in playful missions and exhibitions. In the game competition category, a team competes to accomplish robotics missions using two fully autonomous robots.

Community Education Preschool Registration

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

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 Tall Road, located between 10 and 11 Mile roads. When registering a child for child care, a parent needs to bring the following: A completed registration packet (available on the district's Web site, www.novik12.mil.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.

School Board Meetings

The next Novi Community School District Board of Education meeting is 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 7 at Novi Middle School, 49000 Eleven Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 449-1200.

Submit your information in the Class Notes of the Novi News. Send information to vmitchell@gannett.com. Photos are also welcome.



Submitted photo

Champs!

Lawrence Tech University Assistant Provost Lisa Kujawa (left) takes a break from the 2007 World Robofest Championship last month with champions Jason Leng, Felix Zhu and Hsiao-Ping Moore, dean of the university's College of Arts and Sciences. The Novi Middle School seventh graders won college scholarships and a NXT Robot.

Campus News

Schoolcraft College Graduates

The following students from Novi graduated from Schoolcraft College at the May 5 commencement: Michelle Tenese Alexander, Donna Kathleen Berkege-Kamowski, Aaron Scott Boone, Jennifer Ann Bradley, Andrew Charles Brinck, Colleen Patricia Brooks, LiHong Liao Brown, Mary Katherine Bruce, Justin Scott Campbell, Christine Anne Chojnowski, Sarah Lindsay Cyrek, Tina Marie Degillo, Jacklyn M. Dooley, Matthew Robert Drake, Kelly Jane Dunkerley, Abigail Grace Good, John C. Haas III, Alyssa Rose Hinds, Jennifer Leigh Katchik, James H. Kiurski, Debbie J. Krause, George Anthony Krause, Jacob Russell Lettwich, Devaughn D. Little, Brandy L. MacDougall, Nicholas Edward Manica, Alice E. McCoy, Karie Jill Metzler, Donna J. Nabozny, Justin T. Nalley, Nick Aaron Napolitano, Ryan Philip Nic, Carl Andrew Peterson, Anthony Alan Pope-Cruz, Michael Harrison Ryan, Khadija Fouad Shouair, Debra Amanda Shutt, Andrew Christian Siemkiewicz, David Anthony Stewart, Teresa Swartout, Sofia Usman, Deborah Lee Vanden Eschker, Laurie Lynn Weddle, Evan Alexander Wright, Jonathan David Yearzel, Linda Ann Zawroty, Jason James Zimmerman.

Howe Military

Cadet Alex Eitelman, 11th-grader at Howe Military, Ind.; son of Brenda and Greg Eitelman of Novi, received an award for attaining at least a 3.0 grade point average for his studies in a college preparatory curriculum. Eitelman has been attending Howe Military School since February.

Area counseling centers attempt to dispel stigma of seeking help

Expert: It's actually a sign of strength, not weakness

By Pam Fleming
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE



P. Melrose

Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan, he and his team of counselors try to

dispel the stigma of seeking help.

Melrose works at the center's Farmington Hills office in the Nardin Park Methodist Church on 11 Mile Road between Orchard Lake and Middlebelt. Other offices are in Northville, Birmingham and Milford.

The centers were established about 20 years ago, and Melrose is the second executive director, following Rev. Dr. Wesley Brun.

"We work with people on religious and spiritual issues from a variety of faiths and backgrounds," Melrose said.

He is also available to speak to local groups about counseling issues. Although individual counseling is the most common, he's seen an increase in marital and family counseling lately.

"Successful counseling is as much about the relationship of between the individual and the therapist as it is about the per-

son's problems," Melrose said.

"In relationship counseling, our goal is to get couples to talk to each other. We're more of a consultant than a prescriber."

An ordained United Methodist minister, he's worked at the counseling center for seven years and says layoffs initiated by local companies have taken their toll on people's psyches.

"The current job market has produced a lot of stress as well as issues with children when both parents have to work," Melrose said.

Depression can be triggered by many events, including a job loss, death of a family member or even the loss of an opportunity to advance or loss of physical capacities due to illness or disease.

"We provide resources so that people can hopefully move forward," Melrose said. He believes this is one of the most important aspects of coun-

seling — to help clients identify resources they currently have to cope with various issues.

For more complicated concerns or issues — such as if a client needs medication for depression or anxiety — counselors make referrals to mental health professionals.

Affairs, addiction issues

Relationship counseling involves such things as extramarital affairs, gambling, drinking and even Internet addiction.

"Often there are unspoken expectations," Melrose said. He said, sadly, there is still a stigma on counseling because many people see it as a sign of weakness.

"Instead, I tell clients it's more a sign of courage and strength," Melrose said.

He said the stigma stems from the fact that most people believe they should be able to solve

Golf outing set for June 22

Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan will have its sixth annual charity golf outing on Friday, June 22, at Links of Novi, 50595, 10 Mile Road.

Registration is from 10:30 a.m. to noon, with a shotgun start at noon. A putting contest will be held at 10:30 a.m., with lunch provided at the grill from 11 a.m. to noon.

A steak dinner, awards and raffle follows at 6 p.m. Cost is \$125 per golfer or \$25 for the dinner only. To be a beverage cart sponsor costs \$250, and a hole sponsor is \$125. A portion of these fees may be tax deductible. Make checks payable to Samaritan Counseling Center, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336. For more information, call (248) 474-4701.

their problems on their own. different than fixing a machine."

"But, sometimes, that's just humanly impossible," Melrose said. He sees counseling as more of an art than a science, especially when it comes to relationships. "Addressing those issues is

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Samaritan Counseling Centers include area church office

Two therapists serve community

By Pam Fleming
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Diane Grech and Dr. Ronald Studer are ready to help area residents with their problems.

The two therapists work in the Northville office of the Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan, which has existed for more than a decade in the First United Methodist Church of Northville on Eight Mile Road west of Tall Road.

Grech, of Livonia, has worked at the Northville office about 17 months and graduated from Madonna University in the school's first master's degree program in clinical psychology.

"It's a wonderful place to work," she said. "It's nice to have the spiritual component."

Why do people come to their office for counseling?
"Sometimes people come in because they feel their life isn't working for them," Grech said. "It's not going the way they want it to go."

She said she often feel anxiety in our daily lives and don't really know why.
"A lot of times things unfold that we're not aware of, and we're not sure about why we're feeling the way we feel," Grech said. In her practice, she uses psy-

chotherapy, which she describes as a journey through a person's life to determine why they developed how they did, and how they got to where they currently are in life.

In her quest to update her skills, she is in the process of completing a two-year program at the Michigan Psychoanalytic Center in Farmington Hills.

Grech said some people seek counseling during a crisis or life transition.

"It could be after a trauma in the family, such as the loss of a spouse," she said. Communication is a big issue with couples, such as the inability to share needs, wants and expectations with the other person.

"We often get into other difficulties when we're not communicating," she said. A limited licensed psycholo-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NOVI NEWS

Dr. Ronald Studer and Diane Grech are both counselors at Northville's First United Methodist Church's Samaritan Counseling Center.

gist, Grech also counsels children.

In his full-time job, he's a veterinarian who co-owns

Where to get help

Although the Millard office is not currently accepting new clients, counseling services are still available at the Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan in Northville, Farmington Hills and Birmingham.

For more information or to make an appointment, call (248) 474-4701 or visit www.samaritancounseling-michigan.com.

Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic, a small animal practice at 10 Mile and Beck roads in Novi.

After deciding he wanted a second career, Studer earned a master's degree in counseling from Oakland University and has been practicing part-time since 1994.

He does individual and relationship counseling.

"The goal is to guide, give counsel and be with the person through their journey."

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Edward Jones financial services advertisement with contact information for Mark Whitfield.

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Flex Point Dance advertisement for summer classes and an annual dance recital at Clarendeville High School.

MY NOVI COMMUNITY

McCotter introduces VETS Act to help local veterans get hired

New bill introduced Monday in D.C. by Pam Fleming, GANNETT NEWS SERVICE.

Ron Jones of Northville wanted to hire a veteran. He just didn't know how. So, he decided to call his congressman.



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Threats: not funny

Three threats in a week. One came while a school building was being used for a local election. One came out of the blue — a twisted copy of an attempt to harness some of the fear of the Virginia Tech massacre and bring it to Novi schools. This needs to end now. Novi has top-flight schools with facilities and advantages most districts can only dream of. And school is supposed to be a time for students to find themselves and enjoy their youth. This is the time of year when proms, graduation and spring sports are in full bloom. It's the time of boundless expectations for seniors at the world's best schools. But it's hard to truly enjoy all of this when school days are set against a backdrop of bomb threats and armed terrorism. And it's not limited to Novi. In the wake of the Virginia Tech shootings, a rash of similar threats were made locally and across the country — mostly misguided plays to get attention. Enough is enough. Threats cost money. Someone has to pay for the beefed up police presence. Someone has to pay when events and classes are canceled. And it's not just rash, it's time. You're only young once. If you don't enjoy school now, you're never going to. Peter Dion, superintendent of Novi schools, has had it. "It's senseless," he said. "I just wish that kids and parents would realize the impact."

LANSING CONNECTION

Legislation requires children entering kindergarten to be 5 by Sept. 1

Recently I introduced two measures, Senate Bills 474 and 475, that would require children to be 5 by Sept. 1 of the year they enter kindergarten. Currently a student must be 5 by December 1 to start school. These bills focus on giving all students the best start possible by ensuring they are the same age when they enter the classroom. Astonishingly, some students are only 4 when they enter kindergarten. Moving the cut-off date to coincide with the start of school would level the playing field and give our children the best chance for academic success. Importantly, this measure can prevent learning problems from developing early, that later require costly special education services. Teacher Brenda Pacheco, who taught kindergarten for ten years at Novi Woods Elementary, said she is pleased with the legislation. "Year after year, I have seen children attend kindergarten who have late birthdays and would have without a doubt done much better in school had they waited until the following school year," said Ben, currently a first-grade teacher at the school. "Give our children the time to develop and mature and to be truly ready to start their academic journey. Life is not a race, and we shouldn't be rushing these little ones before they're able to handle the greater expectations placed on them." Most states require a student to be at least age 5 by August or September before being allowed to enter kindergarten. Michigan is one of only six states with a cut-off date of December 1 or later. The bills would phase in the cut-off date over three years by making the deadline one month earlier each year. They would also require local school boards to adopt a policy enabling parents of a child who is 4 by September 1 to request a waiver of the age requirement if the student is deemed to have the capabilities necessary for kindergarten. Similar measures were part of a landmark legislative package that I sponsored last year that focused on prevention and early intervention of learning failure. The new legislation will complete a comprehensive plan to give students the strongest start

possible and help ensure a solid foundation for their school years. SBs 474 and 475 have been referred to the Senate Education Committee.

Mortgage fraud legislation passes Senate

The Senate has passed legislation that will help prevent mortgage fraud in Michigan. According to the FBI, mortgage fraud loss in Michigan skyrocketed from \$9 million in 2003 to \$26 million in 2005. Currently, lenders in Michigan lose at least \$29 million a year to mortgage fraud. To help address this serious problem, Senate Bills 343 and 356 would prevent appraisers from conducting an appraisal if a requirement for getting the job is an expected outcome, or it is implied that their payment is based upon a desired minimum appraisal value. SB 343 is a technical bill that will remove the outdated three-year misdemeanor penalty from the sentencing guidelines associated with mortgage acts. SB 356 will be replaced with a standard one-year misdemeanor and increased fines. Senate Bills 342, 343, 356, and 432 now move to the House for consideration.

Tax plans go to workgroup

House and Senate plans to replace the Single Business Tax, which expires on December 31, 2007, are the subject of negotiations between 8 members of a bi-cameral, bi-partisan workgroup. Co-Chairs are Rep. Steve Bieda, House Tax Policy Chair and myself, Chair of Senate Finance. Your feedback is always welcome. You can contact me by e-mail at: senecassis@senate.michigan.gov, or toll free at 1-888-38-NANCY. State Senator Nancy Cassis (R-Nowi) represents the 15th Senate District which includes West Bloomfield, Oakland portion of Northville, Novi Township, Novi, Walled Lake, Westland, Livonia, South Lyon, Milford, Highland, Holly, Rose, Commerce, White Lake, Orchard Lake, and Wolverine Lake. Constituents can contact her at senecassis@senate.michigan.gov or toll free at 1-888-38-NANCY.



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Looking for Literacy
Meadowbrook Commons resident Vivian Coleman checks out some books during the Novi Public Library's monthly bookmobile stop at the Novi Senior Center last Tuesday morning. With a bag full of books in her cart, Coleman said, "I can hardly wait for the bookmobile to come around."

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

LETTERS

County commissioners oppose plan

We are writing on behalf of Oakland County to ask that readers oppose the planned raid of the convention facility fund — which is collected from liquor and hotel taxes — to balance the general State of Michigan budget. Discussions are currently under way to liquidate that fund in Senate bill 220, for fiscal year 2007. If enacted, our communities will lose nearly \$36 million currently used for public safety and substance abuse treatment programs. These programs with their intense focus on intervention and public safety of our citizens provide successful and less costly alternatives to incarceration, such that our strained county jail space can be used for criminals more likely to steal from or harm our residents. The Legislature and the governor are working to finalize the budget within the next two weeks. Michigan counties, most especially Oakland, have already

helped the state to the tune of \$183 million annually for a limited period of time. Other annual cuts to county programs in other areas of the budget have left critical county services which our residents use in an extremely vulnerable position. The slash and burn planned for substance abuse programs is dangerous policy, when added to state proposals to dump felony parolees back into our localities while also shifting sentencing guidelines. Even as state leaders contemplate confiscating funds from these proven programs, they continue to dilute over changes needed to reawaken Michigan's economy and nascent unfunded future budget obligations are left untouched while legislators perpetuate massive subsidy programs for favored clients, and indeed, even propose new ones. Michigan citizens need to demand that our Legislature stop this raid on our communities' safety. Oakland County has already dealt responsibly with deep cuts in state funding, without increasing county tax rates, even as we are still responsible for providing extensive state mandated services. A recent survey indicates that the state requires counties to spend \$1.1 billion dollars for mandated services; however, only \$350 million of those dollars come from the state, with more cuts on the way. Unfortunately, Michigan's citizens will directly suffer when services such as county jails, roads, local public health departments and public safety are cut again. We simply cannot maintain a quality of life for our citizens and guarantee their safety if these cuts are made. Oakland County government, has been particularly mindful of Michigan's economic crisis, and has responded by calibrating expenditures to forecasted shifts in revenues, building reserves, pre-paying major retirement health care costs, and moving forward, sculpting affordable benefit plans, which more closely approximate those available to our citizens. On behalf of Oakland County, we ask members of the Legislature to assist in the protection of these services vital to community safety. Readers who are also concerned would do well to contact their state legisla-

tor and let them know they vigorously oppose these planned cuts.
Hugh Crawford and Jeff Potter
Oakland County Commissioners

THANKS! from VO Gives Back

On May 11, Village Oaks Elementary School hosted a Blood Drive for the American Red Cross. We were overwhelmed with the support from school staff, our families, neighbors and other school district employees. Thanks to everyone we met our goals of 50 pints and 70 donors! In fact, we had to turn away many more donors who volunteered but just couldn't wait. Novi truly is a caring community that rises to the occasion whenever asked. We're proud to be a part of this wonderful city.

Susan Egan
Novi

What do you think?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.
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Deadline: Letters must be received by noon on Tuesday to be published in the Thursday edition.

Joining the ranks: Another changing Novi face

When I first started as a reporter with the Novi News, our state representative and mayor were city councilmen, our city manager was the assistant and the Sandstone lawsuit was the hot news topic. Come to think of it, there was a library bond, too. Now I'm enthusiastic and proud to announce years later, I've joined the list of Novi faces accepting a new role in the community — editor of the Novi News.



Victoria Mitchell

For me the role is more than a job, it's a commitment. It's a commitment to the community where I've grown roots and become an honorary member, and it's a commitment to our readers to deliver the highest quality, informative and enjoyable weekly addition to their household. I will deliver a paper reflecting the community Novi was, is now and is heading to become. A paper that will seem familiar to the old and fresh to the new. Just as Novi has evolved throughout the years, so has the Novi News, and fresh, vibrant faces will continue surfacing in both places. So send me your photos, share

your stories or stop by for a cup of coffee because at the heart of community paper is the community. And my role of steering this editorial ship is only as strong as the stories you're willing to share. So whether you just moved to Novi or have been here your whole life, I want your input on this new adventure. And that is because celebrating and honoring the new and honored spirit of Novi is here to stay.

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COMMENTARY

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Put A Human Face On State budget Mess

With the political rhetoric being spun like Spiderman on steroids, you would think our state taxes provide little or no value to taxpayers. Of course our state government could be more efficient and effective while providing higher value for the taxes collected. However, if you listen to the political spin, one could quickly come to the conclusion that we receive no return on our tax investment. Of course, that is not true.

Consider the following the next time you hear excessive government bashing:

- You called 911 and the local police, fire or ambulance arrived to assist your family. This service is partially the courtesy of "revenue sharing," i.e., your state taxes being returned to your local community to provide vital services.
- A burglar, rapist or other "bad guys" are plucked from your neighborhood and are hauled off to prison; yep, your tax dollars at work.
- Remember the tears that swelled in your eyes when you read about the children being abused and neglected by their parents? Yes, it costs money to care for them and keep them safe.
- Grandma is at a local nursing home and you are counting on appropriate rules, regulations and oversight to assure she is safe and cared for

- yes, sirree, your tax dollars at work again.
- People with mental illness or developmental disabilities are counting on the government to continue to provide the necessary resources so they may be able to live with dignity.
- Our children need a quality education to be prepared for the hyper-competitive global economy — so thank a teacher and your fellow taxpayers for the investment in our collective future.

Seems like everyone has their favorite government waste and inefficiency story. Clearly there is a need for further strategic cuts, structural reforms, (including pension and health care changes and consolidation and collaboration among schools and local units of government) BEFORE taxes are raised. Many believe if taxes are raised before significant reforms are undertaken — well, we will NEVER see the reforms while we will pay the higher taxes forever!

There have been calls coming from across the state for bold, decisive leadership from our elected officials at the state capital. Yet, with each day of political posturing and inaction, the problems of the state seem to multiply. The respective political parties are like a broken record, stuck on their talking points and afraid



About Tom Watkins

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to compromise for fear of losing political advantage and power. Perhaps the great 20th century philosopher, Bertrand Russell best captured this dilemma when he said: "The central problem of our age is how to act decisively in the absence of certainty."

People, Not Statistics

As the Governor and legislature grapple with the tough choices of investing in our collective future, while making sensible cuts and reforms, let's remember that the "cuts" do not simply impact a stereotyped, nameless, faceless, overpaid and under-worked bureaucrat. Actions being contemplated will define the Michigan that 10 million of us call home. We must not ever let the decision makers forget that beyond the statistics is the face of a person with mental retardation or mental illness, a child struggling to read, an uncle with Alzheimer's, Grannie in the nursing home or a family anxiously awaiting an ambulance to take Dad suffering from chest pains to the emergency room.

The posturing on both sides of the political aisle over "whose fault" the current mess belongs to and who will get the credit or blame for the potential fixes has been palpable. Clearly, the taxpayers believe there is enough and want a sensible resolution — and they want it now.

Perhaps America's humorist, Will Rogers had it right when he asked: "If stupidity got us into this mess, then why can't it get us out?" Decisions made will impact our collective futures — let's hope the politicians can get it right. And remember, as we poke fun at the political leaders whose jobs are to solve these vexing problems, let's never lose sight of the fact that behind the headlines, laugh-lines, and political maneuvering, are not simply tax plans, cuts, and reforms — the decisions being made will impact the citizens of Michigan and set the course for our future prosperity.

We are counting on our government leaders to lead — hopefully with their heads — but also with their hearts.

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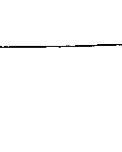

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EVENTS

The Second City Alternative Production of "My Cousin's Comedy Show"

DATE: Today TIME: 10:30 p.m. following the mainstage production... LOCATION: The Second City Theatre, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi

Oakland Schools Technical Campus 35th Annual Anniversary Garden Center Sale

TIME/DATE: 7:45-9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. weekdays through June 8... LOCATION: Oakland Schools Technical Campus, 1000 Beck Road, Wixom

"Charlie and The Chocolate Factory"

DATE: This Weekend TIME: 2 and 7:30 p.m., call for details... LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

Bone Marrow Donor Drive

DATE: Friday TIME: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Providence Hospital, Conference Room A, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi

Book Club Meeting

DATE: Friday TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Starbucks, 302 East Main St., Northville

The Muses: Twelve Artists Interpret The Figure

TIME/DATE: 1-7 p.m. Thursdays: 4:30-8:30 p.m. Fridays: 12:30-4:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through May 20

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce is a nonprofit business association. We provide ongoing networking opportunities for our members...

Wine Tasting Event

DATE: Thursday, May 31 TIME: 6-8 p.m. LOCATION: Mezza Mediterranean Grille, 42050 Grand River

CLASSES

Providence Center for the Healing Arts LOCATION: Assarian Center

Artrain USA "America's Homeown Art Museum"

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-6 p.m., June 8-12 LOCATION: 840 N. Pontiac Trail

Farmers Market

DATE: Every Wednesday through the end of October TIME: 7 a.m.-1 p.m. LOCATION: Walled Lake City Hall Field

IT Solutions 2007

DATE: Thursday, June 21 TIME: 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. LOCATION: Wyndham Garden Hotel

Novi Chamber of Commerce

The chamber is celebrating 40 years of business, representing over 500 members...

Wild West Casino Night

DATE: Saturday, June 23 TIME: 7 p.m. doors open; 8 p.m. show starts

No-No's Garden Watch Adventure II

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Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce

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Fourth Annual Pet Adoption Day

DATE: Sunday, May 20 TIME: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. LOCATION: Gons To The Dogs, 22497 Heslip Dr., Novi

CLASSES

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

829 Breakfast

TIME/DATE: 7:45 a.m. Wednesday LOCATION: Novia Minolta, 46521 Enterprise Ct

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce

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Breast Cancer Support Group

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Females in the Family Business Affinity Group

TIME/DATE: 9-9:30 a.m. Third Thursday of every month LOCATION: Walsh College Troy Campus

Wine Tasting Event

DATE: Thursday, May 31 TIME: 6-8 p.m. LOCATION: Mezza Mediterranean Grille, 42050 Grand River

CLASSES

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

NOVI SENIOR CENTER

Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Complex, 25075 Meadowbrook Road

Recreation Support Group

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

Women's Prayer Support

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

Breast Cancer Support Group

DATES: Second and fourth Tuesday of each month LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital (Classroom C) Commerce

Friendship Circle

DATE: Second Thursday of each month TIME: 1 p.m. LOCATION: St. James Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile Road

Novi Civic Center

Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks

LOCATION: 27475 Huron Circle, adjacent to Twelve Oaks Mall CONTACT: (248) 735-1500

Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, June 5 TIME: 6 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

Novi High School Class of 2007 Scrapbooking Fundraiser for Senior All Night Party

TIME/DATE: 3-11 p.m. Friday LOCATION: Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road

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

Bible Study
DATE: Thursdays
TIME: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Join the group for prayer, sharing, and discussion of the Sunday scripture readings.

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

Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting
DATE: Last Wednesday of each month
TIME: 10-11 a.m.
DETAILS: This free informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required.

CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248) 334-3595

St. Paul Lutheran
LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville
CONTACT: (248) 349-3140
Sunday Worship
TIME: 8:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.
Gospel Choir
TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. Sunday
DETAILS: Music Minister Marjorie Gabriel-Barrow of St. Augustine and St. Monica parishes in Detroit will direct the parish gospel choir.

Vacation Bible School
DATE: June 18-22
Sunday Worship
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DETAILS: "Quest for Truth," an Indiana Jones-type adventure where kids dig into scripture to investigate Jesus' life.

Kindergarten Registration
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St. James Catholic
LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-7778
Mass Schedule
TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday, 7 p.m. Wednesday, 5 p.m. Saturday

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

First United Methodist of Northville
LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville
CONTACT: (248) 349-1444 or visit www.funorthville.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 8, 9:15, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Community Healing Service
DATE: First Monday of every month
DETAILS: This service is open to anyone asking God for healing.

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, 23200 Meadowbrook Road (south of 13 Mile Road)
CONTACT: (248) 427-2700, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Divorce Recovery Workshop II

DATE: Tonight, June 14
TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Emeritus Room
DETAILS: Various speakers; child care available for toddlers through sixth grade; registration required two weeks prior to workshop; \$45

Walking 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

St. John Lutheran

LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills
CONTACT: (248) 474-0584 or visit www.stjohn-lutheran.com
Saturday Worship
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School
TIME: 10:15 a.m.

Faith Community Presbyterian

LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile
CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.fallcommunity.org

The Baha'i Faith

CONTACT: (248) 473-0356 or visit www.us.bahai.org
Devotional Gathering
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. last Saturday of every month
LOCATION: 23803 Pippie Creek St., Novi
DETAILS: This gathering is focused on prayers for peace. People of all faiths 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

DETAILS: Thursday evenings, 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program; \$5
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Tonight: "Understanding and Improving Credit Scores," with Beth Troost; Cards and Games. 8 p.m.

May 17: "Online Dating: What You Need to Know," with Tara Kachaluroff; Cards and Games. 8 p.m.

May 24: "Health and Wellness," with Patrick J. Olfman, Ph.D.; "The Power that Made the Body Heals the Body," with Dr. Patricia L. Chelosty, D.C.; "Looking at Foods," with Patrick J. Olfman, Ph.D.

May 31: "Picnic & Light & Lively Concert," featuring Ronnie J. Requesting donation of \$10 for picnic and concert; \$5 for concert.

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

Gracepointe Presbyterian

CONTACT: (248) 497-3178 or e-mail gracepointe@mac.com
Worship Service
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Sunday 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.

Orchard Hills Baptist Church

LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-5665
Vacation Bible School
TIME/DATE: 6:8-20 p.m. July 24-28; 5:8-20 p.m. July 29
LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road
DETAILS: "Game Day Central: Where Heroes are Made," preschool through grade 6; free.
CONTACT: Jon Hix, info@orchardhillsnovi.com or visit www.orchardhillsnovi.com

PC411: Making Your Computer Smarter Again

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 23
DETAILS: Free seminar led by IT professionals; topics include PC maintenance/repair, internet/e-mail safety, information security, do-it-yourself computer upgrades and PC buying tips.
CONTACT: PC411@orchardhillsnovi.com

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 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) 448-5733

Novi High School Reunion-Classes of 1974-1977

DATE: July 26
DETAILS: A combined class reunion is being planned for the four graduating years.
CONTACTS: Laurie (Maier) Butler, Class of '74, lbutler@motorcitybanquet.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 High School Reunion-Class of 1987

DATE: Saturday, Aug. 11
DETAILS: More information coming.
CONTACT: Call (323) 467-0642 or Novi-High@gmail.com

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. vonGlahn, 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: Jane Class-Marj Storch at marj.storch@sbcglobal.net, Mary Middleton at mvmiddleton@aol.com, Susan (Simon) Barack (248) 697-9429 or vincograci1@yahoo.com; January Class-Eleanor Locke at eplocke@aol.com or Dick Rebbington at rebbrasseville@yahoo.com.

Belleville High School Class of 1982

DATE: Aug. 3-5
LOCATION: Eagle Crest Marriott, Ypsilanti
CONTACT: Michelle Fales (734) 844-8704 or brobary@comcast.net

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 Millford Road, New Hudson
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Brighton Hospital Annual Golf Classic

DATE: Monday, August 13
TIME: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
LOCATION: Lakelands Golf and Country Club, 8760 Chilson Road, Brighton
DETAILS: Sign up early for an extra round of golf. Sponsorships available.
CONTACT: www.stjohn.org/Brighton

Angela Hospice Golf Outing

DATE: Friday, June 15
TIME: Continental breakfast and free range balls before golf, 10 a.m. shotgun start
LOCATION: Woodlands of Van Buren, Wayne
DETAILS: Eighteen holes of golf with cart, box lunch and open beverage carts on the course, steak reception following golf with open bar, dessert, prizes, mini-silent auction; benefits programs for terminally ill patients and their families. Golfers can register in foursomes or as individuals; \$175 per golfer. Packages for business partners and corporate sponsors available.
CONTACT: Barbara Paul (734) 933-6014 or www.angelahospice.org

Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce Second Annual Golf Outing

DATE: Tuesday, July 10
TIME: 9 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. Shotgun start.
LOCATION: Links of Novi
DETAILS: Eighteen holes of golf with cart, goodie bags, special competition holes, two drink tickets on course, lunch at the turn, steak dinner, open bar at dinner, door prizes galore and raffle with prizes. Cost is \$110 per golfer or \$400 for advanced registration of a foursome by June 19.
CONTACT: (248) 347-4622 or www.greaternovitchamber.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

Ice Cream Social

DATE: Sunday
TIME: 1-4 p.m.
LOCATION: Wixom Wire House, corner of Maple and Wixom roads
DETAILS: Join us for ice cream, games, displays and an open museum. Sponsored by Wixom Historical Society.
CONTACT: Bertha King (248) 684-2442

Schoolcraft Community College Seminar on Government Contracting

DATE: Thursday, May 24
TIME: 9 a.m.-noon
LOCATION: VistaTech Center
DETAILS: Learn to become a government contractor, to classify your product or service, to register; examine laws and regulations, marketing strategies, opportunities. State of Michigan topics include vendor registration, bidding process, how state buys goods. Reservations being taken; \$40.
CONTACT: (734) 462-4438
Professional Chef Training
DATE: June 5-7
TIME: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (except for final day)

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Singles and lovin' it



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Wildcats Goutham Kondapi, Mani Mahadevan and Vivek Athalye have some fun on the Novi courts.

KVC champs' depth too much for opponents

By Jeff Thelsen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

The strength of the Novi tennis team is in its depth. Head coach Jim Hanson said it wouldn't be surprising for the No. 4 singles player to beat the No. 1 on any given day.

But manning the No. 1 spot is senior Vivek Athalye, followed by sophomore Mani Mahadevan at No. 2, Roshan Ramachandran at No. 3 and Goutham Kondapi at No. 4.

All four earned KVC titles on Saturday and are ready to try to lead the Wildcats through the regional tournament and into the state tournament.

Hanson said all four singles players bring different styles for his 12-1 team.

Athalye is at No. 1 because he's the best

player on the team. He's also one of two captains on the team.

"He's very fast on his feet," Hanson said. "He's got a good serve and a good serve return. He's an excellent vollier. He has good ground strokes."

"He has all those attributes you need to be a good singles player."

Athalye has already played several of the top players in the state as Novi takes on the top teams from the area throughout the year.

"It can be frustrating because at times he plays extremely well and he loses," Hanson said. "Winning and losing shouldn't be factored into the equation. It's the fact of how you play and how you competed. Vivek's always done a nice job at that."

As well as No. 1 on the court, Athalye is

also at the top in the classroom. He will be attending Stanford next year.

"He's got his priorities in order — academics first and sports second," Hanson said. "But he's one of the better tennis players we've ever had."

Mahadevan wears his opponents down and uses a counter-punch technique.

"Mani is excellent at drop shots and moving the ball around the court," Hanson said. "He uses the whole court to break his opponent down."

Mahadevan, just a sophomore, became the first-ever Wildcat to make the state finals last year, then competing at No. 4 singles.

See **TENNIS, 2B**

Shocker: Novi soccer loses



Photo by Mike Shuster

Novi hadn't lost a game in more than two seasons before Saturday, a 60-0-2 streak.

62-game unbeaten streak ends with 2-1 loss Saturday

By Jeff Thelsen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

It took the better half of three full seasons, but the Novi soccer team finally tasted defeat Saturday. The Wildcat (13-1-1) unbeaten streak ends at 62 games (60-0-2).

Division III champion Hudsonville Unity Christian pulled out a 2-1 victory and is riding an unbelievable 70-game winning streak of its own.

The Crusaders started the scoring in the first half off a free kick from 18-yards out.

Stephanie Crawford converted a breakaway off a feed from Emily Esbrook to tie the score with 10 minutes left in the half.

But the Crusaders scored again off a header by Laura Heyboyer from a free kick to take a 2-1 lead at the half.

"On our side, my entire defense did a great job against last year's Ms. Soccer winner, Laura Heyboyer," O'Leary said. "We single-marked her with

whatever player was against her and never had to use plan B of double teaming her."

"Defenders Jessica Barndt, Kristine Chaklos, Shannon Cody, Rachel Barndt and Megan Burns all had turns marking her because they moved her around up top in their three-forward formation."

Novi trailed 6-5 in shots at the half, but outshot the Crusaders 15-0 in the second half, but the Crusaders goalkeeper kept everything out of the net.

"Not only did she save 19 quality shots on goal, but she also came out of her box numerous times to stop our attacks," O'Leary said. "She was without question the MVP of the game."

KVC domination

In other games, Novi cruised past a pair of league foes, shutting out Pinckney 6-0 May 8 and

See **SOCCER, 2B**

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NOVI NEWS Athlete of the Week

Novi senior Allie Sisson, Track

Allie Sisson was involved in five winning events for the Novi track team between two meets last week. Against South Lyon, she won the 300 hurdles, was part of the 3,200 relay team and the 1,600 relay team. At the Mercy Invite, she was on the winning 3,200 relay and won with a state-qualifying time of 47.1 in the 300 hurdles.



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Health

Female athletes: Knee deep in injuries?

The prototypical sports injury is the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injury. Every year in training camp where hope springs eternal for most football teams, the future is inevitably dimmed by the loss of a potential star for the year. For three consecutive years at least one of my fantasy football "horses" has gone down early with an ACL.



Sean Bak

And every year, scores of our high school and collegiate female athletes have their seasons ended by this injury. Indeed, there are times when it feels as though female ACL injuries are the sole reason we're still in business in the bank of every ligament in the body allowing for jumping, cutting and pivoting motions. Basketball, volleyball and soccer are the major at-risk sports for women's knee injuries. Almost two-thirds of ACL injuries occur while landing from a jump. As women's participation in sports has risen over the last two decades, the corresponding rise of female ACL injuries has produced a minor epidemic. Several reasons for the three to four times higher rate of this injury in women compared to their male counterparts have been proposed.

Estrogen, the principal female hormone, has a direct negative effect on collagen. Collagen is the protein making up the bulk of every ligament in the body including the ACL. The intuitive thought is that increased levels of estrogen in females contribute to their higher rate of ligament injury. Taking this one step further, several studies have been performed attempting to pinpoint a time during the woman's menstrual cycle during which they are most susceptible to injury. Studies so far have failed to show a consistent point in the cycle when these injuries occur but a clear trend of increased injury during times of high estrogen has been identified. We do not have enough information at this time to identify stages of the cycle which are "high-risk" for injury (nor would we even be practical either) but the original hypothesis that estrogen plays a role in ACL injury seems to have been proven.

Several anatomic differences have been put forth as well as the gender differences in ACL injury. The "narrow" area of the knee is an area in the center of the knee joint where most ACL injuries occur; this area is proportionally smaller in women compared with men. Combine that with the reduced thickness of the ligament and you get one more reason for the increased risk of injury in women.

Instant replay and super slo-mo have allowed us to identify several subtleties in jumping mechanics. Women tend to land from a jump in a more upright position with their knees much closer together than male athletes and this type of position has been found to directly increase the stress on the ACL. Female athletes also tend to fire their quadriceps muscles more than their hamstring muscles during cutting maneuvers which can also put the ACL at higher risk.

While we cannot change the anatomic and hormonal differences in women, we can change the mechanics and this has been the focus of the ACL injury prevention program we have implemented and others like it around the country. Just as a golf swing or jumpshot can be properly taught, so can landing mechanics and muscle balance. Early studies show that these injury prevention programs are effective in reducing ACL injuries. Unfortunately, though, for our sisters and daughters (and mothers!), we haven't reached the point at which we're putting ourselves out of business...yet.

Dr. Sean Bak is a Novi resident and an orthopaedic surgeon who specializes in sports reconstruction and shoulder medicine. He can be reached at sbakmd@hotmail.com.

Schluter steps down
Coach cites family time as main reason

By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

The Pat Schluter era for Novi Basketball has come to a close. Schluter turned in his resignation after 14 years, citing more family time as his primary reason for leaving the team.

"It's emotional. It's tough," he said of his decision. "I've built a lot of relationships with the players and had a lot of good friends. I had a good career. I've been fortunate."

The former Wildcat coach sent out a letter to his current players and parents explaining his reasons. Schluter wrote: The time commitment that I have devoted to the Novi Basketball Program is no longer available to me, as my daughters are very active in sports. The past 14 years have been one of the most rewarding and fulfilling chapters of my life

TENNIS: Wildcat singles players each bring something different to the court

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Ramachandran has been varsity all four years of his Novi career.

"Roshan is basically a baseliar — good reflexes and good foot speed," Hanson said. "He pounds the ball hard. Over the years, he goes to the net more than he would in his sophomore and freshman years."

"Roshan is a strong No. 3 and definitely a good example of the depth on our team."

Kondagi, another sophomore, makes the jump from No. 4 doubles as a freshman to singles play. "He's worked extremely hard on his game last summer and through the winter," Hanson said. "He's a thinker. He's got good ground strokes, a good volter, a good serve and good return."

Competition in practice is harder than most matches for the Wildcat single players. But what makes them stronger also has made them one of the best in Novi history. "As a group, they might be the best we've had," Hanson said. "They just like to compete."

Friday's Regional

The regional meet takes place Friday at the Novi Middle School and high school courts. The middle school will be the principle site, with matches starting at 8:30 a.m. Northville, Novi Catholic Central and KVC for Brighton

By the numbers
Wins: 194
Losses: 116
KVC titles: 3
District titles: 3
Years coached at Novi: 14

from a relational stand point, because of the many friendships formed and experiences shared with the great people of this community.

"It's been tough for the last couple of years because my daughters are getting older and active in sports," Schluter said.

Schluter captured 194 wins with 116 losses, six titles (three KVC and three district), had the No. 1 academic team in the state for two straight years. He was also voted All-Area coach of the year in 1995 and 2003 and All-Metro coach of

the year by the Free Press and Detroit News in 2003.

In the final paragraph of the letter, Schluter wrote: "Though it really tugs on my heart to walk away from this program, it is time for me to start a new chapter. I know that Novi Basketball will be successful for many years to come."

Schluter will continue to coach the summer basketball camps, both the Novi camp and the Area 4-Star camp.

The current step away does not mean Schluter is closing the door on his coaching career.

"I really, really miss it, then I'll know to get back into it," he said. "I'm just going to take some time off and try to coach my girls' teams."

"I'm still going to be involved in basketball."

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Novi's Pat Schluter will not return as the basketball coach next season. He wants to spend more time with his family.

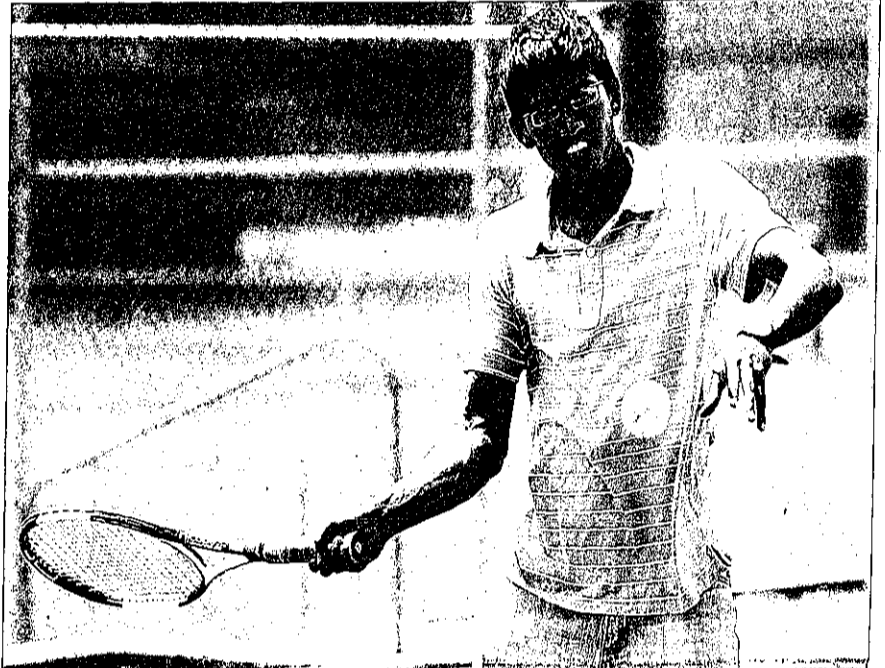


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Novi High tennis ace Vivek Athalye hits a forehand on the Wildcat courts. Athalye is one of the few teams also in the regional. "I have the utmost respect for the teams in our regional. It's going to be tough," Hanson said. "Only two teams get to move onto the state finals. It's who's going to be tough on that day that's going to go."

Sport shorts

Hole in One

Jeffrey Belanger aced the fifth hole of the elite course at the Links of Novi on May 9. He aced a 9 iron on the 140-yard hole.

Smarty Cats

The Novi Varsity Girls Basketball Team earned/ranked 2nd in Class A this year with a team GPA average throughout the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan. This is the fourth year in a row that the girls team has been in the top five.

The Summer Basketball Academy

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Wildcat basketball camps

Novi boys basketball coach Pat Schluter is hosting three summer basketball camps. The boys basketball camp for grades 2-5 will run 8:30 a.m.-noon and grades 6-9 will be 1-4:30 p.m. July 18-22 at Novi Middle School. Cost of the camp is \$140 and will include all

aspects of basketball and player development. Participants will also receive a T-shirt and outdoor basketball.

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.

The camp for grades 2-5 will run from 8:30-10 a.m. for one class and 10:15-11:45 a.m. for another class July 23-27 at Novi Middle School. The cost is \$68 for each class and will teach the basic skills of basketball. Gym clothes and gym shoes are required for all camps. Registration begins April 16 by calling Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

4-Star Basketball Camp

Novi basketball head coach Pat Schluter is teaming up with South Lyon head coach Daren Clayton to run the All-Area 4-Star Basketball Camp at Livonia Stevenson High School. The first camp is for boys entering grades 3-6 from 8:30 a.m.-noon with boys entering grades 7-8 from 1-4:30 p.m. July 9-13.

The second camp is for grades 5-8 from 8:30-noon and grades 9-12 from 1-4:30 p.m. July 16-20. Each camp cost \$165 and is aimed at improving the serious basketball player. Space is limited to 100 campers per session. Visit www.walareabasketball.com for more information.

Novi girls basketball camp

The Novi basketball camp for girls in grades 2-9 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

SOCCER: Streak comes to end

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Howell 8-0 May 9. Against Howell, Jamie Fratto tallied three goals, Esbrook and Crawford scored a pair, and Veronica Salans scored the other.

Stephanie Janssens passed out three assists. Katie Chalko had two helpers, and Fratto, Alyssa Fraser and Jenna Carosio each recorded an assist. Erin Zerito recorded her 11th shutout.

The fee is \$140, and registration begins April 16 by calling Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

In the 6-0 win, six different scorers reached the scorebook: Charles, Ellen Briza, Janssens, Morgan Hatley, Crawford and Carosio. Assists came from Chalko (2), Courtney Milton, Jessica Barnit, Veronica Salans and Carosio. Novi made two saves for the shutout.

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NOVI ROUNDUP: Tennis wins KVC

By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

The Novi tennis team wrapped up an undefeated week with a KVC title Saturday.

The Wildcats faced Brighton players in every flight of the KVC finals, and Novi won them all. In other matches, Novi beat South Lyon 9-0, Ann Arbor Greenhills 7-1 and Hartland 9-0.

At the KVC finals, sweeping the singles play were Vivek Athalye at No. 1 (6-1, 6-2 in finals), Mani Mahadevan at No. 2 (6-2, 6-2), Roshan Ramachandran at No. 3 (6-3, 6-3) and Gourham Kondapi at No. 4 (6-2, 6-1). Winning in doubles were Adam Doster and Ryan Bell (3-6, 6-0, 7-5) at No. 1; Ryan Goodman and Kevin Lai at No. 2 (6-2, 6-1); Jason Hsu and Justin Farooq at No. 3 (6-4, 7-5); Amey Solami and Vishnu Veerappan at No. 4 (6-4, 4-6, 6-1); and Carson Crandell and Tim Oh at No. 5 (6-0, 6-3).

Against South Lyon, the Wildcats won all sets between 6-0 and 6-2. Against Greenhills, Amey Solami and Veerappan won a three-setter (4-6, 6-3, 6-3) and against Hartland, all sets were between 6-0 and 6-3 by the Wildcats.

Novi Girls Track

The Wildcat girls track team beat South Lyon 86-51 and had several girls put in state-qualifying times at a non-scoring meet at the Mercy Marlin McNish Track Invite on Saturday.

At the invite, the 3,200 relay team of Heather Armiak, Caroline Johnson, Allie Sisson and Emily Hall (9:53) made the state cut. Winning events were Kira Zerito in the shot put (111-4) and in the discus (34-5), Emily Hall in the 800 (2:28.1) and Sisson in the 300 hurdles with a state-qualifying time of 41.1.

Second-place finishes went to Andrea Kramer in the 3,200 meters (12:06.1) and Brittany Davis in the 100 meters (12.9). The Wildcats will compete in the regional meet Friday at Milford.

Against South Lyon, the Wildcats loaded up on points by sweeping the 100 hurdles and the high jump and first and third finishes in the pole vault, 400 meters, 300 hurdles and 800 meters and finished first and second in the 3,200 meters.

Novi softball

The Novi softball team



Submitted photo

Novi's Adam Doster returns a shot. Doster, No. 1 doubles partner Ryan Bell and the rest of the Wildcat team claimed KVC titles Saturday.

Winners included Zerito in the shot put (31-0) and in the discus (100-9), Kaitlyn Sheilar in the pole vault (8-2), Armiak in the high jump (4-1), the 4x800 team of Armiak, Johnson, Sisson and Hall, Regan Barbosa in the 100 hurdles (18.55), Elle Robinson in the 1,600 meters (5:42.9), Davis, Jenn Feicher, Marina Pihoskin and Monica Barlage in the 4x100 (52.1), Johnson in the 400 meters (1:02.3), Sisson in the 300 hurdles (48.4), Hall in the 800 meters (2:30.7), Marie Ross in the 3,200 meters (13:55.4) and the 4x100 relay of Hall, Johnson, Armiak and Sisson (4:13.2).

Novi Baseball

The Wildcat offense pounded on Pipekey in a 16-3 win Monday.

Brandon Schwanz led the offense with a 4-for-4 performance, knocking in three runs. Pat Schlenke had two hits, including a

home run and five RBIs, and Danny Kilger also had two hits, including a home run with two RBIs for the Wildcats (10-11, 6-5).

Catholic Central Baseball

The Shamrock baseball team swept a doubleheader against Notre Dame Prep. Catholic Central won 7-1 and 7-3.

Leading the offense were Sean Falvo and Tony Thomas, with four hits between the games. Thomas also knocked in four runs.

Submissions, results or photos can be sent to Jeff Theisen at jtheisen@gannett.com or at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

Novi lacrosse improves to 12-2

Blackledge, Howell already at 40-goal mark

Submitted By Craig Hepler

Novi played on the pristine Howell's Park Field on May 7 and apparently left playing there, as the Wildcats won 22-3. Novi (12-2) also beat Ann Arbor Huron Valley 13-0 and beat Ann Arbor Huron 9-8 in a five-overtime thriller.

Novi 22, Howell 3

Novi scored seven goals in the first three minutes of the game. Four of these came from Travis Blackledge, with two coming from Craig Howell and one from Matt Mandeville. Novi finished the first quarter with 10 lead goals. Once again, Novi got every player on their bench into the game and got goals from 12 different players. Multiple scorers were Blackledge (4), Howell (4), Mandeville (3), George Riegel (2), and Robert Wagner (2). Riegel led the team in assists with three and Sean Murphy had four ground balls.

Novi is 10-2 and ranked 10th in the state on the Lax Power rankings.

Novi 13, Huron Valley 0

On May 10, Novi kept their streak alive with a win over Huron Valley 13-0. Novi's winning streak moved to ten games as they rolled over an outmatched team made up of players from combined Milford and Lakeland team.

Novi had three goals each from Howell, Blackledge and Riegel but the real story was the play of the Wildcat defense. The defense led by captain Brad Petrosky kept Huron Valley to only five shots in the third quarter and none in the fourth. Fellow defenders Ryan Lemieux, Eric Gutman, Jack Petrosky, and Anthony Gasparotto all had stellar performances.

Goalie Eric Hepler got his first complete game shutout with eight saves. Kevin Rowe had an awesome performance with nine ground balls.



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Novi's Craig Howell runs into a couple of Brighton players at midfield.

Novi 9, Ann Arbor Huron 8, 5 0T

Saturday, May 12 is a day anyone on the field or in the stands at Ann Arbor Huron's lower field will not soon forget. Both the Novi Wildcats and the Ann Arbor Huron River Rats played incredible games, but in the end, a goal by Novi's junior middle, Riegel

34 seconds into the fifth overtime won it 9-8.

The MVP of the game without a doubt was senior goalie Hepler who put on an unbelievable performance, stopping 27 of the River Rat's 35 shots on goal. This included 12 saves in the overtime periods. Hepler now has a total of 133 saves for the season with a save percentage of 65.2 percent.

Blackledge was the other hero of the game with five goals of his own against a very stingy Huron defense. This may have been Blackledge's best game as well as he moved to within four goals of team leader Howell. Blackledge now has 40 goals this season while Howell's two goals in the game added to his total of 44.



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Top: Novi sophomores Laura Sheeran and Elle Robinson run together at the Berkeley Invite. Bottom: Brittany Davis finishes the 200 meters at the Berkeley Invite.



Local man makes big money investing in real estate

Joe Mercadante has created enough income from real estate in 12 months to retire at the age of 35.

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REAL ESTATE INVESTOR

Thirty-five year old Joe Mercadante from Ypsilanti, MI stumbled across a Five Real Estate Investing Access that has helped him create enough monthly income in 12 months to quit his high paying corporate job. According to Joe, "I started investing in properties using the strategy outlined in this free report in April of 2004. I have accumulated 26 homes that currently are paying me \$4,368 of cash flow each and every month. Plus I have locked in \$580,442 of profit. I plan on quitting my 9 to 5 job next month and will be able to live off of the income from my properties!"

Joe was amazed at the profits that could be obtained using this simple investing strategy. He said that he never wanted to invest in real estate because he didn't want to spend his evenings and weekends fixing up homes. Joe isn't very handy and he didn't enjoy installing toilets, laying tile and painting.

Luckily, Joe read a real estate investing report entitled, "How to Make

\$232,016 Each & Every Year Investing in Real Estate without Flipping a Single Home" and learned a simple strategy for profiting from investing in nice homes in nice areas. Joe stated that the majority of homes he had invested in were in more in condition. In a few cases, his houses were so nice that he had rented his properties before he even got his keys at the closing.

Joe liked this approach because it didn't require him to have the financial risk of investing to pay the mortgage, taxes and insurance costs for a property during a rehab project. Joe said that this approach eliminated the majority of the risk and, best of all, he could invest in his spare time. The approach seems to be working because Joe retired from his \$120,000 a year corporate job at the age of 35. To get a copy of the FREE report Joe used to begin his real estate investing, call the real estate information center at 1-877-444-7434 and enter 40 200. Leave a message with your mailing address.

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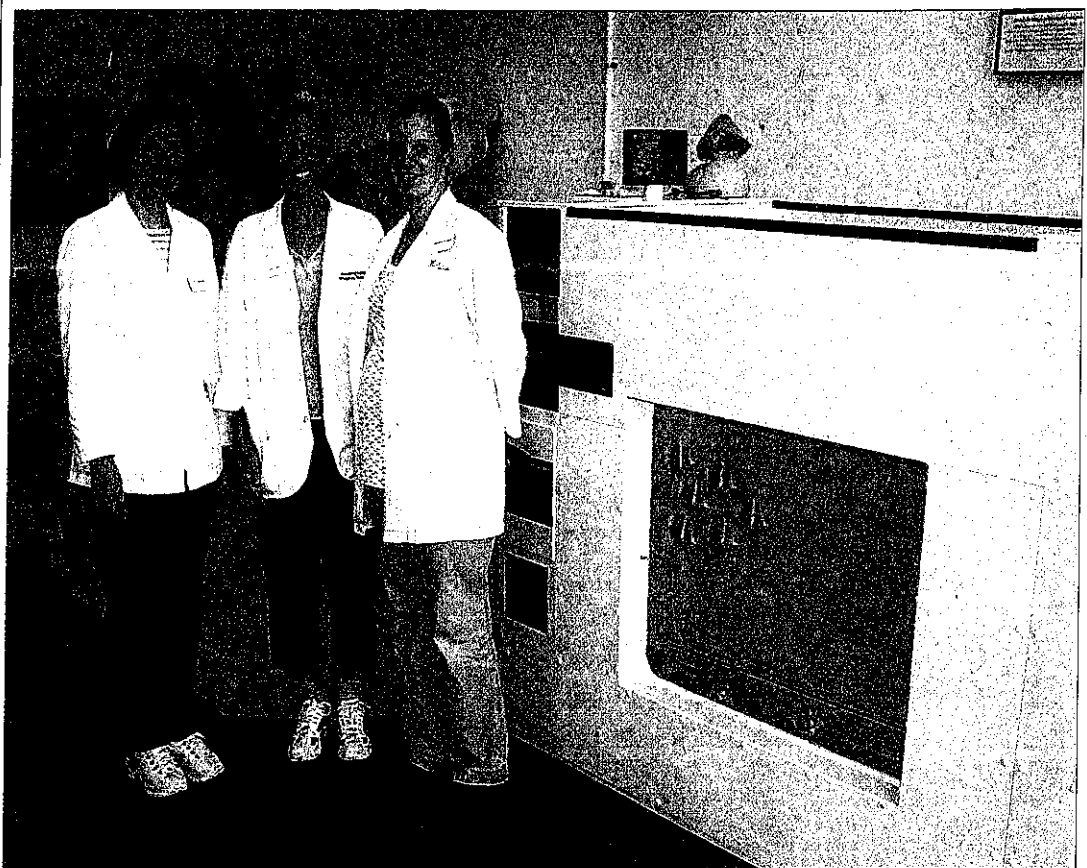
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The staff of the Northville Physical Rehabilitation Clinic, from left, Judy Majewski, Ann Bishop and Melissa Maltese, gather around the underwater treadmill.

Clinic emphasizes a healthier lifestyle

By John R. Hall
SPECIAL WRITER

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There are a number of very good reasons why patients visit the Northville Physical Rehabilitation clinic on 300 E. Cady St. in Northville. Most importantly, they feel much better when they leave and get a very personable experience from the three-person staff.

The staff is led by physical therapist Ann Bishop, a graduate of Wayne State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Therapy. She has worked mainly in an outpatient orthopedic setting and continues to grow her knowledge of physical therapy by taking numerous continuing education courses in a variety of fields. She formerly worked through Providence Hospital in Novi.

Bishop said that people who visit the clinic come in a variety of different shapes and sizes, all seeking the same things: rehabilitation and ways to live a healthier lifestyle. "Most of our patients are from Northville and are referred from physicians in the area," Bishop said. "We treat orthopedic and neurological disorders in patients of all ages. Many hear about us by word of mouth."

"In fact, some people see us and walk in with their prescriptions." One of the most popular pieces of equipment in the clinic is the underwater treadmill, referred affectionately as the pool by staffers at the Cady Street location as well as the original office at 215 E. Main St., which is run by Dennis Engerer, P.T.

"The underwater treadmill is a nice feature for patients who have back, knee, or hip problems," Bishop said. "There is less loading on the joints because of the water. Sometimes walking on a normal treadmill can be painful and some doctors specifically request aquatic therapy for their patients."

Bishop said that patients can adjust the water height to their specific needs and that the underwater treadmill has no age limit. Young children to the elderly can schedule routine treatments in the water.

But there are other reasons why patients

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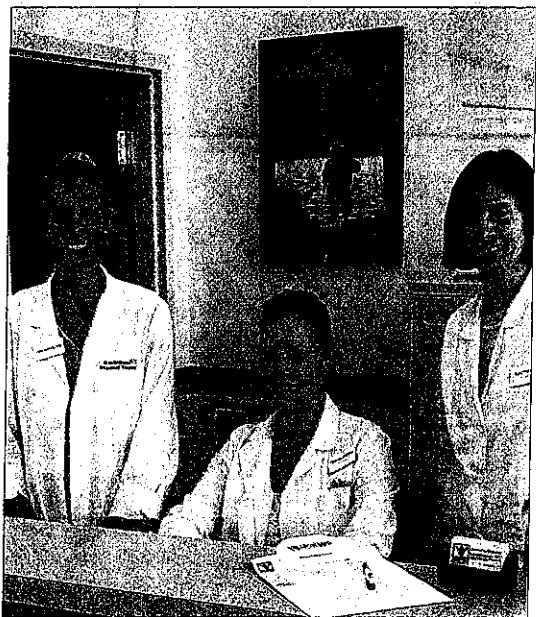
"You don't have to commit to paying for a year as with other health clubs," Bishop added. "And people can continue their therapy for as long as they like."

The underwater treadmill is not part of the monthly fee.

Beyond what the Northville Physical Rehabilitation clinic can do for the physical treatment of patients, the staff can also help with the disposition of patients too.

"We are homey," Bishop said. "It is nice and bright in here and people just like to visit."

The clinic has been open for two years and is located just east of the First Presbyterian Church. The staff also includes physical therapy technicians Judy Majewski and Melissa



The friendly staff at Northville Physical Rehabilitation Clinic includes, from left, Ann Bishop, Melissa Maltese and Judy Majewski.

Maltese, two very personable workers.


- Each has the same goals for their patients:
 - Reduce pain
 - Increase muscle strength and endurance
 - Improve functional capabilities
 - Return to work/lifestyle

The hours of operation at Cady Street are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Bishop said that summer hours will be longer and she will be happy to work with a patient's schedule on an individual basis.

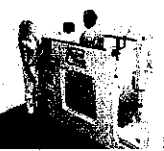
Hours at the Main Street location are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday.

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