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City targets range completion



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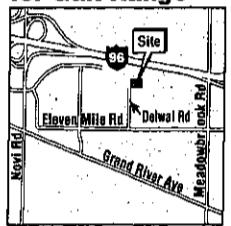
Novi Police Department detectives Scott Baetens, left, and Jerrod Hart check their firing accuracy at the Farmington Police Department indoor range.

By Kelly Murad
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Plans for constructing a city-owned gun range move forward with expectations construction will be complete at the end of the year.
"Our tentative schedule shows we would start (construction) either the first or second week in August," said Novi Police Chief David Molloy. "Estimating it would be finished by December 31."
The plan is to build the range on city-owned property at the Field Services Complex off 11 Mile Road and Delwal.
City officials began soliciting contractor bids for the project June 11 and will continue accepting proposals through tomorrow. The indoor facility will be about 5,100 square feet with a 25-yard range.
"Officers will be able to shoot handguns, shot guns and patrol rifles all inside," Molloy said.

According to Molloy, the facility will be one of few designed to shoot patrol rifles inside.
The police department currently rents out the facility at the City of Farmington's Department of Public Works complex for firearms training.
"Having our own indoor facility will offer 24/7 training opportunities for our officers," said Novi city manager Clay Pearson. "It will greatly improve public safety."
The state-of-the-art facility will also provide officers with a higher quality of training, officials said.
"It will allow us to shoot at multiple targets at different ranges," Molloy said. "Currently, the Farmington range does not give us that capability."
Having the gun range located in Novi limits the amount of drive time for officers and allows them to be immediately available in case of an emergency, officials said.
A proposal to allocate the final \$725,300 of a \$1.2 million police

Proposed Site for Gun Range



SOURCE: City of Novi

department project was turned down last December, but approved by Council May 1 as part of the 2007-08 fiscal year budget.
The money is the remainder of \$6.5 million in federal drug forfeiture funds that must be used for police purposes.

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Novi's soldier of fortune, hometown hero

By Chris Jackett
NEWS STAFF WRITER

"That was it. I heard a loud ringing, like nothing I had heard before, and thought I was a goner."
Those were the first thoughts in Pfc. Casimir "Cas" Werda's head when an incendiary explosive device (IED) exploded in front of him while on patrol as a machine gunner with his U.S. Army unit, Bravo Company, in Iraq March 14. Werda took a direct hit in the face from the exploding pieces of shrapnel leaving him without his left eye and without vision in his right eye after numerous surgeries in Baghdad.
"I was conscious the whole time," Werda, who turns 24 on July 8, said. "I lost a lot of blood. I was getting really faint. I thought about my family and concentrated on breathing."
After surgery, he was flown to Germany, where his unit was stationed in Schweinfurt. He was then flown back to Walter Reid Hospital in Washington, D.C. where his family flew out from Novi to see him.
"We flew out to see him in D.C. and his spirits were up and he was laughing and joking. He wasn't negative, crying, complaining or blaming anybody else. He's one of the most positive people I know," said



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Iraq War veteran and Novi resident Casimir Werda, center, joins his father Greg, right, and fellow Novi High alum Phil Niehaus for a photo on his front lawn. Werda lost his eyesight after an IED went off near his Humvee. Werda served with the First Infantry Division in Ramadi, Iraq.

Kristine Werda, Cas' older sister, says she picked up knowing a lot of things as far as his whereabouts. They gave him a tour of the hospital, feeling around with his cane, and then the next day we came and he gave me a tour. While at the hospital,

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Enjoying July 4th

By Chris Jackett
NEWS STAFF WRITER

With the Fourth of July holiday just around the corner, fireworks shows and children with sparklers will be common scenes. However, playing with fireworks could



mean playing with fire. Safety and legal issues surrounding the popular holiday items are paramount this time of year.

What's Legal?

Fireworks legal in Michigan include sparklers with less than two ounces of pyrotechnic composition, flitter sparklers, flat paper caps, cone and cylinder fountains that shoot showers of sparks, snakes, smoke devices and

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NOVI WEEKEND PLANNER



• FRIDAY
Visit Paradise Park, 45799 Grand River Ave., for a variety of options perfect for dates, group

outing and family activities. Features include miniature golf, go karts, a rock climbing wall, laser tag, an arcade, trampolines, soccer cages and homemade pizza. The park is open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Call (248) 735-1050 or visit <http://www.paradiseparknovi.com> for prices and more information.

• SATURDAY
Want to compete in some leisure fitness hobbies? Sign on for the X-Tri Novi Triathlon at Lakeshore Park. The 8 a.m. event costs \$55 to participate and includes a 1 kilometer swim, 20 km mountain bike course, 4 km trail run and 2 km trail run. Interested persons should contact Kenny at (810) 714-5768 for more information and to register. Registration ends Friday.

• SUNDAY
If the first day of July is too hot for you outdoors, drop in to a nicely air conditioned Imagine Theatre, 44425 W. 12 Mile Rd., and watch the new film, "Transformers," which is based off the television show where robots transform themselves into cars, airplanes and other vehicles. If this doesn't sound like your sort of movie, check out other recent releases such as "Live Free or Die Hard," the fourth installment of the "Die Hard" series



starring Bruce Willis, or "Evan Almighty" starring Steve Carell and Morgan Freeman in a sequel to "Bruce Almighty."
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New sidewalks enroute for residents

By Chris Jackett
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Benefits of Sidewalks

- Parents are able to more easily push children in strollers on sidewalks and trails with accessible surfaces.
- Young children can use curb ramps when riding their bicycles.
- Children, parents and school systems benefit from sidewalk networks with visible pedestrian crossings and other safety features.
- Children learn independence by having a safer place to travel.
- A good system of sidewalks may allow older pedestrians who no longer drive to walk to services and socialize in their community, while offering a continued independent lifestyle.
- Wide sidewalks can be gathering places in neighborhoods and business districts, and offer space for families and friends to walk and socialize together.
- Well-maintained sidewalks and trails encourage exercise and provide the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration



After months of debate, the design for the Meadowbrook Road Bicycle Pathway Project is complete.

Rob Hayes, the city engineer, is in charge of the \$280,000 project that will add sidewalks along the west side of Meadowbrook Road between Eight and 10 Mile, as well as on portions of land on Nine and 10 Mile between Beck and Taft roads.

"It was originally supposed to be an eight-foot bike path one foot in to the right of way, but the scope has changed significantly and it's now a 5-foot pedestrian path," said Hayes.

For residents along Meadowbrook Road and parts of Nine and 10 Mile roads, this means they will be seeing construction for new sidewalks in late July or early August.

"I like the idea of a bike path. I think they should be everywhere," said Frank D'Uva, president of the Meadowbrook Lake Homeowner's Association. "We have a lot of people who walk and bike. Most people benefit from it by walking and biking."

However, many residents felt the plans intruded on their privately owned property. A city ordinance requires all sidewalks and bike paths to be placed 33 feet from the center line on either side of the road, according to Hayes.

"The city's letter didn't make it clear. They didn't give us a choice," said Ken LaFleur, an Orchard Hills resident who has lived on Meadowbrook Road just south of 10 Mile Road for the past 22 years. "Nobody wants it at all. At least we got it changed."

"They don't plan to fill in the ditches for rain water runoff and said it's expensive. The residents have to live with this the rest of their lives, so do it right."

Enclosing the ditches would cost the city an additional \$224,000, which would require almost double the budget, LaFleur said. The city attempted

the same project a few years ago, but budget restraints and an unpassed millage caused it to become a dead issue.

"The city of Novi, once they do this, I don't think they're going to allocate more money to change it," LaFleur said. "I went down Meadowbrook Road and made up a questionnaire to give residents."

Out of the 26 houses, 22 were against and only two were for it, with a few neutrals in there.

Residents had various reasons for not wanting the pathway. From the rural scenery to privacy, many argued against the project.

"There'll be more traffic in front of my house. I understand they need sidewalks in, I just don't like people walking in front of my house. It makes it more accessible for people to steal things from my garage. Put them out in the road if you want to put them in," LaFleur said. "I have five cars parked in my driveway and a boat in the garage. I'm blocking the sidewalk, the HOA president of the Orchard Hills Homeowner's Association, said many of his residents can probably get me."

Did You Know?

The City of Novi has about 248 miles of pedestrian sidewalks and bike paths.

The residents' complaints did convince the city to cut the project from 8 to 5 feet, but not to cut the project completely.

Although some residents petitioned to cancel the project, there are also some who support it.

"People are going to walk on the grass anyways, so it makes it easier and will benefit everyone, overall," D'Uva said. "People on Meadowbrook complained about their lawns being taken up. (The city) had informational sessions anyone with questions could go to." D'Uva, president of the Orchard Hills Homeowner's Association, said many of his residents had concerns with the project.

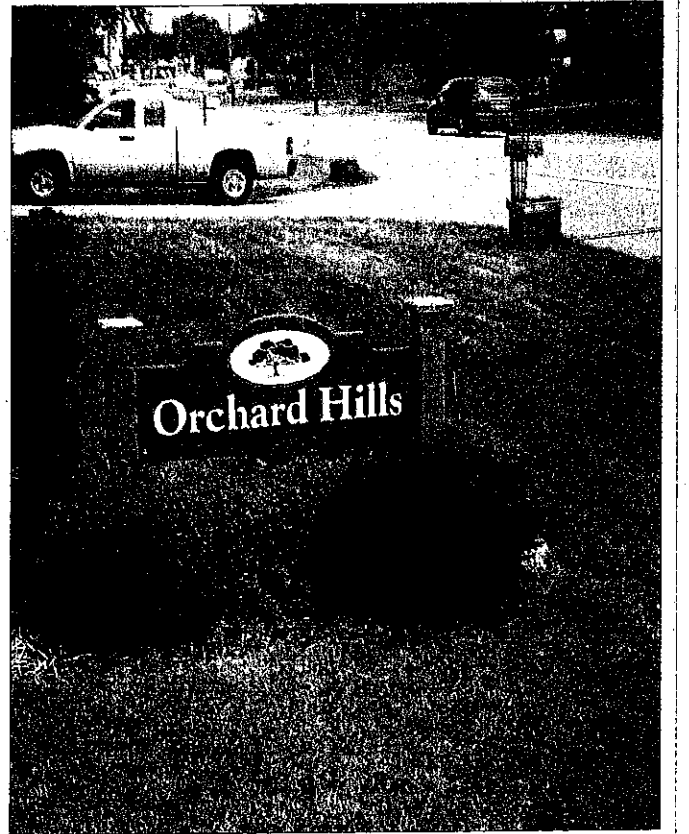


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Residents of this Orchard Hills neighborhood along Meadowbrook Road, south of 10 Mile Road, will have to prepare for the city's plan to build sidewalks along their now grassy front lawns.

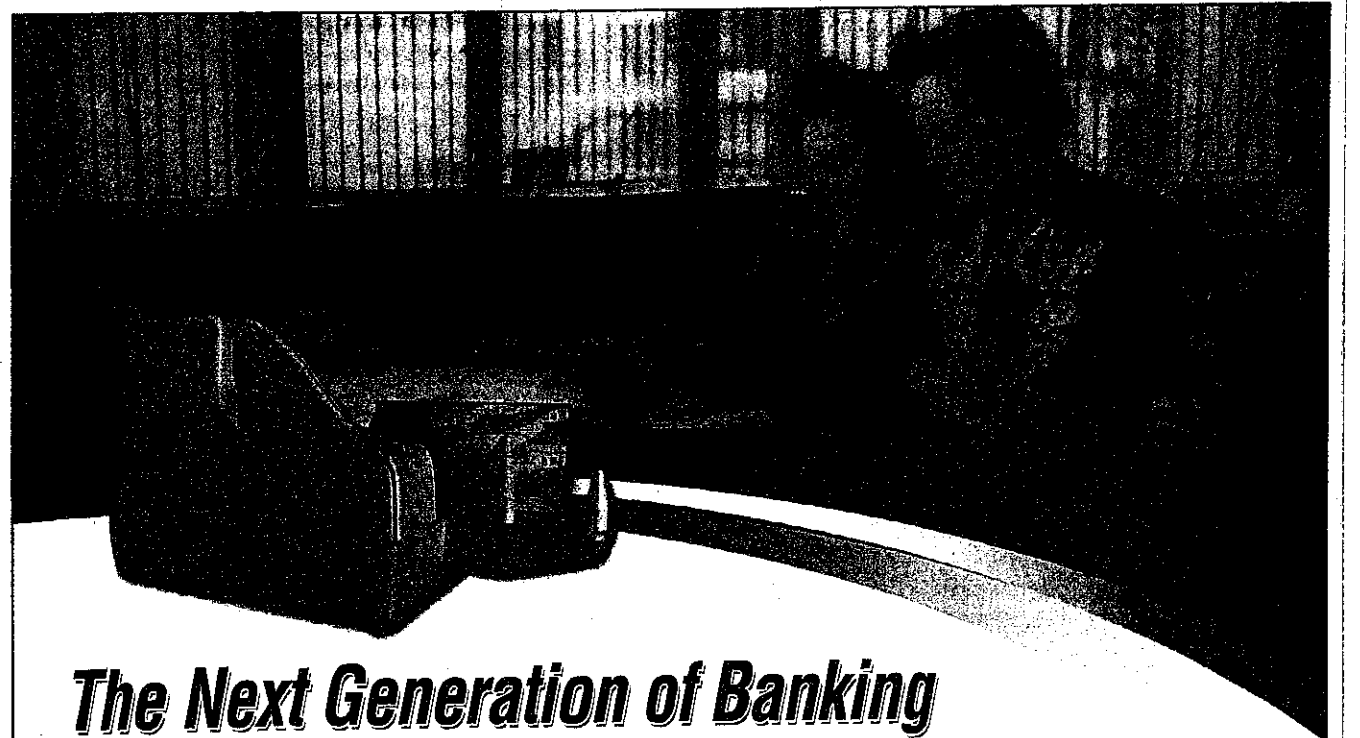
"I wanted to make sure we were minimizing the impact on Meadowbrook residents," Crowd said. "I'm in favor of the project. I see the benefits of people walking. The residents were concerned about how close the sidewalk would be to their front doors."

maintenance, the width of the path and liability issues." Despite complaints from about two dozen residents, the project is moving forward. D'Uva said his association didn't take a strong stance on the matter, but supported it as a whole.

"The 5 feet will make people happier. I think we'll see more

people taking more rides and walking more," D'Uva said. When I ride my bike, "I'm out dodging traffic right now and jumping up on the curbs."

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Novi Police Department detectives Jerrad Hart, left, and Scott Baetens fire their .40-caliber Glock handguns at the Farmington Police Department indoor range.

City targets range completion

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Police officials said the

department prioritized its needs and before building the gun range used the drug forfeiture money to pay off an existing bond on the current police headquarters, update and purchase squad cars and computers, hire two additional police officers and fulfill current facility critical needs.

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"Having our own indoor facility will offer 24/7 training opportunities for our officers."

Clay Pearson
Manager, City of Novi

Enjoying 4th of July

Continued from front

trick noisemakers such as snap-pops. Signal flares, blank cartridges and railroad signaling devices are exempt from state law and are not considered fireworks.

"We've had a real good handle on our fireworks. We make sure stores sell only legal fireworks," said Mike Evans, fire marshal for the Novi Fire Department.

Bottle rockets, sky rockets, roman candles, firecrackers, missiles, crackle and strobe, parachutes, wheels and spinners, sky flyers, display shells and aerial items (cakes) are all federally legal, but have state law restrictions requiring a permit, which also means they cannot be sold in stores.

"People who have access to a large amount of illegal fireworks aren't going to start asking about a permit because they know we're going to come out and confiscate them," said Tom Lindberg, deputy police chief of the Novi Police Department.

The penalty for using illegal fireworks can amount to 90 days in jail and a \$100 fine, but Lindberg said it's rare that people spend time in jail for fireworks.

"If it's something that goes bang or leaves the ground, it's illegal," Lindberg said. "Officers will be going from call to call to call. I'd say we're more assertive than other cities."

In Novi, only one permit is usually given out each year, to the 50s Festival in mid-July. People looking to have a small show with bot-

Nearby Fireworks Shows

Saturday
• Camp Daubert (Admission: \$5)
in Millard (Admission: \$5)
Sunday through Tuesday
• Greenfield Village in Dearborn (Admission charges)
Tuesday
• Lincoln Hills Golf Course in Birmingham
• Whitmore Lake in Whitmore Lake
Wednesday
• Commerce Lake in Commerce
• Comerica Park in Detroit (Admission charges)
• Community Park in Fowlerville
• Taylors Beach Campground in Howell (Admission charges)
• Summer Festival at Central City Park in Westland
• Dawson's Island in White Lake
• Wolverine Lake Tiki Night in Wolverine Lake

tle rockets and roman candles in their backyard won't have any luck securing a permit.

"There was a private request that was denied," Evans said. "We get a lot of inquiries, but not a lot of action on them."

To use any fireworks illegal in Michigan, permits must be obtained from the local government via the Michigan Township Association and also from the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and

Explosives. However, consumer fireworks that are illegal in Michigan, but not at the federal level, do not require a federal permit.

Safe Use

Regardless of the size of the fireworks, it's easy to get injured. Fireworks don't have a very high rate of misfiring, but simple caution when the fuse is lit and just after the fire goes out can keep accidents from happening.

"If they're using the legal ones, any young person needs to be closely supervised. Kids love the sparklers, but the sulfur gets red hot and the kids grab it and get burned," Lindberg said. "I had a friend who had one set on their cushion armchair and it got set on fire."

"Keep a can of water and put the sparklers in it until you can properly dispose of them."

In addition to dousing the fireworks in water, standing at least 20 feet away after a fuse is lit and while the firework is exploding is also a safe precaution.

"Things shooting sparks is fire. It's hot and you can't get too close to it or let it get in your eyes," Lindberg said.

Evans added doing fireworks with an adult and without alcohol involved are both important, especially for teens.

Last year, there was no drastic increase in calls to the fire department, officials said.

"There's no increase in personnel, just in awareness," Evans said. "Leave the big stuff to the professionals with proper licenses and enjoy them from a distance."

DEQ: Important information about your drinking water

Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant Did Not Meet Treatment Requirements

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this situation does not

require that you take immediate action, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We treat our water to control corrosion and prevent lead and copper in the pipes from dissolving into the water. The corrosion control treatment is done primarily by the addition of phosphate to the water. To ensure we are optimizing corrosion control, we routinely monitor the water before it enters the distribution system for water quality parameters such as pH and phosphate dosage and residual. We are required to maintain these parameters above state-designated minimums. For 14 days during January 2007 and

February 2007 we did not maintain a phosphate dosage greater than the established minimum. The standard requires that no more than 9 days in a 6 month period may be below the established minimum. For the 14 day period, we did not add enough phosphate for optimal corrosion control. Phosphate was being added to the water, but at a dosage below the state designated minimum.

What should I do?
You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?
This situation does not require

that you take immediate action. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. This is a treatment technique violation, and does not necessarily mean there is lead or copper in your drinking water. It is important that we take measures to control and minimize lead and copper levels in the water, because ingesting lead or copper can cause serious health consequences.

Lead: Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level over a long period of time could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who

drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

Copper: Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's disease should consult their personal doctor.

What happened? What is being done?
The phosphate dosage was below the established minimum for too long of a period during the

months of January and February. During this time the Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant experienced phosphate pump malfunctions that resulted in the below optimal dosages. Despite this lower than acceptable dosage, phosphate residual concentrations in water leaving the plant and entering the distribution system were maintained above the established minimum. The chemical feed pumps have all been repaired and both dosages and residuals are currently at the optimal level.

This notice is being issued by the City of Novi. For more information, please contact Tim Sikma, Water and Sewer Manager, at 248-735-5647.

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MY BUSINESS

LANSING WATCH: Proposal could smoke out public areas including bars

By Chris Jackett
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The air in local bars and restaurants may seem a little cleaner in months to come if proposed legislation is passed into law.

Along with bowling alleys, VFW halls and potentially casinos, current state legislation would ban smoking from all of these public establishments, as well as bars and restaurants.

"I certainly understand the concern for health and safety for non-smokers," said Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Nowi). "I also have concern for telling businesses what to do or not to do. Consumers can take their business where they'd like."

The bill, which was introduced by state Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor) would force the aforementioned public locations to snub out anyone lighting up in their businesses. Like the politicians, local owners differ in their opinions of the bill.

"I don't think that'd be a good idea. There's still a lot of smokers out there. I think places would take a hit, initially," said non-smoker Shann Buckley, general manager of The Post Bar in Novi.

"The changes would take a while to hit everyone. We'd have to tell people to stop smoking and then they'd get angry."

Some bars and restaurants already make nonsmoking options more readily available to customers. Others throughout the state are smoke free already.

"Basically, I'm for it, mainly because it's going to eventually happen. Other states are doing it and some other restaurants in Michigan already do it," said former smoker Garrett Omernik, general manager of Buffalo Wild Wings in Novi. "I hurt Red Robin when they first did it. It hurt especially in the winter because people don't want to go outside. But

they're still there and have been doing OK."

Omernik said the change would make places healthier and well-coming to families, but could also negatively impact the evening groups that go out to drink.

"I could keep some people out, but bring others in. I think it's going to be a good thing," Omernik said, adding, "It can be expensive. We have big plasma TVs. Smoke damages the equipment."

Buckley said acceptance of the bill may vary from county to county, based on views of restaurants, health and business. However, parts of the bill are less questionable.

"Different counties might fight it. Smoking and bars go together," Buckley said. "Bowling alleys and more family-oriented restaurants could be nonsmoking because they have more kids nowadays."

The bill is currently waiting on approval from the Senate's Economic Development and Regulatory Reform Committee before it can be voted on by the Senate.

Sen. Cassis said her own experience with smoking was abruptly halted during her youth, not by a statewide law, but by a determined college professor.

"I had a professor in college who said 'there's not many things we have control of in life, but we can control putting a cigarette on our lips.' Then he described, rather graphically, how that spot on your lung is lung cancer. I quit immediately. I was 22," Cassis said.

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Lisa Burton lights up at Novi's Post Bar on a recent lunch hour. Joining her, at left, is Kristin Giachino. The State of Michigan is considering banning smoking in all public bars and restaurants.

Names in the News

Organizational Changes at Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc.
Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. headquartered in Novi, announces that as part of its continuing management development of senior executives, the following organizational changes have occurred.

Larry J. Beard, president, Global Fluid Systems Division, is now vice president, Mergers, Acquisitions & Business Development. Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc., reporting to Jim McElvay, chairman and chief executive officer.

Michael C. Verwill, vice president, Strategy, Marketing and Business Development, Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc., is appointed president, Global Fluid Systems Division, reporting to Ed Hester, president and chief operating officer.

Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. specializes in the manufacture and marketing of systems and components for the global automotive industry. Its primary businesses include Body and Chassis Systems, consisting of sealing, noise, vibration, and harshness control parts, and Fluid Handling Systems, consisting of subsystems and components that direct, control, measure, and transport fluids and vapors throughout a vehicle.

Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. employs more than 16,000 across 62 facilities in 15 countries.

Local Women Elected to Board of Directors
The National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) Greater Detroit Chapter announced that Nipri Shah of Novi has been elected to serve on the 2007-08 Board of Directors as an at-large board member. The Greater Detroit Chapter of NAWBO has a membership of women entrepreneurs in the area who share their experiences and empower each other through NAWBO membership.

ITC Holdings CEO Named as Entrepreneur of the Year
Four years, three months and two weeks to the day that ITC Holdings Corp. became a stand-alone electronic transmission company, ITC CEO and President Joseph L. Welch was honored as one of Enns & Young's 2007 U.S. Entrepreneurs Of The Year.

Welch was one of nine business principals in the Central Great Lakes region recognized by the auditing and professional services firm for exemplary leadership, vision, entrepreneurial achievement and social responsibility. He was honored in the real estate/construction/distribution category.

Welch has been at the helm of ITC since its inception. He successfully guided a pioneering staff of 38 employees through the rocky waters of building a company from the ground up.

In the time that he has headed up ITC's operations, the company has grown to more than 240 employees and is now building a new headquarters building in Novi that will accommodate 600.

Barbara Jablonski, director of resident life at Fox Run, recently announced additions to the community's resident services department.

Kristin McCoy, MSW joined the team as a social worker at Fox Run. McCoy will be working with residents in the independent living neighborhoods at the community. McCoy was previously a mental health clinician with Easter Seals of Michigan and a resident house counselor at the Ronald McDonald House in Detroit.

Anne Hansen, resident service coordinator, will transition from Fox Run's independent neighborhoods to the community's new health care facility, Renaissance Gardens. Hansen joined Fox in 2006.

Megan Lynn Bjorman will join Hansen in Renaissance Gardens as the program assistant manager. Bjorman will be responsible for guiding and implementing the activities and events for the residents in the health care facility.

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Novi's soldier of fortune, hometown hero

Continued from front

sented Cas with a Purple Heart for his loss while serving his country.

Cas returned to his hometown of Novi June 2. He graduated from Novi High School in 2001 where he played varsity football, wrestling and lacrosse.

"Those were the glory days," Cas recalled. "I wanted to do things on my own."

After high school, Cas took classes at Oakland Community College and Grand Rapids Community College studying business management. He spent summer 2004 in Alaska with a friend.

"We just lived on the beach in a camper fishing and clamming every day," Cas said.

Upon his return home from Alaska and a semester of classes at Schoolcraft College, Cas enlisted in the Army in July 2005. After completing basic training in Georgia, he lived and trained in Germany for eight months before he was sent to Iraq.

There his life exploded in front of him.

He returned home to friends

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plant, cameras or prosthetic eyes for her brother. None of these options are currently available, but Cas hasn't let that get him down. He still has the option of opening a Jet's Pizza franchise in Florida, as planned before the injury. He worked at Jet's in Novi before joining the Army.

"I believe in a God and it was a test. It makes me see things in different ways," Cas said. "I'm not going to sit and be sad."

Kristine is grateful, drawing inspiration from her brother.

"Words can't express how wonderful he is, just watching my brother and learning about his character, inner strengths, influence and thinking. He's changed a lot of people's lives. You're so upset for him, but he has such a positive attitude," Kristine said. "I don't know if I could be that positive if it happened to me. The whole family is grateful to the support from friends and the community."

Cas does have one regret, however.

"It's good to be back. I do miss my guys back in Iraq. We had camaraderie and all," he said. "I wish I could've finished my time with them. I know they're sucking. I miss them and pray for them."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News
Casimir Werda puts his hand on the shoulder of his father Greg and is led back into his Novi home. Werda lost his eyesight to an IED explosion in Iraq last March. Werda served with the Army's First Infantry Division.

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MY CITY COUNCIL

Three seats, three candidates

Two councilwomen not running for re-election

By Kelly Murad
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The word is out. Bob Gatt, Kathy Crawford and David Staudt are the official candidates running for three open seats on Novi's City Council.

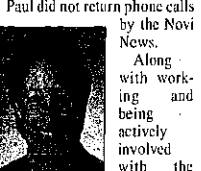


Toni Nagy

"My issue with the gun range is that we never get a true financial picture of the economic cost," Nagy said.

Overall, Nagy hopes Novi can get through the next number of years, in terms of Michigan's economy.

"I am concerned about the financial aspect of adding on more cost," Nagy said. "I am



Lynne Paul

more of a big picture person and I have concerns about that," Nagy also hopes that Novi will continue to attract business, maintain low taxes, remain fiscally sound and have a good master plan update.

The three council candidates filing timely paperwork with the city clerk's office are Gatt, a current councilman up for re-election; Crawford, the former director of the Novi Senior Center; and Staudt, a member of the Novi Economic Development Corporation and president of the Novi Parks Foundation.

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Paul did not return phone calls by the Novi News.

Along with working and being actively involved with the City of Novi, Nagy also serves as president of her condominium association.

Nagy spoke with pride on being a part of acquiring 51-acres of park land with councilman Andrew Mutch and helping fulfill the needs of the Fire Department and the Department of Public Works.

"I feel that I have accomplished stuff that is positive for the city," Nagy said.

Aside from her accomplishments on city council, Nagy also knows what it feels like to be on the opposing side of an issue. One of the largest issues Nagy opposed was the use of federal drug forfeiture funds to build a gun range in Novi.

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MY YOUTH

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Returning Winner
 2007 Novi High School graduate Kaitlyn Hagan reads her award-winning essay to a group of Novi Woods Elementary School students during the school year. She is the recipient of this year's Novi Woods Alumni Scholarship.



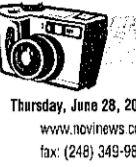
Making dreams come true

Through the Make-A-Wish Foundation, 17-year-old Monica Phillips made a wish and needs help making it come true. Phillips wishes to visit an orphanage and provide the children with things they are not fortunate enough to have. The orphanage she chose is in San Juan, Puerto Rico and houses more than 20 abused, neglected and abandoned children. The Make-A-Wish Foundation can not fund the girls for the orphanage, but is paying for Phillips to go to Puerto Rico to visit the children and has donated money in support of her cause. Phillips leaves for San Juan July 2 and, in order to fulfill her

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Break Time!
 Sydney Hinojosa, Gabby Aprilliano and Cassidy Andresen cool off with a popsicle at Deerfield's field day event.



Students at Village Oaks Elementary School enjoy jump roping at the school's end-of-the-year event.



Deerfield Elementary School students pose for a photo after completing their field day events.



Ms. Slawski's Kindergarten class stops for a photo break during Village Oaks Elementary School's annual end-of-the-school-year field day event.



Students from Village Oaks Elementary School participate in the school's annual field day event before heading out for summer vacation.



Deerfield first graders, Buddy Verellen and Buddy McDonald, race in the Hippity-Hop relay.



Deerfield elementary students Andrew Hixson and Adam Tarrant race in the ice cream cone relay during the school's annual field day.



Mrs. Sparling's first-grade class participate in step aerobics during field day at Village Oaks Elementary School earlier this month.

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In our opinion: Have a safe 4th

Starting this weekend, Americans near and far will begin celebrating the 231st anniversary of this nation's birth. Whether enjoying a family picnic at Lakeshore Park or attending one of the many fireworks celebrations, please remember to play it safe. When it comes to fireworks, you're best off leaving it to the professionals. An estimated 9,600 people were treated for fireworks-related injuries in 2004, the most recent available data, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. And a CPSC study conducted over the past 10 years shows 30 to 33 percent of injuries associated with fireworks have typically been caused by illegal explosives or homemade fireworks. Sure, setting up your own illegal fireworks display can seem like fun — but at what cost? It's illegal, and if you have children around, it's a real danger. It can also cause your children to follow rules and laws on a consistent basis when they see mom and dad, an older brother or favorite uncle flaunting the law? For better or worse, children look up to their authority figures for guidance, direction and understanding. Think about the message you are sending. Of course, even legal fireworks, like sparklers, can be dangerous. So if your children use any fireworks, make sure there's more than basic adult supervision. In addition to ensuring that the users are safe, watch your surroundings as well. A stray spark may not do anything noticeable in the short term. Danger aside, fireworks are an integral part of Fourth of July festivities. We're not suggesting that Novi residents refrain from sparklers, smoke bombs and fountain cones. But we hope everyone remembers to play it safe when celebrating.

Welcome little one



John Heider

I call her "Little One," however she's anything but little in my heart. She's a more 8 pounds, yet has a surfeit of love that's built up over her short life. Her affection comes out in a torrents. It is concentrated sunshine. How can I, a 42-year-old serious professional be reduced to a giggling, silly heap? By adopting another used cat whose trust, once won after months of gentle effort, is marked by outbursts of affection and joy. To talk about my new cat "Peanut" I need to say a few words about her predecessor. I wrote about Pudding in 2006 and was amazed that so many people were touched by her story and shared with me the difficult choices at the end of their pet's life. Last August I said goodbye to 20-year-old Pudding. I kept her alive longer than she probably desired and had felt guilty for months for the amount of treatment I was putting her through just to have another day and another "furry bump" from her soft, bubbly noggin. My dream at that time was that she be able to speak to me just once in her final days and tell me her wishes, to tell me that I was doing the right thing. Of course that's impossible and one of the things that can make those pet end-of-life decisions agonizing. It can take months to figure out and even then you're not sure; they're in physical pain and you're in mental anguish. How can you tell someone you love them by ending their life? With Pudding, I did not tell her with words so much that I loved her — though I did that too — but by being by her side in the vet's office as they prepared the last IV line she'd ever need. By cradling her as her body cooled. By weeping on her grave everyday for a week and waiting about as long as I could before looking for a new cat. In October of 2006, with a still-heavy heart, I began my search for another furry buddy. After checking online and at a half dozen cat rescue organizations, I wound up at the Huron Valley Humane Society in Superior Township in a room full of caged, sickly and cowering cats. I adopted two at that time as friends advised that two cats would "entertain" each other. "Ginger," a 6-month-old Russian blue, and "Peanut," a 1-year-old gray and brown tabby. I quickly learned two things: Russians have a knack for being energetic, psychotic attack kitties (60 pounds of closet stuff came crashing down one morning at 3 a.m. during Ginger's frenetic explorations) and Peanut, though much larger than Ginger, was a timid cat and was subjected to the Russian's violent whims. Ginger was, frankly, more adorable and stood a better chance at re-adoption. She's my loving little shadow and I delight in our established routines. At the end of the day I'm forced to lie on the floor for upwards of 10 minutes while Peanut slams her body into mine purring in a possessed manner and she joyfully accepts hundreds of vigorous scratches from me all the while happily chatting away in her cat tongue about her lonely day made brighter by my return. Though I lost a good friend in Pudding, I believe that her departure allowed both Peanut and I to begin important new chapters in our lives. I still miss Pudding. She was a unique cat, wholly different from her successor, but with each month my memory of her fades a bit and is replaced by these wonderful moments spent with a new buddy-bumping tabby called Peanut. We went on like this for five months until I took a five day trip to California in March. I never really believed in the whole "absence makes the heart grow fonder" until I returned from the west coast. Basically Peanut pounced on me from the moment I got back and hasn't let up since. She's my loving little shadow and I delight in our established routines. At the end of the day I'm forced to lie on the floor for upwards of 10 minutes while Peanut slams her body into mine purring in a possessed manner and she joyfully accepts hundreds of vigorous scratches from me all the while happily chatting away in her cat tongue about her lonely day made brighter by my return. Though I lost a good friend in Pudding, I believe that her departure allowed both Peanut and I to begin important new chapters in our lives. I still miss Pudding. She was a unique cat, wholly different from her successor, but with each month my memory of her fades a bit and is replaced by these wonderful moments spent with a new buddy-bumping tabby called Peanut.

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PHIL POWER: Glimmer of light shines amid gloom and doom



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practically a whole congressional district," said Ed Sarpolius, vice president of that polling firm. Michigan's U.S. House delegation is now at 15 members, down from our peak of 19 in the 1960s and 1970s. That might mean we could lose another congressional seat after the next census. So what on earth is the good news? Well, as scary as those numbers are on the surface, if you dig into the digits, it turns out the folks who are thinking of leaving are mostly less-educated, less-skilled and lower-earning.

For example, 9 percent of those asked from Macomb County (where only 21 percent of residents have a bachelor's degree or higher) said they felt certain they would move out of Michigan. By contrast, no one surveyed from Oakland County (where 41 percent of residents have a BA or higher) was planning to leave. College kids are, by and large, planning to stay. The survey found only 7 percent of those with college degrees planning to leave.

Meanwhile, those holding only high school diplomas were twice as likely to leave. Meanwhile, 18 percent of those with no degree of any kind said they would be willing to move. Nor is the solid middle class planning to head to Maniloba. Just 3 percent of those earning between \$75,000 and \$100,000 were planning on leaving. But by contrast, those earning between \$25,000 and \$50,000 were six times as likely to report that they are discouraged and looking for summer pastures.

I certainly don't want to minimize the human pain and anguish felt by many Michiganders. But the plain fact is that Michigan is going to thrive if at all through our higher educated, more skilled people, and not the relatively unskilled. The policy set by Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the Cherry Commission to improve educational results and double the number of college graduates within the next decade makes perfect sense. More subtle but equally important is a paper prepared by Tom Ivacko of the University of Michigan's Center for Local, State and Urban Policy (CLOSUP). Ivacko argues that the 20th century Michigan economic model of low-skill, high-wage manufacturing no longer works and that the only hope for a prosperous future is based on a knowledge economy. He concludes, "A critical component in establishing a sustainable and successful knowledge economy is human capital, a critical mass of latent based on a cultural context that promotes higher education and life-long learning, entrepreneurship, innovation, risk-taking and diversity."

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TOM WATKINS: Michigan needs the "Audacity of Hope"



About Tom Watkins

As I turned each page of US Senator Barack Obama's book, "The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream," I could not help but think of the state of our State of Michigan. We need many things in Michigan but, perhaps, the commodity least in supply for many people is "hope." No, not a false hope built on unrealistic expectations or fantasy, but the hope that comes from perseverance and believing that a positive outcome is possible even when the there is immediate evidence to the contrary. The harsh and immediate evidence facing Michigan is daunting. • The official unemployment statistics exceed 7 percent and the real "street numbers" in many urban areas are easily double the official stats coming from Lansing. • Michigan has the highest home foreclosure rate in the nation. • While the housing bubble has burst in many areas of the country, we never experienced the lift; yet our housing prices have burst as well. A neighbor told me they were being "held hostage" by their home. She went on to explain, I want to leave Michigan to find a job — but I can't sell my home — even for a loss and if I just walk away my credit is ruined. • The state's budget deficit for this year now exceeds \$800 million and economic forecasters predict it will balloon to nearly \$1.6 billion in the next fiscal year. • The Detroit Free Press recently quoted Joan Cray of the University of Michigan's Research Seminar in Quantitative Economics as saying Michigan lost 53,300 jobs in 2006 — 38,000 of them manufacturing jobs. • Further, economic forecasters have projected the loss of another 116,000 jobs this year and next. • Perhaps even more hope-smashing was the quote in the same article by Sam Kahan, senior economist for the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's Detroit branch: "Evidence of a turnaround is absent." • While jobs are disappearing, the prospects of taxes being increased seem to grow stronger every day. Investing in our collective future The question remains, how will we use Michigan's resources/taxes to help create a new vision for a better tomorrow? Certainly, make reasonable cuts and reform government. We also need an investment strategy for Michigan that is as visionary as that is as realistic. Our future will be built on a foundation of knowledge, talent, creativity, innovation, globalization and entrepreneurship. Every individual and state policy maker must ask these questions: "Do these decisions maximize our skills, talents and knowledge? Will these investments help us compete in the transformational, technologically driven global economy?" Our goal should be to make Michigan the innovation and knowledge world bank. This will lay a foundation of hope for our great state. Ron Gettelinger, President of the IAW, said it best at their 2006 National convention when he said, "What is at stake is more than our paychecks and benefits. What is at stake is our shared vision of an America that lives up to its promise of freedom, opportunity, dignity and social and economic justice for all. That's our American Dream." Michigan is at its best when we believe in ourselves and have hope for a bright future. We

NANCY CASSIS: Agreement reached



Nancy Cassis

After 12 bi-cameral bi-partisan workgroup meetings, four Senators and four House members along with the State Treasurer came to a conceptual agreement on the structure of the business replacement tax. Bills are being drafted to incorporate agreed upon features of a 2/3 margin tax and a 1/3 business income tax. It is expected that the final version will be voted on by the legislature within the next few weeks. A significant feature is the "Michigan Entrepreneurial Exemption", or ME2 which I authored. This exemption will attract the "gazelles" — innovative, creative start up companies. Under the ME2, companies pay no taxes for up to five years if the business adds 20 new jobs, makes an initial investment of \$1.25 million, and claims less than \$25 million in gross receipts. The proposed agreement provides significant personal property tax relief to our state's manufacturing sector. Additionally, \$120 million is dedicated to small business relief. In all, approximately 111,000 Michigan firms benefit; and there is \$1.4 billion in credits that act as incentives to create, invest, and carry on world class research and development in Michigan. Importantly, under the SBT, penalties for adding jobs and providing healthcare insurance for employees are removed. The goal of the Michigan Business Tax is to foster job creation, development, and diversification so important to revitalizing Michigan's economic future. Bills moving in the House This week I am expecting to have several bills move through the committee process. Senate Bills 451 and 452 are part of a "Good Builder" package, and the House Commerce Committee is scheduled to

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EVENTS

Kid's Concert Series

LOCATION: Lakeshore Park SCHEDULE: 7 p.m. Thursday, July 12. Reel happy Shing and Swing Band. 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9. The Kevin Devine Musical Circus. 7 p.m. The Novi Concert Band. DETAILS: Fit to be Dyed will be there dying T-shirts for \$10 per shirt. CONTACT: Novi Parks (248) 347-0400; Weather Hotline (248) 347-0473

11th Annual Michigan Translators/Interpreters Network Summer BBQ

TIME/DATE: 4-10 p.m. Sunday, July 22. rain or shine. LOCATION: 46320 West Ten Mile Road, across from St. James Catholic Church. DETAILS: Friends of MITIN, colleagues, clients, vendors, neighbors and anyone who registers in advance is welcome. Free admission; activities include moon bounce, ballet stretch session, ensemble performances and Swami Sam reading Tarot cards in four languages. CONTACT: Register at bhofreelink.com, (248) 344-8909, or fax to (248) 344-0092

Farmers Market

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

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

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LOCATION: Walled Lake Educational Center, 850 Ladd Road, Building D; enter from Maple Road. DETAILS: July 31 "Are You Ready to Double Your Business?" presented by Minnie Basi, August 28 "Five Keys to Retaining Clients and Getting Referrals" presented by Mark Raymond. \$30 per class or \$60 for entire series. CONTACT: Register at Lakes Chamber (248)624-2826 or Novi Chamber (248) 349-3743. Walled Lake Beach Party. TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, July 15. LOCATION: Historic Lakefront Downtown. DETAILS: Dancing on sand covered streets, live band, limbo contest, kids treasure hunt, medieval sand castle, wake board contest. 8th Annual Quake on the Lake. TIME/DATE: July 21-22. LOCATION: Pontiac Lake Recreation Area. DETAILS: APBA inboard hydroplane races; hospitality tents, souvenir program, silent auction; sponsor/vendor opportunities available. CONTACT: QuakeontheLake.org

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 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. Summer School Series "The ABCs in Achieving Business". DETAILS: Co-hosted with the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce. See above. 20th Annual Tycoon Tee-Off Golf Outing. DATE: Wednesday, Aug. 8. DETAILS: See "Golf Outings" section.

Waiterwood at Twelve Oaks

LOCATION: 27475 Huron Circle, adjacent to Twelve Oaks Mall. CONTACT: (248) 735-1500. Open House. TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily or by appointment. Novi City Council Meeting. DATE: Monday. TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. CONTACT: (248) 347-0470. Jeanne Clarke Summer Teen Center. DATE: Monday through Thursday through July 27. TIME: noon-5:30 p.m. LOCATION: Cafeteria at Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road. DETAILS: Summer fun for teens going into 6th-8th grade; wave pool, movies, bowling, music, video games, laser tag, field trips, Detroit Tigers, lock-in, tournaments, sports, Cedar Point. Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting. DATE: Tuesday, July 10. TIME: 6 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. CONTACT: (248) 347-0410. Novi School District Board of Education Meeting. DATE: Thursday, July 12. TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Educational Services Building. CONTACT: (248) 449-1204. Novi Public Library. HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, closed Sunday during the summer. CONTACT: (248) 349-0720. Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library. Get a Clue. DETAILS: Summer reading program for kids up to fourth grade; sign up on-line or in library. You Never Know. DETAILS: Summer reading for kids going into 6th grade and up; awesome programs and prizes. Adult Summer Reading Program. DETAILS: Age 18 and over; best 300 to register and read four

Line Dancing

DATE: Monday and Friday. TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m. intermediate. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. DETAILS: No partner needed for lessons; pay-as-you-go program; Nov residents \$5; non-residents \$6. Wixom Public Library. LOCATION: 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom. HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, closed Sunday. CONTACT: (248) 624-2512. ESL Cafe. TIME/DATE: 3:30 p.m. Thursdays. DETAILS: Coffee and conversation-improve your English speaking skills by speaking with people from other countries, trying to improve their English; no tests; free. An instructor will help the group. CONTACT: Karin at the Information Desk. Free Investor Seminar. TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Saturday. DETAILS: Led by Mark Robinson, free, non-commercial seminar on investment education followed by optional one-on-one counseling sessions; participants receive "5 Keys to Investing Success" from IPT and Kiplinger; conducted by experienced financial professionals. One-Stroke Painting Class: Garden Sign Project. TIME/DATE: 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 11. DETAILS: Use quick and easy painting method to make a summer garden sign; instructor is Donna Roskamp; no fee; register in advance at Information Desk as space is limited. Fun-In-The-Sun Adult Summer Reading Program. DETAILS: Sign up now; win weekly prizes; read a book, fill out review form and enter into drawing; final party on August 4. Informal Book Discussions. TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 12. DETAILS: Read "On Beauty" by Zadie Smith; come prepared for a stimulating discussion; for questions call Sheila or stop by the Information Desk. "Get a Clue" Children's Summer Reading Clubs. DETAILS: Children ages 2-10 can sign up now for the Read-To-Me and Summer Reading Clubs; everyone who reads (or is read to) eight or more books by August 11 is invited to the Closing Celebration on August 14; prizes for reading one, five and eight books. "Know Your Library" Reading Club for "Twins and Teens. DETAILS: Register now if you are in middle or high school. Angela Hospice Groups. DETAILS: Brief support groups include general grief, loss of a spouse, women's grief, parents who have lost a child and a grief support quilters group. All groups are led by bereavement professionals and trained volunteers. LOCATION: Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia. CONTACT: Joan Lee (734) 953-6012. General Grief Support Groups. TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month. DETAILS: Open to all losses. Loss of Spouse/Significant Other Support Group. TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. first Tuesday of month. Men in Brief. TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. fourth Monday of month. Suicide Loss Support Services. DETAILS: Individual and family services offered free for those who have lost a loved one through suicide; call (734) 464-7810 for more information.

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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

Interested in the Catholic Church?
CONTACT: Call Marie at number above or spinwalk001@aol.com

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

St. James Catholic
LOCATION: 46325 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.

First United Methodist of Northville
LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville
CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or visit www.funorthville.org
Sunday Worship
DETAILS: 8, 9:15, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Healing Service
DATE: First Monday of every month
TIME: 4 p.m.

Suicide Loss Support Group
DATE: Second Thursday and Fourth Monday of every month
TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.

Grief Support is offering this support group to those who have lost a loved one to suicide. Registration is not required.
CONTACT: New Hope Center for Grief Support (248) 348-0115 or

www.nwhepocenter.net

Radical Joy Women's Bible Study
DATE: First and third Thursday of every month
TIME: 6-8 p.m.
DETAILS: This is a non-denominational group that uses the guidebook, "Radical Joy" to study the New Testament book of Philippians and holds dinner and discussion meetings that provide fellowship and community outreach. The spring session runs through May 31; \$30 per person.
CONTACT: Sue Craik (248) 961-5911 or e-mail craik1@aol.com

Vacation Bible School
DATE: June 25-June 29
TIME: 9:30 a.m.-noon
DETAILS: "Avalanche Ranch," \$20 per child, \$50 per family (3 or more children)
CONTACT: Miss Heather (248) 349-1144

Habitat for Humanity
DATE: Saturday, July 21
DETAILS: Sponsored by the Men's Group and Church and Society.
CONTACT: Brooks Kelley at (248) 380-0969 or BrooksK@sohcs.org

Crosspointe Meadows
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road (south of 13 Mile Road)
CONTACT: (248) 427-2700, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m.

St. Paul Lutheran
LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville
CONTACT: (248) 349-3140
Sunday Worship
TIME: 8:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.

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

The Baha'i Faith
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. last Saturday of every month
LOCATION: 23003 Ripple Creek St., Novi
DETAILS: This Devotional Gathering is focused on prayers for peace. People of all faiths welcome.
CONTACT: (248) 473-0355 or visit www.us.bahai.org

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

Online Dating: What You Need to Know Part III
DATE: Tonight
DETAILS: With Tara Kachaturoff (see above)

Walking Group
TIME: 11:30 a.m. Saturdays
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
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: 4400 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9, 10:30 a.m.

Gracepointe Presbyterian
CONTACT: (248) 497-3178 or e-mail gracepointe@mac.com
Worship Service
Call for time and location.

Orchard Hills Baptist Church
LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-5665
Vacation Bible School
TIME/DATE: 8-8:20 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

HEALTH

X-Tri Novi Triathlon
TIME/DATE: 8 a.m. Saturday
LOCATION: Novi's Lakeshore Park
DETAILS: Triathlon; 1K swim, 20 K mountain bike, 4 mile trail run, 2 mile trail run; cost \$55.
CONTACT: Kenny (810) 714-5768

Sixth Annual "Camp Oasis"
DATE: July 15-21
LOCATION: Camp Copanecomic, Fenton, Michigan
DETAILS: Traditional camping experience for children 7-17 who have Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis. Registration forms for campers and volunteer counselors now available at (248) 737-0900 or www.michigancccta.org
CONTACT: Robyn Gorrell (248) 855-6777 or Gilda Hauser Backus, CCFPA, (248) 737-0900

ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE
45160 Grand River Ave. Call (248) 348-5600 or visit http://rockfinancialshowplace.com for more information.
An Afternoon with Sylvia Browne
TIME/DATE: 2-7 p.m. Saturday, July 21
DETAILS: Call (800) 654-5126 for more information.

BORDERS BOOKS AND MUSIC
43075 Crescent Blvd., Novi, Call (248) 347-0780 for more information.
"Grand Hallows Ball" Celebrating Release of Harry Potter Book
TIME/DATE: 9:30 p.m.-midnight Friday, July 20
DETAILS: Celebrate the release of "Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows" with free "Grand Hallows Ball" events in stores across the country; dress in magical attire or mingle library; be transported from the mundane world into an evening of enchanting music, costumes, fun activities and fabulous prizes; stores will be decorated and the Ball hosted by a headmistress or headmaster of ceremonies; take part in the Potter spelling bee, the Great Snape Debate and the crowning of a king and queen of the Ball; prizes given out including a chance to win the first place in line at midnight when the book goes on sale.
CONTACT: www.borders-

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List your event in our calendar!

To be included in My Bulletin Board, please send event name, date, time, location, details and contact.
Mail: Novi News, My Bulletin Board, 104 W. Main Street, Suite 101, Northville, MI 48167.
Fax: (248) 349-9832
E-mail: venitchell@gannett.com

stores.com
brotary@comcast.net

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

Detroit Cody High School Class of 1957
DATE: Friday, October 5
LOCATION: Embassy Suites, Livonia
DETAILS: Our 50th reunion open to all 50's graduates, cost is \$90 per person; includes dinner, open bar, memory book, champagne toast and more; register early as seating is limited.
CONTACT: Loretta Nedwick at (800) 859-9502 or loretd@wideopenwest.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 Penitentiary 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, prizes given and raffle with prizes. Cost is \$110 per golfer or \$400 for advanced registration of a foursome by June 15.
CONTACT: (248) 347-4622 or www.greaternovichamber.com

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20th Annual Tycoon Tee-Off Golf Outing
DATE: Wednesday, August 8
LOCATION: Moose Ridge Golf Course, 11901 Doane Road, South Lyon
DETAILS: Fees are \$145 per person.
CONTACT: (248) 349-3743 or www.novichamber.com

Women's Eye Health
DATE: Month of June
DETAILS: Wal-Mart focuses on Women's Eye Health during June. Women are more likely than men to develop vision problems, but about 50 percent of vision loss can be prevented with an eye exam. To prevent problems, have regular eye exams, wear sunglasses with UV protection, maintain a healthy weight, eat nutritious foods, don't smoke and get regular physicals.
CONTACT: For more information, visit www.checkyear.com or Dr. Steven Hill OD., Wal-Mart



Deadline: Entries must be received by noon Friday to be published in the Thursday, July 5 edition.
Call (248) 349-1700 for additional information.

GOLF OUTINGS

Northville Newcomers and Neighbors Wine Tasters Annual Golf Outing
DATE: Saturday
LOCATION: Downing Farms Golf Course
DETAILS: Scramble, all levels welcome; \$85 per golfer; includes 18 holes with cart, lunch, steak and wine dinner, gifts and prizes; non-golfer \$40; RSVP and payment due Monday, June 4.
CONTACT: Joe and Sue Boelter (248) 349-1844

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 given and raffle with prizes. Cost is \$110 per golfer or \$400 for advanced registration of a foursome by June 15.
CONTACT: (248) 347-4622 or www.greaternovichamber.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 Penitentiary 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, prizes given and raffle with prizes. Cost is \$110 per golfer or \$400 for advanced registration of a foursome by June 15.
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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, lbutter@motorcityharley.com; Claire (Salow) Klingelhofer, Class of '75, clairek1@comcast.net; Leigh (Tarczy) Gurovski, Class of '76, lgurovsk@alummi.nnovi.edu; Patty (Polihman) Mayer, Class of '77, mayer123@comcast.net

20th Annual Tycoon Tee-Off Golf Outing
DATE: Wednesday, August 8
LOCATION: Moose Ridge Golf Course, 11901 Doane Road, South Lyon
DETAILS: Fees are \$145 per person.
CONTACT: (248) 349-3743 or www.novichamber.com

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SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: ALL-STAR SOFTBALL
STORY CHAT: WHAT DO YOU THINK? TELL US AT WWW.NOVINNEWS.COM

Oakland pitching dominates



Photos by Shawn Cianci

Novi pitcher Brittany Luka threw the final two innings of a 4-0 shutout against the Livingston All-Stars.

Luka finishes 4-0 shutout against Livingston

By Patrick Pinter
SPORTS WRITER

Lauren Memmer has been a dominate pitcher all season long for the Lakeland Eagles. Just because her high school career came to an end didn't mean the domination was going to stop.

Memmer helped guide the East team to a 4-0 victory over the West on June 19 at Novi High School during the annual East vs. West All-star softball game.

The Lakeland senior pitched five innings and finished with seven strikeouts while giving up three hits and one walk. Also serving up solid performances were South Lyon's

Nicole Vess and Novi's Brittany Luka. Both players collected a team-high two hits during the game.

Luka finished with two RBI and she also pitched two scoreless innings in which she

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Oakland players Daniella Pizzo and a teammate have some fun during the senior All-Star game at Novi.

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Novi's Ryan Figurski slides into third base during the Oakland vs. Livingston All-Star Game on June 20 at Novi High School.

Senior game a trip down memory lane

Five former 9-year-old teammates reunite for win

By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

STORY CHAT
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The Oakland versus Livingston All-Star baseball game brought back old memories for five recently graduated seniors.

Ryan Figurski, Stephan Figurski, Brett Glover, Eric Gordon and Nate Sarkisian played on the Michigan Indians as 9-year-olds. The Figurski's and Glover went to Novi, and Sarkisian and Gordon went to South Lyon.

They teamed up again almost 10 years later to help the

Oakland team beat Livingston 11-10 with a walk-off single in the bottom of the seventh inning by Catholic Central's Sean Falvo.

Sarkisian picked up the win, throwing the final three innings in relief. He also had a pair of doubles and knocked in three runs during Oakland County's

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Column

Thanks to all involved in high school sports

Thank you to all the student athletes and coaches that took part in the 2006-07 season.

I started here a little less than a year ago, and I must say, it was quite a year — capped off by a third straight state title by the Novi soccer team.

So many things go into a season. First off, coaches always wonder exactly who is going to come out for the team. What if so and so doesn't come out, or who can we get to fill this position are just two of a million things running through a coach's mind. Working out plays and strategies can all be for naught if a key returning player does or does not come out.



Jeff Theisen

tryouts and cuts. These are probably the hardest couple of days for all involved because of how much has to be done in such a short amount of time.

With the roster set, the main thing becomes bonding. All the talent in the world is virtually useless if a team doesn't come together. Many different theories abound on how to come together. If a team does bond, it becomes anywhere from five to 11 players working as one on the playing surfaces.

Every team will carry goals and expectations with it, whether written down or just in the minds of the players and coaches. Some goals will be met and some will fall short. Coaches

Then — for most sports —

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All-Star Moments



Novi's Amanda Diacono hits a ball toward third base.

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fanned three batters. Vess had one run scored.

"Coming out today, it was a much more laid back atmosphere than during the regular season," Luka said. "Following a pitcher like Memmer was a little bit intense. I knew I had to come in and keep the momentum going."

"As a pitcher you have to have a good change up and today I was able to throw that for a strike."

Pitching in the loss for the West team were Courtney Zilch, Chelsea Hazzard and Cassie Schiller. The trio combined to strikeout five while giving up eight hits.

After retiring in order during the bottom of the first inning, the East team responded with one run in each of the next two innings. A single by Luka scored Lakeland's Krista Schlick to give the East the early 4-0 lead. In the third inning, a single by Novi's Amanda Diacono scored Lakeland's Brooke Ward to increase the lead to 2-0.

"You just come out here and



Novi's Amy Bielski keeps her eye on the ball during the Senior All-Star game.

hope it is going to be fun," Ward said. "When we first got here, it was a little quiet, but as the game went on we got along really well and really supported each other."

"If you did this thing during the season I think it would be very different," she said with a laugh.

In the fourth inning, both teams

went scoreless. Memmer retired the West in order in the inning and for the second time in the game. In the bottom half of the inning, Novi's Stephanie Jurek reached base on a single, but that would be the only successful East play.

The East team broke the game open during the fifth inning with two more runs to take a 4-0 lead. Vess led off with a single, reached second base with a steal and third base on a wild pitch. From there, Vess scored on a bloop single by Luka. Later in the inning Schlick scored her second run of the game off a single by Novi's Kristen Lawrence.

Picking up hits for the West team were Kala Zaner, Melissa Harless and Jessica Schwartz. Caitlin Nims was issued two walks. Other area players on the roster included South Lyon's Danielle Pizzo and Janice Couch.

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Oakland All-Stars sign softballs for each other after beating Livingston 4-0.



Oakland players meet at the mound during the Senior All-Star game.

Oakland All-Stars comeback for 11-10 victory

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comeback from a 7-1 deficit. Novi head coach Rick Green, coach of the Oakland All-Stars, awarded Sarkisian the game ball.

"I haven't played in a while, but it felt good to finally come back," Sarkisian said. "I was anxious to play. This was a fun, a good way to end."

Winning the game was fun, but playing with his former Indian teammates brought back some memories.

"I played with most of these guys during travel," Sarkisian said. "It was fun getting to play with these guys again. They're all a little bit better."

Livingston jumps ahead

Novi's Dan Pilgiant took the mound and delivered a scoreless first inning before Livingston touched him up for a pair of runs in the second.

Novi's Mike Slack cut the lead to 2-1 with a run-scoring double in the bottom of the second.

Livingston appeared as though they were going to run away with the game, charging out to a 7-1 lead off the next couple of innings off Catholic Central's Andy Omilian.

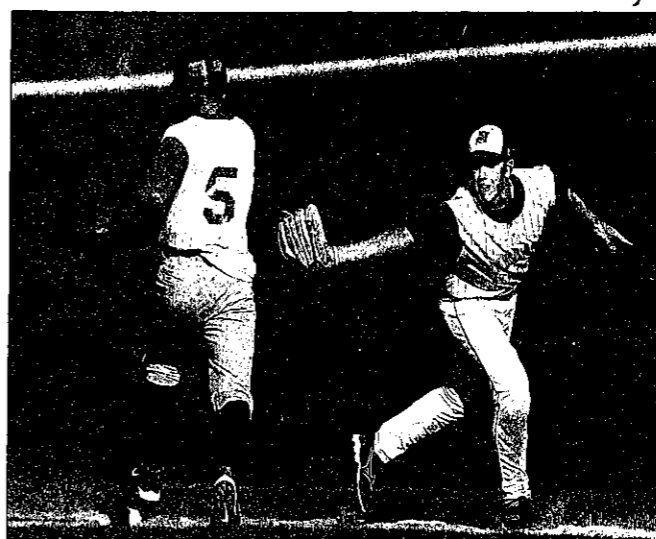
Bryghon's T.J. VanDoren (3 innings, 1 run, 2 strikeouts) gave way to teammate Brian Knopick, and the Oakland All-Star bats woke up.

An error, single and a walk loaded the bases for Gordon. He hit a slow roller to the third baseman, who tried to make a tag and missed, and all runners were safe.

Two more runs scored on a ground out and a wild pitch, but a pair of walks refunded the bases with two outs.

Sarkisian completed the comeback with a double to deep right field, clearing the bases and tying the game at seven.

Sarkisian then went to the



Novi's Dan Pilgiant can't make the tag against Livingston's Aaron Sochacki.

mound and started the first of two consecutive scoreless innings.

Oakland tacked on three more runs in the fifth. Catholic Central's Doug Raymond doubled home a run, and Gordon and Falvo singled in runs for a 10-7 lead.

Sarkisian headed out in the seventh trying to seal the win, but Livingston fought back to tie the game with three runs, the final coming on a high chopper over third base into left field.

But it only produced a more dramatic finish.

Ryan Figurski walked, stole second and went to third when the throw to second ended up in center.

Gordon and Matt Henshild were intentionally walked, but Falvo delivered the game-ending

single.

"I was just trying to put the ball in play, try and get it through a hole," Falvo said. "This was pretty fun."

Stephan Figurski would've gotten the opportunity to bat in the seventh, but he was ejected in the fifth for arguing a called third strike.

"It was a good way to go out," he said laughing. "Great times."

Highlights

Slack led the way for Oakland with three runs scored, Raymond and Ryan Figurski (three walks) were next with two runs scored.

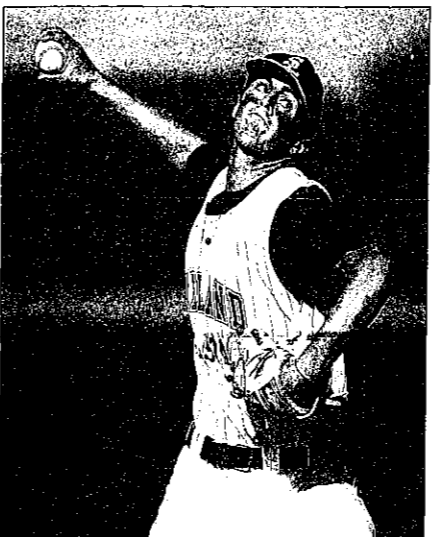
Seven of the 10 batters for Oakland scored. Falvo knocked in his second run of the game in the bottom of the seventh.

Most teams don't end their high school careers with wins, but the players from Oakland County will go out as winners.

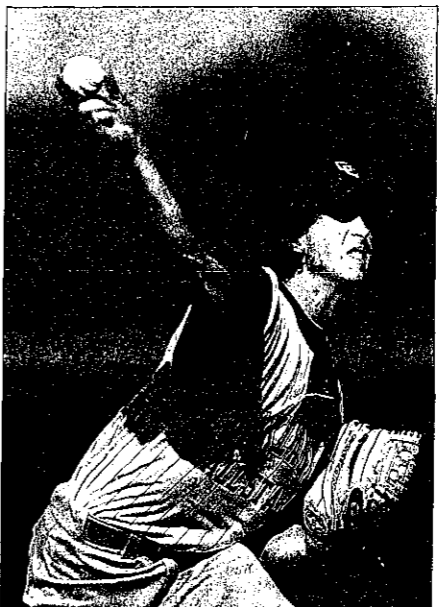
"It was great to have our Novi seniors show up," Green said. "I thought they played their last game here two weeks ago, but it was a lot of fun today."

"They won their last ballgame today."

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South Lyon's Nate Sarkisian delivers a pitch during the Senior All-Star game June 20 at Novi.



Catholic Central's Andy Omilian pitched the third and fourth innings of the Senior All-Star game.

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will worry about pecking at the right time, and athletes will try to be the best right out of the gate. Coaches also worry about injuries or the occasional suspension and grades, among several other things.

After a couple of weeks of practices, the season starts. Each game affects many households. Athletes, coaches and fans will sleep better with a win instead of sitting and stewing over a loss.

But before you know it, the season is half over and the playoffs are knocking on the door. Each game becomes more and more important. The divisional races heat up, conference titles go on the line, and knockout playoff games become a reality.

Novi and Catholic Central had so many players step up in certain situations that it's hard to name one in fear of forgetting so many others. But I've walked around from several contests just thrilled I was there to see it.

Many seniors will go off to college. Some will be fortunate enough to play sports at the collegiate level. But all will take with them the memories they earned while going through their senior years, both good and bad.

It's a pleasure to watch and report on the kids and games. So many stories don't make the paper, but that doesn't make them any less valuable to me.

I now know the value of the Baseline Battles. I know what winning the Jug looks like, and what losing the Jug looks like. I'm impressed with how many kids put in the work in the classroom as well as on the field. Novi and Catholic Central were No. 1 and No. 2 in the state academically in football. That's not luck. That's kids, teachers and coaches knowing what is really important.

I now what it's like to cover a state champion. And just to put the Novi soccer run into some sort of perspective, I've been reporting for six years and that is the first team-vs.-team sport that I've covered at the state finals (track,

wrestling, tennis and golf compete against everyone). And notice I said covered and not winning. This equates to several hundreds of teams from many different high schools, and here is Novi collecting its third straight title. That's pretty darn impressive.

I've covered a state champion in wrestling, but never a first-year wrestler like Catholic Central's Mike Martin. Heck, Shamrock coach Mike Rodriguez, who had been in the business a lot longer than I've been alive, hadn't seen it from one of his teams either.

But most of all, I know that if next year is even close to as much fun as this year was, I'm already looking forward to it.

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