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Proposed: Novi's new image, logo

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

In an effort to develop a consistent image for the City of Novi, a proposed new city logo will be presented at the City Council meeting Monday.

Implementing a new logo is the first step in the branding initiative to create an identity for Novi.

In response to a recommendation made at a council meeting in April, Community Relations Manager Sheryl Walsh organized a half-day visioning session for a group of community stakeholders to discuss what they envision for the future of Novi.



As a result, Ford and Earl Associates Inc., the marketing, branding and design resource firm, created a proposed logo, vision statement and two brand statements for the City of Novi.

"It's been a great experience."

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Getting back into the groove



By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

As the first day of school approaches, many students struggle with getting back into the groove after summer vacation.

For the past three months, days have been spent having fun and relaxing in the sun. Enjoy these final days of summer because once the school year begins Monday, your days will be filled with reading, writing and arithmetic.

This is a time of transition. You are not only transitioning from summer break, but you are one year older. Technically, it is a new beginning. Take advantage of this opportunity and make the most of your school experience.

Whether feeling nervous, excited or scared, most students experience a jumble of emotions at this time of year. In an effort to assist you with getting back into the groove, mentally and physically, here is a list of advice to help prepare you for what lies ahead.

1. Fashion

Fashion is important for any student starting a new school year. Luckily, students in the Novi area don't have to pay a

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Novi Meadows' sixth grade teacher Tom Michalski lays notebooks and folders on each of his students' desks Tuesday morning as he prepares for the upcoming school year. The Novi School District will be back in session beginning Mon. Aug. 27. Michalski has been teaching at Novi Meadows for six years.

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Novi students exceed standards

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Department of Education reported state scores for standardized high school tests last week and Novi students passed with flying colors.

The Michigan Educational Assessment Program was replaced by the Michigan Merit Exam and the outgoing Class of 2007 made its final mark on the former state-administered test for high school juniors.

Between 507-514 students tested in five different categories and,

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on average, most passed. The strongest subject for Novi High School juniors was social studies, where 296 excelled and another 161 met the state standards. The Wildcats also did well in reading and science, with more than 420 students meeting or surpassing state standards.

Math and writing appeared to

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Deerfield elementary welcomes new students, familiar faces

Other Novi schools see enrollment changes

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

When the doors of Deerfield Elementary open on Monday, there will be a lot of new faces in the sea of young students.

Deerfield, which opened its doors in 2000, will be a neighborhood school for the first time this fall.

The school operated on a School of Choice basis for Novi Community Schools district residents for its first seven years.

All students who attended last year are allowed return to complete their schooling, despite their new residential district.

"We grandfathered everyone who requested it," said Richard Njus, Deerfield's principal. "It's

going to be a great school year. We're very comfortable with the process and transitioning. We've had a lot of meetings with kids and parents. The people already here are working to embrace the new families. The kids are only going to be new for one day."

About 160 children have been "grandfathered" to Deerfield, which, combined with incoming students, expects to increase from about 495 students - 97 now at Novi Meadows - to 520 students, according to Njus. Deerfield has

held 600 kids in the past.

"Numbers-wise, we were always full. There's not that much effect. What it affects is the people who went here by choice," Njus said.

Novi's school district has swelled up to 6,243 students over the past few years, according to Superintendent Peter Dion, which resulted in overcrowding in some of the schools.

This year is expected to be the

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Elementary School Enrollment

	Feb. 13	Aug. 16	Difference
Novi Woods	444	465	+21
Orchard Hills	475	416	-59
Parkview	516	432	-84
Village Oaks	385	460	+75
Deerfield	476	508	+32
Total	2,298	2,281	-15

Source: Novi Community Schools

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FRIDAY
Need a good laugh? At 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. at The Second City, 42705 Grand River Ave., the 30th revue of "Night of the Living Debt" will be kicking off its second weekend of laugh-filled performances. The revue is directed by Mark Levenson and looks at the nation's fear of change. Call (248) 348-4448 or visit <http://www.seconcity.com> for more information. The cost is \$20 to attend. Shows run every day but Mondays and Tuesdays.

SATURDAY
It had to happen eventually. Classes in the Novi Community Schools District begin on Monday so get geared up for a new school year with a trip to Target, 27100 Wixom Rd. south of Grand River Avenue. Store hours are 8 a.m.-10 p.m. and the aisles are packed with back-to-school treasures. Take a drive and get your pencils, pens, highlighters, notebooks, folders, planners, shoes, clothes and anything else needed to set your best self forward. Call (248) 374-1282 for more information or visit www.target.com.

SUNDAY
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Other Novi schools see enrollment changes

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first in more than 25 years the district's enrollment does not increase, according to Assistant Superintendent Bob Schum.

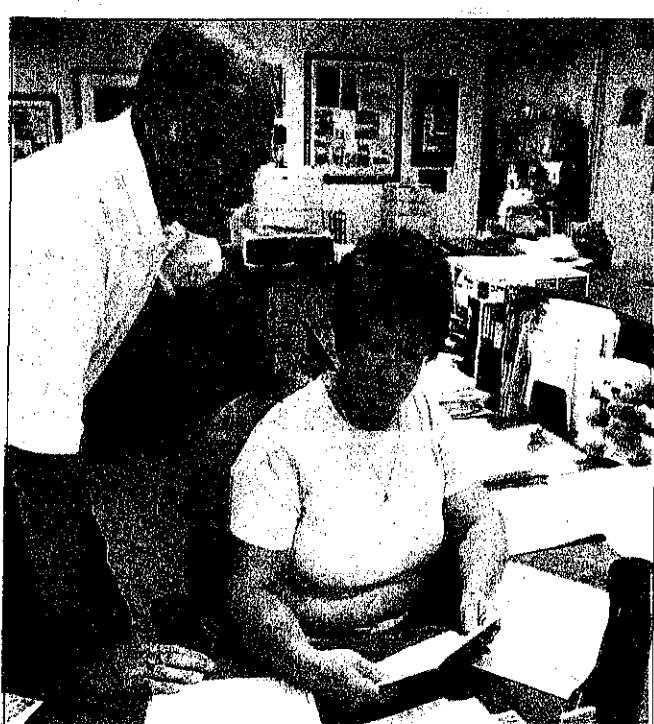
"Right now (Aug. 16), we're down about 60 kids from last year. I think that number will get smaller," said Dion, who added a lot of kids sign up through Labor Day weekend although classes begin Aug. 27.

To help even out the spread of children and make all the schools more uniform, the district has created additional kindergarten classes and made Deerfield a residentially attendent school.

The five Novi elementary schools have 2,281 students between them, with Deerfield holding the most at 508 kids. Following close behind are Novi Woods with 465 students, Village Oaks at 460, Parkview at 432 and Orchard Hills at 416. Village Oaks has the largest increase in student number, with an additional 75 children registered so far. Novi Woods and Deerfield have also grown since last year. Deerfield's growth can be attributed to the combination of neighborhood and grandfathered students.

Orchard Hills and Parkview will see a decrease in students as they shrink by 59 and 84 students, respectively.

Deerfield has made a name for itself, and will continue to be the only Novi school offering "house" and multi-age features. The house feature groups children together so they go through the entire k-4



Deerfield Elementary School Principal Richard Njus prepares for the upcoming school year with administrative assistant Andrea Timrick. Deerfield will become a neighborhood school, and many changes are afoot for its students and teachers.

program as direct classmates with the same teacher in two-year intervals. At the same time, the classrooms are built on combining two grades at a time so first and second graders interact with each other and third and fourth graders interact in a separate and similar fashion.

"We're going to continue as a staff for the kids with a program to meet their needs. We have the same curriculum as the rest of the district, just a different arrangement," Njus said.

Novi students exceed standards

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be more difficult for some of the students. Despite 118 students exceeding and 259 meeting the state standards, 137 did not pass the math portion of the MEAP exam. These hundred and ninety-two students passed the writing portion of the exam, while 103 met the basic level.

The MEAP exam, which has provided college scholarship funds for graduating high school students since 1969, will now give way to the Michigan Merit Exam. Although a new test, the same principle is applied.

The MEAP exam evenly distributed \$2,500 to students over the course of their first two years of college. The \$4,000 Merit Exam will give students \$1,000 each of their first two years of post-secondary education and another \$2,000 upon the completion of their second year through the Michigan Promise Scholarship, which was based off the Kalamazoo Promise Scholarship program that provides as much as 100 percent tuition coverage for Kalamazoo

high school graduates.

"For the first time in our state's history, the Michigan Promise Scholarship offers every Michigan student the opportunity for a post-secondary education," said Gov. Jennifer Granholm. "Students who continue their education beyond high school will be part of our highly-educated and skilled workforce, and will help transform Michigan's economy."

Statewide, students did well on the new Michigan Merit Exam. Less than six percent of high school juniors failed the exam, but will have the opportunity to retake it during their senior year. About 125,760 students qualified for the \$4,000 Michigan Promise Scholarship.

Novi students continued to perform well on state-issued exams with 480-486 students tested. More than 329 students passed the math, reading, science and English language arts categories. Writing scores were slightly lower, still passing 301 students. A whopping 442 of 482 students passed the social studies portion of the exam, 283 of which excelled state standards.

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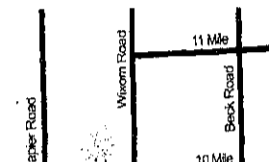
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16-year-old loses control, crashes into house

A 16-year-old Novi resident, driving a Buick lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a home on Pennington Court in Bristol Corners North, at about 3:30 p.m. Aug. 20, reports said.

According to police, the driver, whose passenger was a Novi resident, 15, decided to test the limits of his vehicle and accelerated to 60-70 mph in a 25 mph residential speed zone.

It is reported that both the driver and passenger were taken to Huron Valley Hospital. The driver suffered a broken arm and possible dislocated shoulder and the passenger had a dislocated elbow, reports said.

According to the Novi Police Department, the driver was issued a citation for reckless driving and there is no reason to believe he was consuming drugs or alcohol. There was extensive damage done to the home and the vehicle, reports said. The residents were not home at the time of the accident.

Single-vehicle rollover on Interstate 96

A taxi cab heading westbound on Interstate 96, east of Novi Road, was involved in a single-vehicle rollover accident at about 11 a.m. Aug. 20, due to the rain, reports said.

According to the Novi Police Department, the driver, a Madison Heights resident, was in the left lane when he lost control of his vehicle and hydroplaned across three lanes and flipped over into marshy water.

The driver, who was conscious, unbuckled himself and moved to the back seat when he noticed water seeping into the vehicle through the air vents, police said.

According to the driver, there were about five people talking with him to make sure he was OK and one of them broke a window for him to get out.

No other accidents were caused from this situation, reports said.

Runaway rowboat

According to a recent police report, a 14-foot aluminum rowboat was stolen from a location on Wixom Road between 10 Mile Road and Detroit Drive.

The owner of the rowboat, who kept it unsecured at this location for several months, noticed it was missing Aug. 13, reports said.

The police report said the boat was silver with blue paint chipping on it and worth \$100.

Man arrested in Novi High School parking lot

Police arrested a man for operating while intoxicated in the Novi High School parking lot, reports said.

At about 2:30 a.m. Aug. 12, an officer observed a Pontiac Grand Prix pull into the Novi High School parking lot at Taft Road, south of 10 Mile Road.

According to the police report, the officer initiated a traffic stop and asked the driver what he was doing in the parking lot. According to the driver he was looking for the Post Bar, where he was trying to pick-up his brother.

Although the officer smelled an odor of intoxicants, the driver originally said he had not consumed any alcohol, but later confessed to drinking one long island, one beer and one rum and coke at the bar, reports said.

According to the report, the man was given a series of field sobriety tests and his blood alcohol concentration registered .19 percent from a preliminary breath test.

Didn't you always want a red car?

Red paint was smeared across four vehicles while parked at a residential building located at Pontiac Trail and Beck Road, between 10.5 and 11.5 miles, Aug. 8 and 8:30 a.m. Aug. 9, reports said.

According to the police report, the 1997 Pontiac Grand Prix, 2004



Photo by Hans Nyberg

According to Novi police reports, a vehicle driven by a 16-year-old Novi driver crashed into a home on Pennington Court in Bristol Corners North, at about 3:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20.

Saturn Ioniq, 2005 Jeep Liberty and 1995 GMC Jimmy mostly had paint on the windows, but some also had paint on the body of the vehicle.

An obscene comment was written with red paint on the Pontiac Grand Prix, reports said.

According to the police report, none of the other vehicles had writing on them.

At this time, the vehicle owners

do not know who is responsible for this incident, but the paint was removed without causing permanent damage, reports said.

City fire hydrants painted white

According to a report made Aug. 10, two fire hydrants were spray painted white near Beck and

10 Mile roads.

An officer was dispatched to Nantucket Drive, regarding a fire hydrant in front of the location painted white, reports said.

The officer was also informed the fire hydrant at Lynwood Drive and 10 Mile Road was also painted, but the officer was not able to confirm the information, reports said.

Pittao homicide pretrial waived

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

The second pretrial date for Daniel Pittao met before Judge Michael Warren at the Oakland County Circuit Court in Pontiac last Thursday.

In a brief hearing, the court waived the 30-day requirement for a pretrial to be heard before the trial.

Pittao's pretrial had previously been rescheduled from July 19 to handle his bond, which was denied, and collect evidence.

Warren was scheduled to meet with attorneys Gregory Townsend and Richard Coventino yesterday to determine what evidence may be used in Pittao's Sept. 28 trial.

Pittao, who appeared before the judge in an orange jumpsuit among seven other suspects clad in navy blue, is charged with the murder of his wife, Tamara, on Thanksgiving Day 1997 in their Novi apartment.

He made statements in May 2006 when attempting to collect \$180,000 in his wife's life insurance that clashed with his earlier statements in court. A law change allowing such post-trial testimonies to be used in court did just that, landing Pittao back in the hands of law enforcement.

A current Highland Park resident, Pittao plead not guilty to the count of murder and has been held without bond.

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Novi's new image, logo

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Walsh said, "Overall, I'm very pleased. It's where I think we need to go as a city."

Originally, a variety of logos including brand statements were informally introduced to City staff members for feedback.

"I just thought they needed to be a little less busy," said councilwoman Terry Margolis. "Some of the wording I thought distracted from the logo. It has to be distinctive enough for people to say 'Oh, it's Novi.'"

According to Walsh, Ford and

Public welcome

Proposed city logo to be discussed at City Council meeting

What: Novi City Council Meeting

Where: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road

When: Monday, Aug. 27. Joint meeting with Planning Commission will begin at 7 p.m. and regular meeting will begin at 8 p.m.

Earl Associates Inc. made adjustments and will be seeking feedback and asking Council to consider the vision statement and proposed logo without

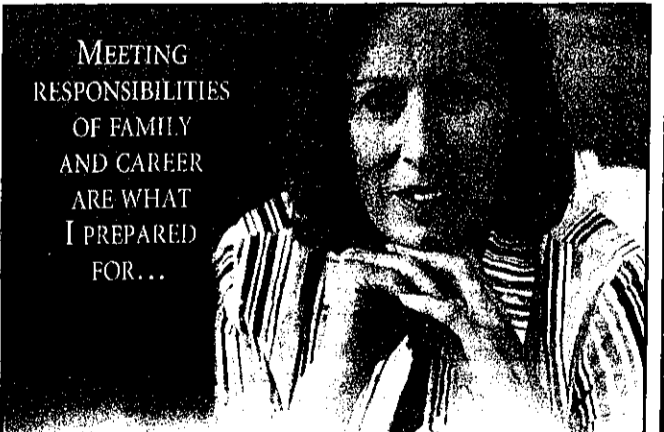
brand statements.

"I think it's hard to develop one brand statement that depicts what our environment is," Walsh said.

If approved, Ford and Earl will begin developing the City of Novi Style Guides and templates that will be used as a communication tool to identify Novi.

"I think some of the problem with branding is there is so much that goes into what a community is," Margolis said. "Is it going to say everything to everybody? No, but I think they captured some of it (what Novi represents)."

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Sanitation capacity increase in the works

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Waste Water Sewage Plant (east of Meadowbrook Road).
"Commerce Township is building a plant expansion. To the south, there's a few different options," Pearson said. "Each of the (three) areas has growth potential. We want the most reliable cost effective treatment facility we can have."

The purchase

As the largest portion of Novi is through the Western Township Utilities Authority, the city is talking with the Authority about its purchasing needs.
In the 2007-08 City of Novi budget, \$5 million is set aside for the transaction, however, there is still a lot of work to do.
"We will make a decision and set a price. We hope to keep it within the \$5 million estimate," said Rob Hayes, city engineer. "We are nearing capacity in the city, but we're not anywhere near crisis mode. We hope to have the negotiation process wrapped up by the end of this calendar year."

The ins and outs

Western Township Utilities Authority's North Huron Valley / Rouge Valley System handles water and sewage for most of Novi, Northville, Plymouth and Canton. Most Novi residents south of 12 1/2 Mile Road are a part of this system which encompasses about 70 percent of the city.
The remaining residents are split between the Walled Lake-Novi Waste Water Treatment Plant (west of Meadowbrook Road) and the South Commerce



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Rick Friedrich, an Operator II with the Oakland Co. Drain Commission's Walled Lake-Novi Waste Water Treatment Plant takes a look at one of its four huge tanks at the facility just south of Walled Lake. The plant treats around 2.1 million gallons of sewage a day and releases it, once clean, into DNR monitored wetlands that surround the plant. Novi is looking to obtain additional treatment for its wastewater from its growing community.

Novi Ice Arena restoration efforts nearly complete

Most operations resumed two days ago

representatives from Statewide Restoration have been working to restore the majority of ice arena operations.
Tuesday, one ice surface, administrative offices and a dance studio reopened.
The ice arena's pro shop was expected to reopen yesterday. Full operation of the arena is expected to resume 6 a.m. Monday, August 27.

On August 8, an ice resurfacing machine was clearing the ice at the Novi Ice Arena, located at 42400 Arena Drive, when a hydraulic leak ignited. Players on break and the machine driver witnessed the fire and the arena was evacuated.
A crowd of about 150 people, including players, coaches, parents and staff, were in the ice arena at the

time of the incident. No injuries were reported.
Assessed damages to the ice arena are more than \$200,000 and covered by the city's insurance policy.
All inquiries regarding league play and practice times can be directed to the Novi Ice Arena at (248) 347-1010.

The Novi Ice Arena opened in September 1998. This multi-surface facility offers two NHL-regulation sized ice sheets, seating capacities of 750 and 200, heated viewing areas, a pro shop, concessions, skate rental and meeting space. The facility is host to a variety of programs, including the Novi Youth Hockey Association, Skating Club of

Novi, Novi High School and Northville High School hockey teams and adult hockey leagues, as well as open skating and learn to skate programs.
The City of Novi also operates a dance studio out of this facility.

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MY SENIOR LIFE



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Seniors honored for city volunteer services

By Tracy Mishler
SPECIAL WRITER

There's never been a better way to give back to the community than by volunteering to do something you love.

Edith Makitsch volunteers at the Novi Senior Center by setting up the card room three nights a week for her fellow card players.

Poker, pinocle and euchre are just some of the games the 87-year-old Meadowbrook Commons resident enjoys will be available every night.

"It keeps me busy, and I figured why not volunteer to do something I love?" Makitsch said. "I have to put out the soccer pads and cards, pencils and pens and make sure the room is ready. Someone has to do it."

Makitsch is one of many volunteers participating in running activities and events at the Novi Senior Center.

The senior center staff is honoring their volunteers this year with the annual Volunteer Appreciation Branch 10 a.m. Saturday.

"It's an honor to our volunteers," said Jan McAlpine, Senior Center coordinator. "These are the people who put in hours and hours to help us out. Without them, we wouldn't be able to offer all we do here."

McAlpine said the center has more than 100 volunteers and could always use more.

"We have a very small paid staff, including the drivers and Meadowbrook Commons staff," she said. "Everyone else is a volunteer."

"We appreciate so much all they do. I can't say enough about them and that's the truth."

McAlpine said all special events, activities, exercise programs and

meal services are run solely by volunteers who offer their time to help out the center.

Why volunteer?

By definition, a volunteer is someone who serves in a community for the benefit of the natural environment primarily because they choose to do so.

A significant number of volunteers serve less formally, such as those at the Novi Senior Center. Volunteer workers do not get paid or receive compensation for their services.

"These people put others before themselves, and that's what makes them wonderful," McAlpine said. "Many come here every day, even on days when they probably don't feel like it."

"People that give seem to have a better attitude. When you give back

it seems to affect your whole being."

Volunteers honored at Saturday's brunch can look forward to a wide variety of breakfast items, including bacon, eggs, sausage, fruit and pancakes.

"This brunch is just a small indicator of what we can do to let (the volunteers) know how much we appreciate them," McAlpine said.

"We try not to award anyone specifically because we appreciate them all and all their services."

Clay Pearson, Novi city manager, said he's been to several volunteer appreciation brunches and hopes everyone knows how grateful the city is due to their hard work and dedication.

"Anytime we get to have residents volunteer for programs they are involved with, it makes it more real," Pearson said. "Programs are more effective with these volun-

Novi Senior Center Volunteer Appreciation Brunch

When: Saturday, Aug. 25
Time: 10 a.m.
Where: For all volunteers of the Novi Senior Center
What: For more information, contact the Novi Senior Center at (248) 347-0414

teers and we couldn't do it without them."

Pearson said by offering volunteer opportunities, the city saves money in paying for staff members to do what the seniors love so much.

He said the people who participate in programs and events are more in tune with what they want and what others want.

"Without all the volunteers, we would have less programming and a high chance we would be less in tune with what our older adults

want," he said. "Our staff does a good job in providing certain things, but with residents involved it's more relevant and in tune with the citizens we're serving."

Makitsch said she would like to see more people get involved and volunteer at the senior center and in the community.

"This is the first time for me, and I love it," she said. "There are a lot of other little things people could volunteer for. There's a lot of things to do and we're always looking for new ideas."

Hey, Novi: What's Your Story?

We're looking for you! The Novi News is currently looking to interview local residents regarding the following topics:

- Are you a Novi senior citizen with an interesting job or hobby?
- Are you a Novi resident interested in sharing a story about how your religious faith has carried you through tough times?
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Researching to a win

By Tracy Mishler SPECIAL WRITER

Kendall Ziegler never thought she'd be chosen. But she was. The 19-year-old Novi resident and student at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor...

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Novi resident Kendall Ziegler, 19, prepares brain tissue through immunohistochemical procedures for further analysis.



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Chorus Chorus and Kevin Tice of Den 4, stop for a group photo after their performance.

Class NOTES

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Get to school early on the first day. Traffic increases when the school year begins.

When the students arrive at your door, greet them with a smile, a handshake and a "Good morning."

Send a note home with the students during the first week to let their parents know your availability and the best way to get in touch with you.

Back to School

Continued from front

fortune to keep up with the latest trends.

Plato's Closet, located in West Oaks shopping center, is a retail store that buys and sells gently used brand name clothing such as American Eagle, Abercrombie and Fitch, Hollister and Express.

Paul Wells of Plato's Closet in Novi, shares some fashion tips for the upcoming season:

- Denim, denim and more denim - This season anything ranging from the skinny leg to the wide leg and everything in between are all the rage.
- Say it loud - At a loss for words? Let your T-shirt do the talking for you. From the rocker tee to a pattern, the tee is a staple that must be in all closets.
- Flat out comfortable - Flat shoes that is. Full of bright colors, patent and patterns these are sure to please your tootsies.

2. Getting back into the study-mode

After three months of rest and relaxation, it is time to get back in the swing of things. Novi's education company Club Z! Tutoring works independently with children to teach them skills in organization, time management, classroom participation, note-taking, memorization and comprehension.

Here are some Club Z! study tips that will help students start the school year off on the right foot:

- Choose an ideal study location that offers plenty of space for books, has good lighting and is free from distractions.
- Keep materials organized in a planner and use a calendar to mark important exams and project dates.
- Make sure you have the necessary resources such as pencils, paper and a dictionary.
- Take breaks when frustrated.

3. It's never too early for a tutor

Some of you over-achievers may have been studying your minds during summer vacation, but let's face it, most of you took your thinking caps off when you exited the building on the last day of school.

According to Kathy Michel, director at Sylvan Learning Center, kids can lose as much as six months of the school year from taking time off during the summer.

Rather than waiting until after you receive that first report card, find yourself a tutor now so you don't end up behind.

"It's much easier to work ahead than to catch up," Michel said. Even if you haven't received any homework, it is never too early to begin working with a tutor to build a better foundation for education.

"I think a lot of people worry about the homework," Michel

said. "If you work on strengthening the foundation skills, the kid can do the homework on their own."

4. Eating healthier lunches

For many students, lunchtime is their favorite part of the school day.

According to KidsHealth.org, choosing what you eat for lunch is really important. They recommend thinking of your school lunch as the fuel you put in your tank.

Here are some healthy lunch tips to keep your tank fueled during the school day:

- Buying vs. bringing - Bringing a lunch from home doesn't automatically mean it is healthier than a lunch bought in the cafeteria.
- Balance your lunch - Try to include a mix of food groups in your lunch.
- Sleep sensibly - It is not only about what you eat, what you drink counts too. Try drinking milk or water with lunch instead of soda and juice drinks.
- Steer clear of packaged snacks - Watch out for the salty snacks, candy and soda found in vending machines. It is acceptable to have these foods once in a while, but they should not be part of your everyday lunch.

5. Getting involved

School is not just about the education anymore, you're also allowed to have fun. No matter what you are interested in, the wide array of extracurricular activities makes getting involved easy.

Along with numerous sports teams, Novi Middle School and Novi High School also provide students the opportunity to join various clubs.

While in seventh and eighth grade, Novi Middle School students can get involved with band, art, foreign languages and industrial tech.

Once reaching high school, there is the option of continuing the same extracurricular activities from middle school or joining all new ones.

From being on the robotics team, or running for student council, to joining DECA or performing with the drama club, Novi High School students are encouraged to participate in activities appealing to their interests.

6. Careful commute

Back to school is an important time to remember transportation safety tips.

"Drivers need to re-acclimate themselves to having children on and near the road, particularly at rush hours," said Ray Palermo, director of public information for Teachers' Insurance Plan.

Palermo also offers several tips from the plan's safety information center:

- Tips for walking or biking to school - Walk with a friend; look left, right and over your shoulder for traffic before crossing a street;

speak to others. "You can type in some text and it says those words to you," said Peggy Hayes, marketing and sponsorship director for Twelve Oaks.

Although avatar creation may be utilized largely by teens, parents can also make use of the program. Find Your Go posts updates on weekly sales and allows users to rank products in a user polling feature.

"It's pretty unique. We have the trend polling where they can tell us what's hot and what's not," Hayes said. "Students, particularly teens, like to be heard, and this talking avatar and trend polling are two ways for them to voice their thoughts."

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Parents:
Getting your children back into the school groove

Engage in discussion with your children about their friends, classes and activities

Work with your children to set measurable goals and expectations

Urge your children to be involved in extracurricular activities at school and in the community

Help your children with budgeting their time and homework load

- 1. Riding a bicycle, scooter or skateboard, always wear a helmet.**
 - Tips for school bus riders - Do not play in the streets while waiting for the bus; wait for the bus driver to signal you to cross the street; and walk away from the front of the bus so the driver can see you.
 - Tips for parents and drivers - Slow down in school zones; do not pass a school bus when its red lights are flashing; and watch out for bicycles.
- 2. Get your day started on the right foot**
 - It is the end of summer; time to reset those alarm clocks. Although adjusting from sleeping in later to waking up the next morning is difficult, everybody has to do it.
 - Here are some common tips for you to start your day off right:
 - Put your alarm clock across the room. The further away your alarm clock is, the less chance you have of climbing back into bed.
 - Exercise - Working out in the mornings will keep you energized throughout the entire day.
 - Eat breakfast - Try eating things that are low in fat, but high in protein and fiber.
 - Take a hot shower - There is nothing better than a hot shower to wake you up in the morning.
 - Listen to music - Listening to music while getting ready or during your morning commute will put you in a better mood for the day.
- 3. Patience in the parking lot**
 - With about 2,000 students attending Novi High School, it is no surprise that congestion occurs in the parking lot at the beginning and end of each school day.
 - "The biggest thing is to leave early," he said. "Between 7:05-7:15 a.m. it becomes crazy. Then we worry about students rushing and having accidents."
 - As for the end of the day, patience is a virtue if you are one of those students wanting to leave right at 1:55 p.m.
 - "There's a good number of them trying to get out, which naturally causes some congestion," Lawrence said. "Just be patient and slow down."
- 4. Fitting in**
 - Beginning a new school year isn't only about finding your locker and classrooms, it is about finding yourself. For many students, finding where you fit in is more frightening than fitting.
 - "Recognize that everybody's in the same boat, we all have this need to belong," said Donna Roemer, guidance counselor at Novi High School. "Try to make friends with some different people and really try to be confident in yourself. You don't necessarily have to belong to a clique."
 - Although the word "chique" has a negative connotation, there is no escaping the fact that they are a part of any teenager's life.
 - For students feeling like they don't belong, Roemer recommends getting involved with community service.
 - "Get involved and try something new," she said. "Meeting new people is a healthy thing. A lot of kids want to be with the same kids in the same classes. Real growth comes when you reach out and try to meet new people."

Find Your Go

More information about The Find Your Go program may be found at www.find-your-go.com.

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- Founded in 1817 in Detroit, moved to Ann Arbor in 1837
- 3,177-acre campus
- 40,025 students (Fall 2006)
- Free UM bus service and free AATA bus service
- 10-2 football record in Fall 2006
- Students bike and walk around campus
- 19 schools and colleges and over 200 undergraduate programs within the university
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University of Michigan Ann Arbor

"U of M is the best because its campus is located within the city. Everything is within walking distance, making it easy to find something to do or someplace to go."

Phat furnishings

By Elisabeth Pernicone
SPECIAL NEWS WRITER

Incoming college freshmen Cheryl Conlin is thinking about options for furnishings in her dorm at Central Michigan University this fall.

Conlin already has a loft, but is waiting to furnish her room until she speaks with her new college roommate.

At Art Van furniture and Gorman's Home Furnishings, special furniture collections are available for students in college.

According to Chris Morisroe, communications director for Art Van Furniture, July through September months bring in teenagers and parents looking to furnish college rooms or rooms at home that were previously used by a college student.

At Art Van Furniture a new product called the Fatboy, a 55"x70" lounge pad that can be shaped into a chair or mattress and is "expecting to be popular," said Morisroe. The Fatboy retails at \$229 for solid colors and \$299 for patterns, such as army print and flowers.

MP3 ottomans are also available at Art Van Furniture, which pull out to become a table and have electrical plugs to connect an MP3 player. This retails for \$97.

In addition to these items, Art Van Furniture and Gorman's both offer shelving, lamps, futons and just about anything else needed for college apartments or dorms.

"Lofts are big because they save storage space" and are often used at homes where children are gone away to college said Morisroe.

At Gorman's Furniture, Hooker Furniture has a special line called SmartKids, which carries many college appropriate furnishings.

Lauren Garfield, who does public relations for Gorman's Furniture, said this line is perfect for any age group and also works well for college students.

The loft bunk bed retails for \$1,875 and includes one single loft with a bed and night stand underneath.

In an effort to make shopping easier, Art Van Furniture will be having furniture available at select locations at Michigan State University Aug. 22-25, Central Michigan University Aug. 24-26, and at Western Michigan University Aug. 28-Sept. 1.

However, for those students who are just looking to purchase the basic necessities, Target offers lamps, desks, futons and storage crates for low prices.

Desks lamps are available in an assortment of colors for \$7.99 and floor lamps for \$12.99.

One of several futons available is the Euro Black Futon, which has a metal frame and retails for \$149.99.

Casual Home Mission Collection has computer desks available that retail around \$99.99. Storage cubes, with four divisions are also available for \$19.99.

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Liting Chen, 17, a recent graduate of Northville High and soon-to-be U-M student, got to shop for linens and other supplies for her dorm room as she prepped for the upcoming school year.

Freshmen firsts

By Emily Barton
SPECIAL NEWS WRITER

2007 Novi High School graduate Liting Chen is looking forward to the fall with a mixture of excitement and apprehension.

Chen will be attending the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and said she is ready to be independent, but she is concerned about adjusting to the new responsibilities she'll face.

With the end of summer fast approaching, high school graduates of the class of 2007 are facing a new challenge: their freshman year of college.

Although college is seen as the next academic step, it's also the first step young adults take toward independence.

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- CATA Bus used for transportation
- 4-8 Football record in Fall 2006
- Students bike around campus
- Sends more students to study abroad than any other public university in the USA
- Beautiful scenery and located on the Red Cedar River
- Manna's grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, Cosi and Taco Bell on Grand River

"Michigan State is the best because we are located on a beautiful campus that is amazing in the fall. With such a large number of students there is always someone new to meet and always something to do."

Incoming freshman: This is my advice to you

As the summer days draw to an end, time gets closer and closer until the class of 2007 will be freshmen in college.

There are feelings of excitement about meeting new people, independence, getting a fresh start and yet the fears that come with all of this.

Last summer, I too faced these emotions as I prepared for the new journey ahead of me.

I have just finished my first year at Michigan State University, a campus with over 40,000 students, which was a huge change from the small Northville community I was used to.

From getting lost on campus and missing classes, to meeting new friends, my first week up at State was far from an easy transition.

At such a large campus there are so many people to meet, yet the disadvantage is unless these people live in a close proximity, you may never see them again.

At first many girls in my dorm seemed unfriendly and unapproachable.

My roommate, who I was friends with beforehand, was also gone most of the time.

Adjusting to living in a 12"x12" room and trading my



Elisabeth Pernicone

However, it is very easy to get

STATE Advice for COLLEGE FRESHMEN

• Get involved. College life may feel overwhelming at first, but getting involved with something, whether it's a club that meets once a month or a team that practices daily, it will allow you to feel involved in the college community.

• Go to class. It may sound ridiculous, but no one will be checking up to make sure you made it to your 9 a.m. lecture. And with college tuition on the rise, you'll want to make sure you get every penny's worth of your education.

• Manage your time well. It may be difficult at first to figure out how to cram in band practice while you're cramming for an exam. But by making a schedule to structure your time and focus on the tasks at hand, you'll avoid falling behind in classes and activities.

• Budget your money. Don't take advantage of your new found freedom by spending all of your savings at the mall. Chances are you're going to need the money for books, food at some point in the future, so budget accordingly.

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Twelve Oaks uses avatars in back-to-school shopping

By Chris Jaccett
STAFF WRITER

Twelve Oaks Mall and Oddcast have teamed up to offer an avatar creation program for teens and parents to help ease the back-to-school clothes shopping process.

The Find Your Go program (<http://www.findyourgo.com>) will allow users to dress an avatar, a customizable animated character resembling the user's appearance, and create a wish list they can e-mail or post online at blogs, Myspace pages, etc.

Oddcast, an avatar creation program provider, also made it possible to select pre-recorded messages so user's avatars can

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Ostin Starler, 12, gets some help from Lindsey Pietta in scanning in a photo of himself at Twelve Oaks Mall's "Find Your Go" Avatar program.

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Novi Community School District 2007-08 School Bus Schedule

High School Bus #6	6:40 a.m. Drakes Bay Drive at Reeds Pointe Drive	6:40 a.m. Drakes Bay Drive at Saybrook Drive (N)	6:40 a.m. Drakes Bay Drive at No Intersection, (NE)	6:40 a.m. Drakes Bay Drive at Terra Del Mar Drive (NE)	6:45 a.m. Terra Del Mar Drive at Bellingham Drive (Novi Woods)	6:48 a.m. Drakes Bay Drive at Chesapeake Drive (NE)	6:48 a.m. Chesapeake Drive at Hatlock Drive (NE)	7:00 a.m. Novi High School
High School Bus #7	6:40 a.m. Ewen Mile Road at Mandalay Circle at Lechwood Lane	6:42 a.m. Sanford Drive at Glenmore Drive (SW)	6:44 a.m. Strath Haven Street at Sierra Drive (SE)	6:46 a.m. Woodruff Drive at Lechwood Lane (SW)	6:48 a.m. Glenhurst Drive at Laramie Drive (SW)	6:51 a.m. Cheyenne Drive at Cordoba Drive (SE)	6:52 a.m. Cordoba Drive at Arcadia Drive (SW)	6:53 a.m. Arcadia Drive at Venetian Court (E)

6:46 a.m. Nine Mile Road at Solomon Blvd. (SW)	6:48 a.m. Eight Mile Road at Turnberry Blvd. (NE)	6:51 a.m. Meadowbrook Road at Carriage Hill Drive (SE)	6:52 a.m. Meadowbrook Road at Marks Drive (SE)	6:53 a.m. 41420 Nine Mile Road (N)	7:00 a.m. Novi High School
High School Bus #13	6:34 a.m. Constitution at Congress Drive	6:44 a.m. Fountain Park Drive at Fountain Park Dr N (Novi Woods)	6:43 a.m. Gornada Street/ No Intersection, W	6:47 a.m. O Jansen Street at Ruston Blvd. (Novi Woods)	6:47 a.m. 39670 Grand River Avenue (N)

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High School Bus #26	6:39 a.m. 22067 Meridian Lane	6:39 a.m. Meridian Lane at Heatherbrae Way S (E)	6:41 a.m. 21922 Siegal Drive (E)	6:41 a.m. Singh Blvd. at Cascade Drive (NE)	6:44 a.m. Brookshire at Hemphire Street (Novi Woods)

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Middle School Bus #9	7:12 a.m. Ten Mile Road at Kings Pointe Drive	7:13 a.m. Kings Pointe Drive at Queens Pointe Drive (SE)	7:14 a.m. Park Ridge Road at Bonita Ridge Drive (NE)	7:15 a.m. Kings Pointe Drive at Cherry Hill Road (SE)	7:16 a.m. Cherry Hill Road at Upland Hills Drive (N)

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Middle School Bus #11	7:15 a.m. Emerald Forest Drive (No Intersection)	7:16 a.m. Emerald Forest Drive at Freedom (N)	7:17 a.m. Freedom at Davenport Avenue (NE)	7:18 a.m. Falmouth Avenue at White Plains Drive (SW)	7:19 a.m. White Plains Drive at Portsmouth Avenue (SW)

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**CITY OF NOVI
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 7:30 a.m. in the Civic Center, 49175 W. Van-Vile Road to consider:

Case No. 07-047 filed by 1339 East Lake Drive
Applicant is requesting three setback variances for the addition of an enclosed stairway, the projection of a bay window and the addition of a sunroom to the existing residence at 1339 East Lake Drive in the Shom Area Subdivision. The property is zoned R-4 and located north of Terra Del Mar Road and west of Novi Road.

Case No. 07-048 filed by Charisma Salon located at 43267 Charisma Boulevard
Charisma Salon is requesting one 24 square foot sign variance for the placement of a 16-foot x 1-foot 6-inch wall sign on the rear elevation of Charisma Salon located at 43267 Charisma Blvd. Property is zoned TC and located east of Novi Road and north of Grand River Avenue.

Case No. 07-077 filed by Tony V's Sunroom and Spa for 26571 Strath Haven Drive
Applicant is requesting one seven-foot rear yard setback variance for the reconstruction of an existing sunroom located at 26571 Strath Haven Drive in the Pioneer Meadows Subdivision. The property is zoned R-4 and located south of Ewen Mile Road and east of Novi Road.

Case No. 07-058 filed by 23820 Lywood
Applicant is requesting a variance to allow the continued location of an established residential hedge to remain at 23820 Lywood in the Enzo Valley Subdivision. The property is zoned R-1 and located south of Ten Mile Road and west of Back Road.

Case No. 07-059 filed by Adell Brothers Children's Trust for 42700 Expo Center Drive
Applicant is requesting the consideration of a delayed administrative appeal of a determination by the Community Director of Community Development stating the use of the former Novi Expo Center as a trade center is not in compliance with the zoning ordinance. The property is zoned EX-10 and located north of Novi Road and east of Novi Road.

Case No. 07-060 filed by Creative Designs and Signs, Inc. for 46325 Twelve Mile Road, Keystone Medical Center
Applicant is requesting a 47.5 square foot area variance and a 3 foot 9 inch height variance for the placement of a 77.5 square foot ground sign to be located at 46325 Twelve Mile Road for the Keystone Medical Center. Property is zoned OST and located south of Twelve Mile Road and east of Novi Road.

Case No. 07-061 filed by Sign Graphics, Inc. for 47601 Grand River Avenue, Providence Park Campus
Applicant is requesting five ground sign variances for the new Providence Park Campus located at 47601 Grand River Avenue. Applicant requests one 269 square foot illuminated ground sign to be located at the Front Road Grand River intersection, one 119 square foot illuminated ground sign to be located at the Grand River entrance to the Providence Park Village Center, one 192 square foot ground sign to be located along Back Road to indicate the staff entrance and one 119 square foot illuminated ground sign to be located along Back Road indicating an emergency entrance. Property is zoned OSC and located on the west side of Back Road and south of Grand River Avenue.

Case No. 07-062 filed by Allied Signs Inc. for 43170 Grand River Avenue, Pel Well Asian Biste
Applicant is requesting two sign variances for the Pel Well Asian Biste to be located at 43170 Grand River Avenue. Applicant is requesting an additional wall sign for the south elevation measuring 21.53 square feet and an additional wall sign for the west elevation measuring 32.95 square feet. Property is zoned TC and located north of Grand River Avenue and east of Novi Road.

Case No. 07-063 filed by Sign Graphics, Inc. for 25500 Meadowbrook Road, Meadowbrook Medical Center
Applicant is requesting three ground sign variances for a business sign measuring 7 feet in height and 75 square feet in area as well as one wall sign variance for a 30' x 144', 30 square foot wall sign to be located at 25500 Meadowbrook Road for the Meadowbrook Medical Center. Property is zoned OST and located south of Ewen Mile Road and east of Meadowbrook Road.

Case No. 07-064 filed by B-B Sign & Lighting for 47300 Grand River Avenue, Pel Well Asian Biste
Applicant is requesting one area ground sign variance for a 50 square foot ground sign to be located at 47300 Grand River Avenue for Chase Bank. This business has approved wall signage for the south and west elevations of the building and will require an additional variance to the number of on premises advertising signs permitted. Property is zoned OST and located north of Grand River Avenue and east of Back Road.

Case No. 07-065 filed by Amson Dambs Development for 46600 Twelve Mile Road
Applicant is requesting a Temporary Special Exception Permit renewal for the placement of a temporary sign trailer to be located at 46600 12 Mile Road for the Novi Corporate Campus project from September 11, 2007 through September 11, 2009. The property is zoned I-1 and located east of West Park Drive and north of Twelve Mile Road.

Case No. 07-066 filed by 23855 Woodham Road
Applicant is requesting three variances for the placement of a storage shed to be located in the rear yard at 23855 Woodham Road in the Enzo Valley Subdivision. Homeowner is requesting one 4.16-foot setback variance from the side property line, one 3-foot setback variance from the rear property line and relief from the strict application of the necessary use requirement that no accessory building be located within an easement. Property is zoned R-1 and located west of Back Road and south of Ten Mile Road.

Case No. 07-067 filed by Michigan Signs Inc. for 41840 Ten Mile Road, Busch's
Applicant is requesting one 161 square foot wall sign variance for a logo, nameplate and theme box sign for the new Busch's Supermarket located at 41840 W. Ten Mile Road in the Novi Ten Shopping Center. Property is zoned B-3 and located north of Ten Mile Road and west of Meadowbrook Road.

Case No. 07-068 filed by Sign Fabricators for 43330 Grand River Avenue, Pel Well Asian Biste
Applicant is requesting seven wall sign variances for the new Potbelly restaurant to be located at 43330 Grand River in the Novi Town Center. Applicant requests two 38 square foot illuminated wall signs to be located on the north and south elevations of the building indicating the Potbelly logo, two band wall signs with copy measuring 7.3 square feet displaying "sandwiches" copy measuring 2.7 square feet displaying "soup" and copy measuring 6.5 square feet displaying "smoothies" to be located on the north and south elevations of the building, one band wall sign with copy measuring 7.3 square feet copy displaying "sandwiches" copy measuring 6.0 square feet and displaying "no cream" to be located on the west elevation of the building, an additional band wall sign with copy measuring 2.7 square feet copy displaying "soup", copy measuring 4.2 square feet and displaying "smoothies" to be located on the west elevation of the building as well as an additional 111 square foot Potbelly logo wall sign to be located on the west elevation of the building. Property is zoned TC and located north of Grand River Avenue and east of Novi Road.

* Filed from August 7, 2007 meeting.
(8-23-07 NN 37245)

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**CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF ENACTMENT
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.675**

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:
Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18.675 attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.
Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS, REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.
Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. The effective date of this Ordinance is August 28, 2007.
MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan this 13th day of August, 2007. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.

ORDINANCE NO. 18.675
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 675

DAVID B. LANDRY, MAYOR
MARIYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

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7:34 a.m. Novi Middle School
Middle School Bus #16
7:07 a.m. Mill Road at Mill Road Court W at Mill Road Court E
7:08 a.m. Mill Road at Sunrise Blvd (SW)
7:09 a.m. Ladene Lane at Sunflower Drive (SW)
7:10 a.m. Ladene Lane at Whispering Lane (SW)
7:13 a.m. Sunrise Blvd at Shadybrook Drive (Novi Woods)
7:14 a.m. Clover Lane at Greentree Lane (E)
7:16 a.m. Ladene Lane at Greentree Lane (SW)
7:18 a.m. Nine Mile Road at Pondview Drive (SW)
7:19 a.m. Nine Mile Road at Solon Blvd (SW)
7:20 a.m. Nine Mile Road at Trillium Drive (NE)
7:34 a.m. Novi Middle School
Middle School Bus #18
6:50 a.m. Leboist Drive W at Leboist Drive E at Leboist Drive
6:52 a.m. Leboist Drive W at Malott Drive W (Novi Woods)
6:53 a.m. Leboist Drive W at Hollydale (SE)
6:54 a.m. Leboist Drive E at Malott Drive (E)
6:56 a.m. 40755 Ten Mile Road (S)
6:57 a.m. Ripple Creek Road at Rock Hill Lane (W)
6:58 a.m. Rock Hill Lane at Willowbrook Drive (SW)
7:00 a.m. 40960 Ten Mile Road (N)
7:01 a.m. Class Drive at No Intersection, N)
7:05 a.m. Ten Mile Road at Homestead Court (NE)
7:10 a.m. Albattross Drive at Peninsula Drive (SW)
7:15 a.m. 49645 Timber Trail (S)
7:16 a.m. Glenwood Drive at Leyland Circle (NE)
7:17 a.m. Glenwood Drive at Leyland Circle (E)
7:22 a.m. Novi Middle School
Middle School Bus #19
7:14 a.m. Taft Road at Jacobs Drive
7:17 a.m. Arcadia Drive at Venetian Court (SW)
7:18 a.m. Arcadia Drive at Cordoba Drive (Novi Woods)
7:19 a.m. Cordoba Drive at Cheyenne Drive (NE)
7:20 a.m. Cheyenne Drive at Laramie Drive (NE)
7:22 a.m. Laramie Drive at Glenhurst Drive (E)
7:23 a.m. Groselund at Glenmor (E)
7:25 a.m. Lechmoor Lane at Woodriff Drive (E)
7:26 a.m. 25711 Abbey Drive (E)
7:30 a.m. Novi Middle School
Middle School Bus #21
7:06 a.m. Brookshire at Sutherland Court
7:07 a.m. Brookshire at Cheslerfield Court (Novi Woods)
7:10 a.m. 22138 Chase Drive (W)
7:12 a.m. Class Drive (No Intersection, N)
7:13 a.m. Chase Drive at Wheaton Lane (Novi Woods)
7:13 a.m. Chase Drive at Dundee Drive (Novi Woods)
7:14 a.m. Chase Drive at Oxford Court (Novi Woods)
7:30 a.m. Novi Middle School
Middle School Bus #22
7:05 a.m. Bellingham Drive at Terra Del Mar Drive
7:06 a.m. Terra Del Mar Drive at Amesburg Drive (NE)
7:07 a.m. Terra Del Mar Drive at Drakes Bay Drive (S)
7:08 a.m. Drakes Bay Drive at Chesapeake Drive (NE)
7:09 a.m. Chesapeake Drive at Hadlock Drive (NE)
7:13 a.m. Drakes Bay Drive (No Intersection, SW)
7:13 a.m. Drakes Bay Drive at Saylorbrook Drive (SW)
7:14 a.m. Drakes Bay Drive at Reck Pointe Drive (S)
7:15 a.m. Reck Pointe Drive at Kelsey Bay Drive (E)
7:16 a.m. 25370 Wixom Road (E)
7:16 a.m. 25470 Wixom Road (E)
7:18 a.m. Hillside Drive at Dogwood Drive (SW)
7:20 a.m. Ravine Drive at Shoreline Drive (NE)
7:21 a.m. Shoreline Drive at Timber Trail (E)
7:22 a.m. Shoreline Drive at Island Lake Drive (E)
7:25 a.m. Fieldstone Drive at Streamwood Drive (E)
7:30 a.m. Novi Middle School
Middle School Bus #23
7:00 a.m. Cranbrooke Drive (No Intersection)
7:00 a.m. Cranbrooke Drive at Heather Greene Court (Novi Woods)
7:01 a.m. Londonderry Drive at Oak Tree Drive (Novi Woods)
7:02 a.m. Willowbrook Drive at Franklin Mill Road (W)
7:04 a.m. Cranbrooke Drive at Village Wood Road (Novi Woods)
7:06 a.m. Village Wood Road at Heather Way (N)
7:07 a.m. Village Lake Road at Shadybrook Way (Novi Woods)
7:10 a.m. Heather Way at Heather Lane (SE)
7:12 a.m. Oakwood Drive at Deerfield Road (S)
7:14 a.m. Heatherwood Drive at Village Oaks Road (SE)
7:15 a.m. Village Oaks Road at Cranbrooke Drive (W)
7:16 a.m. 22419 Cranbrooke Drive (W)
7:17 a.m. Nine Mile Road at Heatherbrae Way (NE)
7:30 a.m. Novi Middle School
Middle School Bus #24
6:58 a.m. 43831 Grand River Avenue
7:00 a.m. Constitution at Congress Drive (SW)
7:02 a.m. Fountain Park Dr E at Fountain Park Dr N (Novi Woods)
7:06 a.m. Olde Orchard Road (No Intersection, SW)
7:07 a.m. Ten Mile Road at Bashian Drive (NE)
7:08 a.m. O Justin Street at Ruston Blvd (Novi Woods)
7:11 a.m. 23492/23472/23473/23444/23449 Haggerty (W)
7:13 a.m. 23495 Haggerty Road (W)
7:18 a.m. Washington Street at Lincoln Street (S)
7:21 a.m. Grand River Avenue at Grandview Lane (NE)
7:30 a.m. Novi Middle School
Middle School Bus #26
7:11 a.m. Willowbrook at Brenna Lane
7:13 a.m. Bethany Way at Border Hill Street (E)
7:15 a.m. Bethany Way at Heather Lane (SE)
7:16 a.m. Hehany Way at Scarborough Lane (N)
7:17 a.m. Scarborough Lane at Clermont Avenue
7:18 a.m. Scarborough Lane at Leboist Court (NE)
7:19 a.m. Manor Park Drive (No Intersection, Novi Woods)
7:30 a.m. Novi Middle School
Middle School Bus #27
7:10 a.m. Venice Drive at Roma Ridge Drive
7:11 a.m. Venice Drive at Crestview Drive (SE)
7:12 a.m. Crestview Drive at Pizara Drive (S)
7:13 a.m. Crestview Drive at Sarah Flynn Court (SW)
7:14 a.m. Sarah Flynn Drive at Cider Mill Road (SE)
7:16 a.m. Bramblewood Drive at Red Wing Drive (W)
7:18 a.m. Bramblewood Drive at Robin Court (Novi Woods)
7:20 a.m. Scarlet Drive S at Scarlet Court (S)
7:20 a.m. Scarlet Hill Drive at Scarlet Drive (SW)
7:23 a.m. Sanford Drive at Glamorgan Drive (SW)
7:24 a.m. Straff Haven Street at Sierra Drive (SE)
7:27 a.m. Novi Middle School
Middle School Bus #28
7:08 a.m. Nilan Drive at Burton Drive at Burton Court
7:10 a.m. Nilan Drive at Squire Road (W)
7:09 a.m. Squire Road at Westminster Road (SW)
7:10 a.m. Squire Road at Westminster Road (Novi Woods)
7:11 a.m. 23421 Haggerty Road (W)
7:11 a.m. Haggerty Road at Shortbrook (Novi Woods)
7:12 a.m. Stonechenge Blvd at Tuscan Court (N)
7:15 a.m. Cranbrooke Drive at Woolsey Drive (SE)
7:16 a.m. Cranbrooke Drive at Village Oaks Road (SE)
7:17 a.m. Cranbrooke Drive at Village Wood Road (SE)
7:19 a.m. Cranbrooke Drive at Heather Greene Court (E)
7:30 a.m. Novi Middle School
Middle School Bus #29
7:09 a.m. 40680 Eight Mile Road
7:10 a.m. Lloraz Street at Meadowbrook Road (NE)
7:11 a.m. Meadowbrook Road at Llewellyn Road (SE)
7:12 a.m. Llewellyn Road (No Intersection, S)
7:14 a.m. Scarlett Hill Drive at Scarlett Drive (SW)
7:17 a.m. Marks Drive at Sigal Drive (NE)
7:18 a.m. Cascade Drive at Meridian Lane (SE)
7:19 a.m. Meridian Lane at Heatherbrae Way S (W)
7:21 a.m. 22630 Meadowbrook Road (E)
7:23 a.m. 23980 Meadowbrook Road (E)
7:33 a.m. Novi Middle School
Middle School Bus #32
7:14 a.m. Elizabeth Lane at Devonshire Drive
7:16 a.m. Devonshire Drive at Addison Lane (Novi Woods)
7:17 a.m. Addison Lane at Jaslyn Lane (E)
7:18 a.m. Westmont Drive at Remington Lane (SE)
7:18 a.m. Remington Lane at Windridge Lane (NE)
7:20 a.m. Windridge Lane at Ashford Circle (Novi Woods)
7:21 a.m. Windridge Lane at Willingham Drive (Novi Woods)

7:22 a.m. Latham Drive at Wintergreen Circle (NE)
7:23 a.m. Wintergreen Circle (No Intersection, IE)
7:30 a.m. Novi Middle School
Middle School Bus #33
7:10 a.m. Ten Mile Road/LYNWOOD Drive
7:11 a.m. Lynwood Drive at WARRINGTON Drive (SE)
7:13 a.m. Greenwch Drive at Cider Mill Road (E)
7:14 a.m. Nantucket Drive at Wellesley Court (N)
7:15 a.m. Rochester Drive at Sandpiper Court (NE)
7:17 a.m. Woodham Road at Red Pine Court (W)
7:18 a.m. Woodham Road at Mockingbird Court (W)
7:20 a.m. 48800 Ten Mile Road (N)
7:21 a.m. Dinsor Drive at THORNBURY Drive (SE)
7:22 a.m. Dinsor Drive at Pebble Lane (SE)
7:23 a.m. Pebble Lane at Nottingham Drive (SW)
7:24 a.m. Delmont Drive at Woodworth Drive (NE)
7:25 a.m. Delmont Drive at Birchwoods Drive (NE)
7:26 a.m. Acorn Trail at Braham Lane (Novi Woods)
7:30 a.m. Novi Middle School
Middle School Bus #37
7:04 a.m. Hickory Grove Lane/CORTLAND Blvd
7:04 a.m. Hickory Grove Lane at Hickory Grove Court (N)
7:06 a.m. 23501 Hickory Grove Lane (W)
7:07 a.m. Greening Drive at High Meadow Drive (E)
7:09 a.m. Greening Drive at Harvest Drive (E)
7:10 a.m. Cavendish Avenue E at Thatcher Court (S)
7:12 a.m. Cavendish Avenue E at Thatcher Court (S)
7:16 a.m. Christina Lane at Concord Drive (E)
7:17 a.m. Yorkshire Drive at Mansfield Drive (N)
7:19 a.m. Yorkshire Drive at Jamestowne Road (N)
7:20 a.m. Yorkshire Drive at Huntington Drive (W)
7:22 a.m. 44740 Ten Mile Road (N)
7:25 a.m. 24977 Glenda Avenue
7:34 a.m. Novi Middle School
Deerfield Bus #9
8:48 a.m. Glenwood Drive at Leyland Circle
8:50 a.m. Leyland Circle at Glenwood Drive (S)
8:52 a.m. Glenwood Drive at Woodriff Drive (E)
8:52 a.m. Drive at Anchorage Court (E)
8:55 a.m. Deerfield Elementary School
Deerfield Bus #11
8:41 a.m. Island Lake Drive at Fieldstone Drive (Novi Woods)
8:42 a.m. Fieldstone Dr at Streamwood Drive (Novi Woods)
8:43 a.m. Fieldstone Drive at Blackberry Trail (W)
8:44 a.m. Fieldstone Drive at Island Lake Drive (NE)
8:45 a.m. Island Lake Drive at Shoreline Drive (Novi Woods)
8:46 a.m. Shoreline Drive at Timber Trail (SW)
8:48 a.m. Hillside Drive at Dogwood Drive (W)
8:49 a.m. Hillside Drive at Dogwood Drive (SW)
8:52 a.m. Alhathos Drive at Peninsula Drive (SW)
8:53 a.m. 25330 Wixom Road (E)
8:55 a.m. Deerfield Elementary School
Deerfield Bus #13
8:42 a.m. Lynwood Drive at WARRINGTON Drive
8:42 a.m. Lynwood Drive at Greenwch Drive (S)
8:43 a.m. Greenwch Drive at Hollyoke Lane (S)
8:45 a.m. Greenwch Drive at Cider Mill Road (E)
8:46 a.m. Nantucket Drive at Wellesley Court (N)
8:47 a.m. Nantucket Drive (No Intersection, N)
8:48 a.m. Rochester Drive at Sandpiper Court (NE)
8:49 a.m. Woodham Road at Mockingbird Court (W)
8:50 a.m. Woodham Road (No Intersection, SW)
8:55 a.m. Deerfield Elementary School
Deerfield Bus #22
8:42 a.m. Scarlett Drive S at Butler Lane
8:44 a.m. Scarlett Court (No Intersection, Novi Woods)
8:49 a.m. Beck Road at Central Park Blvd (SE)
8:55 a.m. Deerfield Elementary School
Deerfield Bus #23
8:38 a.m. Edinborough LN/AINVERNESS Court
8:39 a.m. Edinborough Lane at Andover Drive (E)
8:40 a.m. Andover Drive at Rushwood Lane (SE)
8:40 a.m. Heartwood Street at Burnwood Court (NE)
8:42 a.m. Cedarwood Drive at Woodham Road (SW)
8:42 a.m. Cedarwood Drive at Lynwood Drive (SW)
8:43 a.m. Dinsor Drive at Thornbury Drive (W)
8:46 a.m. Nottingham Drive at Pebble Lane (E)
8:47 a.m. Nottingham Drive at Nottingham Court (NE)
8:48 a.m. Woodworth Drive at Delmont Drive (Novi Woods)
8:49 a.m. Delmont Drive at Dinsor Drive (N)
8:49 a.m. Delmont Drive at Birchwoods Drive (NE)
8:51 a.m. Acorn Trail at Braham Lane (Novi Woods)
8:51 a.m. Braham Lane at Samsom Court (NE)
8:55 a.m. Deerfield Elementary School
Deerfield Bus #26
8:41 a.m. Beck Road at Inquois Court
8:42 a.m. White Pines Drive at Argyle Street (SW)
8:43 a.m. White Pines Drive at Whitehall Drive (S)
8:44 a.m. Argyle Street at Broadmoor Park Lane (N)
8:45 a.m. Broadmoor Park Lane at Northumberland Street (E)
8:46 a.m. Argyle Street at Broadmoor Park Lane (NE)
8:48 a.m. Broadmoor Park Lane at Broadmoor Park Blvd (N)
8:49 a.m. Baker Street at Trafalgar Court (NE)
8:55 a.m. Deerfield Elementary School
Deerfield Bus #37
8:38 a.m. Bellanca Drive at Bellingham Drive
8:39 a.m. Bellingham Drive at Terra Del Mar Drive (SW)
8:40 a.m. Terra Del Mar Drive at Amesburg Drive (NE)
8:42 a.m. Terra Del Mar Drive at Drakes Bay Drive (S)
8:43 a.m. Drakes Bay Drive at Chesapeake Drive (NE)
8:44 a.m. Chesapeake Drive at Drakes Bay Drive (SE)
8:46 a.m. Drakes Bay Drive (No Intersection, SW)
8:46 a.m. Drakes Bay Drive at Saylorbrook Drive (SW)
8:50 a.m. Drakes Bay Drive at Kenyons Drive (SW)
8:55 a.m. Deerfield Elementary School
Novi Meadows Bus #4
7:42 a.m. Novi Road at Little Falls Blvd at Algonquin Drive
7:43 a.m. Gitation at Sagebrush (SW)
7:44 a.m. Novi Road at Little Falls Blvd (SE)
7:45 a.m. Hickory Grove at Russett Park Lane (Novi Woods)
7:48 a.m. 23501 Hickory Grove Lane (W)
7:50 a.m. Greening Drive at High Meadow Drive (E)
7:51 a.m. Greening Drive at Harvest Drive (E)
7:53 a.m. Ten Mile Road at Glenda Avenue (NE)
7:55 a.m. 24977 Glenda Avenue
7:58 a.m. 24816 Tali Road (E)
7:59 a.m. 24830 Tali Road (E)
7:58 a.m. 24972 Tali Rd (E)
8:00 a.m. Novi Meadows School
Novi Meadows Bus #7
7:37 a.m. Meadowbrook Road at Penton Rise Court
7:37 a.m. Penton Rise Court at Glynne Court (Novi Woods)
7:39 a.m. 22310 Antler Drive (W)
7:40 a.m. Antler Drive at Reindeer Drive (Novi Woods)
7:41 a.m. Antler Drive (No Intersection, SW)
7:42 a.m. Meadowbrook Road at Mission Lane (Novi Woods)
7:44 a.m. Glen Haven E at Glen Haven Circle (E)
7:44 a.m. Glen Haven Circle at Onaway Drive (S)
7:45 a.m. Glen Haven Circle at Broquet Court (E)
7:46 a.m. Glen Haven Circle at Pelston Drive (N)
7:47 a.m. Glen Haven Cir at Roscommon Drive (Novi Woods)
7:48 a.m. Glen Haven W at Gladwin Drive (Novi Woods)
7:49 a.m. 20860 Woodland Glen Dr (E)
7:49 a.m. Veranda Drive at Emily Court (E)
7:52 a.m. Ashbury Drive at Westchester Court (SE)
7:53 a.m. Ashbury Drive at Riverbridge Court (SE)
7:53 a.m. Ashbury Drive at Windmill Court (SE)
8:00 a.m. Novi Meadows School
Novi Meadows Bus #8
7:40 a.m. Cranbrooke Drive at Heather Greene Court
7:40 a.m. Cranbrooke Drive at Londonderry Drive (W)
7:41 a.m. Nilan Drive at Squire Road (SE)
7:42 a.m. Squire Road at Westminster Road (SW)
7:43 a.m. Westminster Road at SQUIRE Road (S)
7:44 a.m. 23421 Haggerty Road (W)
7:44 a.m. Haggerty Road at Shortbrook (Novi Woods)
7:45 a.m. Stonechenge Blvd at Tuscan Court (N)

7:45 a.m. Haggerty Road at Country Lane (Novi Woods)
7:46 a.m. Pavilion Drive at Pines Court (NE)
7:48 a.m. Cranbrooke Drive at Woolsey Drive (SE)
7:49 a.m. Cranbrooke Drive at Village Wood Road (SE)
7:51 a.m. Cranbrooke Drive at Londonderry Drive (NE)
7:59 a.m. Novi Meadows School
Novi Meadows Bus #9
7:42 a.m. Mill Rd at Mill Road Court W at Mill Road Court E
7:43 a.m. Mill Road at Sunrise Blvd (SW)
7:44 a.m. Ladene Lane at Sandpiper Way (SW)
7:45 a.m. Ladene Lane at Whispering Lane (SW)
7:46 a.m. 21867 Sunflower Drive (NE)
7:48 a.m. Shadybrook Drive at Clover Lane (NE)
7:50 a.m. Arbor Lane at Ladene Lane (S)
7:51 a.m. Greentree Lane at Clover Lane (N)
7:52 a.m. Shadybrook Drive at Amy Drive (E)
8:04 a.m. Novi Meadows School
Novi Meadows Bus #11
7:47 a.m. Nilan Drive at Burton Drive at Burton Court
7:48 a.m. Cranbrooke Drive at Oak Tree Drive (Novi Woods)
7:49 a.m. Franklin Mill Road at Willowbrook Drive (NE)
7:51 a.m. Willowbrook Drive (No Intersection, E)
7:52 a.m. Rock Hill Lane at Ripple Creek Road (NE)
7:53 a.m. Ten Mile Road at Coral Lane (NE)
8:00 a.m. Novi Meadows School
Novi Meadows Bus #12
7:35 a.m. Beck Road at Central Park Blvd
7:40 a.m. Declaration at Gwinnett Loop (SE)
7:40 a.m. Declaration at Gwinnett Loop (E)
7:41 a.m. Pine Drive at Bartlett Drive (W)
7:45 a.m. Twelve One Half Mile Road at Carleton Way (SW)
7:47 a.m. Wainwright Street at Martin Street (SW)
7:48 a.m. Martin Street at Linton Street (Novi Woods)
7:53 a.m. Eleven Mile Road at Lochmoor Lane (SW)
7:57 a.m. Eleven Mile Road at Lendmoor Circle (S)
8:00 a.m. Novi Meadows School
Novi Meadows Bus #13
7:36 a.m. Shoreline Drive at Timber Trail
7:36 a.m. Hillside Drive at Dogwood Drive (W)
8:32 a.m. Hillside Drive at Dogwood Drive (SW)
7:43 a.m. 48433 Ten Mile Road (S)
7:44 a.m. 48245 Ten Mile Road (S)
7:46 a.m. Homestead Court at Kindereare (SE)
7:47 a.m. Homestead Court at Ten Mile Road (Novi Woods)
7:48 a.m. Roma Ridge Drive at Venice Drive (NE)
7:50 a.m. Cider Mill Road at Red Wing Drive (N)
7:52 a.m. Bramblewood Drive at Roma Ridge Drive (SW)
7:53 a.m. Cranbrooke Drive at Robin Court (Novi Woods)
8:00 a.m. Novi Meadows School
Novi Meadows Bus #17
7:32 a.m. Brenda Lane at Joseph Drive
7:33 a.m. Willowbrook at Cambome (Novi Woods)
7:34 a.m. Ten Mile Road at Buckingham Court (SW)
7:36 a.m. Olde Orchard Road (No Intersection, NE)
7:37 a.m. 23444 Bashian Drive (W)
7:38 a.m. 24467 Bashian Drive (W)
7:43 a.m. Gornada Street (No Intersection, W)
7:44 a.m. O Justin Street at Ruston Blvd (Novi Woods)
7:45 a.m. 21555 Haggerty Rd (W)
7:46 a.m. 23492/2472/2341/23475/23443/23459 Haggerty (W)
7:50 a.m. Washington Street at Lincoln Street (S)
7:54 a.m. Grand River Avenue at Grandview Lane (NE)
7:59 a.m. Novi Meadows School
Novi Meadows Bus #18
7:39 a.m. Nine Mile Road at Pondview Road
7:39 a.m. Nine Mile Road at Solon Blvd (SW)
7:42 a.m. Eight Mile Road at Turnberry Blvd (NE)
7:44 a.m. Liarae Street at Meadowbrook Road (NE)
7:44 a.m. Meadowbrook Road at Llewellyn Road (SE)
7:47 a.m. Carriage Drive at Ingo Road (SW)
7:50 a.m. Whitcomb Road at Phoenix Drive (SE)
7:51 a.m. Marks Drive at Sigal Drive (NE)
7:51 a.m. Meridian Lane at Heatherbrae Way S (S)
7:52 a.m. Heatherbrae Way S at Meridian Lane (S)
7:53 a.m. Meridian Lane at Cascade Drive (NE)
8:03 a.m. Novi Meadows School
Novi Meadows Bus #19
7:45 a.m. Constitution at Congress Drive
7:45 a.m. Fountain Park Dr E at Fountain Park Dr N (Novi Woods)
7:49 a.m. Clermont Avenue at Scarborough Lane (SW)
7:50 a.m. Scarborough Lane at Bethany Way (SW)
7:51 a.m. Scarborough Lane at Clermont Avenue (NE)
7:52 a.m. Scarborough Lane at Leboist Court (NE)
7:53 a.m. Manor Park Drive (No Intersection, Novi Woods)
8:00 a.m. Novi Meadows School
Novi Meadows Bus #21
7:39 a.m. Chipmunk Trail at Butternut Lane
7:40 a.m. Chipmunk Trail at Pheasant Run Street (W)
7:41 a.m. Pheasant Run Street at Cottonwood Trail (E)
7:43 a.m. Quince Drive at Tamara Street (Novi Woods)
7:43 a.m. Aspen Drive at Silvery Lane (N)
7:47 a.m. Chittman Street at Gilbar Drive (N)
7:48 a.m. Gilbar Drive at Enticement Drive (W)
7:48 a.m. Enishmore Drive at Balcombe Street (N)
7:51 a.m. 23132 Meadowbrook Rd (E)
7:52 a.m. Malott Drive W at Leboist Drive W (SW)
7:54 a.m. Leboist Drive E (No Intersection, E)
7:55 a.m. Malott Drive at Leboist Drive (E)
7:56 a.m. Leboist Drive E at Leboist Drive (NE)
7:57 a.m. Leboist Drive W at McMahon Circle N (W)
8:05 a.m. Novi Meadows School
Novi Meadows Bus #22
7:41 a.m. Village Lake Road at Chestnut Tree Way
7:41 a.m. Village LAKE Road at SHADOWPINE Way (SW)
7:42 a.m. Heatherbrae Way at Village Wood Road (SE)
7:44 a.m. Willowbrook Drive (No Intersection, E)
7:46 a.m. Cranbrooke Drive at Renford Drive (Novi Woods)
7:47 a.m. Cranbrooke Drive at Enticement Drive (W)
7:48 a.m. Oakwood Drive at Winfield Road (NE)
7:49 a.m. Oakwood Drive at Brookforest Road (NE)
7:50 a.m. Brookforest Road at Heatherbrook Lane (SE)
7:52 a.m. Heatherwoods Drive at Village Oaks Road (SE)
7:54 a.m. Heatherbrook Lane at Heatherbrae Way (NE)
8:00 a.m. Novi Meadows School
Novi Meadows Bus #23
7:42 a.m. 26560 Tali Rd
7:42 a.m. 45700 Grand River Ave (N)
7:43 a.m. 44980 Eleven Mile Road (S)
7:46 a.m. Clark Avenue at Stassen Avenue (W)
7:46 a.m. Clark Avenue at Dunson Street (W)
7:47 a.m. Settlers Creek Court (END)
7:51 a.m. Junction (No Intersection, SE)
7:53 a.m. Petros Blvd at Buckminster Drive (SW)
7:54 a.m. Buckminster Drive at Stone Road (Novi Woods)
7:57 a.m. Sullivan Lane at Williams Drive (SE)
8:00 a.m. Novi Meadows School
Novi Meadows Bus #26
7:39 a.m. Edinborough Lane at Inverness Court
7:40 a.m. Edinborough Lane at Andover Drive (E)
7:41 a.m. Andover Drive at Forest Park Drive (S)
7:42 a.m. Rushwood Lane at Woodham Road (N)
7:43 a.m. 23942 Heartwood Street (E)
7:44 a.m. Cedarwood Drive at Woodham Road (SW)
7:46 a.m. Scarlett Drive S at Scarlett Court (S)
7:47 a.m. Scarlett Drive S at Scarlett Drive N (E)
7:49 a.m. 25670 Beck Road (E)
7:50 a.m. Straff Haven Drive at Straff Haven Street (NE)
7:52 a.m. Abbey Drive at Woodriff Drive (W)
7:53 a.m. Abbey Drive at Woodriff Drive (W)
7:54 a.m. Groveland at Mulberry Lane (SE)
7:56 a.m. Glenmor at Lochmoor Lane (N)
8:00 a.m. Novi Meadows School
Novi Meadows Bus #27
7:39 a.m. Chase Drive at Brookshire
7:39 a.m. Brookshire at Sutherland Court (Novi Woods)
7:40 a.m. Hampshire Street (No Intersection, Novi Woods)
7:42 a.m. Pecadilly Circle at Hampshire Street (E)
7:43 a.m. 22138 Chase Dr (W)
7:44 a.m. Chase Drive (No Intersection, N)

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

Back-to-school Safety

On Monday, the school bell will ring for the Novi Community School District. After a summer of leisurely schedules, it is back to alarm clocks and rushing for many. But the back-to-school season doesn't include only those heading into the classroom. It also includes the entire community come early Monday morning when traffic increases and little ones head for the sidewalks. All area motorists are encouraged to sharpen their senses as more than 1.6 million Michigan children head toward school buildings. According to statistics released by the American Automobile Association of Michigan, the greatest threat children face today is motor vehicle crashes, and the problem escalates during the months kids are in school. So we urge drivers to make sure, come Monday morning, that we do our best as a community to keep Novi's children safe. The automobile organization offers these tips for helping every Michigan community ease through the back-to-school season accident free:
• Slow down near schools and in residential areas.
• Look for bicycles and playgrounds that indicate children could be in the area.
• Scan ahead between parked cars and other objects for signs children could dart into the road.
• Practice extra caution in bad weather.
• Always stop for school buses when the overhead red lights are flashing (this applies to drivers on both sides of the road, unless a barrier divides the highway).
• Keep your eye out for school crossing guards.
We welcome back all Novi Community School District students, faculty, administrators and staff, and welcome you all to a new year.



Remembering the past
A summer field of wheat, growing at the northwestern corner of Eight Mile and Garfield roads speaks to the area's more rural recent history. Although most farms have been converted to housing developments, there are a few agricultural enterprises left in the Novi area.

Story Chat: What's on Your Mind

OK Novi, what do you think? You've read the paper, now go to novinews.com and weigh in. It's your community. It's about you. Have a voice. Take a stand. It's simple. At the end of every story is a "Story Chat" opportunity. Express your opinion. It's much like a real-time blog. Type in what you think and hit the button. Your voice is just as important as ours. Let's hear it.

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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LETTERS

Don't Change Master Zoning Plan

For decades, the Master Zoning Plan for the City of Novi has designated the southwest quadrant of Novi to be zoned residential, predominantly single family residential. This residential zoning provides all of the quiet neighborhood qualities which those of us who live in that area have come to enjoy. Land speculators want to change all that. They hope to persuade our city officials to change the residential zoning on lands which they bought to commercial or other business zoning so that they can make lots of money. Their first step will be to persuade the Planning Commission and the Novi City Council to change the Master Plan to allow some commercial zoning in the Eight Mile to 11 Mile, Beck Road to Napier Road areas. Once some is allowed, there will be no stopping the rest.

Recycle Center Obstacles

Our condo association just recently canceled our recycle service, so I made a trip to the Novi Recycling Center with newspaper and various plastic, tin and glass containers. I found no problems with disposing of the newspapers (have used the facility in the past for these and glass bottles. However, as a senior citizen I have to say climbing the "ladders" for the other trash bins was not very comfortable. I'm not looking forward to the winter months when the steps are covered with snow and ice. I'm sure there are reasons for the high bins, but is there some solution for those of us who are not climbers anymore? Hate to admit it!

John A. Kuenzel
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Pat Rennie
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Hey, Novi: What's Your Story?

- We're looking for you! The Novi News is currently looking to interview local residents regarding the following topics:
• Are you a high school student who receives an allowance from your parents?
• Are you a high school student who has an interesting job?
• Are you a Novi senior citizen with an interesting job or hobby?
• Are you a working woman who has recently returned to work?
• Are you a Novi resident interested in sharing a story about how your religious faith has carried you through tough times?
• During the past six months, have you moved into a newly constructed home?
• Do you spend more than \$100 per week on gasoline?
• Are you a single parent?
• Has your home been for sale for more than one year?
• Is there something specific about Novi you would change, update or eliminate?
• Are you planning a unique holiday party or family get-together?
• Is there someone on your street who needs a helping hand?
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7:45 a.m. Chase Drive (No Intersection, N)
7:46 a.m. Chase Drive at Wheaton Lane (Novi Woods)
7:48 a.m. Wheaton Lane at Dundee Drive (NE)
7:49 a.m. Chase Drive at Oxford Court (Novi Woods)
7:50 a.m. Ashbury Drive at Dundee Drive (SW)
8:00 a.m. Novi Meadows School
Novi Meadows Bus #28
7:46 a.m. Kings Pointe DRatQUEENS Pointe Drive
7:46 a.m. Queens Pointe Drive at Park Ridge Road (SE)
7:47 a.m. Kings Pointe Drive at Cherry Hill Road (SE)
7:49 a.m. Cherry Hill Road at Upland Hills Drive (N)
7:50 a.m. Cherry Hill Road at Applecrest Drive (N)
7:52 a.m. Glens Ridge Road at Highlands Drive (S)
7:53 a.m. Knollwood Drive at Loganberry Ridge N (W)
7:54 a.m. Ten Mile Road at Myrtle Court (NE)
8:00 a.m. Novi Meadows School
Novi Meadows Bus #82
7:45 a.m. Churchil Blvd at Cavendish Avenue E
7:45 a.m. Cavendish Avenue E at Thatcher Drive (SE)
7:46 a.m. Cavendish Avenue E at Thatcher Court (S)
7:47 a.m. Cavendish Avenue E at Thatcher Drive (E)
7:48 a.m. Cavendish Avenue E at Perceval Lane (W)
7:49 a.m. Thatcher Drive at Cavendish Avenue W (NE)
7:50 a.m. Cavendish Avenue W at Cavendish Court (W)
7:52 a.m. Christina Lane at Concord Drive (E)
7:53 a.m. Yorkshire Drive at Mansfield Drive (N)
7:55 a.m. Huntington Drive at Yorkshire Drive (S)
7:57 a.m. Huntington Drive at Yorkshire Drive (NE)
7:58 a.m. Yorkshire Drive at Jamestowne Road (SW)
8:02 a.m. Novi Meadows School
Novi Meadows Bus #83
7:40 a.m. Lynwood Drive at Warrington Drive
7:41 a.m. Lynwood Drive at Greenwich Drive (S)
7:42 a.m. Greenwich Drive at Yorkshire Lane (S)
7:43 a.m. Greenwich Drive at Chisler Mill Road (E)
7:44 a.m. Nantucket Drive at Wellesley Court (N)
7:45 a.m. Nantucket Drive (No Intersection, N)
7:46 a.m. Rochester Drive at Sandpiper Court (NE)
7:47 a.m. Woodham Road at Mockingbird Court (W)
7:49 a.m. Dinsor Drive at Thornbury Drive (SE)
7:51 a.m. Nottingham Drive at Fehble Lane (E)
7:52 a.m. Nottingham Drive at Nottingham Court (NE)
7:53 a.m. Woodworth Drive at Delmont Drive (Novi Woods)
7:55 a.m. Acorn Trail at Brachum Lane (Novi Woods)
7:58 a.m. Birchwoods Drive at Footpath (N)
7:59 a.m. 25530 Wixom Road (E)
8:05 a.m. Novi Meadows School
Novi Meadows Bus #86
7:32 a.m. Glenwood Drive at Crestwood Court
7:33 a.m. Crestwood Drive at Ankerage Court (E)
7:34 a.m. Glenwood Drive at Leyland Circle (W)
7:35 a.m. Leyland Circle at Glenwood Drive (SW)
7:37 a.m. Island Lake Drive at Fieldstone Drive (Novi Woods)
7:38 a.m. Fieldstone Dr at Streamwood Drive (Novi Woods)
7:39 a.m. Fieldstone Drive at Blackberry Trail (W)
7:40 a.m. Fieldstone Drive at Island Lake Drive (NE)
7:41 a.m. Island Lake Drive at Shoreline Drive (Novi Woods)
7:43 a.m. Island Lake Drive at Seaglen Drive (N)
7:46 a.m. Hatlock Drive at Chesapeake Drive (Novi Woods)
7:47 a.m. Chesapeake Drive at Drakes Bay Drive (S)
7:47 a.m. Drakes Bay Drive at Terra Del Mar Drive (W)
7:49 a.m. Terra Del Mar Dr at Bellingham Dr (Novi Woods)
7:51 a.m. Biffena Drive at Kennebec Drive (E)
7:55 a.m. Drakes Bay Drive (No Intersection, SW)
7:55 a.m. Drakes Bay Drive at Skybrook Drive (SW)
7:56 a.m. Drakes Bay Drive at Reeds Pointe Drive (S)
7:57 a.m. Reeds Pointe Drive at Kelsey Bay Drive (E)
7:58 a.m. 25490 Wixom Rd (E)
7:59 a.m. Albatross Drive at Peninsula Drive (SW)
8:06 a.m. Novi Meadows School
Novi Meadows Bus #97
7:39 a.m. White Pines Drive at Argyle Street
7:40 a.m. Argyle Street at Broadmoor Park Lane (S)
7:41 a.m. Broadmoor Park Lane at Northumberland Street (E)
7:42 a.m. Northumberland Street at Argyle Street (SW)
7:43 a.m. Argyle Street at Broadmoor Park Lane (NE)
7:44 a.m. Broadmoor Park Lane at Baker Street (N)
7:46 a.m. Wintergreen Circle (No Intersection, Novi Woods)
7:47 a.m. Wintergreen Circle at Ashford Drive (W)
7:48 a.m. Windridge Lane at Windridge Lane (S)
7:50 a.m. Ashford Circle (No Intersection, E)
7:51 a.m. Windridge Lane at Remington Lane (SE)
7:51 a.m. Westmont Drive at Jaslyn Lane (W)
7:53 a.m. Addition Lane at Elizabeth Lane (W)
7:54 a.m. Addition Lane at Devonshire Drive (SW)
7:56 a.m. Devonshire Drive at Elizabeth Lane (NE)
7:57 a.m. 45675 Addition Lane (E)
8:00 a.m. Novi Meadows School
Novi Woods Bus #7
8:15 a.m. Addition Lane at Elizabeth Lane
8:17 a.m. Addition Lane at Devonshire Drive (SW)
8:18 a.m. Devonshire Drive at Kimberly Court (Novi Woods)
8:20 a.m. Devonshire Drive at Brentwood Court (E)
8:21 a.m. Devonshire Drive at Elizabeth Lane (NE)

8:25 a.m. Novi Woods Elementary School
Novi Woods Bus #11
8:15 a.m. Jamestowne Road at Yorkshire Drive
8:16 a.m. Jamestowne Road at Concord Drive (E)
8:17 a.m. Jamestowne Rd at Huntington Drive (Novi Woods)
8:18 a.m. Jamestowne Road at Yorkshire Drive (S)
8:20 a.m. Yorkshire Drive at Huntington Drive (W)
8:25 a.m. Novi Woods Elementary School
Novi Woods Bus #13
8:15 a.m. Hickory Grove Lane at Hickory Grove Court
8:16 a.m. Hickory Grove Lane at Russell (Novi Woods)
8:17 a.m. High Meadow Drive at Winthrop Drive (SW)
8:18 a.m. Winthrop Drive at Greening Drive (SW)
8:20 a.m. Greening Drive at Greening Court (E)
8:25 a.m. Novi Woods Elementary School
Novi Woods Bus #19
8:07 a.m. Novi Road at Little Falls Blvd at Algonquin Drive
8:08 a.m. Citation at Sagebrush (SW)
8:11 a.m. Long Pointe Way at Covesea Circle (SW)
8:12 a.m. Lochrisen Way at Still Creek Court (Novi Woods)
8:14 a.m. Little Falls Blvd at Novi Road (NE)
8:16 a.m. Ten Mile Road at Christina Lane (E)
8:17 a.m. 44740 Ten Mile Road (N)
8:19 a.m. Glenda Avenue (No Intersection, E)
8:20 a.m. 24977 Glenda Avenue
8:22 a.m. 45310 Ten Mile Road (N)
8:23 a.m. 24816 Taffi Rd (E)
8:25 a.m. Novi Woods Elementary School
Novi Woods Bus #24
8:09 a.m. Taffi Road at Jacob Drive
8:10 a.m. 25650 Taffi Road (SE)
8:12 a.m. Petros Blvd at Copland Lane (W)
8:13 a.m. Sullivan Lane at Williams Drive (W)
8:14 a.m. Sullivan Lane at Kerri Court (W)
8:15 a.m. Christina Lane at Sussler Drive (Novi Woods)
8:16 a.m. Yorkshire Drive at Mansfield Drive (N)
8:17 a.m. Mansfield Drive at Newberry Drive (NE)
8:20 a.m. Buckminster Drive at Stone Road (E)
8:25 a.m. Novi Woods Elementary School
Novi Woods Bus #29
8:15 a.m. Westmont Drive at Remington Lane
8:16 a.m. Remington Lane at Windridge Lane (NE)
8:18 a.m. Ashford Circle (No Intersection, NW)
8:19 a.m. Ashford Circle at Windridge Lane (SW)
8:19 a.m. Windridge Lane at Willingham Drive (Novi Woods)
8:21 a.m. Jaslyn Lane at Addition Lane (SW)
8:25 a.m. Novi Woods Elementary School
Novi Woods Bus #83
8:14 a.m. Cavendish Avenue E at Thatcher Drive
8:15 a.m. Cavendish Avenue E at Perceval Lane (E)
8:16 a.m. Cavendish Avenue E at Thatcher Drive (W)
8:18 a.m. Cavendish Avenue E at Thatcher Drive (N)
8:20 a.m. Cavendish Avenue W at Cavendish Court (W)
8:25 a.m. Novi Woods Elementary School
Orchard Hills Bus #4
8:15 a.m. Scarborough Lane at Leboist Drive at Leboist Court
8:18 a.m. Clermont Avenue at Scarborough Lane (E)
8:19 a.m. Scarborough Lane at Bethany Way (SW)
8:21 a.m. Bethany Way at Cambome (W)
8:22 a.m. Bethany Way at Border Hill Street (NW)
8:25 a.m. Orchard Hills Elementary School
Orchard Hills Bus #6
7:59 a.m. Meadowbrook Road (No Intersection)
7:59 a.m. 23141 Meadowbrook Rd (W)
8:00 a.m. Fenton Rise Court at Glyme Court (NW)
8:02 a.m. 22310 Antler Dr (W)
8:03 a.m. Antler Drive at Reindeer Drive (NW)
8:04 a.m. Antler Drive (No Intersection, SW)
8:05 a.m. Meadowbrook Road at Mission Lane (NW)
8:07 a.m. Glen Haven E at Glen Haven Circle (E)
8:08 a.m. Glen Haven Circle at Onaway Drive (S)
8:09 a.m. Glen Haven Circle at Broquet Road (E)
8:09 a.m. Glen Haven Circle at Pelton Drive (N)
8:11 a.m. Haggerty Road at Elizabeth Lane (NE)
8:12 a.m. 20860 Woodland Glen Dr (E)
8:16 a.m. Veranda Drive at Emily Court (E)
8:25 a.m. Orchard Hills Elementary School
Orchard Hills Bus #14
8:11 a.m. Haggerty Road at JR Blvd at Hills Tech Drive
8:12 a.m. Gornuda Street (No Intersection, W)
8:13 a.m. O Jaustin Street at Ruston Blvd (NW)
8:17 a.m. Grand River Avenue at Grandview Lane (NE)
8:20 a.m. Joseph Drive at Brendo Lane (NW)
8:21 a.m. Willowbrook at Cambome (NW)

8:25 a.m. Orchard Hills Elementary School
Orchard Hills Bus #16
8:11 a.m. Ashbury Drive at Dundee Drive
8:12 a.m. Dundee Drive at Wheaton Lane (SE)
8:13 a.m. Wheaton Lane at Chase Drive (E)
8:13 a.m. Chase Drive at Dundee Drive (NW)
8:14 a.m. Chase Drive at Oxford Court (NW)
8:16 a.m. Ashbury Drive at Westchester Court (SE)
8:17 a.m. Ashbury Drive at Riverbridge Court (SE)
8:18 a.m. Ashbury Drive at Windmill Court (SE)
8:25 a.m. Orchard Hills Elementary School
Orchard Hills Bus #21
8:14 a.m. Myrtle Court (end)
8:14 a.m. Ten Mile Road at Myrtle Court (NW)
8:16 a.m. Kings Pointe Drive at Queens Pointe Drive (SE)
8:17 a.m. Kings Pointe Drive at Park Ridge Road (E)
8:18 a.m. Kings Pointe Drive at Ridge Road E (E)
8:19 a.m. Park Ridge Road at Hampton Hill Road (N)
8:19 a.m. Hampton Hill Rd at Hampton Court (Novi Woods)
8:20 a.m. Hampton Hill Rd at Loganberry Ridge N (Novi Woods)
8:21 a.m. Hampton Hill Rd at Loganberry Ridge S (Novi Woods)
8:22 a.m. Manor Park Drive (No Intersection, SE)
8:25 a.m. Orchard Hills Elementary School
Orchard Hills Bus #28
8:08 a.m. Chattman Street at Ennishore Drive
8:08 a.m. Chantman Street at Gubar Drive (N)
8:09 a.m. Gubar Drive at Ennishore Drive (W)
8:10 a.m. Ennishore Drive at Balcombe Street (N)
8:12 a.m. Brookshire at Sudbury Court (Novi Woods)
8:12 a.m. Brookshire at Chesterfield Court (Novi Woods)
8:14 a.m. Hampshire Street at Picadilly Circle (W)
8:15 a.m. Picadilly Circle at Hampshire Street (E)
8:16 a.m. Picadilly Circle at Chase Drive (S)
8:17 a.m. 22138 Chase Drive (W)
8:19 a.m. Chase Drive at Trent Court (NE)
8:25 a.m. Orchard Hills Elementary School
Orchard Hills Bus #82
8:14 a.m. Cherry Hill Road at Kings Pointe Drive
8:15 a.m. Cherry Hill Road at Ridge Road W (Novi Woods)
8:16 a.m. Cherry Hill Road at Upland Hills Drive (N)
8:17 a.m. 24770 Applecrest Drive (NE)
8:19 a.m. Applecrest Drive at Cherry Hill Road (SE)
8:21 a.m. Park Ridge Road at Park Ridge Court (SW)
8:22 a.m. Park Ridge Road at Knollwood Drive (S)
8:25 a.m. Orchard Hills Elementary School
Parkview Bus #4
8:34 a.m. 24144 Wintergreen Circle
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If you are a home owner and have lived in your home for 8-12-15+ years, and have never had, or never considered having your home checked for unknown issues, then please read and understand the following information to provide your with valid reasons to have your home checked. Your home check-up will provide you with Peace of Mind for any issues which could be affecting your family's health.

• Radon, a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas, can be present in surrounding soil and can penetrate into the home via the foundation. Once in the home the radon gas will circulate through the air systems in the home. The radioactive particles can damage your lungs and thus may lead to lung cancer. The only way to know if your house has radon is to test the home. The testing requires a minimum of 48 hours for the collection data. If the home has elevated levels of radon there is a simple and relatively inexpensive solution to remove radon, but it's not a do-it-yourself project. Radon has been proven by the EPA to be the 2nd leading cause of lung cancer.

• Asbestos is a fibrous material used in construction because it's durable and fire retardant, but it has also been identified as a cancer-causing substance. Asbestos can be found in insulation, wrapped around pipes, and in vinyl tiles and flooring materials. When it's rubbed, tiny asbestos fibers are released into the air and can be inhaled through the nose and mouth. Once inhaled, asbestos fibers can lodge in the lungs. Removing asbestos should be done by trained professionals. Have your home checked if you are unsure if you have any Asbestos issues.



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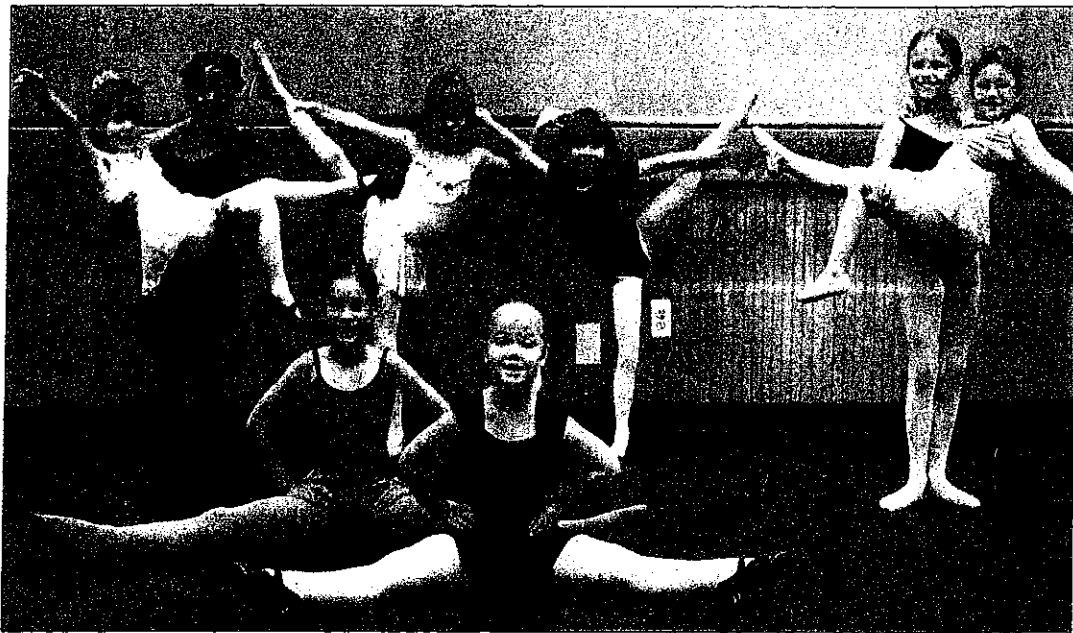
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The looks on the faces of these students from Gayle's Dance Phase shows that dancing is both educational and fun.

Studio prepares future champions

For 25 years dancers have blossomed at Gayle's Dance Phase

By John R. Hall
SPECIAL WRITER

This will be a special year for one local award-winning dance studio. Gayle's Dance Phase of Wixom will be celebrating its 25th anniversary. That's 25 years of providing professional dance training and education for hundreds of young people each year. That's also 25 years of helping people achieve important goals in their lives by preparing them for their futures.

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CHAMPIONSHIP DANCERS

Owner Gayle Winnie and her eight experienced instructors have made dance experiences fun while being educational. Along the way, many of the students on various competitive levels have won awards in major national competitions. Current student Danielle Evasic won first overall team soloist at the recent Las Vegas Dance Nationals.

"We won a lot of championships in Las Vegas," Gayle added. "That included senior group, senior trio, and junior group. We have won some type of national competition every year."

EVERY DANCER A TEAM MEMBER

Of the approximately 500 students enrolled in Gayle's Dance Phase classes, 150 dance competitively and 75 travel to national competitions. Students range in ages 2-1/2 years to adult. The recreational dancers have the opportunities to perform in local shows as well as the gala year-ending recital each June. Students participate in events such as the Detroit Pistons' half-time show and local parades.

Gayle said she likes each student to feel part of the overall team and the success of Gayle's Dance Phase, so everyone is recognized for their participation.

"Every student gets a recital trophy and yearbook," she said. "And we give out special three-, five- and 10 year trophies, too."

GUEST TEACHERS

All dancers have the opportunity to learn from guest teachers from around the country at least three times a year or more.

"This gives our students the chance to learn what is going on from the west coast and the east coast," Gayle noted.

She also said that in spite of the availability of all types of various dance routines and costumes, Gayle's Dance Phase

continues to offer the best family-oriented dance instruction.

"There is no inappropriate music or attire," Gayle said. "It is important to teach technique, not bump and grind."

Speaking of technique, one of the most popular disciplines at the studio is ballet, and Gayle's Dance Phase is a leader in teaching students who perform with the Majestic Dance Ensemble of Michigan. The ballet company performs in Ann Arbor and annually trains for the classical ballet, "The Nutcracker." The ballet company is open to all ballet students ages 6 and up.

Besides ballet, Gayle's Dance Phase offers instruction in tap, jazz, hip hop, lyrical, technique, Cecchetti, pointe, boys' hip hop, and tumbling, which Gayle describes as "gymnastics for cheer and pom."

STUDIO PARTIES

One of the fun programs at the studio is the "Kids Night Out Studio Parties," which are open to all students and their friends. There are extra incentives and rewards for students who refer friends to the studio, including being guests at a special "Fall Kids Night Out Party," imprinted products, and free tuition.

ANNIVERSARY RECITAL

With everything the studio has to offer, there is one more surprise that Gayle is planning for the 2007-2008 season — and it all centers around the special 25-year anniversary. "We are going to make June 2008 our best recital ever, in honor of our 25 years," she said. Stay tuned.

Gayle's Dance Phase is located at 51770 Grand River Ave., between Wixom and Milford roads.

For more information on the schedule of classes and events call (248) 305-5600 or visit www.gaylesdancephase.com.



Danielle Evasic poses with the trophy she won as first overall team soloist at the 2007 Las Vegas Dance Nationals.

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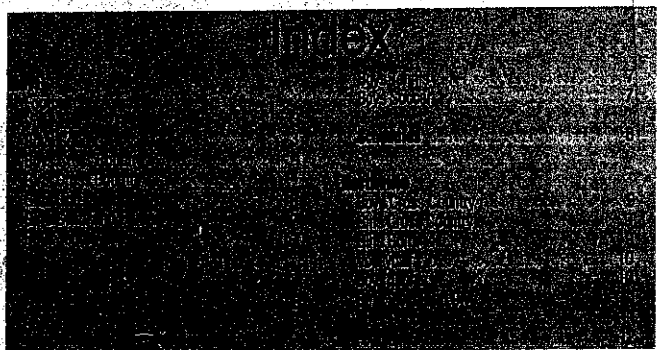
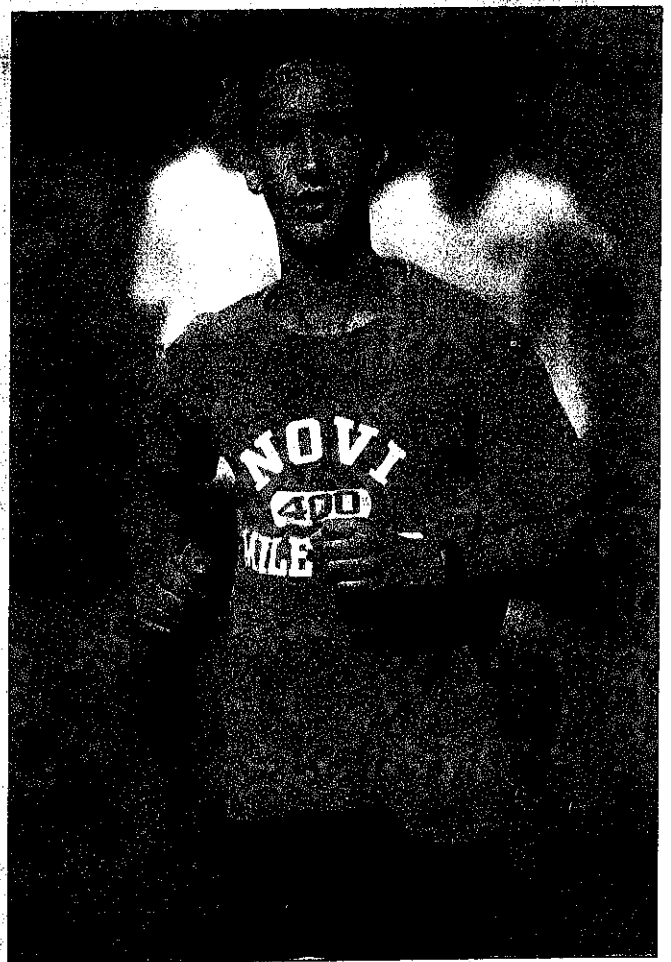
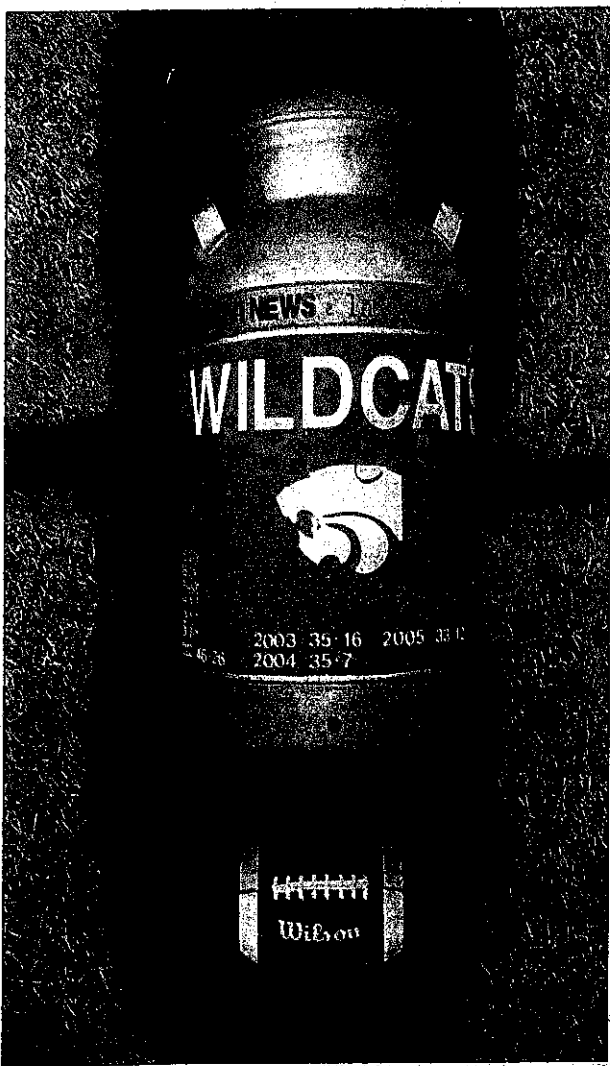
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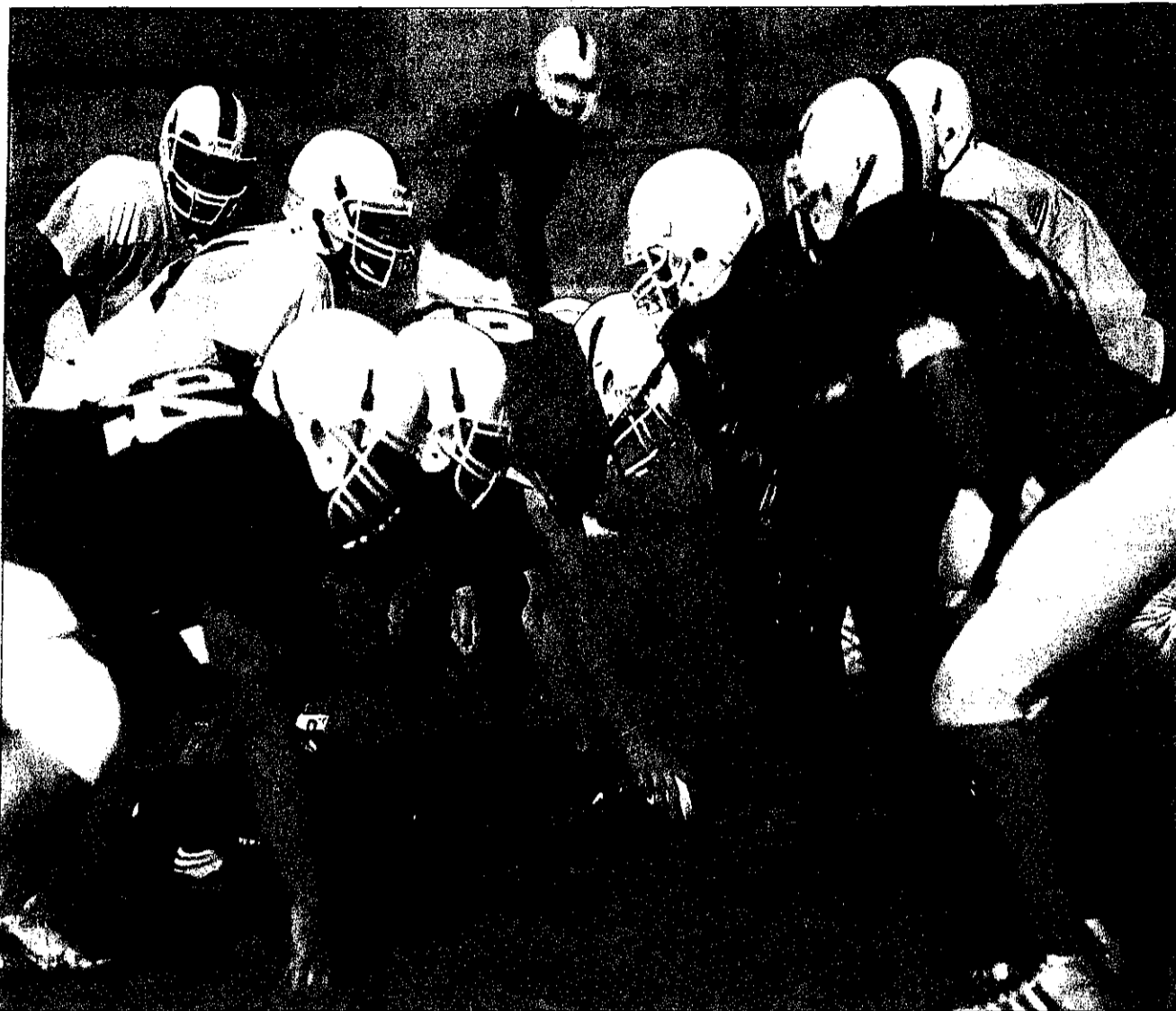
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Novi Football



The Novi varsity football team practices on passing drills as it prepares for the upcoming 2007 fall season.

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HIGHER CLASS

■ Slew of running backs hope to bring potent ground game back

By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Novi football is going to be played by juniors and seniors this year. Head coach Tab Kellepourey has no sophomores or freshmen on his team, and he says the team is starting to gel early.

"We've got juniors and seniors that started Aug. 6 together," he said. "From that day until now, I've seen very remarkable things from them. They're all working to what I would consider a high level of intensity."

Mark Heard returns with quarterbacking experience. He is in the mix with Chris Bellamy and Andy Donato to help run the offense.

"Mark is a senior and he's got some varsity experience under his belt," Kellepourey said. "Bellamy, we pulled up and gave him a little varsity experience (last year)."

Mark is the starting quarterback right now, but we will put more than one quarterback on the field on any given night.

The running backs, aka, the main weapon of the offense, must also stay healthy to keep the "Cats on the right path."

R.J. Gordon returns for his third year with the varsity. Others expected to see time are Arshawn Hall, Paul Favorite and Danny Kiefer.

Receivers include Brandon Bradford (also a defensive back) and Brandon Bryant. Kellepourey said several others will work into the receiving mix.

Tyler Hoover is the biggest weapons on the offensive and defensive side. He will work as a linebacker and tight end.

His huge frame should also make things a pain for opposing quarterbacks to see downfield. Graham Smith, Joe Shada,

Mark Bernier, Tyler Mouch and Sam Valkans will all help on the offensive line. Danny Enright will play tight end and tackle.

"In our program, the linemen get really special treatment," Kellepourey said. "We have hard-cut working linemen T-shirts of the week."

"When we take a timeout, we don't ask those running backs what they think, we ask those linemen what they think. They have tremendous leadership that way."

The defensive line will be made up by Hoover, Joe Pritchard, Bernier, Vinny Vitale, Mouch and Chas Kuzajda.

Several players will be used as linebackers, including Brendan Murphy, Jack Petrosky, Justin Carr, Cody Tipton and favorite.

Defensive backs include Bradford, Bryant, Kiefer, Bellamy, Heard, Garrett Green, Pat Schlenke and Matt Evans.

Pat Sijan took his kicking to the collegiate level, and taking over is Matt Masserant.

"Masserant has been with us for three years, kind of an understudy of Pat Sijan last year," Kellepourey said.

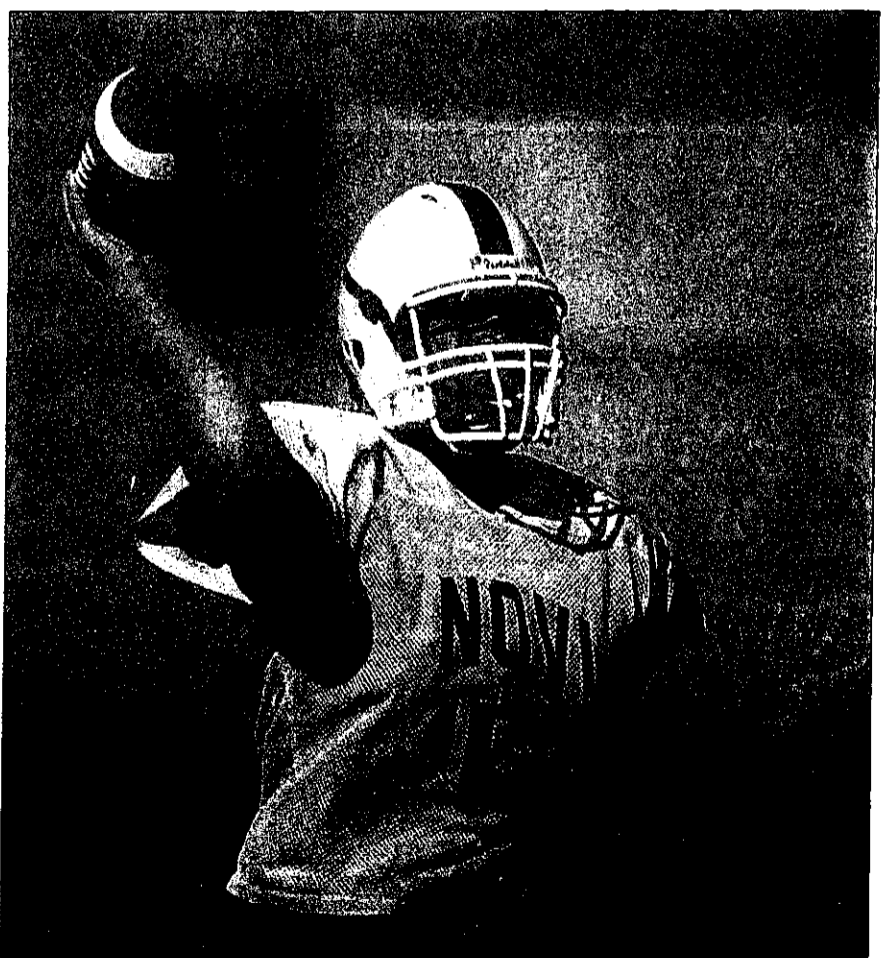
Garrett Gauder and Dan Kilger will handle the punting and help out with kicking.

Team captains include Heard, Smith, Bernier and Hoover.

"They're going to lead, but they also have to take on the extra responsibilities," Kellepourey said. "I expect we'll have captains and leaders on the field all season long."

The KVC is in its last year of existence, and Kellepourey knows the league will be tough again.

"We know that we're in a very competitive league," Kellepourey said. "We like competition, and our kids need to get better and better, and they do."



The Wildcats run a passing play during practice. Novi opens the season Friday at home against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

"It's the last year of this league. We'd like to wish everybody in KVC the best of luck."

Injuries played havoc with last year's Wildcat football team that missed the playoffs with a 4-5 record. Kellepourey hopes his team can

stay away from major injuries and gain some consistency in the backfield that saw three different starting quarterbacks last year.

"Wins and losses are one way to judge a team, but Kellepourey wants to focus on something else with his group.

"Our goal is really to end our contest with respect with our opponents and with ourselves," Kellepourey said. "Do do so, we know we've got to show up and be prepared, work as diligently as we can and out-hit our opponents."

"When we out-hit our oppo-

nents, work that hard and we take care of our tackling and blocking — that's the goals we have for our kids."

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Novi Volleyball

Seeking final KVC title

■ Experienced Wildcats move to fall season

By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Novi volleyball relied heavily on the work of juniors and sophomores last year. And this year, they return as more polished and experienced players.

The Wildcats lost four players to graduation, but return most of last year's lineup, including Stephanie Cripps, Paige Jauer, Hayley Miller, Paula Dietz, Jacque Longe, Kim Hildreth and Sarah Robb.

"I have six returning seniors, and they're strong," said head coach Julie Fisetle. "I think they can achieve new levels, and I'm excited to watch them play."

The returnees, mixed with a turnout of 58 players before cuts, have Fisetle extremely excited.

"The turnout was huge," she said. "I'm real pleased with that."

"We're going to have three really strong teams — a lot of talent in the program."

Fisetle said the seniors have stood out in early practices, but so have others.

"Stephanie is definitely a dominant force," she said. "Paige Jauer, we learned some great new swings in camps. She's explosive anyway. Just to watch those two is really fun."

"My team is really complete. We play really well together. Half the time, our standouts for each game changes."

Setting the big hitters are Hildreth (who will also be used as a hitter) and Koco McAbay.

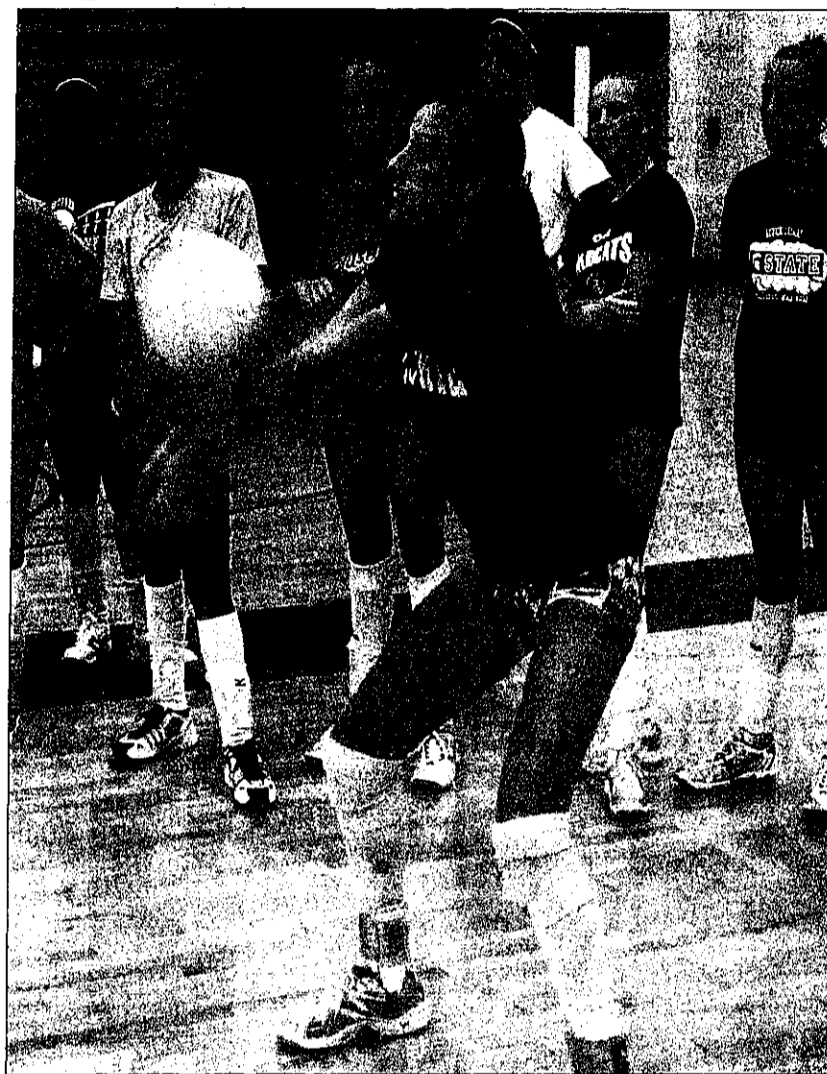
"I've got two great setters," Fisetle said. Rather than worry about wins or losses, Fisetle is focused on continual improvement for her team. But she does want to close out the league in style.

"Our biggest goal for them is to be able to play consistently and always step on the court and play their game," she said. "We have a huge goal in winning our last KVC. This is the last time the KVC is going to be in existence, and we want it."

The move to the fall for volleyball is all smiles for Fisetle. Other than players forgetting to have their physicals much earlier in the year, everything else is going smoothly.

"Playing the fall, it's exciting not to have snow on the ground," Fisetle said. "I think it's a great thing."

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Returning junior Sarah Robb helps a coach demonstrate a setting technique during a Novi High varsity volleyball practice.

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Novi Soccer

Team building No. 1 priority for Wildcats

■ Graduation leaves Novi with few returnees

By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Novi soccer will get a fresh start after 12 players graduated from last year's team that finished 11-1-2 and was named KVC champs.

Open positions are everywhere as Nathan Robinson (14 goals, 9 assists last year), Shaun Ryzewski and Matt Masserant are the only returnees with starting experience.

"We've got a lot of new players," O'Leary said. "We have some very talented players but we have no idea how to play within a system as a team."

Other players on the team are junior forwards Miles Reichley, Garrett Gauruder and Roland Razburg; midfielders Nick Brockman, Brent Rau and Mike Case; and defenders Dan Kilger, Max Wajczyk (who was injured all of last season), Bobby Laski and Nathan Parkins. Sophomore Jon Bauer makes the team as a midfielder/defender.

Junior goalkeeper Craig Demshuk moves between the goalposts, and sophomore Tommy Duquette

will also help in net. Seniors Ryan Lumley, Alessandro Domi and Adam Pyett are all new to the program from different sports. Junior Mateerdan Shaefer moved into Novi.

The change from a championship girls team loaded with team-building experience to the boys is welcomed by O'Leary.

"I like the challenge of it," he said. "The boys team I have right now, it's almost like four or five years ago when I was coaching the girls. I like the variety."

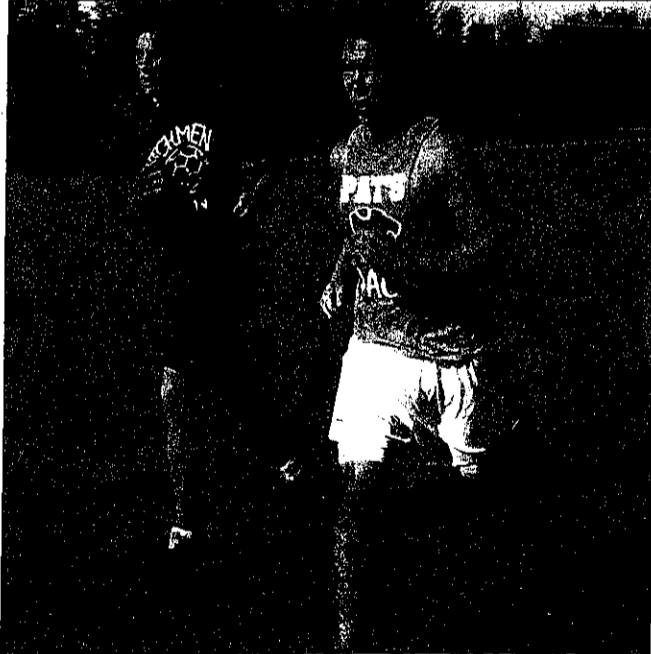
We need to get some games under our belt. Novi isn't the only KVC team with a lot of new faces. O'Leary said several league foes graduated a lot, leaving the race for the final league crown up in the air.

"The KVC is definitely anybody's game this year," he said.

Getting a couple of wins to start the season would be great for the Wildcats, but O'Leary just wants his team to learn as much as it can as quickly as it can.

"I think it's more important to learn our lessons, even if we have to take our lumps in the beginning," he said. "I think we're going to have to make some mistakes to learn how to play as a team."

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Garrett Gauruder, left, and Matt Masserant, both returning to the varsity soccer squad, jog along the practice field during a Monday morning workout.

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After a run along Taft Road, the Novi High School soccer squad heads to water bottles for a quick break.

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Returnees ready to run

Novi Girls Cross Country

By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Novi cross country head coach Marsha Reid is excited to see her team get back on the courses. With Andrea Kramer as the only key graduate, Novi returns a slew of girls that should help the Wildcats improve on last year's 4-3 record.

Returning are Taylor Hoover, Laura Sheeran, Becky Holt, McKenna Rush, Nikki Woodruff, Lainey Skulowski, Kelli Brown, Alina Brader and Lindsey Tevers. "A lot of kids did some off-season conditioning," Reid said. "A lot of them are coming in with a bigger base of mileage."

Several new faces came out for the team — Elle Robinson, Emily Hall and Marcia Harnein all are new to the team but ran track for Reid. Freshmen Bridget Myers and Brooke McMahon are also new to the team.

"I had a strong freshman group last year, and it looks like I've got a pretty strong freshman group

this year."

Last year's team suffered through several injuries. Reid hopes this year's team can rid itself from the injury bug.

"I want them to stay healthy," Reid said. "I know that sounds odd, but it's a big plus for me if they stay as healthy as possible."

The KVC will be strong again, but Reid hopes her team can compete with the top teams.

"The KVC is ridiculously hard when it comes to cross country and track," Reid said. "Milford and Brighton are the top guns in our league."

"Team goals are pretty lofty for the Wildcats. Reid hopes a change of scenery to a new regional will help her team get to the big dance.

"Our goal is to qualify a team for state this year, not just individuals," Reid said. "I think we have a core group that is conditioned enough that we could."

"This group I've seen more commitment in regards to as a team saying we want to qualify as a team and believing we can qualify as a team."

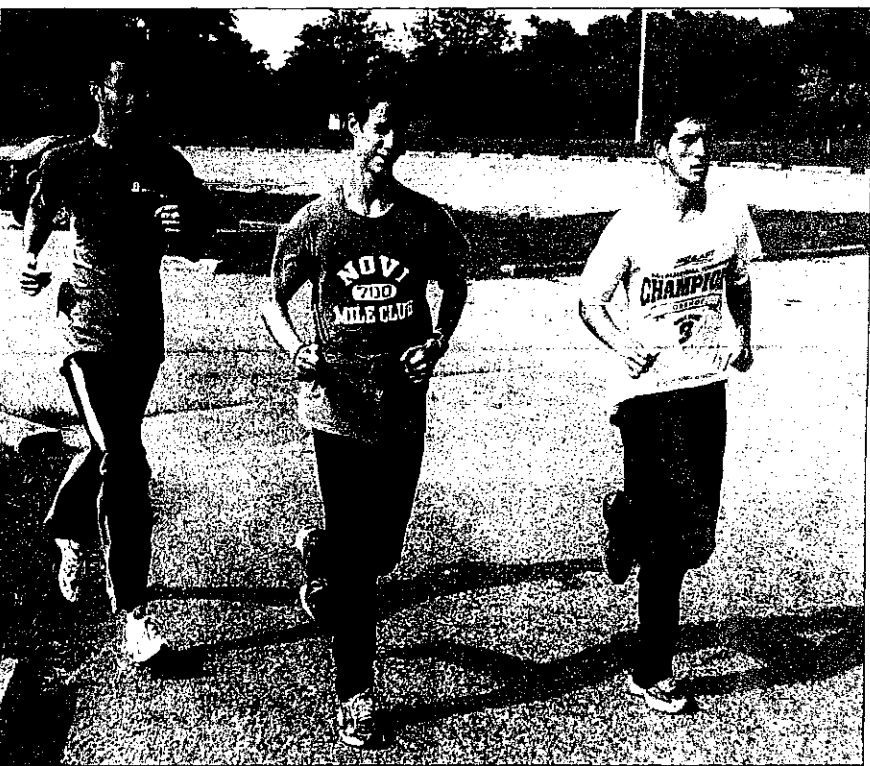
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The Wildcat cross country varsity girls leap off the starting line at a meet at Cass Benton.

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Keeping the tradition going



Novi Cross Country team members Ray Zuo and Joshua Lumley, center, run with Wildcat alum Kenny McDonald at Maybury State Park.

Novi Boys Cross Country

By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Novi cross country had a big portion of last year's stars graduate from the state runner-up team. But head coach Robert Smith isn't worried about rebuilding, he's just looking to keep a running tradition going.

"Our first goal is to get to state," Smith said. "Every time we've been to state, we've been in the top 10. It's a nice marker to carry."

"I'm confident they will carry the torch, carry the tradition on."

Back from the state team is Josh Lumley and Aaron Croad.

The two are expected to be leaders for the 2007 team as captains, along with co-captains Jacob Carlsson and Alfredo Cantarano.

"Our four captains have done a remarkable job of getting the team prepared for the season," Smith said. "One of our keys is to have the kids prepared for battle. We really work hard in the early season, and we couldn't do it without preparation."

Others looking to make an impact for the Wildcats include TJ Butler, Lukas Barnes, Mike Blaszczak and Mike Place.

"We have a lot of veterans coming back that know what they are capable of doing," Smith said. "We have some juniors — it's their turn, and they realize it. Those guys view themselves as the heir apparent."

Barnes also returns with state meet experience. He ran as a freshman with the team but suffered a broken leg last year, cutting his season short.

"That was very frustrating for him," Smith said. "He's very hungry to get back to where he was."

"Smith said the competition for the top varsity spots are all up for grabs. With 36 kids out for the team, plenty of jockeying is expected throughout the season.

"There are no established positions on the team," Smith said. "With hard work and dedication, anybody can be a top runner."

The biggest competition in the state happens to come from within Novi's own conference — Pinckney.

The Pirates won the state title two years and should be a top program again. But the KVC is again loaded. Milford has what some consider the second-best team in the state.

"Pinckney is definitely a force," Smith said. "The other teams in the league have all stepped it up. The league is looking really tough, but that's nothing new."

The Wildcats will find out where they stand immediately as they head to practices for weeks. Smith is ready to find out how they stack up against another squad.

"I can't wait," Smith said. "We're ready to go."

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Novi Swimming



Novi Wildcat swimmers listen to a coach's instructions as they prepare for their 2007 fall season of competition.

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Teeters era begins

Former coach McCord stays working with Novi

By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Scott Teeters is the new coach of the Novi girls swim team. Former head coach Bill McCord is still on staff, but as an assistant.

Teeters comes over from the Hartland program, and he's loving being a Wildcat coach.

"This is the most professional high school athletic department I've ever seen," Teeters said. "Everything is set up for participation and winning."

Teeters enjoys having McCord on his coaching staff.

"I didn't come in with a big ego or anything like that. I came in to just add to what they've already built on."

"I told the girls, 'this is great. You've got two head coaches.' I've got the most respect for him."

The two biggest guns returning are Kerry Abel and Meredith Cote. They both return with state experience.

With a blend of experienced swimmers and a large turnout, Teeters said depth is the team's biggest asset.

"There's a couple of kids that really did a lot to improve themselves from last year," he said. "We've got a nice group of freshmen."

The divers should only add to an already strong team.

"We've got seven good divers," Teeters said.

Competing for the KVC title is one of Teeters' goals. But getting the program to the elite level is his ultimate goal.

"You want to try to get into a situation where we're one of the elite high school teams in the state," he said.

Teeters admitted he was excited to see the girls in a meet setting, but he again wanted to thank McCord for his work as the previous coach.

"This group has really got a nice background from coach McCord," he said. "I'm going to come out looking like I'm better than I really am, but it's fun."

"I want to represent Novi well. We'll be ready to come out of the gate strong."

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'Cats reload

8 returnees back from last year's state team

By Jeff Theisen
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Novi tennis looks to continue fielding another strong team this year. With most of the team returning after a trip to states, head coach Jim Hanson is excited to get things underway.

"I'm excited about the upcoming season," Hanson said. "On paper, it looks like we should have another good team."

"The kids have been working on their games all summer long. I've seen improvement in all of them."

The Wildcats graduated four players and two from the top four singles, including Vivek Abhalay at No. 1.

Moving up is Mani Mahadavan, who played at No. 2 singles last year. Goutham Kondapi returns from his run to the state finals, jumping up two spots to No. 2 singles.

Filling the other single spots are Ryan Bell, who played at No.

Novi Tennis

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win the league, try to win the regional and qualify for the state finals, and try to do well at the state finals."

The Wildcats finished sixth last year after placing fifth the previous two years.

The switch of seasons and the quick turnaround wasn't that big of a deal for Hanson. He would've been coaching the girls at this time regardless.

"It's kind of nice for the boys," he said. "A number of them played in some USTA tournaments, and now they're right back at it."

"No matter how you want to slice it or dice it, the fall is the best season."

"Like in years past, Novi is taking on all of the top teams in the area."

"The schedule, it's hard to believe, but we upgraded it from last year," he said. "It's a good schedule to measure how the kids have progressed from this time last year."

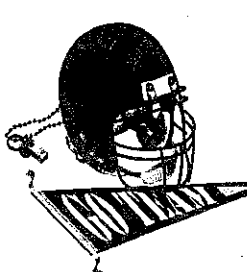
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Novi's Vishnu Venugopal works out with the Wildcat varsity tennis team Monday morning.

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Numbers crunch

'Cats start with 8 golfers

By Jeff Theisen
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Lois Akamo Akamatsu and Ashley Simms from last year's golf team will be tough, but those were the only graduating players.

Head coach Deb Harris returns a core group of players that include Natalie Krick, Dana Czekaj and Alexander Palmer.

"Natalie will probably be my No. 1," Harris said. "She did really good in tryouts."

"Natalie has the ability to go to state. We'll see where her game is by the time regionals come around."

The Wildcats finished 4-4 overall last year and 4-3 in the KVC to finish in third place.

Harris will now get a chance to coach in the fall as girls golf moves from the spring to the fall. She hopes some new players will be able to come in and help out the program with the switch to a new season.

With only eight girls on the team, plenty of room is available for late newcomers.

"It's bringing out less girls," Harris said. "When school starts, I'm going to try to recruit new kids to build for next year."

"There's still opportunities for kids that come out, if we build up to 12, that they'll get some match experience."

With the small amount of girls, Harris will be able to work more one-on-one with the girls.

"We're having a lot of fun," she said. "They're very nice girls, and they want to work on their games. We've been doing a lot of skill things."

Her goals are simple this year: "Just continual improvement. I think some potential is there, but I don't want to put a lot of pressure on them."

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Novi Girls Golf

Quick Facts

Head Coach: Debra Harris, 16 years.

Last year's record: 4-4 overall, 4-3 in the league — 3rd place in the league

Key Graduates: Asko Akamatsu and Ashley Simms

Key Returnees: Natalie Krick, Dana Czekaj, Alexander Palmer

Coach quote: "I have a great core of girls returning, and I am looking for some new players that want to learn the game and build for the future."



Novi's Natalie Krick returns as one of the top Wildcats.

SENIOR DOMINATED

CC Soccer

Catholic Central returns 12 seniors

By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central soccer may have lost eight seniors to graduation, but they are loaded with seniors this year.

Head coach Joe Nora had 12 juniors on his roster last year, and the Shamrocks are hoping to take the final step to the elite level.

"We'll take what the boys did last year and improve upon it," Nora said. "Last year we were a physical, athletic team. This year I think we're going to add some soccer skills to that."

The skills include more ball control for the offense.

"We attacked very direct and counter-attacked a lot. We would use team's strengths against them," Nora said. "I think this year we'll be able to possess it and put the ball in the net."

Nick Kristock, a junior captain, has stepped up in the early practices, Nora said. The other captains include seniors Brat Smith and Nick Pelton.

In goal are Hendrik van Holsbeek and Brandon Waterstradt.

Having so many returnees has also allowed Nora to get more accomplished in a shorter time.

"A lot of them have played for me for two or three years," Nora said. "They know our system and know what we want to do. This group is just awesome. They've brought the young kids along."

The Catholic League will be a fit to the end.

"De La Salle is always strong. U of D is returning four or five really good players, and Brother Rice, being our big rival game, that's always a good one. Divine Child gets stronger every year."

"It's a good division to be in if you want to get good, good, solid competition to get ready for the tournament."

Nora admits he would like to get the season off to a good start, but he's more focused on getting better as the season goes on and peaking around the time for the state tournament.

"My goals are to stay healthy and to get better every game," Nora said.

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Catholic Central's Nick Kristock returns as a junior captain.

Catholic Central's Brad Smith boots a ball during a game last season.



Catholic Central goalkeeper Hendrik van Holsbeek blocks the ball during a game last season.



Catholic Central's Josh Gatt makes the varsity team as a sophomore.

Dubé helps bolster Shamrock roster

Freshman slides into No. 2 CC Tennis singles position

By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central tennis received a shot in the arm with freshman Joe Dubé, who slides into the No. 2 singles role.

Dubé won his first tournament (Aug. 18 at Forest Hills Central) and will help bolster a team that returns eight of its top 12 from last year's state-bound team.

"He was rock solid, didn't drop a set," Shamrock head coach Joe Stafford said. "I think he's going to be the odds-on favorite to win that fight at state."

Junior Jack Snyder will man the No. 1 singles position. Kevin Hager moves from No. 1 doubles last year to No. 3 singles. He earned All-State honors last year.

Patrick Bowers will play at No. 4 singles.

"The singles lineup is going to be the strength of our team," Stafford said. "Then we've got a lot of guys who are real aggressive."

"If we get the chemistry right, we'll be pushing Novi for that regional championship."

The doubles teams include Ryan King and Derek Tutowski at No. 1; Brandon Kosiński and Yingtae Kim at No. 2; Steve Strycharz and Mike Ayoub at No. 3; and Derek Manaw and Nick Petrucci at No. 4.

"We have more talent than we've had in the last couple of years," Stafford said. "It's a little bit raw. Some of these guys are a little bit more accomplished singles players, so the guys are still learning to play doubles."

The talent is certainly there," Stafford sets lofty goals for his group.

"We always want to be top-five at state, win our league and regional," he said.

The change of seasons turned out to be a good thing for Stafford. He said the turnout for the team was larger than usual.

"I've got a lot of really nice, solid kids," Stafford said. "It's been fun so far this season."

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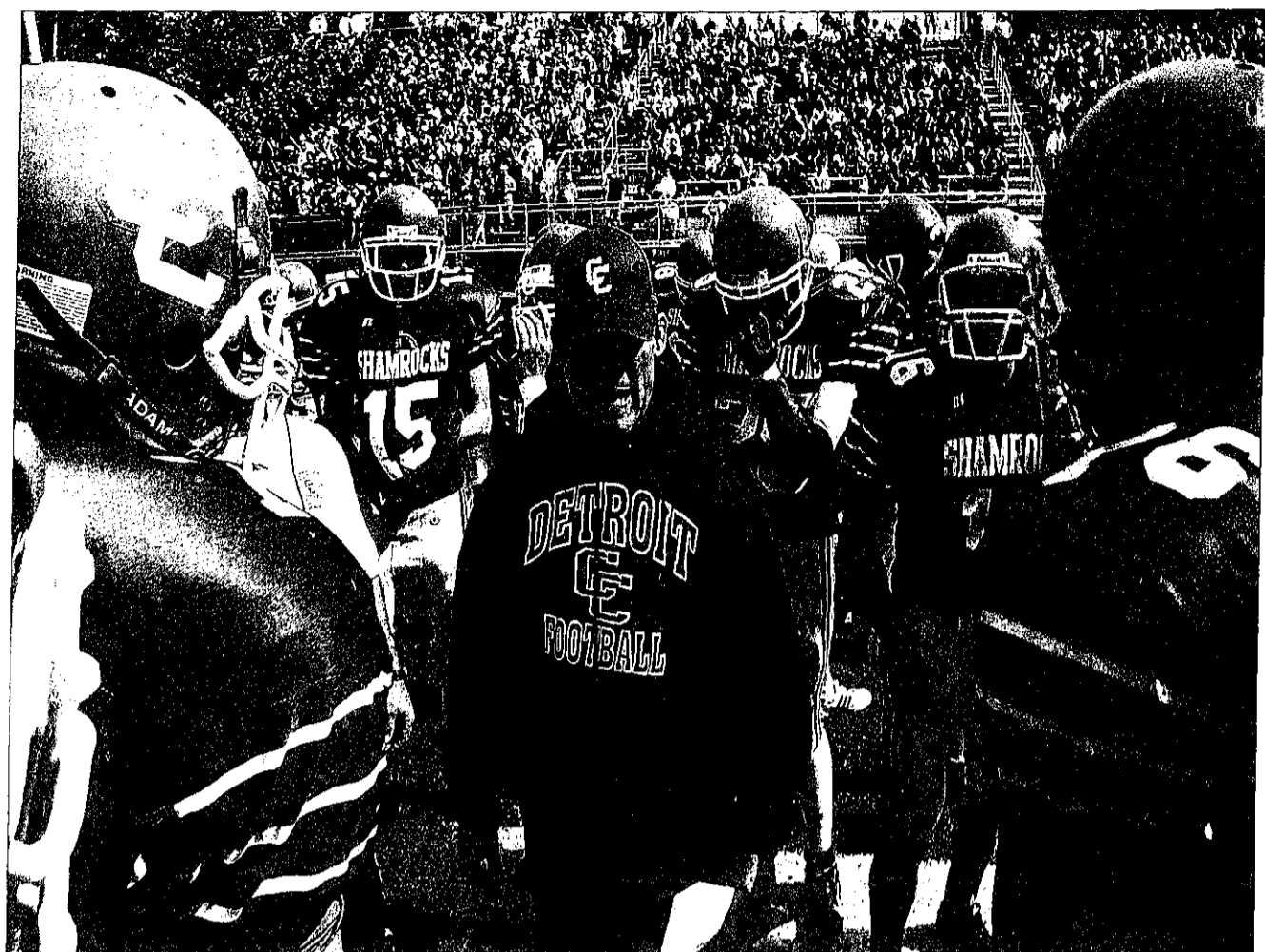
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Catholic Central head coach Tom Mach rallies his troops during a game last year.

Ready to rumble

By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

CC Football

The Catholic Central football team took its lumps last year against the big teams in the Catholic League.

Head coach Tom Mach said the team started preparing for this year as soon as last season ended. The boys are coming in strong and hoping to put the Shamrocks back into the playoff mix.

"We're pleased with how the boys are working," Mach said. "We think that we're a step ahead of last year."

The biggest weapon for the Shamrocks comes from freshman and University of Michigan signee Mike Martin. He is one of several seniors that will play both ways. He will be in the trenches on both sides of the ball, as an offensive and defensive tackle.

"Mike is doing a very good job at both defensive tackle and playing offensive tackle," Mach said. "He's got very good quickness, and he does a fine job of blocking."

"He's probably the guy that people are going to have to reckon with (on defense). People are going to try and double team and triple team him if they have to try and stop him from reaping havoc on their offense."

Ryan Houska will handle the quarterbacking duties, and also play some defensive back.

"I'm real happy with Ryan Houska," Mach said. "He's been doing a real good job of running the team on offense. He's been making really good decisions."

Mach knows playing in the Catholic League is never easy. He expects the league to be just as tough as it was last year. The Shamrocks hope to be able to fight teams such as Brother Rice and Orchard Lake St. Mary's for the league title.

"This has got to be one of the toughest leagues in the state," Mach said. "Last year I thought it was one of the toughest years we've had as a league."

"I think they're all going to be pretty good this year, again."

With more than 30 years at the helm, Mach doesn't get into predicting how his team will be, but he does want to see the kids leave it all on the field each week.

"I just hope that we come out and play very hard football to the best of our ability," Mach said. "We want to be able to play up to our potential."

The Shamrocks open the season Friday at home against Detroit Southeastern. Mach hopes the team can get off to a strong start to keep the spirits high.

"It's always a positive thing for your team," he said. "Last year we started the season with a loss, and it's always a struggle gaining back the confidence. It presents doubts when you lose."

"I think it's very important to win that first game if at all possible."

Chris Fischer will play line-backer with Kimille and Morris.

The Shamrocks have plenty of depth at the cornerback position. Amble, Farr, Kovanda, Houska, Steve Harding and Jack Daykin will all see time.

Kovanda will also handle the punting duties, and Chris Singer will be the place kicker.

"We're predominantly a senior team this year," Mach said. "Hopefully that will translate into good leadership and good morale and victories."

Mach knows playing in the Catholic League is never easy. He



Catholic Central's Ryan Houska runs with the ball against De La Salle. Houska will play quarterback for the Shamrocks this year.

Strong returning core leads Shamrocks

CC Cross Country

Magni returns for 35th season

By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central cross country head coach Tony Magni returns for his 35th season with the Shamrocks and 42nd overall.

The Shamrocks return five of their top seven runners from last year. Alex Toloff, a junior, heads the field after qualifying for the state finals last year.

Also back are Dan Jonik, Zachary Oleski, Michael Dompierre and Rob Mengel.

"They have done their summer running ... and that's what you have to do," Magni said. "Hopefully, they are ready once the season starts."

Having a strong core back provides stability on the team, but Magni is hoping someone else steps out from a field of 40 that

came out for the team.

The Shamrocks start the season 10 a.m. Saturday at Lansing Catholic Central.

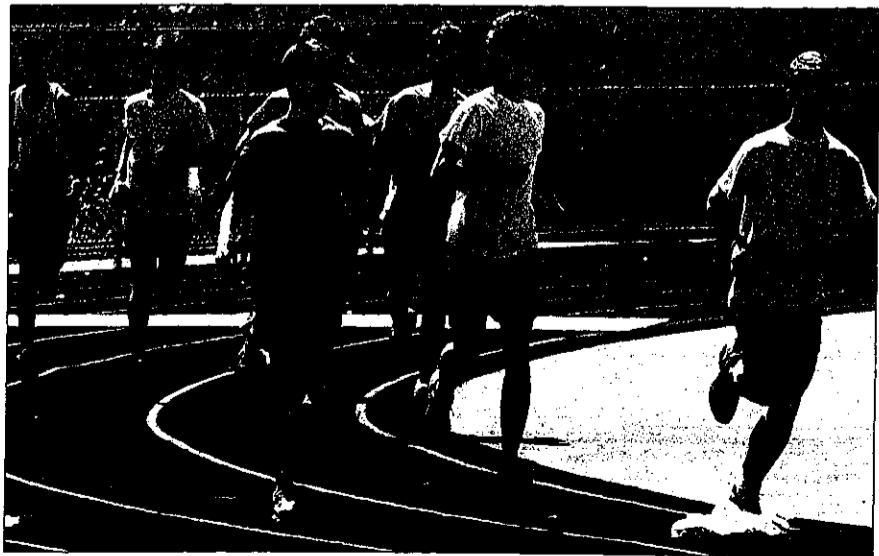
The Catholic League is again a strong league. Brother Rice and De La Salle will fight with the Shamrocks for the league title.

The regional is one of the toughest in the state. Returning state champion Pinckney and runner-up Novi will be the favorites for two of the three state-qualifying spots, leaving the rest of the field fighting for the remaining spot.

Magni said goals include trying to win the league title and trying to earn one of the spots for the state finals.

"It's anybody's shot for third," Magni said. "You can't win a state finals if you don't get there. Our No. 1 goal is to get there and see what happens."

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Members of the Catholic Central cross country team motor around the track on Aug. 17 as they prepare for the fall season.

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NOVI HIGH SCHOOL



VARSITY FOOTBALL

8/24	Home	Ann Arbor Pioneer	6:55 p.m.
8/31	Home	Millford	7 p.m.
9/07	Away	Pinckney	6:55 p.m.
9/14	Away	Howell	6:55 p.m.
9/21	Home	Lakeland	6:55 p.m.
9/28	Away	Brighton	6:55 p.m.
10/05	Home	South Lyon	6:55 p.m.
10/12	Away	Hartland	6:55 p.m.
10/19	Home	Northville	6:55 p.m.
10/26	Away	Districts	TBA
11/03	Away	Regionals	TBA
11/17	Away	State Finals	TBA
11/24	Away	Finals	TBA

CROSS COUNTRY

8/23	Home	Northville	4 p.m.
9/06	Home	Millford	4 p.m.
9/08	Away	Britton Deerfield Relays	9 a.m.
9/11	Away	Pinckney	4 p.m.
9/14	Away	Spartan Invite	TBA
9/15	Away	Walled Lake Western	9 a.m.
9/18	Home	Lakeland	4 p.m.
10/02	Away	Brighton	4 p.m.
10/06	Away	Oakland County/Kensington	10 a.m.
10/09	Home	South Lyon	TBA
10/13	Away	Gabriel Richard Invite	TBA
10/16	Away	Hartland	4 p.m.
10/22	Away	KVC Championships/Hartland	TBA
10/26	Away	Regionals	TBA
10/30	Away	Lakeland Invitational	4 p.m.
11/03	Away	Finals	TBA

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

8/23	Away	Port Huron	9 a.m.
8/30	Home	Northville	3 p.m.
9/05	Away	Greenhills School	1:30 p.m.
9/08	Away	West Bloomfield	8 a.m.
9/10	Home	Saline	4 p.m.
9/12	Away	Millford	4 p.m.
9/17	Home	Pinckney	4 p.m.
9/19	Home	Howell	4 p.m.
9/22	Home	Novi Invitational	8:15 a.m.
9/24	Away	Lakeland	4 p.m.
9/26	Home	Brighton	4 p.m.

9/27	Home	Ann Arbor Pioneer	4 p.m.
9/29	Home	Novi Quad	8:15 a.m.
10/01	Away	South Lyon	4 p.m.
10/03	Home	Hartland	4 p.m.
10/06	Away	KVC Championships	TBA
10/09	Away	KVC Championship Rain	TBA
10/12	Away	Regionals	TBA
10/19	Away	Finals	TBA

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

8/25	Away	Gull Lake Invitational	8 a.m.
9/06	Home	Millford	5 p.m.
9/11	Away	Pinckney	5 p.m.
9/15	Away	Walled Lake Central Invite	8:30 a.m.
9/18	Home	Howell	5 p.m.
9/20	Home	Lakeland	5 p.m.
9/25	Home	Brighton	5 p.m.
9/27	Away	South Lyon	5 p.m.
10/2	Away	Hartland	5 p.m.
10/4	Away	Millford	5 p.m.
10/6	Away	Saline Invite	8 a.m.
10/9	Home	Pinckney	5 p.m.
10/11	Away	Howell (Parker Campus)	5 p.m.
10/16	Away	Lakeland	5 p.m.
10/18	Away	Brighton	5 p.m.
10/20	Away	Ann Arbor Pioneer	8:30 a.m.
10/23	Home	South Lyon	5 p.m.
10/25	Home	Howell	5 p.m.

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

8/20	Away	Canton	7 p.m.
8/22	Away	Rochester	7 p.m.
8/28	Home	Millford	7 p.m.
9/08	Home	Pinckney	7 p.m.
9/14	Away	Howell (Parker Campus)	7 p.m.
9/16	Home	Lakeland	7 p.m.
9/17	Away	Brighton	7 p.m.
9/18	Home	South Lyon	7 p.m.
9/18	Away	Hartland	7 p.m.
9/20	Away	Millford	7 p.m.
9/25	Away	Pinckney	7 p.m.
9/27	Home	Howell	7 p.m.
9/29	Away	Northville	noon
10/2	Away	Lakeland	7 p.m.
10/4	Home	Brighton	7 p.m.
10/9	Away	South Lyon	7 p.m.
10/11	Home	Hartland	7 p.m.
10/15	Away	Districts	TBA
10/17	Away	Districts	TBA
10/19	Away	Districts	TBA
10/23	Away	Regionals	TBA

10/25	Away	Regionals	TBA
10/27	Away	Semi-Finals	TBA
11/3	Away	Finals	TBA

GIRLS VARSITY SWIM AND DIVE

8/28	Home	Walled Lake Western	6 p.m.
8/30	Away	Walled Lake Central	7 p.m.
9/6	Home	Millford	6 p.m.
9/11	Home	Northville	6 p.m.
9/13	Away	Pinckney	6 p.m.
9/15	Away	Laker Invitational	9 a.m.
9/20	Away	Howell (Parker Campus)	6 p.m.
9/27	Home	Lakeland	6 p.m.
10/4	Away	Brighton	9 a.m.
10/6	Away	Oakland County/Lake Orion	9 a.m.
10/11	Home	Oakland County/Lake Orion	9 a.m.
10/16	Away	South Lyon	6 p.m.
10/18	Away	Hartland	6 p.m.
10/20	Away	KVC Championships/Hartland	TBA
11/3	Away	KVC Championships/Hartland	TBA
11/6	Away	Diving Finals	TBA
11/7	Away	Swimming Finals	TBA

GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

8/14	Prestwick GC	Huron Valley	9 a.m.
8/17	Giant Oak GC	Beford	8 a.m.
8/21	Oak Pointe	Brighton	9:30 a.m.
8/23	Tyrone Hills	Pre-KVC Tour	8 a.m.
8/24	Riverview	Grosse Ile Invite	8:30 a.m.
8/29	Laker Classic	Traverse City	8 a.m.
8/30	Laker Classic	Traverse City	8 a.m.
9/4	Home	Millford	3 p.m.
9/6	Away	Pinckney	3 p.m.
9/11	Hawk Meadows	Howell	3 p.m.
9/13	Home	Lakeland	3 p.m.
9/18	Away	Brighton	3 p.m.
9/20	Home	South Lyon	3 p.m.
9/25	Away	Hartland	3 p.m.
9/28	Pontiac CC	Oakland County	8:30 a.m.
10/2	Tyrone Hills	Post KVC	8 a.m.
10/4	Away	Districts	TBA
10/11	Away	Regionals	TBA
10/19	Away	Finals	TBA
10/20	Away	Finals	TBA

SOCCER

8/22	Home	Clarkston	7:30 p.m.
8/25	Away	Salem Tournament	10 a.m.
8/29	Home	O.L. St. Mary's	7:30 p.m.
8/31	Home	U of D	7:30 p.m.
9/4	Home	Divine Child	7:30 p.m.
9/8	Home	Truley St. John	7:30 p.m.
9/8	Away	DeLaSalle	1 p.m.
9/11	Away	Brother Rice	4 p.m.
9/15	Home	Ann Arbor Pioneer	1 p.m.
9/18	Home	U of D	7:30 p.m.
9/21	Away	Divine Child	4 p.m.
9/25	Home	DeLaSalle	7:30 p.m.
9/27	Away	O.L. St. Mary's	4 p.m.
9/28	Home	Brother Rice	7:30 p.m.
10/3	Away	Livonia Franklin	7 p.m.

DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL



VARSITY FOOTBALL

8/24	Home	Detroit Southeastern	7 p.m.
8/30	Away	Note Dame Prep	7:30 p.m.
9/08	Home	London Catholic Central	7 p.m.
9/15	Home	Brother Rice	7 p.m.
9/22	Warren Fitzgerald	DeLaSalle	7 p.m.
9/30	Home	Orchard Lake St. Mary's	1 p.m.
10/06	Crestwood H.S.	Divine Child	7 p.m.
10/13	Ferdale H.S.	U of D Jesuit	1 p.m.
10/20	Red Field	Prep Bowl	n/a

CROSS COUNTRY

8/25	Lansing C.C.	Lansing Catholic Central	10 a.m.
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8/31	Kensington Park	Trial	2 p.m.
9/08	Kensington Park	West Bloomfield Invitational	10:30 a.m.
9/15	Springfield Oaks	Holly H.S.	12:50 p.m.
9/22	Cass Benton	Catholic Central Invitational	11:30 a.m.
9/24	Cass Benton	O.L. St. Mary's-DeLaSalle	4:15 p.m.
9/29	Haslett H.S.	Haslett H.S. Invitational	9 a.m.
10/01	Cass Benton	Brother Rice Park	4:15 p.m.
10/06	Kensington Park	Oakland County Championship	10:30 a.m.
10/08	Stoney Creek	U of D	4:15 p.m.
10/13	Sturgis H.S.	Invitational	noon
10/20	Stoney Creek	CHSL Championship	TBA
10/23	TBA	Operation Friendship Championship	4:30 p.m.
10/26	Cass Benton	Redford Union Open Championship	4:30 p.m.
10/27	TBA	State Regional Championship	10:40 a.m.
11/03	M.I.S. Jackson	State Championship	TBA

TENNIS

8/18	Away	Forest Hills Central Invitational	9 a.m.
8/22	Home	Detroit Country Day	4 p.m.
8/25	Away	Romeo Invitational	8 a.m.
9/4	Away	Ann Arbor Huron	4 p.m.
9/5	Home	West Bloomfield	4 p.m.
9/6	Away	Saline	4 p.m.
9/10	Home	U of D	4 p.m.
9/13	Away	Grosse Pointe South	4 p.m.

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



VARSITY FOOTBALL

8/24	Home	South Lyon	7 p.m.
8/30	Home	Churchill	7 p.m.
9/7	Home	Canton	7 p.m.
9/15	Away	W.L. Western	1 p.m.
9/21	Home	Wayne	7 p.m.
9/28	Away	Plymouth	7 p.m.
10/5	Home	Franklin	7 p.m.
10/12	Away	W.L.A.A. crossover	7 p.m.
10/19	Away	Novi	7 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

8/23	Home	Novi (Cass Benton)	4 p.m.
8/25	Away	South Lyon	9:30 a.m.
8/29	Home	Corunna	4 p.m.
9/8	Away	CC Classic	TBA
9/13	Away	W.L.A.A. at Wayne	4 p.m.
9/14	Away	MSU Invite	TBA
9/22	Away	Catholic Central	TBA
9/27	Home	W.L.A.A. Jamboree	4 p.m.
10/6	Away	Wayne Cty. Invite (Willow Metro Park)	TBA
10/11	Home	W.L.A.A. Jamboree at Plymouth	4 p.m.
10/13	Away	Plymouth	TBA
10/19	Away	W.L.A.A. Conference at Willow Metro Park	4 p.m.
10/26	Home	Redford Union	4 p.m.
10/27	Away	MHSAA regionals	4 p.m.
11/3	Away	MHSAA state	4 p.m.

SOCCER

8/22	Home	Churchill	7 p.m.
8/24	Away	Country Day	TBA
8/25	Away	Country Day	TBA
8/27	Away	John Glenn	4 p.m.
8/29	Home	Canton	7 p.m.
9/4	Away	Wayne	4 p.m.
9/5	Away	Franklin	7 p.m.
9/10	Home	Plymouth	7 p.m.
9/11	Home	W.L. Western	5:30 p.m.
9/17	Away	Canton	7 p.m.
9/19	Home	Wayne	7 p.m.

9/21	Away	Saline	5:30 p.m.
9/24	Away	Plymouth	7 p.m.
9/26	Home	Franklin	7 p.m.
9/29	Home	Novi	Noon
10/1	Away	W.L. Western	7 p.m.
10/3	Home	Salem	7 p.m.
10/8	Away	W.L.A.A. crossover	7 p.m.
10/10	Away	W.L.A.A. crossover	7 p.m.
10/15	Away	Districts	7 p.m.

GIRLS GOLF

8/21	Away	Brighton (Oak Pointe CC)	9:30 a.m.
8/24	Away	Grosse Ile	8:30 a.m.
8/29	Away	Traverse City	8 a.m.
8/30	Away	Traverse City	9 a.m.
9/7	Away	Salem (St. Johns)	3 p.m.
9/10	Home	W.L. Central	3 p.m.
9/12	Away	Churchill (Whispering Willows)	3 p.m.
9/14	Home	John Glenn	3 p.m.
9/17	Away	W.L. Northern (Brentwood)	3 p.m.
9/19	Home	Stevenson	3 p.m.
9/21	Away	W.L. Western (Bay Pointe GC)	3 p.m.
9/24	Home	Franklin	3 p.m.
9/26	Away	Wayne (Woodland)	3 p.m.
9/28	Home	Canton	3 p.m.
10/1	Home	Plymouth	3 p.m.
10/9	Away	W.L.A.A. (Pheasant Run)	3 p.m.
10/19	Away	Regionals	TBA
10/19-20	Away	State	TBA

BOYS TENNIS

8/23	Away	Port Huron N.	TBA
8/20	Away	Novi	4 p.m.
9/5	Home	Salem	4 p.m.
9/7	Away	W.L. Central	4 p.m.
9/8	Away	Troy	8 a.m.
9/10	Home	Churchill	4 p.m.
9/11	Home	W.L. Northern	4 p.m.
9/12	Away	John Glenn	4 p.m.
9/15	Away	A.A. Huron	8 a.m.
9/17	Away	Stevenson	4 p.m.
9/19	Home	W.L. Western	4 p.m.
9/21	Away	Franklin	4 p.m.
9/24	Home	Wayne	4 p.m.
9/26	Away	Canton	4 p.m.
9/28	Away	Plymouth	4 p.m.
9/29	Away	Holly	8 a.m.

Northville Boys Cross Country



Mustang cross country runners warm up at Cass Benton Park.

Returning benefits

By Jeff Thelsen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER



The Northville cross country team loses its best runner, Jason Turnbull, to graduation, but the Mustangs return several athletes for what could be a strong season.

Losing Turnbull will hurt, but it should allow the team to run closer together.

"Having a front-runner made things tougher for other runners to judge where they stand," Northville head coach Chris Cronin said. "Captains Jake Myers, Erik Peterson, Ben Marti and Jack Dalton are in charge of continuing what they started during the summer."

A summer workout program that the boys run together in should culminate in a strong season for the Mustangs.

"We return everybody but Jason in our first seven," Cronin said. "As a team, we'll be much better at invitational and dual meets."

"We're certainly going to be deeper this year. The guys are physically stronger and better."

Dalton returns after breaking a leg early in last year's season.

"He was on the verge of becoming one of the conference's best runners," Cronin said. "He went to state in track."

Nick Kolbow will split time with the soccer team, but he could be a force for the Mustangs.

The summer workouts should also pay off in bonding for the guys who have put in the hard work in the off-season.

Cronin has 37 runners on the team, only seven of which are seniors.

Team goals include winning the division title, trying to crack the top three at the conference meet.

"We have contributors at all four grades," Cronin said. "This could be the first time I have a full team that can break 17 (minutes)."

The regional is stacked to say the least. Two-time state champ Pinckney and runner-up Novi are there with several other much better-than-average teams fighting for three spots.

Top teams in the league include Churchill, Plymouth and Salem with Canton and Walled Lake Western posing as wild cards.

"If we get out of the regional, we have a good chance at being top-10 in the state," Cronin said.

The Mustangs start their season Saturday against South Lyon.

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Northville Volleyball



The Mustang varsity volleyball team does some warm-up exercises on the court before beginning a mid-August practice.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Mustangs get new coach

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

To say Northville volleyball will have a different look this year would be a major understatement. Gone are seven seniors along with head coach Steve Anderson.

Taking over the reins is Lauren Lesko — last year's junior varsity coach. She is new to head coaching but has plenty of experience coaching the girls on the team.

"I've coached a lot of the girls," Lesko said. "I coached freshman for two years and JV last year. It's nice. They know what I expect out of them at practice. It's making the transition a lot easier."

"I'm excited to have this group my first year as a head coach. I can't wait for games to get under-

way." Krysta Cicala is one of the top returnees from last year's team that started 43 victories. She recorded 1,075 assists and fired a team-high 155 aces. She will have a lot to do with how well the Mustangs perform, but others are going to have to step up and fill the voids left by graduation.

Also back are Allison Holmes, middle hitter Jamie Cotrone, outside hitter Megan Hofmeister and libero/defensive specialist Lisa Kozub to form a strong core.

"Megan Hofmeister is stepping up. She's first in line in everything we do, she hustling and constantly encouraging everyone," Lesko said. "Krysta Cicala is a quiet leader. She leads because she's so



solid. "Allison Holmes is stepping up. She's working her butt off in practice. Jamie Cotrone is hitting the ball better than I've seen her hit in three years."

"From what (the players) are telling me, they think we already look better than they were last year."

A new face to varsity making a big impression is sophomore Kelly Maize, an outside hitter. "She is surprising everybody, I think," Lesko said. "Her passing is right on, and her hitting is consistent."

Keeping the ball off the floor appears to be the early strength for the Mustangs. "The strength of this team

would be defense and how much support they have for each other," Lesko said. "I've seen that competitive edge, yet everyone is constantly supporting each other. If that continues, that's going to be a big strength throughout the season."

Lesko has some goals in mind, but she wants to continue at least one streak.

"I told them my goals for the season are go for the ball no matter what, to carry the tradition that Steve Anderson started the last three years — to win our division," Lesko said. "Of course their goal is to beat Churubini in district so we can move on to regionals."

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Returning Mustang starter Krysta Cicala warms up with her volleyball teammates as they get ready for the 2007 fall season.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Northville Tennis

Transfer Joseph brings big hopes

■ Sophomore from Canada to play No. 1 singles for Northville

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville tennis is getting a welcome addition to the team. Sophomore Melvin Joseph transferred in from Canada and will play at the top singles spot.

"He's an excellent player with a great work ethic," Mustang head coach Matt Stetson said. "We are very excited to have him on the team. Any time you can get a No. 1 player to move in, obviously that's very good for the program."

Dan Mills, another sophomore, also is new to the program and will play doubles. He is a baseball player and came out with the switch of seasons to the fall.

Returning from last year's team, that qualified for the state finals, are Tim Wasielewski and Steve Irvine.

Wasielewski moves to No. 2 singles for his sophomore campaign, and Irvine moves from up from four to No. 3 singles.

"Tim Wasielewski and Steve Irvine are both back and better than they were," Stetson said. "We should be a lot stronger at the singles positions this year, which is new for us. Usually our strength is our doubles because

of our depth." Almost 60 kids came out for tryouts this year. Stetson kept 18 players on varsity and 30 on junior varsity.

"It's a fortunate and an unfortunate thing," said Stetson of the large turnout. "It's fortunate for me as a varsity coach. I have lots of players to choose from."

"It's unfortunate that there are kids that we're cutting that also play year around. In some districts, they would be playing varsity and very high up. This is a very competitive area for tennis."

Stetson hopes the trip to state last year is a motivating factor for this year's squad.

"A lot of the kids returning from last year's squad got a taste of it," he said. "It was a very new thing for them, because we haven't been in three years."

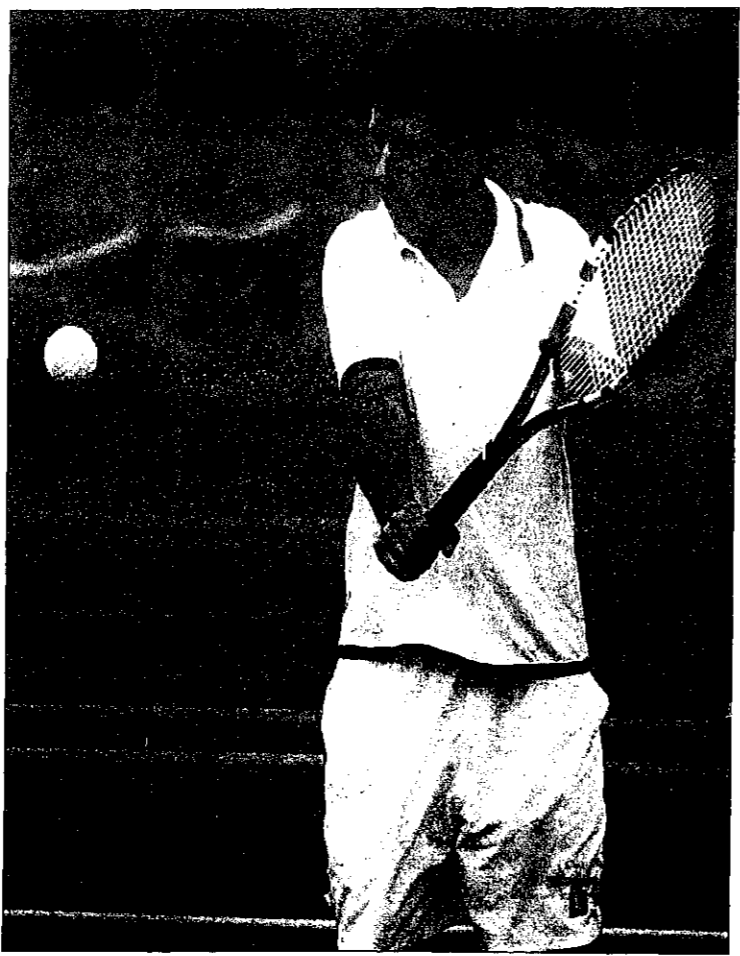
"It was a very enjoyable experience, and they want to get back there."

A secondary goal to making state would be to improve upon last year's 12th-place finish.

"We always list our priorities out at the beginning of the year," Stetson said. "We want to win our division, the conference and the conference tournament."

"There's no top priority. We just try and go out and play our best each match and hope for the best."

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Mustang Brian Lovett practices with his Northville High teammates.

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Northville Soccer

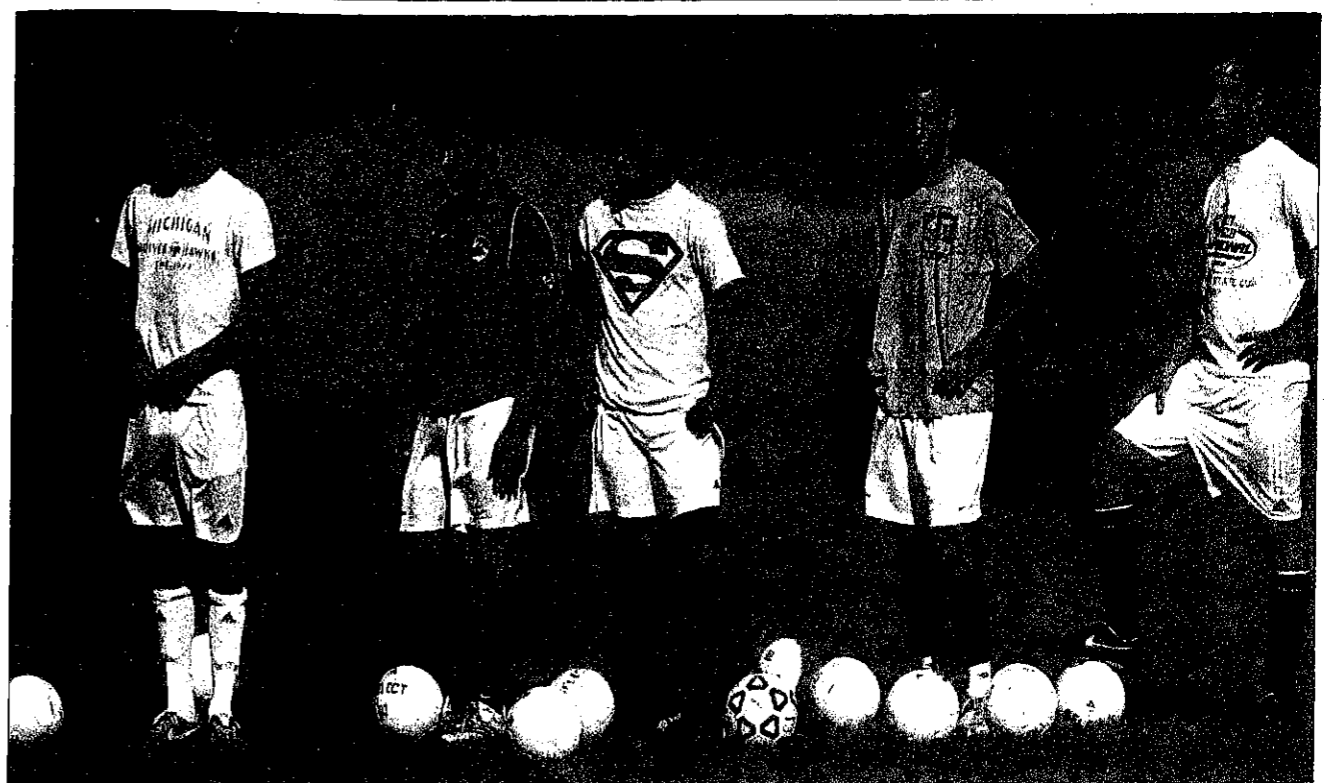


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Northville High School students try out for the school's varsity soccer squad on a recent evening at Community Sports Park.

Mustang soccer reloads with seniors

■ Northville loaded with upperclassmen, several of which are returnees

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville soccer is in good hands this year with 12 players returning from last year's 17-2-3 squad.

"We lost 10 to graduation, eight starters from last year's team," Northville head coach Henry Klimes said. "I'm excited. A lot of these guys were playing behind some great seniors last year."

"These guys are really dying for their opportunity to shine. I'm pretty happy with what we've got. I think the boys are up for the challenge."

Back this year are seniors Alebert Keif (goalkeeper), Jeff Cheslik (midfielder), Masato Morioka, Nick Kolbow (defender), Dan Mackinnon and Andrei Ionescu.

Ben Lightner and Nitin Jacob also made the team as non-returning seniors. Junior returnees on the team are Steve Lemke, Alex Marilley, Latif Alashe, Nate Hrvinak and John Hartzel. Junior goalie Jarrod Dual will also compete for time.

Other juniors making the team are Andrew



Kelleher, Nick Scialbasi, Matt Hagan, Cameron Burdette, John Donikian, Connor Rice and Dan Courtney.

Two sophomores on the team are Doug Beason and Bobby Kruse. Marilley, Beason and Kruse are the main early weapons on offense.

Goals include winning the division after trying Canton last season. "Our main goal is to for sure win the division," Klimes said. "Win the last of the old WAAA Conference since it will no longer be that."

"It would be nice for the school to finally get that championship that's eluded us. We've never won the conference championship."

But the ultimate goal is to make it as far as possible in the state tournament.

"It's two seasons in one," Klimes said. "You've got to get out of districts to get anywhere." Though it's early in the season, Klimes sees the early strength throughout the team. The Mustangs don't possess the major star, meaning several players have to step up and fill the voids that were left by graduation, and so far they are doing just that.

"Instead of maybe four or five stars that seemed to have always carried us, I think now everybody needs to know that they can all get it done."

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Northville Swimming

McNeff takes over Northville swimming

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville swim coach Brian McNeff is excited about coming over to Northville from Farmington.

He wasn't sure what to expect as a first-year head coach, but McNeff said the girls have made it more than comfortable for him.

"I've been really impressed with them," he said. "They're extremely hard workers. They're a lot of fun to be around."

Helping to ease the transition have been senior returnees Megan Kanya, Emily Hopcian and Rachel Englert, along with junior Jessica Weber.

A powerful upperclass is supported by strong lowerclassmen that will add a variety of depth to the lineup. "We've got a lot of depth," McNeff said. "We have some of those top swimmers, but a lot of swimmers that can help get the points needed to win."

Northville finished 14th at state last year, and league for Livonia Stevenson finished fifth. McNeff hopes to change the yearly league trophy that almost always goes to Stevenson.

"League champions — that's something I want to shoot for every year that I'm here," he said. "If we want to do it, it's got to start the first day of practice onto the league meet. We've got to put in the work."

"I don't know too much about the league. They've won it 18 out of 20 years. They're definitely the team to shoot for."

Should Northville knock off Stevenson, it should be good enough to place plenty of people in the state meet and improve upon last year's finish.

"I'm very excited," McNeff said. "I'm a real positive person, and I'm real excited to get the season going."

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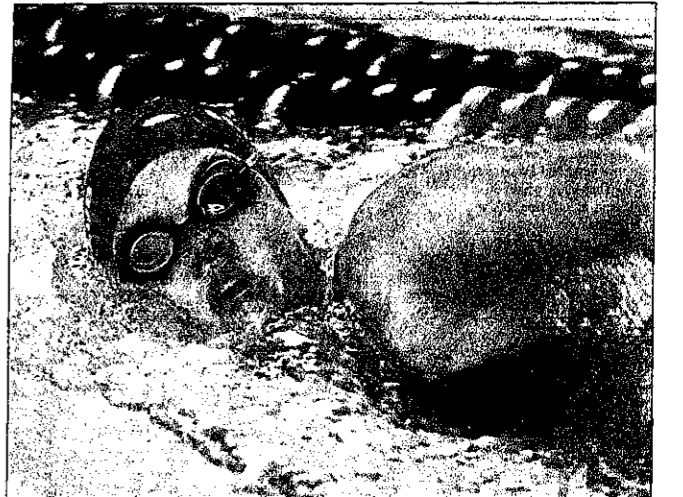


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Northville High School swimmer Nora Naughton practices with the Mustangs.

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The Northville High School varsity swim team takes a quick break between swimming laps as it warms up for the fall 2007 season.

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Northville Football

Experienced Mustangs

■ Northville heads into season with upperclassmen leading way

By Jeff Theisen
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Northville took its lumps against top caliber teams last year with a roster that lacked the senior leadership opponents had. Mustang head coach Ryan Hockman hopes that is a thing of the past with his first team loaded with senior leadership.

"I'm just excited to see us playing under the lights," Hockman said. "I want to see how they match up."

Now junior quarterback Matt Kraeger returns with experience he gained last year when starter Mike Deluca was hurt.

"He does a lot of really good things," Hockman said. "He's maybe the smartest quarterback I've been around at any level. He understands the game."

Kraeger has a stable of receivers returning to make his life easier. Back are 6-5 David Burke, last year's leading receiver Aaron Chew and speedster Chris Baumgardner.

Burke poses problems for the defense with his size, while Chew and Baumgardner both have breakaway ability.

The running game will miss workhorse Dittrick Williams, but Andrew Devine is stepping into the featured role this year.

"He was really productive for us last year," Hockman said. "Andrew is tough. He's going to be the guy that we're going to get the ball to."

Matt Wegsman will handle the tight end duties.

In the trenches are two-year starter Kevin Kurtis, Jimmy Wallace, Scott Fishbeck, David Owens, Pat Brennan, Matt Hartman.

The defense will go with a new look this year, changing to a three down lineman look with more linebackers.

The defensive line will use a rotation to keep players fresh. Included are Kurtis, Tom Seder, Tony Pato, Pat Keady, Matt Wegzyn and David Owens.

Hasse returns as the leading tackler (111) from last year's team to help lead the linebackers. Also in the group are Men Oh, Ryan Gerblich, Paul McCann, Adam Futrman, Andrew Gorley, Josh Pratt and Jake Weidle.

Working in the secondary are David Phan, Chris Baumgardner, Matt Zielke, David Burke, Andrew Devine, Chris Donahue and Mark Merlot.

"Right now we're really ahead defensively of where we were last year," Hockman said. "We're doing a better job of being physical."

"We're not by far where we want to be, but we're heading toward that direction."

Max Bojovic will handle both the kicking and punting duties.

Steady improvement is the main goal for Hockman.

"Every day getting better until the last game," he said. "It's hard to keep kids on that track. All we're focusing on is getting these kids to learn the game of football the best they can."

Should the Mustangs put it all together, Hockman said it's not out of the question they could be in the postseason.

"If we take care of the games where we feel like we match up physically," Hockman said. "If we take care of those games, like we did not do last year ... then we could make it to the playoffs. We've got to win those games."



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Northville Mustangs scrimmage in mid-August.

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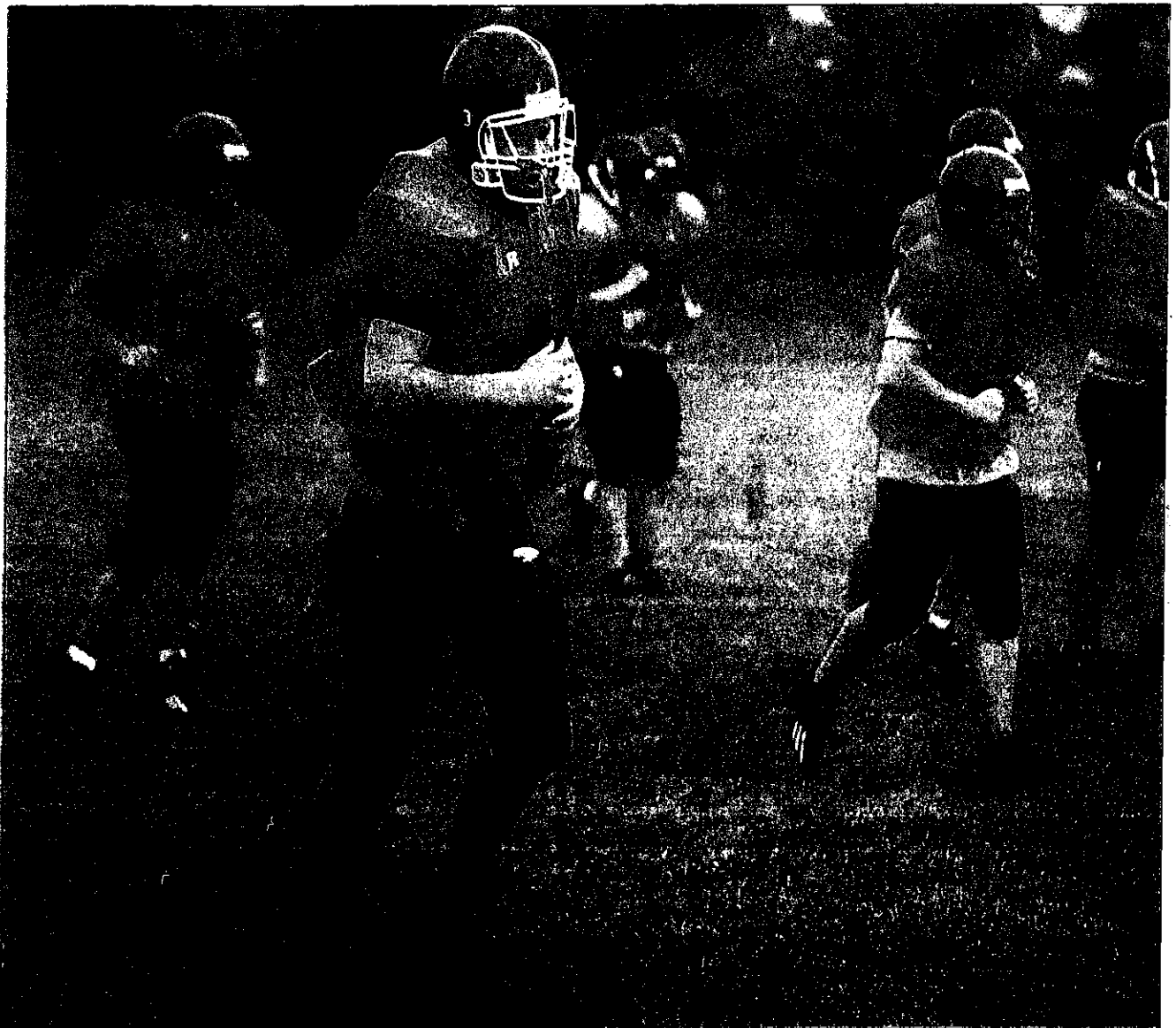


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Linemen for the Mustangs run off the field during a morning practice.