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City hails Japanese visitors

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Community members throughout Novi welcomed seven Japanese visitors from the Council of Local Authorities for International Relations into their city and homes this week.

"We are absolutely delighted that you are here with us," said Mayor David Landry at the Tuesday afternoon Welcome Reception. "You're here to learn, and we're going to learn from you too."

The seven council members recently moved from Tokyo to New York City to begin a two-year stint abroad.

The organization, which was established in Tokyo, focuses its efforts on internationalization and learning about international government techniques.

"The local government in Japan is controlled by the national government," said Taichi Hanzawa, 32, while discussing the biggest difference between the two countries' governments.

Along with Hanzawa, the other members visiting Novi are Koki and Nao Kimoto, Sho Nakazono, Junji Imada, Fumitake Saijo and Ryoko Kobayashi.

On separate occasions, Novi City Manager Clay Pearson and Superintendent of Novi Schools Peter Dion traveled to Japan for different two-week programs through the Council of Local Authorities for International Relations organization.

"The Japanese were extremely gracious hosts when we were there, so this was a nice way to reciprocate," said Pearson, who personally invited the Japanese staff members during his visit to

Japan last October. "I thought it would be a good exchange with the amount of Japanese residents and businesses (in Novi). I just thought it was a natural tie-in."

According to Dion, currently 33 percent of the students in the Novi School District are of Asian descent, with 48 percent Japanese.

"We want to give them as much experience of the city as possible," said Ara Topouzian, economic development manager for the City of Novi. "It's definitely educational on both ends. There's a lot we can learn from them, as to how they conduct business."

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Photo by Mike Shuster
Mother and son Sue and Terry Poster work for Epoch Restaurant Group at the Rock Financial Showplace.

Like mother, like son

■ Twosome creates brunch this Sunday

All in the family

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Sue Poster plans to spend Mother's Day, like every other day, in the kitchen with her son, Terry. Although this year, the mother-son duo are expecting about 800 guests for their Mother's Day Brunch.

"We'll be working on Mother's Day," said Sue Poster, pastry chef of Epoch Restaurant Group, the catering company who services the Diamond Center at Rock Financial Showplace. "Everyday is Mother's Day for me. I don't need a day."

Sue is preparing a magnificent display of desserts for the second annual brunch including a cheese-cake station and an assortment of sugar free desserts.

"We make everything from scratch," she said. "Eight hundred pieces of cake might intimidate some people, but you get used to it after a while."

While Sue handles the sweets, Terry is busy handling everything else.

"He's my boss," said Sue of Terry, who is the executive chef. "He doesn't bother looking at the desserts because he knows I'll take care of it."

Terry said the main course at Sunday's brunch will include an omelette station, roasted garlic sirloin, a kid's table, including french fries and chicken nuggets, and a waffle station with "mom's" homemade fresh fruit toppings.

Although Sue has only been working for Epoch for two years, she is no novice to the business.

"I love cooking, I love cook books," she said. "I'd sit around reading cook books like other people read novels. So after over 30 years, I think I've got it down."

In 1984, after a lot of trial-and-error and baking for the Cozy Cafe in Farmington Hills, Sue's family opened Crawford's, a former restaurant in downtown Northville.

About six years after the family business opened, the pastry department moved out of the restaurant and into its own building across the street.

"There was a bakery in that building for over 100 years," Sue said. "I (Crawford's Bakery) was the last one in there."

The family sold the restaurant in 1993, and closed the bakery in 1994. "It was a great place to raise my kids," Sue said.

When Terry first began working for the family restaurant, it was as a dishwasher.

"I grew up in the business, but I didn't know it'd become a career," he said. "I actually wanted to be a mechanic."

But after high school, Terry's commitment to the family business kept him working and, when it closed, he went to work for Epoch.

In his free time, Terry said he likes to experiment with non-traditional Epoch cuisine like Mexican and Japanese-style food.

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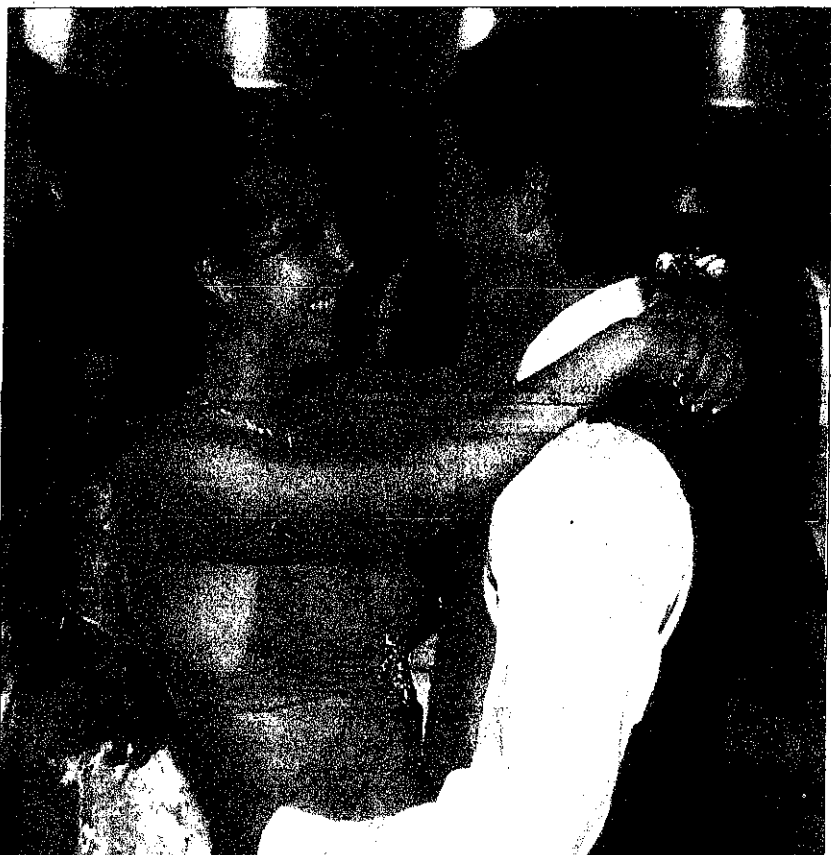


Photo by Anne Strasko

Making Memories

Emily Samuelson and Aaron Croad, both Novi High School seniors, dance at the Novi High School prom, held last weekend in the Rock Financial Showplace Diamond Center. For more prom photos, please see page 6A.

My Novi News

NOVI WEEKEND PLANNER



• FRIDAY

Argh matey! The Novi Theatres presents the 7:30 p.m. second performance of "Kokonut Kapers" at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. The comedic

performance features a band of kids on a storm-wrought island. The group opens a private educational institution that a crime syndicate wants a piece of. As the laughs roll, so does the ghost of Captain Kidd. The 52-person cast is headlined by Novi residents Stephanie Luther, Javanna Anderson and Anna Kilar. Reserved tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors, and can be purchased at the Novi Parks Office in the Civic Center. Call

(248) 347-0400 for more information.

• SATURDAY

Although titled "A Generic Up-tempo Concert," the Novi Chorales 7:30 p.m. performance at the Novi High School Furst Auditorium, 24062 Taft Road, should be anything but. The singing group of Novi and area residents will appeal to all ages and feature visual presentations along with the vocal wonders of the group. Tickets cost \$12 for an individual and \$10 per person for a group of 10 or more. Tickets can be purchased at the Novi Parks Office in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile

Road, or the Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road.

• SUNDAY

Celebrate Mother's Day with a family trip out to dinner. With Novi's plentiful amount of restaurants, the choices are endless. There's always Red Robin, TGIFridays, hd's Mongolian Barbeque and other mainstay national names. If you're looking for something more local, check into Moe's on Ten (10 Mile and Haggerty roads), Diamond Jim Brady's (west side of Novi Town Center) or Bi Bim Bab (inside MainStreet behind Larson Jewelry Design) for a special experience.

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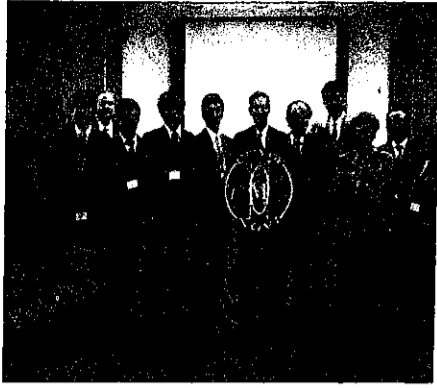
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From left to right: Mayor Pro-tem Kim Capello, Koki Kimoto, Nao Kimoto, Superintendent Peter Dion, Sho Nakazono, Junji Inada, Fumitake Saijo, Mayor David Landry, Hiroshi Sasaki, Consulate General Tamotsu Shinotsuka, Council Member Kathy Crawford, Taichi Hanzawa and Ryoko Kobayashi.

VISITORS

continued from front

During the five-day Novi experience, the Japanese guests toured local schools, hospitals, businesses and city-owned facilities such as the Gun Range, Department of Public Works and Civic Center.

"Most people like to see big houses in the United States. I recommend my staff to see public schools and hospitals. We want to see real city government," said Hiroshi Sasaki, executive director of the Council of Local Authorities for International Relations branch in New York, known as the Japan Local

Government Center. Aside from New York, there are six other branch offices throughout the world, including London, Paris, Singapore, Seoul, Sydney and Beijing.

To make the guests feel more welcome, Novi residents served as host families to the visitors for a portion of their stay.

"I think it's a good opportunity for them to see the United States, to actually put yourself in the environment you want to learn about," said Yoshihisa Kobayashi, president of Kobayashi International Academy in Novi. "I am very appreciative of the citizens to welcome the Japanese culture."

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Farmers Market - Walled Lake

The city of Walled Lake is sponsoring the Farmers Market beginning in May and running through the end of October. The market will be located at the Walled Lake City Event Field on E. West Maple Road between Decker Road and Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake. The market, which began yesterday, will have a good mix of products to satisfy the needs of all customers. Some of the items available at the market this year include: Fresh vegetables, eggs, honey, jams, jelly, fruits, annual and perennial flowers and garden accessories.

Vendor space is still available. For information, please contact Janell at the City of Walled Lake, 1499 E. West Maple Road, between Pontiac Trail and Decker Road or call (248) 624-4847.

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Novi celebrates Cinco de Mayo

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Cinco de Mayo may not have the commercialization of St. Patrick's Day or Oktoberfest, but the Mexican-American holiday still packs a punch in Novi.

"That's our biggest day of the year. Everyone goes out and celebrates just like St. Patrick's Day," said Kathleen Maciasz, a manager at Border Cantina. "Everyone thinks they're Mexican that day."

Maciasz said Border Cantina, 21420 Novi Road, featured a mariachi band in the evening and had vendor giveaways throughout the day Monday.

Novi High School Spanish course students decorated Mexican flags, listened to Spanish pop music and played games outdoors.

"Cinco de Mayo has become a much bigger celebration in the U.S. than Mexico. It has become a day to celebrate Latino traditions and heritage," Spanish teacher Meredith Somers said. "We played games that are kind of like our Red Rover, Red Light Green Light and Mother May I. Some of the games we played are called 'The Old Ines - La Vieja Ines,' 'The Cat and the Rat - El Gato y La Rata' and 'Rabbits Find your Houses - Conojos a sus Conojeras.'"

With the holiday falling on a Monday this year, some businesses moved the celebration up, celebrating this past weekend.

"It's the weekend, so people don't have to go to work Saturday and Sunday. Monday is a normal business day," said Allen El-Alali, a manager at On The Border Mexican Grill &



Photo by Mike Shruter

Regulars Cindy Bezaire and Dan Mitchell eat lunch at Border Cantina in Novi with Michelle Honoway, Kathleen Maciasz, Karen Osenkowski and Sandy Bartoletti.

Cantina. On The Border had its Cinco de Mayo celebration last Friday in order to avoid the workweek as best as possible.

The holiday has been celebrated with food and dance on May 5 for 145 years, commemorating one of the most well-known battles in Mexico's history.

About 5,000 Mexicans and Native Americans defeated Napoleon III's army of 8,000 Frenchmen at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. Puebla is located 100 miles east of Mexico

City, the country's capital. Months later, the French were able to gain control of Mexico City, and kept it for five years before the Mexicans regained rule in 1867.

As a holiday, the name Cinco de Mayo literally translates from the date "5 of May." The cause for the celebration is often wrongly credited as being Mexico's Independence Day from Spain, which was really Sept. 15, 1810.

The day has been celebrated in California each year since it took

place, but is not thought of as a major holiday in Mexico. Aside from residents of Puebla, the bulk of the celebrating is done throughout the United States as a day to recognize Americans of Mexican heritage.

According to the 2000 census, 2 percent of Novi residents (almost 1,000 people) reported they are of Hispanic origin.

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Turkey executives lauded at Novi Rotary event

■ Youth contribute to charitable causes

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Rotary Club held its annual family spaghetti dinner last Thursday at the Novi Civic Center with several special presentations following the meal.

As about 70 guests ate spaghetti, salad and chicken, they also hosted five visitors from western Turkey, as well as the Novi High School Interact Club and Novi Girl Scouts' Troop 213.

Troop 213 has been working to collect 25,000 latex-free Band-Aids with animated designs for patients at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit.

"It's kind of like, when they walk out, they hold their head up higher," said troop leader Jennifer Kerbrat of the kids when they receive the animated Band-Aids. "For every \$50 we collect, we can get 600 in bulk. We need to collect \$2,100 to get 25,000."

Kerbrat's daughter Katie, along with troop-mates Ena Haryojishi and Katie Nicholson, has been working to collect as many Band-Aids as possible for her and Haryojishi's Silver Award project.

The three-month drive ends July 1, but the group of 13-year-old girls is almost half-way to their current goal. The goal was 100,000 Band-Aids until the girls realized that wouldn't fit their timetable.

"That was when we had wishful thinking," Katie Kerbrat said. "We realized Band-Aids cost a lot of money."

After the girls collected 7,500 Band-Aids with help from Novi Community Education, Church of the Holy Family, the Cub Scouts and other Girl Scouts, the Novi Rotary surprised the girls with

3,600 more at the dinner. "They've worked incredibly hard for this," Jennifer Kerbrat said.

Rotary President Ginger Barrons said the Rotary members felt the need to help the girls when they spoke to the group.

Students Interacting

The Rotary Club also presented Interact Club members with two \$50 checks made out to Relay for Life and Children of Svirstroy Street - programs the Interact Club chose to contribute money to. The funds were raised during a Detroit Pistons ticket raffle at the March 13 Rotary meeting where Dr. Lee Meadows spoke to 89 people.

Interact members Ashima Goyal, 17, and Sarah Robinson, 17, said the group was donating more than 1,300 Band-Aids to Troop 213, bringing the scouts' total to about 12,400.

They also raised \$200 for teacher Jody Payne's Russian orphanage efforts through a bottle and can drive, and held a coin competition for Relay for Life.

Overseas education

The evening also highlighted presentations by one Rotarian and four business executives who came from Turkey via Rotary International.

Five Rotarians from parts of southeastern Michigan and Canada traveled to Turkey as part of the five-person, week-long Group Study Exchange Team trade-off. No one from the Novi Rotary made the trip.

"We organized a program for them to visit for cultural and professional aspects," said Dr. Mav Sanghvi, who coordinated the Turkey visitors' trip.

Turkey Rotarian Goksin Akgali, along with business executives Ozan Carga, Hasan Avall, Ayean Ozertay and Deniz



Photos by Shawn Glavin

Turkish visitors Hasan Avall (left) and Deniz Surupcu were some of the guests of honor during the Novi Rotary Club annual family spaghetti dinner last Thursday. The visitors were part of a Rotarian international exchange program.



Members of the Novi High School Rotary Interact Club present donations to local community groups.

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Novi High School prom king Brad Herron was chosen for the honor from a drawing of senior students. The tradition of drawing names began in 1999.



Allison Perlin (left) and Jake Kaplan (right), both Novi High School juniors, get their tickets ready as they approach the Rock Financial Showplace where the prom took place last Saturday.



Each prom guest received a pack of cards to go along with the Vegas theme during last Saturday's prom. Seniors Britne Wilson (left) and Daniel Williams pass time with a card game while waiting for dinner.



The theme for the 2008 prom was "Viva Las Vegas." Here, seniors Alex Willer (left), Mary Barnes and Alyssa Meyers talk and shuffle cards to pass the time before dinner and dancing.



Students arrive at the Novi High School prom. From left: Christie Wilde, Gary Demirdjian, Narine Shirvanian, Alec Kurjan, Marina Pilibosian and Jack Hartounian.

Novi High School Prom 2008

Where memories are made

Photos by Anne Strasko



Novi High School students Phil Celeski (senior) and Brooke McKnight (sophomore) dance the first dance of the night together.



A group of friends dance together during a faster song.



Students dance together at the Novi High School 2008 prom.



Prom queen Dianna Hardy rejoices after her name was called for the honor from the king and queen drawing.

Meadows students take to the Rouge

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Students from Novi Meadows headed to Lakeshore Park last week to put their environmental education to work with a Rouge Education Project study.

Fifth-grade teachers Susan Wainwright and Anita Lazar took about 50 students and four parents to the Rouge River in Lakeshore Park for a day filled with hands-on experiments in the woods.

"They learn how to take real world data and actually do testing that they do on rivers, analyze data they collected and make predictions," said Wainwright, who started the trips about five years ago. "We'll be doing tests that dissolve oxygen, nitrate, pH, turbidity. We also do a water test where they look at invertebrates, which are organisms they can see with the eye, not a microscope."

Students throughout the Rouge River Watershed region will be doing tests for the program throughout the week.

"It's part of the Rouge River Education Project that started about 22 years ago. About 90 schools are participating throughout the area, going to different branches," Wainwright said. "The Rouge, it was a cesspool and they're trying to fix it."

"We really look forward to it because the children do an amazing job. Learning to collect data and analyze data is important."

The 10- and 11-year-old students were bused to the park

shortly after 9 a.m. last Tuesday and took a two-mile hike down to the river. For the next few hours, the teachers and parent volunteers guided the students through a series of tests ranging from chemical checks, to looking for small organisms, to floating an orange down the river.

"We're measuring the velocity of the water," said 10-year-old Michelle Bhagwagar of the fruit experiment.

One student would stand on a boardwalk over the river and drop an orange into the water while another student waited downstream with a stopwatch to time the water's speed.

"Last year the water was higher and clearer. None of this (muck) was here. Hopefully (it's) not man made," Lazar said of the sticks, dirt and leaves that were scattered in bunches along the river, creating obstacles the oranges would get caught in.

In addition to checking for erosion along both banks of the river, students also analyzed the water in several ways.

"We're comparing it with distilled water," said 11-year-old Prateek Kashyap.

Jason Liu, 10, said he and Kashyap were checking to see how polluted the water may be.

"It's pretty neutral. We're doing different tests," Liu said.

As Kashyap and Liu worked on discovering the pH level of the water and determining if it was polluted, classmates at the next station learned about oxygen in

the water.

"We learned that if there's not enough oxygen, fish can't live. We added (chemicals) to make sure there's enough oxygen," said 10-year-old Jasmine George. "We're going to learn how to protect the river and the animals."

George said the students tested what would happen to the river water when starches and sodium components were added.

"I like when you add the different chemicals. It made (the water) turn clear," she said. "In one class with the teacher, we tested the water and looked at organisms under the microscope."

Students rotated stations throughout the day as the fourth station allowed the kids to look for organisms in a tray of mud and water scooped up by Wainwright, who had waded through the river on the chilly morning.

"We've been looking in (the river). We're looking for animals with shells and no shells, with legs and no legs," said 11-year-old Frank Herrera. "Some were really small. I found a worm. It was really thin and skinny."

Following the days worth of experiments, the students will take their findings and samples and send them to the Dearborn-based Friends of the Rouge, which helps coordinate the Rouge Education Project.

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Students study a riverbed sample for small plant and animal life.

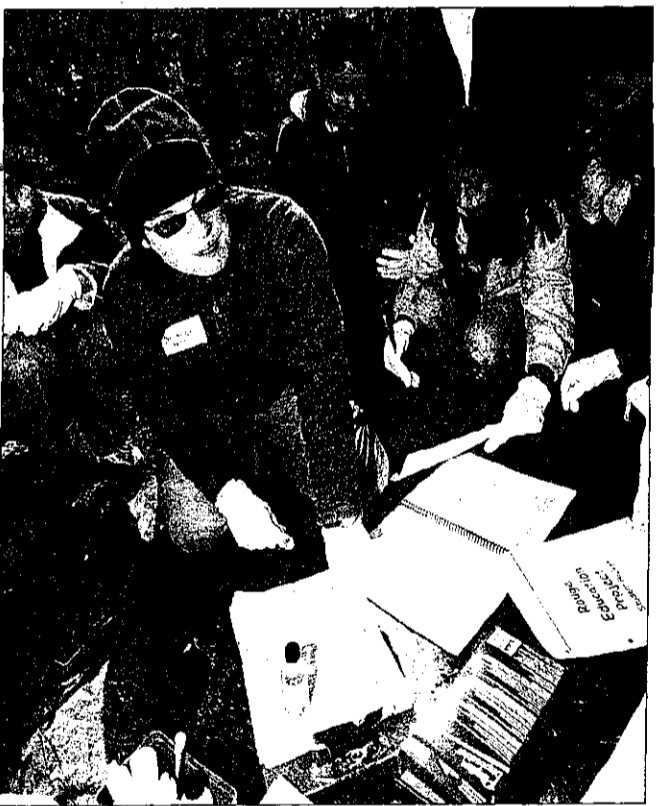


Susan Wainwright brings a soil sample out of the river for Christian Middlebrooks.



Students search a river sample for small inhabitants.

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Brianna Knoppow, of Friends of the Rouge, helps the students test the water for important data such as oxygen levels.

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Novi man pleads guilty to child pornography charges

A 42-year-old Novi man, who possessed more than 600 images of child pornography, will be sentenced to prison in July after pleading guilty in federal court. James Laich pleaded guilty last Wednesday to possession of child pornography before U.S. District Judge Victoria Roberts in Detroit. During February 2005, Laich possessed porn images of children, some engaging in sex acts with adults. He received the images via the Internet. U.S. Attorney Stephen J. Murphy said in a press release that, "We will prosecute these crimes vigorously." Possession of child pornography is punishable by a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000 dollars. A plea agreement signed by Laich calls for a term of imprisonment of six to eight years in prison. Sentencing is scheduled for July 14. *Gannett News Service contributed to this report*

Anonymous caller reports barking dog
Novi police received a call from an anonymous person complaining of dogs barking at a residence just before 10:30 p.m. April 22. When an officer arrived at the home, on Hamlet Lane near Grand River Avenue and Meadowbrook Road, she could hear two dogs barking. She knocked on the door several times and called the residence, but no one answered. As the officer was knocking, a neighbor came out and said the dogs are constantly barking.

POLICE BRIEFS

Suspected intruder
A woman believes an unknown suspect entered her home on Woolsey Drive, near Nine Mile and Haggerty roads April 30, and broke an antique hair ornament, reports said. According to the woman, she had priced the antique and placed it in a zip-lock bag on her kitchen table before leaving the residence at about 1 p.m. When the woman returned home about 30 minutes later, the hair ornament was broken, reports said. The woman said all the doors and windows were locked and there were no signs of forced entry. The dead-bolt on the front door of the residence was changed a couple of months ago, because the woman suspected someone was entering her residence, reports said. Two or three days prior, the

woman said she returned to her locked home to find photos, which she recently organized, disturbed and disorganized. Another day, the woman said she returned home and went to check on the laundry, which she left soaking and it had run through a complete cycle and the washer door was open. In total, the woman has reported six other incidents of suspicious circumstance.

Lost in transport
A man sent his Indian Passport and Green Card to the Consulate General of Hungary, in New York, April 23 in an attempt to get a Visa to travel to Hungary May 3, reports said. The consulate received the package April 25 and sent a package back to the man requiring his signature on the necessary paperwork. After the man received the package April 29, he called the consulate to confirm they would be returning his passport and Green Card to him, but they told him those items were included in the package he received April 29, reports said. Neither the Consulate General of Hungary, nor the man have the Indian Passport and Green Card. The man told police he is going to contact the India Consulate and Department of Homeland Security to notify them of the situation.

Expensive medical equipment suspected stolen
Medical equipment is suspected stolen from an office, which is under construction inside a medical building on 12 Mile Road, reports said. The 3,850-square-foot office is three-quarters of the way finished and was not open for business at the time of the incident, reports said. According to the report, CT scan computers and monitors valued at more than \$100,000 were stolen. No other thefts were reported in the building. A lot of people have access to the crime scene, but police lifted five possible finger prints, reports said. There are no suspects at this time.

Driving while license suspended
A woman was arrested for driving while her license was suspended at about 10:30 p.m. April 20, reports said. An officer observed a red Ford Taurus driving southbound on Meadowbrook Road at about 52

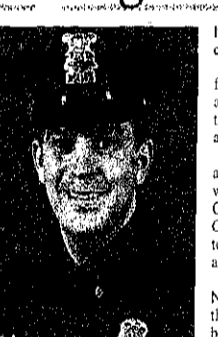
mph in a 40 mph zone. The officer conducted a traffic stop near Cherry Hill Road, just south of Grand River Avenue. The woman provided the officer with her drivers license, registration and proof of insurance. According to the police report, the woman was aware of the license suspension.

OBITUARIES

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Novi police detective honored with Circle of Light Award

City of Novi Police Detective Mark Boody was honored as one of several recipients of the first annual Circle of Light Award. Detective Boody received the award at a ceremony at the Oakland County Court House on April 29th. The award is bestowed upon individuals who have devoted their time and efforts to the fight against child abuse and is sponsored by CARE House of Oakland County. The Circle of Light award ceremony highlighted recipients from four members of the multidisciplinary team - protective services, law enforcement, the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office and CARE House. The program, which included a children's choir and an illumination ceremony featuring children lighting candles and symbolically shedding light on child abuse, was held in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. Detective Boody began his law



enforcement career in 1996 after graduating from Ferris State University with a bachelors degree in criminal justice. He was assigned to the investigative section of the Novi Police Department in 2003, beginning his efforts as the department's juvenile detective. In 2005, he was honored as "Officer of the Year" with the Novi Police Department due to his efforts as an investigator for crimes against children. Detective Boody has successfully investigated hundreds of abuse cases and helps ensure those responsible pay for their actions. In addition, Boody serves on advisory boards in conjunction with CARE House and the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office to improve investigative techniques regarding crimes against children. "The men and women of the Novi Police Department pride themselves on providing the best service possible for our community," said Novi Chief of Police David E. Molloy. "I am very proud to have people like Detective Boody as members of the Novi Police Department. His dedicated efforts continue to help provide a safe environment for the youth of our community." For more information about the City of Novi or the Novi Police Department, please visit city-of-novi.org.



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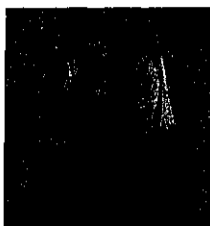
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ENGAGEMENTS



Kellogg-Cox
Michael and Susan Kellogg of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter Jessica Lynn Kellogg to Justin Ashly Cox, son of Joan and Jerry Cox of Grand Island, Fla.
The bride-elect is a graduate of Novi High School and cosmetology school.
The groom-elect is a graduate of the University of Central Florida with a bachelor's degree in motion picture production. He is currently a musician in the band Fireflight.
An August 30 wedding is planned.



Pheiffer-Caroselli
Bob and Paula Pheiffer of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Kellie Michelle Pheiffer, to Joseph Todd Caroselli, son of Marc and Sandy Caroselli of Novi.
The bride-elect is a 2003 gradu-

ate of Novi High School and a 2007 graduate of the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor with a bachelor of art degree in secondary education. She is employed as a high school math teacher and assistant dance director at Hendrickson High School in Pflugerville, Texas.
The groom-elect is a 2003 graduate of Novi High School and a 2007 graduate of the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He is currently employed as an electrical engineer at Advanced Micro Devices in Austin, Texas.
A June 2008 wedding is planned at St. Alexander's church in Farmington Hills.



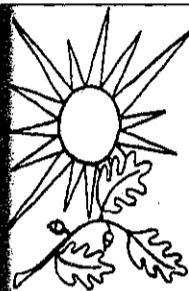
Sheriff-Buttery
John and Jackie Sheriff of Chelsea announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Lynn Sheriff, to Richard Theodore Buttery, son of Richard and Linda Buttery of Northville.
The bride-elect is a graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in sales and business marketing. She is currently employed in marketing for Materialise in Ann Arbor.
The groom-elect is a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School. He is currently employed with Jamaican Pools in Livonia.
A July 2008 wedding is planned in Novi.

ANNIVERSARY

John and Peggy Ruggles, of South Lyon and formerly of Wixom, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary tomorrow, April 11. The couple was married in Fremont, Ohio on April 11, 1948.

PROMOTION

Lynn M. Torossian is the new president of DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital. Torossian has been with the hospital since 2006 as chief operations officer and vice president of operations, where she has been responsible for recent campus expansion projects, forging strong relationships with the medical staff and taking a visible role in the community.



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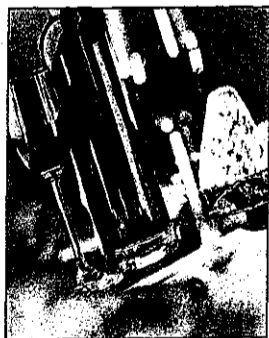
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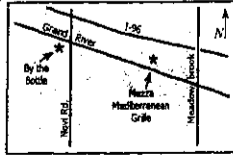
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Walking on sore feet? Doctors diagnose

By Tracy Estes-Mishler
SPECIAL WRITER

Some people need their hands or eyes to do their jobs. Howard Westergard needs his feet.

Westergard, 53, of Walled Lake has suffered for the past five years of heel pain, the most common problem affecting the foot and ankle, according to the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons.

"It's hard to do my job some days," said Westergard, a construction worker. "I'm always on concrete. The longer I walk, the more it hurts."

Like Westergard, many people suffer from heel pain and Nov's Providence Park Hospital recently hosted its monthly Dinner with a Doctor series offering interested residents useful information on how to cope and combat heel pain.

Dr. Marc Borovoy, Providence podiatrist, said heel pain affects everyone, of all ages equally.

"Causes are anywhere from flat feet or obesity to wearing the wrong shoes and supports," Borovoy said. "It doesn't matter how old you are, heel pain affects everyone equally from as young as 20 years and up."

Borovoy said the best advice he can give to avoid heel pain is to wear good supportive shoes and never to walk around barefoot.

"If you have heel pain, but love wearing shoes like sandals, you can cheat and wear them once in a while, but it's the support given on all sides of proper shoes that help the heel," he said.

Borovoy said plantar fasciitis is seen today in epidemic terms.

Plantar fasciitis, formerly called "policeman's heel" in the United Kingdom, is a painful inflammatory condition caused by excessive wear to the plantar fascia of the foot.

"We're seeing about 20 patients a day just for this reason," Borovoy said. "The earlier on in life you learn to wear proper shoes, the better you'll be later on in life."

He said plantar fasciitis causes stabbing or burning pain, which is usually worse in the morning because the fascia contracts overnight. As the foot limbers up, the pain normally decreases, but it can return after long periods of standing or after getting up from a seated position.

Take care of your feet

Borovoy said it's important to take care of your feet.

"If you have heel pain, you can try over the counter medications first, along with pads and arch supports," he said. "Don't pad the heel, however, it could make it worse."

He said treatment of heel pain includes stretching, at least three times a day, and ice works as a natural anti-inflammatory.

"Depending on what the problem is, such as neurological, biomechanical, athletic or trauma, we should be able to help heal the pain," he said.

In some cases, surgery is needed to correct the problem. In other cases, Borovoy said patients may just need shoe inserts, injections, or simply strapping (taping) of the foot.

"Some people wear night splints, and are required to get casts or do extensive periods of physical therapy depending on the severity of the heel pain," he said. "Typically it's the mechanics that led to the deformity."

Westergard said he's been dealing with his heel pain for five years and hopefully with the help of Borovoy, he'll be pain free soon.

"I need it gone," he said. "It's terrible."

Signs and symptoms of plantar fasciitis

- Sharp pain in the inside part of the bottom of your heel
- Heel pain that tends to be worse with the first few steps after awakening, when climbing stairs or when standing on tiptoe
- Heel pain after long periods of standing or after getting up from a seated position
- Heel pain after, but not usually during, exercise
- Mild swelling in your heel

Source: AHA Clinic

Dinner with a doctor

Providence Park Hospital is hosting its monthly "Dinner with a Doctor" event 6:30-8:30 p.m. May 27. This month's topic is Stroke Symptoms, Treatments and Prevention presented by Dr. Bruce Silverman, Neurologist. There is no charge to attend.

For more information contact (888) 440-7325. Dinners are held in conference rooms A, B and C on the Providence Park campus at Grand River and Beck roads, in Novi.

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2. Buy frozen veggies - They take less time to prepare, you don't waste money if not eaten in time and you can buy them bulk.
3. Take food to work - Three simple steps for this one: Get up earlier, eat a solid breakfast and prepare your food for work (either that morning or the night before). It saves money and you don't have to stress about which fast food place you're going to hit during the lunch break.
4. Don't buy junk food - Two words: unhealthy and expensive.
5. Eat eggs - Not only are they cheap, but they are full of vitamins and high in protein, which makes them great for healthy living.
6. Cut down on red meat, caffeine, sugar and salt - It may be the hardest thing to do, but these things are the four wheels that, if overinflated, will roll your body right down the road to diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease.
7. Exercise - You have to burn calories to keep your metabolism in top shape. You can exercise for free by walking, marching in place, doing jumping jacks or even doing some light lifting. Just make sure it's at least 30 minutes a day.
8. Don't let yourself go hungry - If you starve yourself, you'll end up devouring a truckload of food like a savaged beast, in turn spending too much money at the grocery store or restaurant.
9. Toss your vices - If you just cannot see yourself eating just a bite of that giant cupcake, don't buy them. It saves money and can trim your waistline at the same time.
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Ponder this: Local resident creates backyard beauty

By Stacy Jenkins
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The hugs Martha Wright and her brother, Casey Wright, get from their clients at Splashy Designs say it all. Their company not only constructs water gardens with ponds and waterfalls - but they also help their clients maintain little slices of heaven.

"We have really nice, long-lasting relationships with our clients," said Martha Wright, of Novi.

"We're creating something that makes them happy."

The Wrights started their business, Splashy Designs, nine years ago out of Martha's home. On April 19, they opened a retail store called Garden Inspirations on Grand River Avenue, east of Orchard Lake Road, in Farmington Hills, where they sell garden ornaments, pond treatments, small fountains, pond fish food, bird feeders and more. They will have an assortment of Koi pond fish in mid-May.

They decided to open a store because they know there is a market for water gardening items.

"We knew the water gardening industry was getting really big," Martha Wright said. "People have to travel far to get this stuff, but this is a perfect location and now we're able to offer more for our clients."

A popular item in the store is the pottery fountain, which is a 2- to 3-foot tall pot that bubbles over with water. Another small fountain resembles a large boulder, but it's an artificial rock with water flowing out of the top. For the novice water gardener, there are small tabletop fountains in a potter's bowl base. These are all do-it-yourself fountains.

"We make sure you have all the parts you need," Martha Wright said.

The Wrights built a small pond inside the store to show customers what their backyard pond might look like.

A crew constructs the ponds with field stones and flat waterfall stones. The 6-foot by 8-foot pond and waterfall on display costs about \$5,000.

One of the largest ponds they've built measured about 90 feet by 60 feet, with a 16-foot-wide waterfall and a 15-foot pond in a backyard in Bloomfield Hills. Farmington Hills resident and city naturalist Joe Derek hired Splashy Designs to build a pond in his backyard last summer. Derek said he likes that his pond, which measures 11 feet by 16 feet, is one of a kind. He found Splashy Designs at a home and garden expo.

"They had the most natural pond-scaping that I've seen," Derek said. "And each one is its own design. There are no two ponds alike."

He has aquatic plants such as water lilies, pickerelweed, bull-rush, floating water lettuce, hens and chicks - not to mention the loads, frogs and dragonflies that have taken up residence.

"I'm always out here, watching to see which insects are here and watching for the frogs," Derek said. "I croak with the frogs - most people don't, but I do."

His wife, Judy, enjoys the pond, too.

"She sits out here in the evening. The sound of the water is nice," Derek said. "We just decided that this is our up north."

Novi resident Martha Wright of Splashy Designs talks about the backyard ponds her company designs and builds.



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Investments can make great Mother's Day gifts on Sunday

Mother's Day arrives this Sunday. You could, of course, give your mom flowers and she'd probably appreciate them. But if your mother is a certain age, you might also want to make another type of gift - a gift that can help her enjoy the retirement lifestyle she's envisioned.

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When purchasing a diamond, note that the term "carat" refers to its weight. The manner in which the gemstone is cut will affect its size. Upon seeing a diamond, many people remark on how big the gemstone is. With this in mind, you may hear a jeweler use the term "spread" when referring to how large a diamond appears to be. For instance, a diamond may "spread" one carat although it may not be one carat. It just looks to be the size of a perfectly cut one-carat diamond, but it is likely to weigh less. A diamond with a less-than-perfect cut will appear to be larger in diameter than a gemstone that is cut alike.
AS WEINSTEIN JEWELERS OF NOVI, we have come to believe that nothing diminishes jewelry as much as a diamond being purchased at an unseasonable price. It is so complicated as buying a diamond - there are so many variables to consider! Don't make this important decision alone. Simplify your life and trust an experienced, qualified jeweler to guide you through the intricacies of fine gemstone purchases. When you're considering the investment in diamond jewelry, we're ready with knowledge, advice, and a spectacular selection of 41990 Grand River Ave. FH: 248-347-0003. We are licensed by the city of Novi to offer loans on jewelry.
"We Give Cash For Your Old Gold!" While the gold market is so high, bring in your old gold and we would be happy to cash you out.
HINT: Because overall weights less than diamond and ruby weights more than diamonds, a one-carat emerald will look larger than a one-carat ruby.

Physical Therapy Rehabilitation Update
by Dennis Engerer, P.T.
DON'T END UP FLAT ON YOUR BACK!
Recent research involving patients, in particular, older hospital patients, in particular, over age 65 in VA hospitals shows that they spend far too much time flat on their backs. In fact, these older hospital patients averaged only 18 minutes of standing or walking during a 6-hour period. This inactivity, over even a short hospital stay, can have an adverse impact on older patients. These seniors may lose 1 to 5 percent of their muscle mass every 24 hours of bed rest. They can become orthostatic (sustained decrease of blood pressure that produces lightheadedness and dizziness upon standing) within 24 to 48 hours. These findings should prompt
older hospital patients, in particular, to consult with a physical therapist during hospital stays. When your family requires physical therapy care, call NORTHVILLE PHYSICAL REHABILITATION P.C. We are located at 215 East Main, Suite B and can be reached by calling 248-349-9339. New patients are welcome.
P.S. Pregnant women whose obstetricians order "bed rest" should ask what they can do to work muscles and improve circulation.
www.northvillephysicalrehab.com

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City budget public hearing Monday

Earlier this week the city of Vallejo, California filed for bankruptcy.

I had been running with a budget deficit, dipped completely into its fund balance for relief and hoping to see better days, which obviously didn't come.

And although I think it is safe to say former Novi city councilwoman Laura Lorenz isn't screaming bankruptcy, she is seriously alarmed that the proposed City of Novi 2008-09 budget is too risky.

Laura said she definitely wouldn't run her household this way.

Is she a conservative, absolutely. She reminds me of a mom that would embargo a family vacation because the state is in a recession and it would be more prudent to save the money in case hard financial times hit the household.

"I finished this year better than what we anticipated," Pearson said. Other indicators the city boasts of its financial progress include it is more than 75 percent funded in its pension plan and more than 40 percent funded in retiree health care funds.

"We're that much ahead of the game," Pearson said. Some may say there are two sure things in life, death and taxes. I would like to add a third, there will always be conservatives and even more conservatives. That is a great thing.

The city says it is conservative and proud of the community. Excellent schools, great way of life and services most municipalities in the state of Michigan cannot attest to during these darkened financial times.

Is Novi going to be bankrupt? I don't see that in our future. Is Novi heading in the lean years it may have not experienced in quite some time? Absolutely.

When your two sources of revenue are state-shared revenue and property taxes, things are changing. I personally wouldn't be happy with that and I would go into conservative mode. I would re-evaluate my family budget including a prospective cut in expenses to be on the safe side, and I wouldn't plan on spending more than I knew I would take in, knowing I could just hit up my bank account if needed.

Lorenz wants to see items taken from the budget - pre-emptive cuts. New signs for the city, not needed during a recession, and studies for projects that may not see the light of day, eliminate those line items too, she says.

This Monday at 7 p.m., the City of Novi is holding a public hearing on the 2008-09 budget as proposed and found at the Civic Center or online at www.cityofnovi.org.

Take a look. Do you have time to read all 230 pages? Maybe, maybe not. But take a look at the key areas and be thankful you have a resident out there that does.

Budgets are large and complicated, but take the time and voice your opinion on Monday.

And don't forget to visit www.hometownlife.com for following stories on the city's 2008-09 budget document.

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.

E-mail: vemitchel@gannett.com

Deadline: Letters must be received by noon on Tuesday to be published in the Thursday edition.

During election time last November, the city pledged to absorb the extra mills if the library bond was passed. So far so good. As Pearson said, the city is in great financial shape to do this, and the city's tax rate will stay at 10.5416, as promised, in the 2008-09 budget.

And city officials aren't just planning Novi's financial future on promises. When preparing its financial-future projections, Smith Roy anticipates no changes in property tax values and she books down the state-shared revenue by 5 percent in an effort to be conservative. These two items are a community's largest revenue sources. The city is two-thirds built out.

Pearson and City of Novi Mayor David Landry said the budget is very sound, both fiscally and by setting strong priorities.

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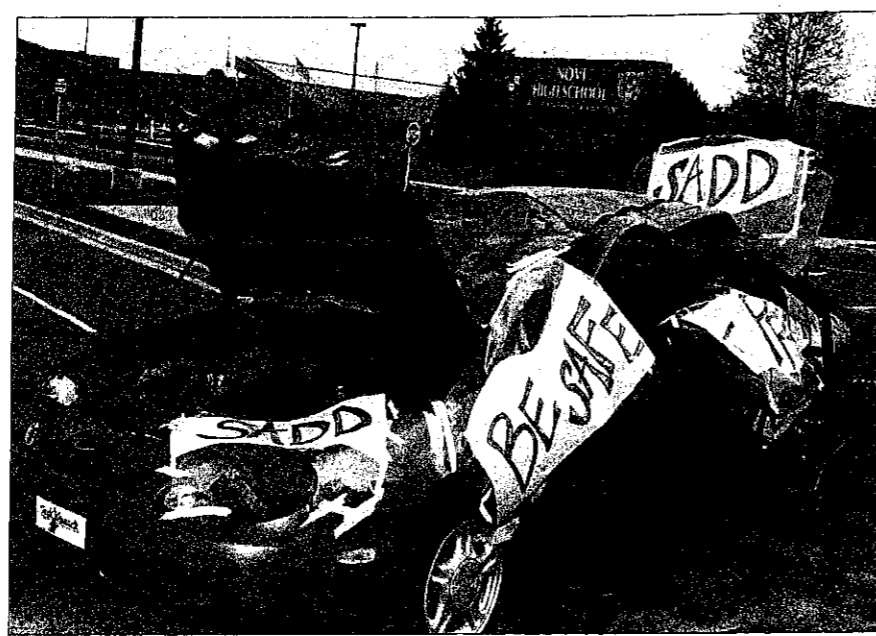


Photo by Steven Chanin

Act responsibly
This car was placed outside Novi High School as a reminder of responsibility before prom last Saturday night. Students are also asked to act responsibly throughout the graduation season.

Clean up the pond

My name is Carter Cojoi and I am 6 years old. I like to go to the Power Park everyday and I like to catch the fish but most of them are dead or dying. I think the people of Novi should clean up the pond at Power Park because the fish are dying because the pond is dirty. There are sticks and tires in the pond and a lot of trash around it and it smells stinky. Thank you.

Carter Cojoi
6 years old

City's Non-essential spending is risky

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Lansing Connection: Sen. Cassis announces MBT Subcommittee

As chair of Senate Finance Committee I along with my legislative colleagues have heard from many small and medium-sized businesses regarding the adverse effects the Michigan Business Tax (MBT) is having on their ability to keep workers and to stay in business. It has become increasingly evident that the next step had to be taken. It is for this reason that I have appointed a bipartisan subcommittee of the Senate Finance Committee to hold hearings on the effects of this new tax.

Since the inception of the new tax last year, the Finance Committee has heard testimony from companies that have stated the MBT rates plus the added surcharge may cause businesses to close their doors or move out of state. The current MBT omits or reduces significantly the small and medium-sized businesses the largest manufacturers from paying taxes. Those in the middle have the heaviest burden of the new tax.

I have asked State Sen. Mark Jansen, R-Gaines Township, to chair a bi-partisan subcommittee charged with analyzing input from taxpayers on the impact of the Michigan Business Tax and with making recommendations. Other members of the subcommittee include Senators Jud Gilbert, R-Algonac, and Michael Prusi, D-Eastland.

Sound tax policy requires fair and balanced application of the code. By establishing this subcommittee we will give taxpayers

forums to report potential increases of 200, 300 or 400 percent under the new tax and its almost 225 surcharges. These businesses have stated they are considering reducing their workforce, scrapping plans to add new employees, delaying or canceling expansion projects and are even considering moving their businesses away from Michigan or shutting down their operations.

While these businesses continue to struggle, refundable tax credits have been approved for Hemlock Semiconductor, a division of the very profitable Dow Corning, the Big 3, the film industry and others. These credits are worth hundreds of millions of dollars. They will reduce or eliminate the tax liability of those companies and may even result in those companies receiving checks in the mail.

A recent example is a package of bills passed by the Senate that would provide a refundable MBT tax credit to Hemlock Semiconductor located in Hemlock equal to a portion of their energy consumption costs. This credit is designed as an incentive to convince Hemlock Semiconductor to build a new manufacturing facility in Michigan that may create 300-400 jobs.

Hemlock Semiconductor is the "world's largest producer of polysilicon" which is used to make solar panels, microchips and silicon wafers used in electronic products. The total maxi-

um cost of the credit is \$357 million over a 12-year period beginning in 2012. That equates to almost \$900,000 of state and local job created. In perspective, the average MEGA credit per job created is about \$13,000.

While I want to help attract new businesses and jobs, I think it shouldn't be at the expense of other businesses. Giving certain favored companies a check in the mail hurts all those other businesses that are here right now, today, paying taxes. As chair of the Senate Finance Committee, I have always advocated for a low rate, broad based business tax that is fair and equitable for all companies instead of offering refundable tax credits to a few favored businesses. All companies would benefit from lower MBT rates and the elimination of the MBT surcharge.

Your feedback is always welcome. You can contact me by e-mail at: senncassis@senate.michigan.gov, or toll free at 1-888-38-NANCY.

State Senator Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi, represents the 15th Senate District, which includes the townships of Commerce, Highland, Holly, Lyon, Milford, Novi, Rose, West Bloomfield and White Lake, as well as the villages of Holly, Milford and Wolverine Lake and the cities of Novi, Northville (the Oakland County portion), Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake.



Nancy Cassis

Strong women, strong nations

The contest between the Wicked Witch of the East and the American Idol to be the presumptive choice, is the feared underdog in the Pennsylvania primary despite the large amount of money they have? Or that she is truly proud to be an American now that her husband is a candidate for the presidency? Are these racist statements? Are ordinary donors the only sources of his campaign's millions of dollars? The Witch has been a target of the Right ever before she was the presumptive choice. Is she feared because she is the One (Oprah's term) who can conjure up and defeat McCain, the Republican smear machine?

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PHIL POWER: Business success seen in Kalamazoo

It was a huge economic development announcement a couple weeks ago. Thirty-three hundred new, good-paying jobs, coupled with \$530 million in investment, including renovation of 500,000 square feet in downtown buildings.

That is expected to create a ripple effect that will be followed by as many as 3,000 more new jobs in related industries. Was this happening in Texas? Massachusetts? Silicon Valley?

Nope. It's going on in Kalamazoo and Mattawan, a small town southwest of there. And it looks like it may be the Michigan economy's biggest leap forward in years.

MPI Research, a privately held and very rapidly growing company in the pre-toxicology life sciences business, is headquartered in Mattawan. And it has decided to expand enormously right here in Michigan, instead of China or Pennsylvania.

The net result, after several years, is expected to entirely make up all the jobs lost when Pfizer decided a decade ago to close its research and manufacturing operations in Kalamazoo.

It's a big announcement, but the real significance comes in the backstory. According to William Johnston, the Chairman of Southwest Michigan First, the local economic development outfit and a key local mover and shaker, the key events had to do with how the community rallied after Pfizer shocked the town.

"We didn't whine, we didn't cry. We just sat down, thought hard about our assets and how to bring them together. Basically, we applied local capital to a storehouse of good ideas."

This story should stand as a textbook case about how Michigan communities need to work together to bring us back from our current time of troubles. Consider what went into this Michigan success story:

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• Pfizer agreed to contribute two downtown buildings to the City of Kalamazoo. The city leased the buildings to MPI on favorable terms. Once MPI generates 400 new jobs, their title passes to MPI.

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Office Safety Seminar
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Today
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, Council Chambers, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: This free seminar will provide citizens and business partners the opportunity to learn how to better protect themselves, their families, co-workers and visitors. The interactive session will discuss topics such as crime prevention and violence in the work place, emergency preparedness and how to handle natural disasters. For more information or to R.S.V.P., contact Novi Police Detective Kristie Guewain at (248) 347-0548 or e-mail at kguewain@cityofnovi.org.

"Kokunut Kapers"
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Today, Friday, and Friday, May 16, Saturday, May 17, Also, 2 p.m. Saturday, May 10; Sunday, May 11, Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: The Novi Theatres presents this funniest musical comedy that features fast-paced action, a treasure chest of jokes, high school antics, pirates and a lot that moves as swiftly as a hurricane. Fifty-two young actors, several from Novi and Northville, star in the show which is directed by Harry Weibel from the Detroit Repertory Theatre. Ticket are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors. All seats are reserved. Tickets are on sale online at www.cityofnovi.org and at the Novi Parks office at 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.
CONTACT: For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

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TIME/DATE: 8 p.m.
Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8 and 10 p.m. Fridays, 7 and 9 p.m. Saturdays, 8 p.m. Sundays
LOCATION: Second City Comedy Club, 42705 Grand River, Novi
DETAILS: The Second City Theatricals, a division of the world famous Second City comedy theatre presents this fast paced musical comedy men, women, love and marriage and everything in between. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased directly through The Second City box office by calling (248) 348-4448, or going to www.secondcity.com

Wines You Must Try
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 15
LOCATION: Crosspointe Meadows Church, 29000 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
DETAILS: Presenting 50 wines from the area's smaller, more selective distributors. Ticket price includes Mediterranean buffet. Event wines can be ordered at special prices. Tickets are available at By the Bottle, 25875 Novi Road, Novi.
CONTACT: (248) 344-8992

Passport Fair
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 17
LOCATION: Novi Post Office, 24876 Novi Road
DETAILS: Passport photos taken during the fair, or you can bring your own. For more information, contact the Novi Post Office at (248) 349-3152 or visit www.usps.com/passport.

Jeanna Clarke Summer Teen Center
TIME/DATE: Registration is 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, May 17. Teen Center is noon-5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, June 23-July 31
LOCATION: Novi High School, Caletaria
DETAILS: Looking for some fun this summer? For kids going into grades 6-9. Activities include movies, water pool, bowling, music, video games, laser tag, field trips, tournaments, sports, lock-in, Detroit Tigers, and Cedar Point. Register at the Novi Civic Center.

Novi Lions Club Trash 'n Treasures Garage Sale
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 17
LOCATION: Novi High School, 10 Mile Road parking lot
DETAILS: Items are welcome for donation. Student and parent volunteers are needed to set up and manage the sale. This garage sale benefits the many local projects of the Novi Lions Club.
CONTACT: Lion Fred at (248) 305-9557

Events
LOCATION: 27775 Novi Road, Novi
CONTACT: (248) 348-8922
Race For The Cure Entries
DATE: Thursday, May 1-Friday, May 16
DETAILS: Art Van is pleased to be a sponsor of the 17th Annual Susan G. Koman Detroit Race for the Cure. May 31 at Comerica Park. Those interested in participating in the race can pick up entry forms in the store.
Cinco De Mayo Activity Sheets
DATE: Saturday
DETAILS: To celebrate Cinco De Mayo, children will receive a festive activity sheet, while supplies last.
Kids Castle Mother's Day Giveaway
DATE: Today-Saturday
DETAILS: Children visiting the store will receive a special gift to give to mom for Mother's Day, May 11. Kids Castles are supervised play areas for children. While supplies last.
Second City Tickets
DATE: Saturday
DETAILS: Visit the store and pick up a voucher good towards complimentary admission for two to an upcoming performance at The Second City in Novi. Vouchers are available to the first 50 interested guests. While supplies last.

Madonna University Orchard Lake Open House
TIME/DATE: 4-7 p.m. Wednesday
LOCATION: 3735 Commerce Road, Orchard Lake
DETAILS: Visit our Open House to learn about all that is offered. On the spot admission (with transcript), application fee waived, transfer credit evaluation, register for fall classes, and more. Classes begin September 2, 2008.
CONTACT: To R.S.V.P., please call (248) 583-0523 or e-mail info@madonna.edu. Visit www.madonna.edu

Chocolate Jazz Concert
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Saturday, May 17
LOCATION: Crosspointe Meadows Church, 29000 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
DETAILS: Enjoy smooth jazz featuring top artist David Wells and scrumptious desserts.
CONTACT: Lori Quick at (248) 669-9400.

Lakes Area Garden Club Plant Exchange
TIME/DATE: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, May 17
LOCATION: The Village of Wolverine Lake Offices Parking Lot, 625 Glangary Road, between Benstien and South Commerce.
DETAILS: Fellow Gardening Friends and Neighbors, You know it's time for you to get out there and split those overgrown plants or find something new to fill in that bare spot left by those mysterious critters that come out in the early morning to snack in your garden.
Bring your plants to the annual Spring Plant Exchange and trade them for some new varieties. The plants you bring should be potted and labeled with plant name. Light requirements, height, bloom time, soil type, etc. There will be some plants available for purchase if you do not have any to exchange.
Master Gardeners will also be available to answer questions and a variety of garden items will be available for purchase. Entrance Donation \$2.00.
CONTACT: Sandi Barnes at sbarnes@lakerearea.net for further information.

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Prvidence Park Job Fair
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Founders Day Festival, Chili Cook-Off and Ice Cream Social
TIME/DATE: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 18
LOCATION: Gibson Park, 49805 Pontiac Trail, Wixom
DETAILS: City of Wixom Community Services and the Wixom Historical Society team up for a good old-fashioned Wixom day. Bring your family and friends and enjoy entertainment and activities for all ages related to the 1800-1950s era. No cost. Featuring entertainer Amazing Hank and the band "The Belairs".
Chili Cook-Off
DETAILS: Teams must pre-register. Entry fee is \$20 per team of up to six people. Guest pay \$3 onsite to sample the chili.
Ice Cream Social
LOCATION: Wixom Wire House, corner of Wixom and Maple roads
DETAILS: Features ice cream specials penny candy, games, tours of the museum and Wixom Cemetery and more. Free admission. For more information, contact Bernita King at (248) 664-2442.
CONTACT: City of Wixom at (248) 624-2850

Mom 2 Mom Sale
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, May 30
LOCATION: Wixom Community Center
DETAILS: Come and browse the slightly used baby and children's items. Strollers allowed after 11 a.m. Cost at the door is \$2 per person. Sellers keep their own profits. Registration to reserve space is required before sale. Fee is \$20 per table and includes one 8-foot table in a 10-by-5-foot space. Sign up begins at 8:30 a.m.
CONTACT: To register, call (248) 624-2850, fax to (248) 950-8873 or pay 7787878 at 49115 Pontiac Trail.

Novi Parks Department Summer Camps
DETAILS: The Novi Parks Department is offering over 15 new camps this summer with something for everyone. New camps include: Camp Camp, Mountain Biking Camp, Sports for shorties - preschool sports camp, Sports Camp - crickets, bowling, cheer, football and tennis, Crazy Science Camp, Lego Camp, Dance Camp - ballet and Hip-Hop, Painting Camp, and Circus Camp. Camp Lakeshore returns this summer with field trips to Pump It Up, Detroit Science Center, Red Oaks Wave Pool and the Detroit Zoo. Registration is now open. For more information or to register, visit cityofnovi.org. There is a \$5 discount when registering online.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0400

Farmers Market - Walled Lake
TIME/DATE: 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. every Wednesday
LOCATION: Walled Lake City Event Field on E. West Maple Road between Decker Road and Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake
DETAILS: The City of Walled Lake is sponsoring the Farmers Market beginning in May and running through the end of October. The Commission will have a good mix of products to satisfy the needs of all customers. Some of the items available at the market this year include: Fresh vegetables, eggs, honey, jams, jelly, fruits, annual and perennial flowers and garden accessories. Vendor space is still available.
CONTACT: Janell at The City of Walled Lake, 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake or call (248) 624-4847.

Stuffed with Hugs; Your Gift, Your Choice.
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Saturday, May 17
LOCATION: Stuff-A-Bear Workshop, Twelve Oaks Mall, 27400 Novi Road
DETAILS: The first 150 guests are invited to participate. Make a white fluffy puppy for free and stuff it with extra hugs and love. It will be donated to one of three causes: children's health and wellness; literacy; and humane education programs. Choose where your puppy will be donated.

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12:30 p.m. Cost is \$110 per golfer before May 14, \$120 per golfer after May 14. Four-some and 1-sign paid by May 14 is \$500, after May 14 is \$540. Includes 18 holes of golf with car, lunch, buffet dinner, contests, awards and prizes.
Commerce Township Community Breakfast
TIME/DATE: 7 a.m. Tuesday, May 20
LOCATION: Edgewood Country Club, 8399 Commerce Road, Commerce
DETAILS: Tickets are \$15 before May 16, \$25 after May 16. For tickets or more information, call (248) 960-7040, or send payment to Commerce Twp. Community Breakfast, 2840 Fisher Ave., Commerce Twp. 48390.
Ambassador Meeting
TIME/DATE: 9:15 a.m. Friday, May 30
LOCATION: Chamber office
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TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 28
LOCATION: Chamber office

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Conference on Ethics
TIME/DATE: 8 a.m. Thursday, May 22
DETAILS: Walsh College and The Michigan Women's Tax Association offer this conference especially for CPAs who need to earn CPE credits. Tickets are \$20 for students; \$50 for Walsh alumni; MWTA and BLI members; and \$75 for all others. Full breakfast and networking begin at 8 a.m. followed by the program at 8:30 a.m. featuring Paul McKenney from Varnum, Riddinger, Schmidt and Howlett; Jennifer Sanderson from The Rehmann Group and Linda Hagan, PhD, from Walsh College. Call the college for more information.

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Thursdays
DETAILS: Postpartum depression can happen anytime within the first year after childbirth. Symptoms include sadness, lack of energy, trouble concentrating, anxiety and feelings of guilt and worthlessness.
CONTACT: (248) 937-5220
Support for Smokers
DATE: First and third Tuesday of each month
DETAILS: Provides education and support to quit smoking; no charge, no pre-registration.
CONTACT: Call (248) 937-3314 for more information.

National Council of Jewish Women Adult Bereavement Support Group

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. every Thursday, through May 31
LOCATION: Birmingham Temple, 2861 W. 12 Mile Road, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads.
DETAILS: This bereavement group, led by a trained facilitator, is intended for adults who have lost a parent. Registration is required and attendance at all six sessions is requested. No drop-ins please. There is no charge, but donations are appreciated.
CONTACT: For more information or to register, call (248) 355-9306 or (248) 253-2590

Psychotherapy & Counseling Services

Northville Counseling Center
Anxiety/Agoraphobia/Panic Attack Support Group
TIME/DATE: Second Wednesday of each month
DETAILS: Call (734) 420-8175 for more information.

Neighborhood Baby-sitting Co-op

DETAILS: Using the co-op, you and your children can make friends and get what you need accomplished without the little ones in tow. Also enjoy a mom's night out and other social events.
CONTACT: Sue Tracz (248) 380-0398.

Friends Circle

TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Thursday of each month
LOCATION: St. James Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile Road, between Tall and Beck roads
DETAILS: Social group for all

widows and widowers.
CONTACT: Norbert Monson (248) 851-6730, Florence Vaughn (248) 477-3032, Joy Iovaldi (248) 348-9138 or joyivaldi@earthlink.net

Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second Thursday of each month
LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot, 300 Dorothy St., South Lyon.
DETAILS: This group provides information; support and social activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their families. Mothers of multiples living in and around the Kensington Valley school conference are all welcome.
CONTACT: (248) 437-5496 for more information.

MOMS Club of Novi East

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. first Monday of every month
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
DETAILS: Moms Offering Moms Support (MOMS) is a non-profit support group for mothers who choose to stay at home with their children or work out of their homes.
CONTACT: Stacey at (248) 504-7826 or stacey@yuevents.com

Breast Cancer Support Group

DATES: Second and fourth Tuesday of each month
LOCATION: Huron Valley-

Sinal Hospital (Classroom C) Commerce
TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.
DETAILS: No registration needed.
CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

Crohn's & Colitis Support Group

TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. first and third Wednesday of each month
LOCATION: Providence Park Hospital and Medical Center
DETAILS: Enter facility through southeast entrance. Meeting in Conference Room A, immediately to the left.
CONTACT: Al Biggs (313) 805-7925 or Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (888) 737-2322.

Heartland Hospice Volunteers Needed

TIME/DATE: Day and evening classes
LOCATION: 28588 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 475, Southfield.
DETAILS: Caring and compassionate individuals needed to register for Heartland Hospice Volunteer Training. We serve individuals and their families during their end of life journey in the Tri-County area. Office support is also needed.
CONTACT: Mary at (800) 770-9859

Novi Toastmasters

TIME/DATE: 7-8:45 p.m. first and third Tuesday of each month

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room; 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills; voice your opinion; polish your presentations and practice leadership.
CONTACT: Amy (248) 752-2800

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Chapter

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. weigh-in and 11:30 a.m. meeting every Wednesday
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Road
DETAILS: \$24 per annual membership; includes hand-book; 1st per meeting. New members welcome.
CONTACT: Rebecca Boyka (248) 305-8646

Visiting Nurse Association Hospice Volunteers Needed

LOCATION: Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan; 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600, Southfield
DETAILS: Looking for kind; compassionate hospice volunteers two to four hours per week in the tri-county area; volunteers needed Monday through Friday during day time hours; there is a great need for male volunteers to support male hospice patients; an interview and attendance at three training sessions is required.
CALL (800) 882-5720; ext. 8361. (248) 967-8361 or visit

Widowed Friends Support Group
DETAILS: Widowed Friends of the Archdiocese of Detroit is a peer support group.
CONTACT: For more information, call Marilyn at (586) 739-9406.

Gardeners of Northville and Novi

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. second Monday of month through May
LOCATION: Relates between Novi Civic Center and the Northville Library.
DETAILS: Visitors welcome.
CONTACT: (248) 231-2334 or visit www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org

HEALTH

St. John Providence Hospital

LOCATION: Grand River and Beck Roads, Beck Road entrance
Dinner with a Doctor
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 27 (usually last Thursday of month)
LOCATION: Conference Rooms A, B and C.
DETAILS: This month's topic is "Stroke Symptoms, Treatments and Prevention", presented by Dr. Bruce Silverman, Neurologist.
CONTACT: Free registration for lecture and dinner by calling (888) 440-7325

ONGOING

SWDCC Studio Tours

LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile Road, Farmington.
DETAILS: Come in for an up-close look at the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Studios local community television studio.

CONTACT: Melissa Cohn (248) 473-2840

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46100 Grand River Ave. Call (248) 348-5600 or visit www.rockfinancialshowplace.com for more information.
Scrapbook Mega Meet
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Today and Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday
DETAILS: The ultimate shopping, learning experience. \$10 at door. Umbrella strollers only permitted. \$5 parking. Visit www.megameet.com.
Mother's Day Brunch
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday
DETAILS: An assortment of food will delight everyone as well as a complimentary flower for moms. Cost is \$27 per adult, \$25 per senior (55 and up), \$12 for ages 4-12, free for 3 and under.

Tropical island adventures at the civic center

"Kokonut Kapers" opens tonight

By Kelly Murad
 STAFF WRITER

Novi Theatres Production



Source: The City of Novi

Cordelia Hawkins and her kids can be found wading off eager gangsters and outsmarting the clever con artists of Kokonut Island tonight at the Novi Civic Center.
 Kicking off the Novi Theatres' eight-performance production of "Kokonut Kapers," tonight's show begins at 7:30 p.m.
 The 52-member cast consists of kids, 7-16, from Novi and surrounding communities, such as Northville, Livonia and Walled Lake.
 "The audience will be surprised by the attention to detail and talent these young actors have," said assistant director Lauren Sorrentino. "They have been rehearsing for two months and have enjoyed it because they can step out of the box and go crazy without it being too far over the top."
 The adventurous musical production is about a woman, Cordelia Hawkins, who owns an island off the coast of Florida.
 Kokonut Island was recently

devastated by a hurricane and Hawkins and her kids need to figure out a way to earn money.
 With tourism down, Hawkins decides to open a high school on the island and encounters many interesting characters along the way, including the ghost Captain Kidd, Swampy and gangster-like characters who want to run the island as their own country.
 "This is the first time director Harry Weitzel, of the Detroit Repertory Theatre, is working with the Novi Theatres."
 Debbie Lanuen (Novi Theatres performing arts coordinator) has worked with him in the past and she enjoys his energy and creativity," Sorrentino said. "He loves working with the kids. He says they are like little sponges."
 Sorrentino said the musical comedy is appropriate for all ages.



Novi actors, from left to right, Scott McClure, Katelyn Patient and Rose Maylen perform during Novi Theatres' production of "Kokonut Kapers."

Parking is free. Reservations required.
CONTACT: (248) 348-5600, ext. 200

Motor City Comic Con

TIME/DATE: 1:30-5 p.m. Friday, May 16; 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 17; and 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, May 18.
DETAILS: This multi-media event showcases over 1 million comics and collectibles for sale and trade. \$5 parking.

ITEC Show

TIME/DATE: 8:15 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday, May 21 and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, May 22
DETAILS: A regional IT educational conference series, dedicated to showing you the hottest, new technologies your business needs to understand now to succeed in the coming year. Register online. \$5 parking.

CLASS REUNIONS

Northville High School Class of 1968

DETAILS: Anyone interested in a 40th reunion for the Class of 1968, please contact Ken Barnum at (248) 347-8808.

Northville High School Class of 1978

DETAILS: The 30-year reunion is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 2, 2008 at the Radisson Livonia. The cost is \$75 per person. "Crasher" tickets are available for the classes of 1976, 1977, and 1979 for \$25. A pre-party will be held Friday, Aug. 1 at The Chase Bar & Grill, Northville. Contact Janet Eisele Junca by e-mail at juncet1@sbcglobal.net

Northville High School Class of 1988

DETAILS: The Class of 1988 is planning a 20th reunion for the

weekend of July 26, 2008. For further information, please contact Jennifer Clarkson at clarkson2004@yahoo.com

Plymouth High School Class of 1968

DETAILS: The Class of 1968 is looking for classmates for their 40th Class Reunion to be held July 19, 2008 in Livonia. For more information, contact Janet (Sheddy) Johnson at (734) 437-3534 or e-mail to plsh40threunion@charter.net

South Lyon High School Class of 1963

DETAILS: The Class of 1963 is hosting a 45 year reunion on August 10, 2008 at Baker's of Millard. For more information, call Barb Cook at (248) 349-5982.

Dearborn and Edsel Ford High School Class of 1958

DETAILS: The 1958 January and June Classes of Dearborn and Edsel Ford High Schools are having a combined 50-Year Reunion to be held on Saturday August 2, 2008 at the Dearborn Country Club. Judy Richards Goerke 313-562-9031, judygoerke@yahoo.com or Shirley Chiodo Peters 248-348-9443, Shirley.peters@willagford.net may be contacted for further information.

Cass Tech Class of 1958

DETAILS: The 50 year class reunion will be held October 11, 2008. For more information, call Isabelle, (313) 882-4626 or go to cassstech58.com.

Golf Outings

Botsford 1st Annual Golf Outing

TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. shotgun start Tuesday, May 20

LOCATION: Lyon Oaks Country Club, Wixom
DETAILS: The cost is \$70 per golfer, which includes nine holes of golf, cart service, steak or chicken dinner, one drink ticket, a Botsford Center for Health Improvement polo shirt and raffle prizes. Reservations are required. Call (248) 473-3100 to register.

Whispering Pines Golf Course, Pinckney

DETAILS: Four person scramble format, each foursome is \$100 and individuals can register online at www.silentshadowsreg.com. Sponsoring opportunities also available. For more information, call (248) 684-3338.

Free Car Show

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, May 17 (Swap set up at 7 a.m. Cruise-in registration 10 a.m.-noon. Trophies at 4 p.m.)
LOCATION: Varsity Ford, 3480 Jackson Road, at Wagner Road, use exit 172 from I-94, Ann Arbor
DETAILS: Varsity Ford of Ann Arbor, sister dealership to Varsity Lincoln-Mercury in Novi/Wixom, is hosting its first Free Swap Meet/Car Cruise-in. See hot rods, customs, new models, new special Fords like F150's and others. Engine parts, tools, woodcarving, petting farm, crafts and games, and much more. No admission fee. Parking is off Old Wixom Road.

City of Wixom

CONTACT: Community Services Coordinator, 49045 Potlatch Trail, Wixom, (248) 628-12850
Senior Ongoing Programs
 Some activities have a fee Monday: 10-11 a.m. Exercise Tuesday: 10 a.m.-noon Knit/Crochet and Sew Group; noon-2:30 p.m. Line Dancing Wednesday: 10-11 a.m. Exercise Class
 Second Monday: 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch
 Second Tuesday: 10 a.m. Senior Commission
 Second Thursday: 11:30 a.m.

Oakland County Parks Free Entry Day

DATE: Saturday, May 17
LOCATION: Addison Oaks in Leonaard; Highland Oaks in Highland; Independence Oaks in Clarkston; Lyon Oaks in Wixom; Orion Oaks in Orion Township; and Rose Oaks in Rose township.
DETAILS: Oakland County Parks is celebrating Family Appreciation Day by offering free entry at these six locations. Enjoy spring at the parks. The new River Loop Trail at Independence Oaks Park is perfect for bike rides, hikes, stroller walks and workouts. It has an asphalt sur-

The Michigan Theater and The Ark present Jimmy Scott

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Thursday, May 14-Saturday, May 10; and Thursday, May 15-Sunday, May 17. Matinee at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 11.
LOCATION: Farmington Players Theatre, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington
DETAILS: Tickets are \$18, \$16 on Thursdays and \$16 for students. Purchase tickets at the box office (248) 350-2955 or online at www.farmingtonplayers.org.

Woman wins State Hopping Contest after using Thera-Gesic

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PROVISIONS OF THE NOXIOUS WEED ORDINANCE

TO: All owners, occupants or possessors of subdivided lands or lots; NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Chapter 21, Article II, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan, all noxious weeds, or other weeds, grass, brush, or deleterious, unhealthy growths exceeding a height of eight (8) inches, growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City of Novi, shall be cut down, destroyed or removed as the case may be, at least twice in each year, once during the last half of the month of May and again during the last half of July of each year, and often as may be necessary.
 If the owner or occupant, or any person or persons, agent, firm, or corporation having control or management of any subdivided land upon which any building or buildings have been erected shall fail, refuse, or neglect to comply with the above mentioned Code provisions, the city shall cause the weeds, grass, brush, deleterious, unhealthy growths, rubbish, to be cut down, destroyed or removed. Unlawfully, further, that any lands which are situated within the floodplains or any natural streams or watercourses, or any area between the lower or upper banks of such streams or watercourses shall be exempted from the provisions of such Code provisions. The expense incurred by the City in the cutting, destruction or removal of same together with a ten (10) percent administrative charge will be levied and collected against such property in the manner provided by law.
 Failure to comply with the requirements set forth in Chapter 21, Article II, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan, shall result in the prosecution for same, and liability to the extent of the penalty therein provided.
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 CITY OF NOVI
 (5-8-08 NN 412857)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The County of Wayne will hold a public hearing on an application for the North Huron Valley/Rouge Valley (NHVRV) sanitary sewer system to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for the funding assistance through the State Revolving Fund (SRF). The County is proposing improvements to the NHVRV interceptor system. The Public Hearing is being held for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons.
 The hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. on June 10, 2008 at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City, Michigan 48135-1709.
 The proposed project consists of short term corrective action plan improvements that will reduce infiltration and inflow into the interceptor system and correct structural deficiencies visually identified during sewer televising. Improvements include rehabilitation of portions of the interceptors, overflow regulator structures and upgrades to the manhole structures.
 If the SRF application is successful, the County plans to begin construction of the above noted improvements in 2009. Sanitary sewer service for customers will be unaffected by the proposed improvements. Construction activities will be localized to the subject facilities, with little or no impact to traffic.
 The estimated annual cost per household, for residents of the service area, is presented below:

Community	Annual Cost per Household	Community	Annual Cost per Household	Community	Annual Cost per Household
Canton	\$157	Dearborn Hgts	\$297	Garden City	\$4.08
Inkster	\$5.06	Livonia	\$9.14	Northville	\$5.83
Northville Twp	\$2.08	Plymouth	\$5.12	Plymouth Twp	\$1.70
Redford Twp	\$6.28	Romulus	\$9.66	Van Buren Twp	\$1.06
Wayne	\$7.83	Westland	\$4.35	Oakland City (Novi)	\$3.06

Executive summaries of the plan detailing the proposed project are available for inspection at the Clerk's Office for the following communities: Canton, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford Township, Romulus, Van Buren Township, Wayne, Westland and Novi. The complete project plan is available for inspection at OHM, 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI and Wayne County Department of Environment - 416 Clifford, 7th Floor, Detroit, MI, beginning on May 9, 2008.
 Written comments received before the hearing record is closed on June 10, 2008 will receive responses in the final project plan. Written questions should be sent to:
 North Huron Valley/Rouge Valley SRF Project Plan
 c/o Wayne County Department of Environment
 416 Clifford, 7th Floor
 Detroit, MI 48228
 Attention: Sue Ann Hansen
 Publish: May 8 & 15, 2008

RFP NOTIFICATION NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT IP VIDEO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, RFP # NCS0-0801

(This is only a notification - to receive the full RFP see the contact information below)
Intent
 It is the intent of the Novi Community School District (NCS) also referred to as "The Owner," to solicit proposals from qualified vendors for an "IP Video Distribution System." The detailed specifications for equipment and services associated to this system are described in the RFP. It is desired that the Vendors propose on all of the services being required in this RFP.
RFP Document Access
 For a copy of this Request for Proposal, please visit: <http://info.plantonian.com> and click on "Novi Community School District". If you have not previously registered with this site, you will need to do so to access the files.
Schedule of Events

EVENT	DATE
RFP Release Date	May 7, 2008
Site Visit to Review Equipment	May 13, 2008 at 1:00 PM Local Time at the district's Instructional Technology Center
Deadline for Proposals & Public Proposal Opening	May 21, 2008 at 2:00 PM Local Time at the address shown below
Potential Interview Date (if necessary)	May 27 and/or May 28, 2008.
Implementation Schedule	A system demonstration will be required. Completed by August 8, 2008.
Due to the timelines for this project, no extensions to the due date will be granted.	

Deadline for Proposals
 Late proposals will not be accepted. Proposals shall be submitted to:
 One Original, Two Printed Copies, and three Electronic Copies on a CD to:
 Carl Crowl
 Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations
 Novi Community School District
 Educational Services Building (ESB)
 25345 Tall Road, Novi, MI 48374
 All proposals shall be delivered in a sealed package with the wording "NCS - IP Video Distribution System RFP # NCS0801" clearly marked on the outside of the envelope/package. Proposals may not be delivered via facsimile or E-mail.
 Your bid proposal form shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board or the Superintendent of the school district.
RESPONSE Clarifications
 Requests for clarification shall be submitted in writing to:
 Karl Zager, Plante & Moran, PLLC
 27400 Northwestern Highway
 Southfield, Michigan 48037
 Send all clarifications to Fax: (248) 233-8845 or Email: Karl.Zager@planteandmoran.com
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Spotlight Your Grad
 In this photo tribute to the Class of 2008. Place your graduates photo along with fellow classmates in the special keepsake edition of the Milford Times, Northville Record, and Novi News on Thursday, June 5th. Deadline is May 27th. Limited space available. Don't wait to show how proud you are.
Spotlight Your Grad!



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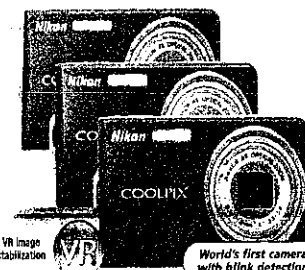
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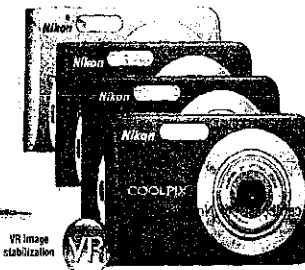


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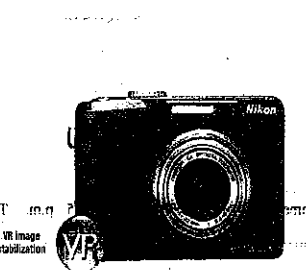


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Letter Carrier Food Drive Saturday

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER



16th annual Letter Carrier Food Drive

Local residents may be surprised to know the summer months can be just as difficult as the holiday season for families struggling to make ends meet.

The Novi community has the opportunity to help families in need by participating in the 16th annual Letter Carrier Food Drive this Saturday.

"We have about 32 families we help on a monthly basis," said Pam Coles, Christian services coordinator at St. James Catholic Church in Novi. "We deliver once a month and it depletes our shelves."

The St. James food program is not a walk-in food pantry, but provides monthly assistance to more than 100 people primarily within the Novi area.

"The Letter Carrier Food Drive mainly helps us with canned food," Coles said. "It helps us get over the hump of the summer when donations fall low and kids aren't going to school and getting their school lunches. (They) are home for three meals a day."

Each year, the U.S. Postal Service hosts the food drive in May to increase local food banks' supply during the summer months.

Aside from St. James' food program, Novi's Faith Community Church and J'niah House of Livonia are the other two recipients of the donated food items.

Novi residents interested in participating in the food drive can leave non-perishable donations either inside or under their mailbox for a letter carrier or volunteer to collect.

"It is a joint effort among the post office, letter carriers, clerks and supervisors," said Janell Thompson of the Novi Post Office. "The volunteers from the post office and the churches make it more of a community project."

Last year, 12,000 pounds of non-perishable food was collected in the City of Novi.

"We send people out to help with the volume. The generosity of Novi customers is overwhelming," Thompson said. "We're trying to shoot for over 12,000 pounds this year."

According to Coles, St. James is always in need of spaghetti sauce, apple sauce and canned food items such as soup, fish, chicken and tuna fish.

"We're very drilled to be a beneficiary of the postal drive," she said. "But what would be a help to us is if you watch the dates, because we can't give away dated merchandise."

As one of the sponsors of the food drive, Campbell Soup Company is donating 1 million pounds of canned food nationwide.

"There really is a need for this because there are so many people losing their jobs," Thompson said. "If people forget to put the food out (on Saturday), they can put it out the following Monday and we'll still pick it up."

For more information regarding the food program at St. James Catholic Church, contact Pam Coles at (248) 347-7778.

For more information contact
Janell Thompson of the Novi Post Office
at (248) 473-9422

SOURCE: United States Postal Service



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Employees of the Novi Post Office are hoping to collect more than 12,000 pounds of non-perishable food Saturday for the 16th annual Letter Carrier Food Drive. Local food banks at St. James Catholic Church and Faith Community Church will be receiving the donations.

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The show is also available on local On Demand.

Also available for viewing is the SWOCC "Around the Block" program, focusing on "Crime Prevention." Stories include personal security, home security, local neighborhood watches, robbery prevention and identity theft. This show airs on Novi at the following times:

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Lyall, Prokop provide 1-2 punch

Seniors have decided on college choices

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Not many coaches will ever get the opportunity to have two returning All-State golfers.

Novi head coach Brad Huss gets such a luxury this year with Alex Lyall and Nick Prokop.

"I'm smart enough to know that I'm not going to see that too many times," Huss said. "Any time you can have two players that can literally shoot under par for 18 holes, how many times can you say that?"

"How many times can you say that you have two return All-Staters?"

Alex Lyall

Lyall made a decision in the offseason to take his game to Louisville on a scholarship.

He hasn't relaxed a bit since making the decision, averaging a 75 through the first six tournaments. He carded the top score at the prestigious Traverse City Invite and was in the top five the second day.

"He's playing really well and hitting the ball real well," Huss said. "He's struggling a little bit with his putter."

"He's having rounds where he's hitting 14 or 15 greens and 12 or 13 fairways."

Huss said putting is a struggle for most players, as the season has switched from the fall to the spring, changing the way some of the greens react.

"When we started off, the greens were real slow," Huss said. "Then, in consecutive tournaments, the greens were real fast. Recently, they've been slow again."

"If Nick and Alex get hot with the putter, they're going to put up some scary scores."

Nick Prokop

If Lyall isn't leading the



Photo by Shawn Clavin

See **GOLF, 3B** Novi's Alex Lyall tees off against South Lyon.



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Wildcat second baseman Garret Green prepares to fire to first base.

Wildcats top No. 1 Lk. Orion

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Hartland shut down the Wildcat offense before Novi earned a split with top-ranked Lake Orion.

Hartland's Zach Cooper limited Novi to one hit April 30. Tyler Scott was tagged with the loss, despite allowing just three hits and one earned run.

Saturday was a different story. Lake Orion got up big early before having to hang on for a 12-11 win. Novi used the momentum gained in the comeback attempt to hand the Dragons their first loss of the year, 7-5.

The Dragons got up by 10 in the fifth inning before Novi mounted a desperate comeback. Jake Walker came to the mound in relief and kept the Lake Orion offense in tact, allowing three hits and one earned run over the last three innings to give the Novi offense a chance to come back.

Garrett Green helped lead the offense with a 3-for-4 performance, including a home run and three RBI. Phil Cieski belted a pair of home runs and also plated three. Masaru Nogami connected on his first home run of the year.

In game two, Mike Place got the win, going 6 2/3 to get the win. Walker got the final out to pick up the save.

Dan Enright had three hits

(HR, 3 RBI) to lead the Wildcats. Pat Schlenke also had three hits and a RBI. Bobbie Mitchell provided two hits and a crucial sacrifice that led to a run in the sixth. Cieski delivered another home run to the cause.

On April 26, Novi won a blowout and lost in one of the biggest scores ever.

The Wildcats knocked off Troy Athens 17-6 before losing to Allen Park 24-23 (not a typo). In the opener, Novi's Mike Place went five innings to get the victory. He struggled a little early, but kept Athens scoreless the final five innings as the Wildcat bats took over.

The offense was led by Dan Kilger with a 4-for-4 performance that included two home runs, a double and six RBI. Green contributed a home run and three RBI.

Other top performers included Cieski (3-3, RBI) and Enright (HR).

In the second game, the Wildcats took the loss despite bashing out 21 hits and scoring 23 runs.

Offensive highlights included Walker (4-5, 3 RBI, 3 runs), Cieski (4 hits, 4 RBI, 4 runs), Scott (3 hits, 2B, 3B, 2 RBI), Schlenke (3 hits, 4 runs), Zach Danks (2-run HR) and Kilger (3 runs).

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Novi Roundup: Girls track clobbers Lakeland, 96-41

Wildcat tennis, soccer stay undefeated in league play

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

The Wildcats ran past Lakeland 96-41 April 29. Getting wins for Novi were

Nicole Lang in the 110 hurdles (17.45), Monica Barlage in the 100 (13.02), the 4x200 relay team of Brittany Davis, Amanda Pastor, Merideth Tarrant and Caroline Johnson (1:55.3), Elle Robinson in the 1,600 (5:35.3), the 4x100 team of Davis, Lauren Forche, Tia Faraon and Shamita Kandreu (53.1), Johnson in the 400 (1:02.5), Regina Barbosa in the 300 hurdles (49.8), Kelli Brown (2:44.4), Davis in the 200 (27.7) and the 4x400 team of Barbosa, Angie Xie, Alyssa Murray and

Natasha Fowler (4:46.9). Winning field events were Katlyn Shelar in the pole vault (9-8), Johnson in the high jump (4-9) and Shelar in the long jump (15-0.5).

Boys Track

Novi came up on the short end of a 79-58 loss April 29. The 4x100 relay team of Dan



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See **ROUNDUP, 2B** Wildcat Caroline Johnson clears the bar during a high jump attempt.

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Novi Roundup: Tennis 5-0 in KVC

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Zhang, Brett Kuhn, Tyler Barnes and Arshawn Hall stayed undefeated in dual meets with a win in 45.4.

Other highlights included a win from the 4800 relay team and Josh Lamy used a big rush in the final 150 meters to pull off a come-from-behind win in the 4800. Egner won an exciting three-man at the tape finish, with teammate Aaron Coad finishing third in the 800.

Other highlights included personal records by Steve Prouto in the 3,200 meters (11:05.7), Matt Lewis in the discs (77-0), Brian Park (8-5) and Lucas Barnes (9-5) in the pole vault, Derek Kim in the 300 hurdles (46.94) and DeAndre Fordham-Jones (18-7) and Steve Topalian (18-0.25) in the long jump.

Softball

The Novi softball team fell 3-1 to Hartland on Wednesday. Paige Henley had a double and a triple to lead the Novi offense.

Monday, the Wildcats split with Brighton. The Bulldogs scored three runs in the first inning to win 3-0. Henley took the loss.

Novi rebounded with an 8-5 win. Rebecca Richter started the game, giving the first three innings. Henley got the win by pitching the final four innings. Hillary Diacono provided three hits and a run batted in to lead the offense.

Tennis

Novi stayed undefeated in league play (5-0) with a pair of wins while dropping a match to Ann Arbor Pioneer.

The Wildcats blanked Lakeland 4-0 April 28, with Novi winning every match in straight sets.

Novi beat Brighton 8-1 two days later to all but lock down the final KVC title. Daniela Border earned a 6-4, 6-3 win against Jenny Nalepa, who finished in the state semifinals at No. 1 singles last year.

The Wildcats swept the singles matches against Brighton.

Against Pioneer, Novi's wins came from Border (6-3, 6-1) and Sara Carlson in a comeback win (2-6, 6-3, 6-4).

The two other singles matches went to tie-breakers, but came up short in straight sets.

Lacrosse

The Wildcats improve to 10-1 and ranked No. 6 with a pair of wins in the past week.

It started with a 16-8 win against Huron Valley on May 1.

Craig Howell and Matt Manville each scored four goals and provided an assist. Tom Machisak netted three goals with an assist, and Paul Favorite provided three goals with four assists. Nathan Haynes finished the scoring with two goals and an assist.

Monday, Novi had little trouble with Hartland, winning 17-5.

Scoring came fast and furious, with Manville scoring just six seconds in. Hartland pulled within 4-3 in the second quarter, but Novi finished the half on a 5-0 run and never looked back.

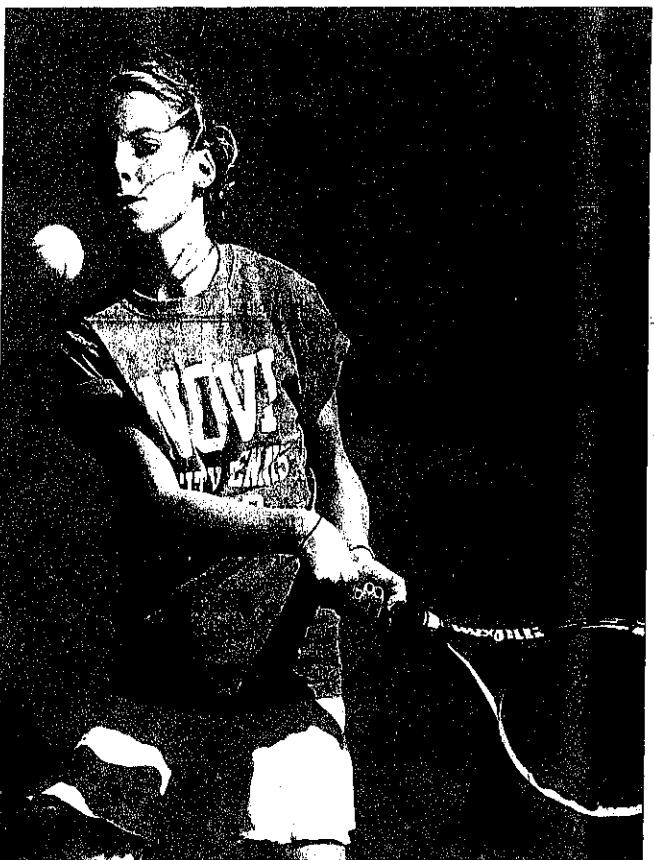
Howell finished with seven goals and three assists. Manville hit the net four times and passed out an assist.

Other scorers included Favorite (2 goals, 2 assists) and Machisak (goal, 2 assists).

Kyle Simone got the win in goal.



George Reigel brings the ball upfield.



Novi's Sara Carlson lines up a return shot against Northville.



Paul Favorite looks to get the Novi offense rolling by scooping up a ground ball.



Eric Gutman and senior goalie Kyle Simone stand guard.



Novi's Jenna Carosio, left, Northville's Lisa Kozub, fight for position.

Alex Lyall led the Wildcats with a 38. Nick Prokop was next at 39, followed by Graham Smith (40) and Brent Womack (42).

Monday, the Wildcats competed in a best-ball tournament. Prokop won medalist with a 72. Lyall finished with a 77. The Wildcats finished fourth out of 19 teams.

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Novi crushed South Lyon 159-180 May 1.

The Novi JV golf team lost by the slimmest of margins, 189-190, May 1. Chuck Mallo (44) and Kevin Quinn (46) led the Wildcats.

The Wildcats also won a double match against Howell on April 24. Mallo led Novi with a 43. Quinn, and Jonathan Robinson carded a 44.

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Novi crushed South Lyon 159-180 May 1.

The Novi JV golf team lost by

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Wildcats at a meet or tournament, it's probably Prokop that is. He has signed to play at Northwood next year.

Prokop put one of his best rounds of the season together Monday, winning medalist at a 19-team tournament at Dunham Hills.

"He's hitting it a mile," Huss said. "His scores have been a little higher, and then (Monday) he shoots the best round in the tournament with a tough field."

Leadership

Huss has Lyall and Prokop as captains of the team. He said they lead by making the game fun for the rest of the players.

While they can be expected to put up leading scores for the team, if the players don't have their best day, Lyall and Prokop will try to motivate their teammates rather than get mad at them.

"They're good leaders," Huss said. "They're well-liked by the other kids on the team. They like to have fun."

The two also let their play do the talking when they play. "They work hard on their games every single day," Huss said. "I'm impressed with both guys how they've been able to hold it together."

With the first week of the schedule wiped out due to bad weather, the season has been crunched into a smaller window. Huss is impressed with how the duo has maintained their games day in and day out.

"If you look at our schedule, it's crazy," Huss said. "In two weeks, we've played six tournaments. That's to me where the pressure comes from. You just can't go into a slump."

Huss said their biggest advantage is not having to worry if they have a bad hole or two, where other kids panic and start to force their game.

"They're going to be able to get it back," he said. "They have a strong enough game to throw



Nick Prokop makes contact with his tee shot against South Lyon.

some birdies in there also. I think they know their games real well."

Final Push

Though their games will continue, Lyall's and Prokop's Novi careers are coming to a quick end. The state finals are set for May 30-31. Huss knows both guys have high expectations for themselves, but they would also like to get the team to the final meet, something the Wildcats just missed out on last year.

Huss said qualifying the team will happen if Lyall and Prokop play to their potential and the rest of the team relaxes and puts up the scores they are capable of.

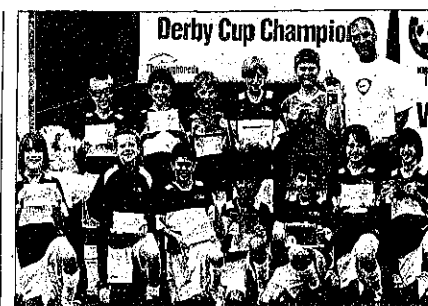
But he fully expects his dynam-

ic duo to be at the final round.

"I think they both have the potential not only to be All-State, but both of them have an opportunity to be a medalist at the state meet."

"The sky is the limit."

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Finalists

Six Michigan Rush Teams traveled to Kentucky to participate in the 2008 Derby Cup. All six made it to the finals of their divisions.

Above: The U11 Nike Boys Team (from left), Back Row: Connor Johnston, Sammy Popp, Alec Morgan, Sean Cain, Steven Jansen and coach Mark Pulisic. Front Row: Iggy Wright, Grant Tyburski, Christian Pulisic, Doyle Lang, Paul Weimaler, Scott Dunford and Anthony Sorges. Below: U10 Nike Girls Team: Sophia Chlado, Alissa Moore, Olivia Ulman, Christina Milna and coach Steve Bach. Front Row: Sarah Hinrichs, Sydney O'Donnell, Kristin Els and Emily Boss



Sports Shorts

CC Golfers Receive Awards

Catholic Central golfers Steve LaRoque and JJ Smadzinski are on the Future Collegians World Tour Academic All-America Team.

They are two of 12 selected nationally, based on their transcripts, scores and essays.

This marks the first time two student athletes were not only chosen from the same state, but the same high school.

They will be honored at the FCWT at the PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Springs, Fla., on May 23.

Slutler's Hoop Camps

Former Novi boys basketball head coach Pat Slutler is hosting several basketball camps this summer at the St. James Catholic Church.

A boys basketball camp for kids in grades fourth through seventh will run June 16-20. Grades four and five will run 8:30 a.m.-noon and grades six and seven will run 1:45-3 p.m. Cost of the camp is \$130 and includes a week of instruction, T-shirt and outdoor basketball.

A boys and girls basketball camp for boys and girls from grades K-ninth will take place July 2-25. The fee is \$65.

A shooting camp for kids in second-fifth grades runs 12:30-2 p.m. and for grades sixth-ninth, the camp runs 2:15-3:45 p.m.

A basics camp for grades K-ninth is 8:30-10 a.m. and grades second-third will run 10:30 a.m.-noon.

Slutler will also be hosting the All Area 4 Start Basketball Camp with South Lyon head coach Daren Clayton. This camp is for the more experienced basketball player. Cost for all camps is \$165.

The boys camp runs July 7-11, and the girls will be July 14-18.

For the boys, grades fourth-sixth is 8:30 a.m.-noon, and grades seventh-ninth will be from 1-4:30 p.m. at South Lyon High School.

For the girls, grades fifth-sixth is 8:30 a.m.-noon, and grades seventh-ninth will be 1-4:30 p.m. at St. James Catholic Church.

Go to www.allareabasketball.com for more information. Checks for all camps should be made payable to All Area 4 Start Basketball Camp and mailed to Pat Slutler at 2478 Nottingham, Novi, MI 48374. (248) 388-6514.

Shamrock Lacrosse Camp

CC lacrosse head coach Dave Wilson is hosting a lacrosse camp June 16-19 for grades sixth-eighth and June 23-26 for grades nine-12.

Both camps will run 6-9:30 p.m. at the high school field. Instruction for all levels of players will be available. Send any questions to coach-wilson@yahoo.com.

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Consolation champs

April 26, the Novi Girls Varsity softball team competed in the Lahser High School Tournament. The girls went 2-1 for the day and finished as the Consolation Champions.

The day started at 8 a.m. against Carleton Airport, which ended in an 8-1 defeat.

Novi rebounded with a win against Andover High School, 14-10, as the entire team contributed with at least one run per Novi batter.

The "Cats continued on to the consolation finals, where they met Bishop Foley High School. The game went into the 10th inning before sophomore Allyson Hirt put down a bluff in front of home plate to allow runner Sam Bourque to score the winning run and end the game.

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CC Roundup: Lacrosse knocks off league foes

Baseball sweeps U-D

By Jeff Theisen

SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central lacrosse gained a pair of wins against league opponents, beating DeLaSalle 9-5 and Orchard Lake St. Mary's 14-5.

Against DeLaSalle, Jeff Wood, Jack Dumsa, Matt Aubrey (four assists) and Brad Janner provided two goals each. Brad Higgins also scored a goal. Kevin Bush passed out a pair of assists.

Dan MacDonell and Janner led with six ground balls each.

Against St. Mary's, Wood led with four goals. Dumsa, Higgins and Aubrey notched two goals each. Other goals came from Mitch Burgin, Bush, Brad Janner, Jeff Janner and Chris Nemes.

Wood also led with three assists, and Nemes had a pair of helpers. Nemes led with three ground balls.

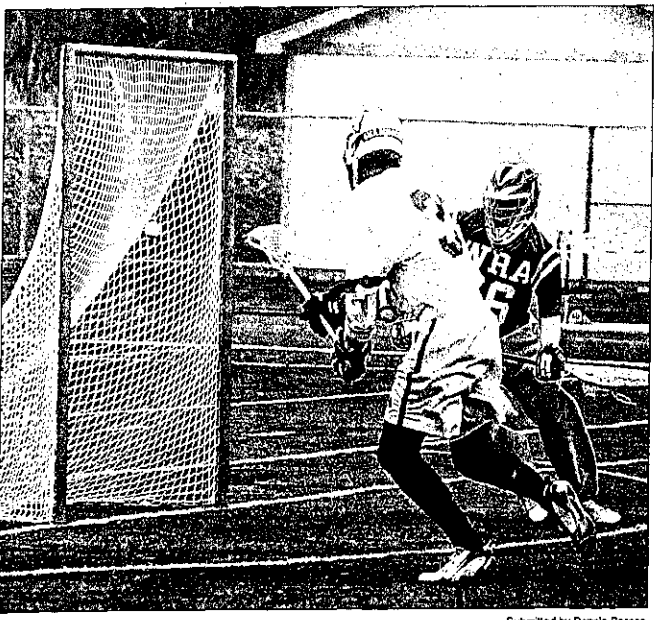
Kevin Lerg stopped 20 shots against DeLaSalle and 15 more against St. Mary's to get the wins.

Baseball

Catholic Central swept a doubleheader from U-D on Friday, 6-4, 6-0.

Gordy Hao had a hand in both outcomes, getting the save in the first game and the shutout, complete game win in the second.

Tony Thomas had four hits and six runs batted in on the day.



Catholic Central's Chris Nemes fires into an open net.

Track

CC finished third at the 18-team Overland Relays.

Highlights included the shot put team taking first with a combined 141-0. Mike Martin led the team with a throw of 57-6. The

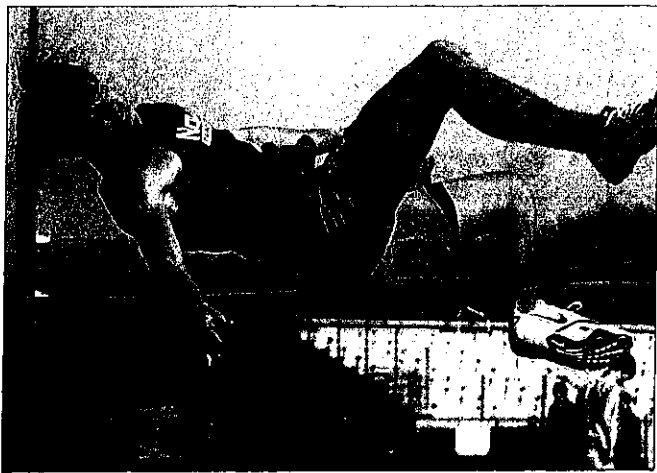
discus team was second, led by Martin with a throw of 150-8.

The 6,400 relay team of Alex Toloff, JP Zehrowski, Scott Hoffman and Zach Oleski placed first (18:47.6).

The 3,200 relay team of Toloff,

Hoffman, Spencer Hall and Oleski also finished first (8:34.4).

The 1,600 relay team of Brendan Curry, Ronnie Kadykowski, Oleski and Hall placed second (3:27.6).



Will Nicholson clears the bar during a high jump competition at Novi High School.

Novi, CC schedules

Novi

Baseball
5/9 vs. Howell (DH), 4 p.m.
5/10 vs. Oak Country Day, Noon
5/14 at Lakeland, 4 p.m.

Softball

5/9 vs. Howell (DH), 4 p.m.
5/14 at Lakeland, 4 p.m.

Track

5/8 vs. South Lyon, 4 p.m.
5/9 at Spartan Track Invite, 4 p.m.
5/13 at Hartland, 4 p.m.

Lacrosse

5/8 at Brighton, 6:30 p.m.
5/10 vs. AA Huron, 1 p.m.
5/12 vs. WL Central, 6:30 p.m.



CC

Baseball
5/10 vs. DeLaSalle, 11 a.m.
5/14 at Divine Child, 4 p.m.

Lacrosse

5/10 at CHSL Championship, TBA
5/13 vs. Troy Athens, 4 p.m.

Track

5/8 at Liv. Steve. Invite, 4 p.m.
5/12 vs. DeLaSalle, 4 p.m.

Golf

5/13 at Cath. League (U-M), TBA

Novi JV Soccer

5/13 at AA Pioneer, 7 p.m.

Tennis

5/10 KVC at home, TBA
5/13 at Salina, 3:30 p.m.

Golf

5/13 at Howell, 3 p.m.

Soccer

5/9 vs. Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Soccer

The Novi soccer team (9-2-1, 6-0-1) shutout Lakeland 7-0 April 30 and did the same to Howell on Friday.

Against Lakeland, goals came from Alissa Fraser (2), Jenna Carosio (2), Shannon Cody, Morgan Haffey and Kelsey Laux. Assists came from Carosio (2),

Lindsay Pehrson, Katie Chalkos, Megan Barnes, Jamie Frato and Alli Howard.

Goalkeepers Erin Zeris and Lauren Vance each played a half.

Against Howell, goals came from Haffey, Fraser, Veronica Salens and Carosio (2). Assists went to Cody, Fraser, Nikki Greenhalgh and Carosio. Zeris

and Gabby Gauder shared the shutout.

Courtney Laux, Brianna Pieprzak, Caruso and Marissa Nussio scored.

Lauren Vance recorded the shutout in goal.

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Showing off some of the many flowering plants that have kept customers coming back to Raney's Gardens for generations are, from left, Mike and Tony Raney.

Garden Gorgeously

Enjoy the outdoors easily by visiting Raney's

By John R. Hall
SPECIAL WRITER

More and more Michigani-ans will be "turning inward" this year to spruce up their outdoor living areas and spend time at home, rather than hitting the road during this shaky economy. And what better way to beautify the backyard or patio than with colorful flowers and landscaping products?

That's why now — more than ever before — homeowners will be turning to the experts in flowers, vegetable plants, and outdoor decorations at Raney's Gardens in South Lyon.

Even during robust economic times people have turned to Raney's Gardens for all of their planting needs. The business, which began in 1950 as a vegetable farm for local South Lyon farmers, has blossomed into a preferred destination for do-it-yourself gardeners and decorators.

ORGANICS AVAILABLE

This year, the buzzword is "expanded." "We have expanded our organic product lines as well as our other vegetable lines," said owner Mike Raney, who runs the retail side of the business. "This coincides with the economy. People are staying home and will probably plant a lot more veggies, too. That way, they save money on their grocery bills. We will also offer special sales throughout the year, too."

What Raney's customers like is that they can choose just how much work they want to put into their gardens. They can purchase seeds or they can buy a plant that is ready to go on a trellis. "We make it easy for the consumer," said Mike. "We know time is important to them so we sell a lot of plants right in the planters — ready to go."

OUTDOOR ENJOYMENT

The other trend — outdoor living areas — will also be very big this year. Mike said these spaces allow homeowners to bring their creative spaces outside and his business can help with planters, garden art, and décor specifically designed for outdoor rooms.

"This is Michigan with only a few

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months of great weather," he said. "We should enjoy the outdoors as much as we can."

No outdoor landscape would be complete without a beautiful variety of flowering plants. The most popular flowers at Raney's Gardens continue to be impatiens and petunias. Tony Raney, who runs the growing side of the business, said there are 54 varieties of impatiens and the more brighter the colors, the more popular the flower. He noted that petunias are very popular in the "plush" and "wave" categories.

"The plush are more upright and "mounding,"" he said. "They can spread two feet in any direction and people don't have to plant as many of them."

Tony noted that mixed containers are always popular, offering a good variety of colors and styles and added,

"We are always looking for new colors. We have a huge collection of rare and unusual coleus, too."

Raney's Gardens is on the lookout for products that customers can get the most bang for their buck, too. Tony said that new hybrid seeds produce more vegetables out of a single plant.

GIFTS FOR MOM

One of the busiest times of the year, outside of spring planting, is Mother's Day. Raney's Gardens has a lot of experience selling just the right gifts for Moms. This year is no exception and Mike said a very popular product is the potted Jackson & Perkins roses — flowers that can last a long time and be a constant reminder of this special day.

Making the shopping experience at Raney's Gardens even more special is the experienced and caring staff and the local flavor.

"We offer a quality product that people



Joan and Mike Raney spend a lot of time in the retail side of the business at Raney's Gardens, where there is a lot to see when it comes to home gardening.

don't have to drive all over for," he said. "We grow almost all of our products right here, under the guidance of a very knowledgeable staff."

"My vision is for people to come and have an "experience" here. They can take a break from their hectic lifestyles and enjoy the surroundings."

Mike is an avid supporter of local charitable events and hosts a lot of field trips

for young children in school or preschool. He knows that community outreach is important.

"We are excited about this year," he said. "It has been a long winter and people are ready to get outside."

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