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Court official in hot seat

Disciplinary action under consideration

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

It is unknown what disciplinary action will be taken against Magistrate Judith Holtz, who ultimately suggested Michael Robert Dickey, 20, of Farmington Hills, kill himself, during a Minor in Possession sentencing April 10.

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According to the 52-1 District Court, prior to the Minor in Possession charge, Dickey was arrested and convicted for two drunk driving offenses over the course of two years. Aside from the failing to comply with the conditions of his bond and remain alcohol and drug free, Dickey's blood alcohol concentration was .22 percent, almost three times the legal limit, when caught by police for the Minor in Possession offense.

According to a statement released by the court, the magistrate was attempting to convey, through an analogy, that the defendant's actions and past behavior has continually put the community at risk.

"The words chosen by the court's magistrate to convey the seriousness and severity of the defendant's actions and crime, could have been better chosen," the statement said. Although Holtz was unavailable for comment, 52-1 District Court Chief Judge Pro Tem Brian MacKenzie said she expressed regret for her choice of words during the defendant's sentencing.

At a probation appointment May 12, Dickey tested positive during a urine screen for cocaine, marijuana and amphetamines. "The court has a structured program to deal with these issues and will continue to do so in a manner that protects the public while attempting to rehabilitate the individual," the statement said.

Buzzer Battles



Novi High School quiz bowl captain Robert Burgos, left, meets up with his cross-town rival, Catholic Central's Brett Harrison.

Novi High School vs. Catholic Central for quiz bowl title

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

There must be something in Novi's water.

Detroit Catholic Central and Novi high schools placed first and second, respectively, at the Michigan High School Quiz Bowl Championship last month in East Lansing and will compete in the national tournament May 23-25 in Chicago.

"It's been the best season for Novi quiz bowl we've ever had. It's a good family. They're striving to leave a legacy of a quality program," said Robert Baker, Novi High School quiz team coach. "In the past, we've been good, but not great. Michigan ought to represent well this year."

To qualify for the national tournament, a team needs to place in the top 15 percent of a National Academic Quiz Tournament-sponsored tournament. Baker said 16 Michigan teams qualified for the tournament - two from Novi High

School, the only school with 10-match format Friday to make Saturday's playoffs. Novi was 3-5 at nationals last year, losing their 10th match.

Of the 16 teams, Baker said Detroit's Country Day in Birmingham, Detroit Catholic Central in Novi, East Lansing, Novi and Grosse Pointe North all have a shot to make the second day's playoffs, among the 176-team national field.

"Our expectation is to get into the playoffs of nationals. It's something we've been trying to do since we first got to nationals (in 2003)," said 17-year-old Novi High School senior captain Robert Burgos. "It's the sign of the strength of our program that we can have two qualifying teams."

Novi High's two varsity teams, Novi Green and Novi White, took first and third in the Inter-County League with respective 12-0 and 10-2 records. Livonia Churchill and Harland high schools, which placed second and fourth, will join Novi in Chicago for the national tournament.

The teams need six wins in a

10-match format Friday to make Saturday's playoffs. Novi was 3-5 at nationals last year, losing their 10th match.

Best in the state

Catholic Central, which has won three of the past four state titles, was tested along with Novi and 2007 state champion East Lansing, as the three schools faced off multiple times at the double-elimination state tournament.

"We had lost to East Lansing on Friday in the semi-finals and came back on Saturday to play a few more teams again. We then beat East Lansing and played CC in the finals. We beat them by over 200 points, but then had to play them again. We lost by 15 points. The clock ran out as the moderator was reading a question about an Arthur Miller work," Baker said.

Catholic Central was able to

Please see QUIZ 10A



Novi Superintendent of Schools Peter Dion congratulates Novi's Teacher of the Year, Barb Clift, on Friday.

Clift named Novi Teacher of the Year

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

At 8 a.m. last Friday morning many students at Novi High School were still half-asleep as they pushed through their first class of the day. But students in Room 221 received an awakening surprise while Barb Clift was leading her marketing class.

The board of education, district administrators, teachers, the media, Novi Educational Foundation Chair Mary Alice Brunner, General Manager of Suburban Collection, Paul Hagan, and Clift's family filed into the computer lab to surprise Clift with this year's Novi Educational Foundation Teacher of the Year award.

"You're not in school," a shocked Clift said to her two daughters, Theresa, 17, and Laura, 14, after a moment of surprise. Her husband, Bob, had brought the Brighton family to Novi High School for the morning surprise.

Clift, who was also recognized as the district's High School Teacher of the Year at last Thursday night's board of education meeting, wasn't expecting the NEF award 13 hours later.

"I feel so blessed to have a career I enjoy coming to after 30 years," she told the full classroom, noting she hopes they can all find similar careers they enjoy.

Since earning her bachelor's and master's degrees in business

education at Michigan State University, Clift has spent the past 31 years as a teacher - the last 28 at Novi schools.

Fellow business teacher Maryann Dreske nominated Clift for both awards.

"She just touches every student in this school," Dreske said. "She's a teacher of all ages, so that's what I think is so amazing about her. She just really touches a lot of kids."

Aside from teaching several business courses during her time with Novi Schools, Clift also sponsors the National Honor Society and coordinates both the Co-op Work Experience program and volunteer activities such as Habitat for Humanity.

"Barb Clift is the kind of teacher every parent would want their child to have," said Novi High School Principal John Lawrence. "Barb is a highly dedicated teacher who inspires her students to reach their full potential by challenging them to be the best they can be academically."

As part of her recognition for the NEF award, Clift had her choice of 30 \$30,000 or less Chrysler, Honda, Nissan and Volkswagen vehicles courtesy of Suburban Collection in Farmington Hills. Currently driving a Chrysler minivan, she was excited to have the option of a new vehicle.

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City of Novi Memorial Day Parade set for Monday



Ray Konas of Honor Guard post 1519 participates as a flag bearer at last year's Novi Memorial Day service.

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

For more than 60 years, Novi's Memorial Day Parade has graced city streets as local officials, students, businesses and organizations honored our war veterans.

This year's parade will start at Karim Boulevard at 10 a.m. Monday and travel west about two miles down 10 Mile Road to the Novi Civic Center.

With more than 50 groups or dignitaries in the parade, the two-mile trek will feature entertain-

ment for the whole family.

The Novi Police will lead the group at the front while fire trucks will close the festivities. Local officials and groups will be joined by the Motor Cities Region Model A's, which will feature 10 vehicles from 1928-31. Novi's high school and middle school bands will also march down 10 Mile Road along with the board of education, city council and local Rotary and Lions club members.

The parade will also feature plenty of animals for the kids as

the Harms Horses, Midwest Rabbit Rescue and Re-home, and Gone to the Dogs groups will all follow the Model A's.

"Gone to the Dogs are going to have 30 dogs in the parade this year," said Derek Smith, Novi Parks' recreation supervisor.

As the parade reaches the Novi Civic Center at about 11:15 a.m., a special ceremony will be held as the remainder of the parade trickles into the Civic Center parking

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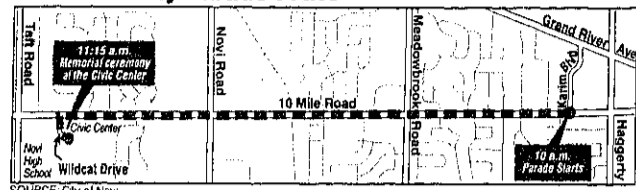
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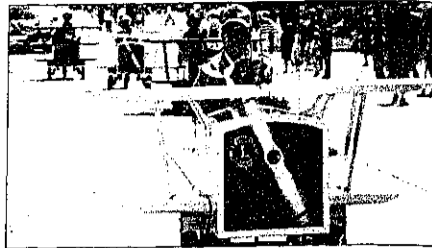
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"A lot don't sign up, but like to come out and participate," Smith said. The ceremony will feature speakers Bala Sekaran and Capt. Howard Rundell, Jr. Sekaran is an 18-year-old senior at Novi High

School who won state championships in legislative debate this year and impromptu speaking earlier this month. Rundell is a retired Naval Air Reserve naval aviator. Mayor David Landry will

speak and letters from past wars will be read to the crowd. Famous Dave's and Oberweis Ice Cream and Dairy Store will provide free food and drinks to the public at the ceremony. There will also be an inflatable moon-bounce for the kids.

The parade is sponsored by Humana insurance, and the city will begin blocking off streets near Karim Boulevard at 9:30 a.m. Monday and near Novi Road at about 10:10 a.m., Smith said.



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Local Lions staged mini airplane "dog fights" at last year's Memorial Day parade.

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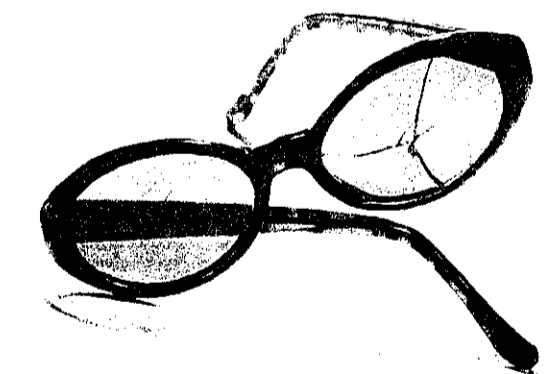
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Candidates set to replace DeRoche, Crawford

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER



Craig DeRoche

With the deadline for the August primary elections past, several residents look to represent Novi districts at all levels.

State Rep. Craig DeRoche (R-Nowi) will be term-limited and leaving his House seat in Lansing at the end of the year. Five candidates each hope to take his place for the 2009-10 term to represent the 38th District, which includes Novi, the Oakland County portion of Northville, South Lyon, Lyon Township, Wixom and Walled Lake.

Current Oakland County Commissioner Hugh Crawford (R-Nowi), whose fourth term as commissioner expires this year, will be running for state representative after experience at the county and city level. He served on Novi's City Council in the past.

Dr. Doug Cameron (R-New Hudson) is hoping to make the move from the South Lyon Community Schools Board of Education to Lansing with 25 years of experience and a background as a teacher in Detroit, Livonia and at Wayne State University.

Chuck Tindall (D-Nowi) is the lone democratic nominee of the five vying for DeRoche's seat. The 22-year resident and commercial carpenter may be best remembered for founding a grassroots group opposing the city's potential transformation of land at 12 Mile Road, west of Novi Road, into a golf course in 1996.

Steven Valentin (R-Nowi) is a real estate agent who also mentors and practices public speaking since he survived gastric bypass surgery five years ago. The 1988 graduate of Northville High School is the youngest of the bunch, but hopes to bring to

Lansing a refreshing "real world" experience that he relates to the daily grind of an average middle-class worker.

Seeking public office

Other public offices will be up for election this fall either including a Novi resident or affecting the district.

Current U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) will be challenged by former Novi City Manager Ed Knievel and Joseph Larkin of Livonia to represent the 11th District, which includes Highland, White Lake, Milford, Commerce, Lyon and part of Waterford townships, as well as Novi, Wixom, Walled Lake, South Lyon, Wolverine Lake and Milford village.

Harvey Schwartz (D-Nowi) will challenge County Sheriff Michael Bouchard (R-Birmingham) for his position. Jane Boudreau (D-West Bloomfield), Mark Mitchell (D-Troy), Warren Nunlee-Bey (D-Pontiac) and Jim Stevens (R-Rochester Hills) will also be in the running.

In Novi Township, John Juntunen is running unopposed for supervisor, Ginger Jaunker for treasurer and Tony Galkikas for trustee. There are no candidates for clerk and no proposals on the primary ballot.

The primary ballot will also include several other state, county and judicial positions. No county or city proposals are planned for

the primary ballot as of press time. Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius said the voter registration deadline for the Aug. 5 primary is July 7 and Oct. 6 for the Nov. 4 election.

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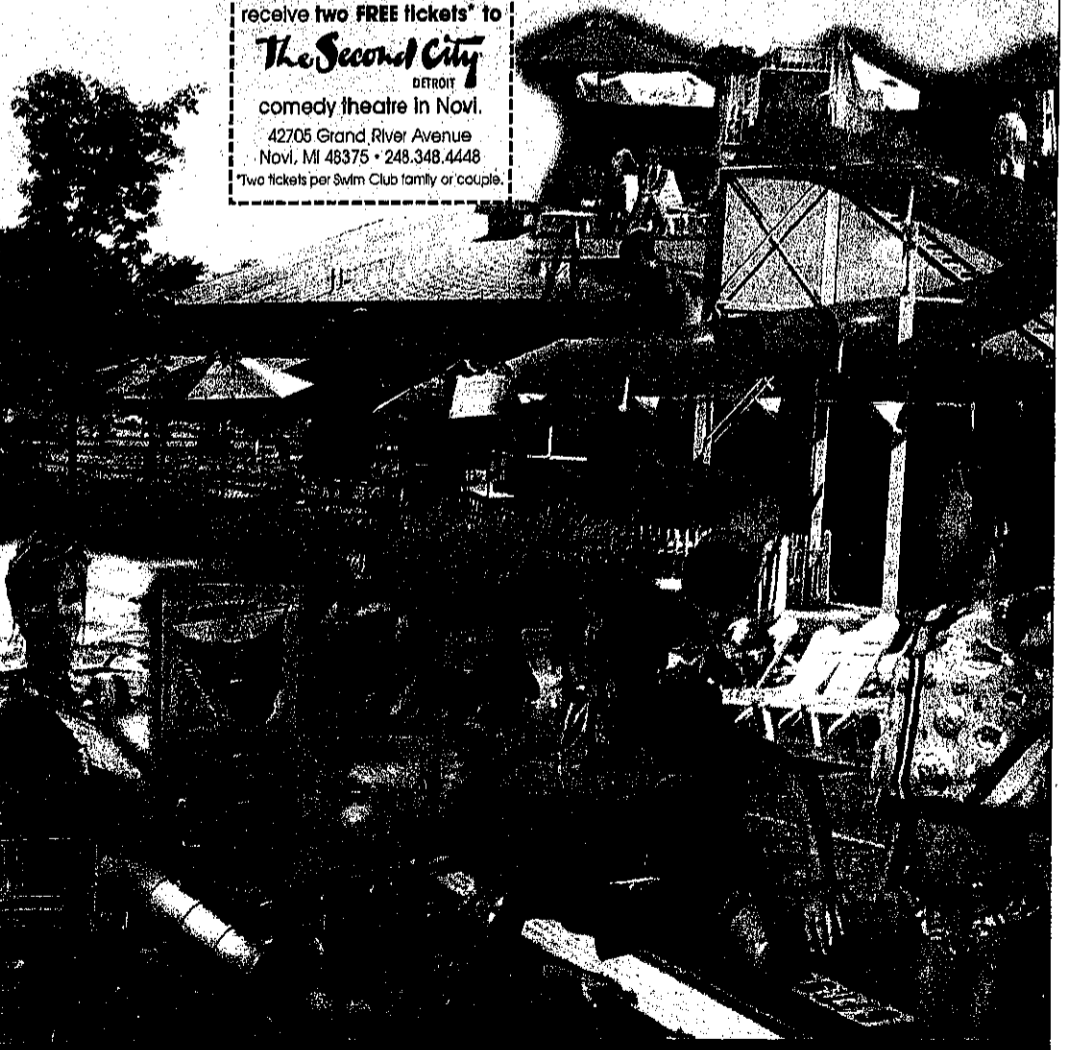
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Schram of Novi.
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The groom-elect is a 1998 graduate of Novi High School and earned a bachelor of arts degree in management from the Eli Broad College of Business at Michigan State University in 2002. He is employed as a vice president, account director at ePrice in Pleasant Ridge.
An October 2008 wedding is planned at Holy Family church in Novi.



Lewis-Krueger
Paul and Susan Lewis of Novi

announce the engagement of their daughter, Betsy Lauren Lewis, to Robert Charles Krueger, son of Robert and Judith Krueger of Northville.
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Loose dog bites resident

A Novi Police officer received a call just after 5 p.m. May 5 in reference to a dog bite on Whitehall Lane, off Beck Road between Nine Mile and 10 Mile roads, reports said.

When the officer arrived on the scene, there was a black dog, possibly a Labrador, tied to a tree, wearing a blue collar for an electric fence, with no tags on it.

As the officer walked past the dog, it started barking and coming toward her, but was restrained by its leash. She approached the residence and spoke with the caller.

According to the complainant, she was walking her dog, a yellow Labrador, when the black dog ran up to them and started biting her dog, who then tried to run away.

The victim tried holding onto her dog's leash, but was pulled to the ground and her dog ran away. The black dog then came after the girl and bit her on the left knee and right thigh, reports said.

The girl's father received a call from a neighbor and was able to calm the dog down and get it away from the girl, while the girl's mother put a leash on it and tied it to the tree, reports said.

According to the report, the parents took the girl to Providence for treatment of minor injuries.

The dog was taken to the Novi Police Department until Oakland County Animal Control was able to pick it up.

Pending identification of the owner, the case was forwarded to the detective bureau.



The Department's Finest
Novi Police Officer Jeff Brown was commended last week by Chief David Molloy for his efforts in establishing a K-9 patrol for Novi. Brown and his canine, Yukon, worked together for seven years and were responsible, among many arrests and seizures, for the cumulative seizure of more than 400 pounds of marijuana in the Novi area. Yukon, unfortunately, developed a neurological disorder that eventually ended his career this past winter. Part of Officer Brown's citation noted Yukon's efforts and Brown was given a plaque with his dog's portrait on it.

Bloody syringes found behind Novi residence

A Novi resident called the police department at about 4 p.m. May 6 to report bloody syringes found in the woods behind a residence on Gateway Drive.

According to the report, the complainant and his friend were back in the woods and found several syringes, many of which contained blood.

The officer found a pile of syringes, surrounded by burnt tires and rubber gloves, which also had blood on them, about

Suspicious person spotted near attempted break-in

According to a recent police report, a suspect attempted to gain entry to a residence on Shurecrest Drive between 7 and 9:15 p.m. April 22.

The victim said someone cut the screen to the patio door, but was unable to gain entry to the home near Pontiac Trail and West Park Drive, because there was a bar wedged behind the sliding door.

Police said it appeared the screen was pulled away from the frame to allow someone to fit their head inside, but it did not appear the suspect gained entry to the home.

Click It or Ticket

The Novi Police Department is participating in the national Click It or Ticket campaign. Through June 1, officers will conduct enforcement at the following locations:

- 3-7 p.m. May 19, Novi Road at Trans X Road
- 3-7 p.m. May 20, Novi Road between 12 Mile and 13 Mile roads
- 3-7 p.m. May 21, Grand River Avenue, west of Meadowbrook Road
- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. June 1, Meadowbrook Road, between Eight Mile and 10 Mile roads

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Upcoming events: Novi Historical Commission May 28; Youth Council June 15

■ 5 items of interest from Novi's City Council meeting:

• At Monday's council meeting, Historical Commission chair Kathy Mutch said the organization's annual event, Faerast Farm Family Day, was a success last Sunday. She announced an upcoming event the group is hosting 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 28 at the Novi Public Library with preservation architect Ron Campbell as a guest speaker.

• Vidhi Banaraj of Novi's Youth Council presented Novi's City Council with an end of the school-year report. This year's youth council was involved in many events, including Fall for Novi, Addicted to Movies...Not Drugs, the Ringing in the Holidays event, Project Sticker Shock and Fire-up '08, among others. Banaraj announced the group's upcoming event Addicted to Games...Not Drugs, at 1 o'clock

Strike at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk. The event goes from 10 p.m. June 15 to 6 a.m. June 16, and is open to students grades nine-12.

• Council unanimously approved the request of the developer of Churchill Crossing subdivisions, located near 10 Mile and Novi roads, making the three streets of the second phase of construction public, to be included in the city's public street system. According to attorneys and consulting engineers, Cavendish Avenue East, Parcel Lane and Thatcher Drive were constructed in accordance with City of Novi standards.

• At the request of Northern Equities Group, the developer of the Haggerty Corridor Corporate Park, council gave administration support to consider early acceptance of Cabot and Mackenzie drives as public streets. In supporting the applicant's request, council unanimously approved to waive the 90 percent built-out requirement, but recommended a site restoration guarantee be posted by the developer to cover the cost of any damage incurred to the streets during build-out.

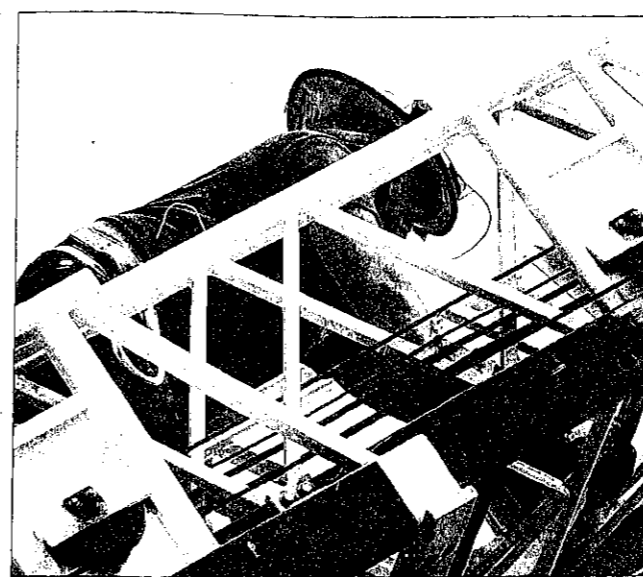
• During an audience participation, concerned Novi residents, such as Mary McConville and former police chief Lee BeGole, asked council members to reconsider their decision regarding the Faerast Farm facilities. On April 7, Novi's City Council approved, by a 5-2 vote, to demolish the existing historical buildings on the city-owned property at the corner of Taft and 10 Mile roads, unless a group or individual could come up with the funds necessary to restore the currently inactive facilities. BeGole told council he saved the Faerast Farm house once from a fire in the 1950s and he is determined to save it again.

Council meeting notes were taken from the May 19 regular meeting of the Novi City Council. Councilman David Staudt was excused absent. Next meeting: 7 p.m. June 19 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.



Award Winning
Linsey Teevens, a Novi High School student, is the recipient of the 2008 Friends of the Novi Library scholarship. The award was presented by Ruth Bozian, scholarship committee chairperson, at the Friends' annual meeting on May 14. This was the first year the members were able to meet the scholarship winner and Teevens graciously offered to update the Friends on her progress after she starts school this fall. The friends of the Novi Library will host Joel Stone, maritime artist and curator of the Dossin Museum, 7 p.m. tonight at the library. The lecture is free to the public.

Student learns ins and outs of Novi Fire Department



About 60 feet in the air, Novi fire department intern John Higgins climbs Station No. 1's ladder as part of his fire fighting training.

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Riding in a big red truck and fighting fires is something John Higgins has been interested in doing for as long as he can remember.

"When I was a little kid, I would see them on the trucks and I'd think, 'I want to do that,' and it kind of stuck," said the 18-year-old senior at Northville High School. "I've always been interested in public service."

Higgins is fulfilling 45-hours of work as an intern at the Novi Fire Department.

"He's not only getting a grasp on what it takes to be a firefighter, but how to run the department," said Deputy Chief Johnson of the Novi Fire Department. "We're constantly telling him how we go about procedures and how to respond to emergency situations."

Even though this was the first time the Novi Fire Department participated in an internship program, Johnson was able to develop what he called a "four-prong system," to cover all aspects of operations including, fire fighting, fire prevention, training and administration.

"I didn't want it to be one-sided, me telling him what to do. I wanted him to tell me what he wanted to get out of it," Johnson said. "To show him the fire fighting aspect, he's been doing ride-alongs. He's not allowed to engage in any hands-on kind of stuff. We keep safety as the main concern."

Higgins said the most interesting thing he experienced was witnessing a large grass fire.

"I haven't been nervous because I know the people I'm with are going to keep themselves and me safe," he said. "When I'm doing ride-alongs, all the sudden the pagers go off and it's such a rush. You can't really describe the feeling... It's something else."

Higgins is one of the 180 students who participated in Northville High School's Business Internship Program during the 2007-08 school year.

"When I look the program over (five years ago), I wanted to make it more career-oriented," said Leigh Stearns, business teacher and internship coordinator at Northville High School. "They actually get to experience a professional environment, as opposed to the typical high school job. I think it's important to learn work-place skills."

Students register for the semester-long internship program as they would a class, and are required to fulfill 45-hours of work in 9-12 weeks.

"I would have picked to do this longer if I could," Higgins said of his experience with the Novi Fire Department. "The more I do this, the more I want to become a firefighter."

Aside from fulfilling hours at the Novi Fire Department, Stearns said all of the interns have to complete four projects throughout the course of the semester and write a thank you letter to their mentor.

Higgins is attending Western Michigan University in the fall to pursue a degree in criminal justice. Once he finishes college, he plans to join the military.

"The most valuable experience has been getting the knowledge from the firefighters, their advice," he said. "I want to be a military firefighter on an Air Force base."

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Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.
Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. The effective date of this Ordinance is May 27, 2008.
MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan this 12th day of May, 2008. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.

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gies, rather than individual transactions. Ideally, you will want someone who asks questions such as these:

- What are your goals? You'll need a financial advisor who shows considerable interest in your short- and long-term goals. After all, you'll want this person to help you accomplish a variety of things — saving for a new home, sending your children to college, attaining a comfortable retirement lifestyle and so on. Every single recommendation a financial advisor makes should be based on your goals.
- What does your family situation look like? A financial advisor will ask you a lot of family-related questions: How many children do you have? Do you plan to send them to college? If so, how much do you hope to contribute to their education? Does your spouse have a retirement plan at work? Will you have aging parents that may require some type of assistance from you? By eliciting this type of information, a financial advisor can help you create a "family-friendly" investment strategy.
- What are your attitudes toward investment risk? A conservative financial advisor will determine if you are a conservative investor — someone who favors investments that offer a greater likelihood of preservation

of principal — an aggressive investor — someone who is comfortable taking greater risks in hopes of greater returns — or a moderate investor — someone who falls in between the other two groups. While a good financial advisor will, of course, tailor recommendations to your risk tolerance, he or she may, on occasion, need to push you a bit out of your "comfort zone" to help you achieve your goals.

- What investments do you currently own? For a financial advisor to do his or her job, and to provide the best chance of showing these possible benefits to you, he or she will need a complete understanding of your current holdings: your IRA, 401(k), stocks, bonds, government securities, Certificates of Deposit (CDs) — everything. Once a financial advisor knows what you already have, he or she can identify any potential gaps in your portfolio and make appropriate recommendations for filling them.
- What are your feelings about leaving a legacy? For many people, the issue of leaving a legacy is highly emotional. That's because so many of us, almost instinctively, want to "leave something behind" for our families and those charitable organizations we support. A good financial advisor will probe your attitudes toward leaving a legacy and help

This column was provided by Mark Whitfield, Financial Advisor, Novi Town Center, 43249 11 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

JPra Architects announces new appointments

Continuing in the name of growth, transition and distinction, JPra Architects is pleased to announce the appointment of James Ryan, AIA, as chairman to chairman emeritus; James Grigsby, AIA, from president to chairman and CEO; and William Beitz Jr., AIA, AAA, OAA from executive vice president and COO to president.

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With Ryan's transition to chairman emeritus, Jim Grigsby and Bill Beitz have taken on the roles of chairman and president, respectively. Having both joined JPra with leadership positions in 1983, Grigsby and Beitz bring a combined 50 years of successful management and profitability to the company. Their influence has already marked a push towards sustainable design both within JPra and the industry, leading by example with the construction of JPra's new headquarters in Novi, currently awaiting final approval for LEED® Silver certification.

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DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital names new president

Tom Rossan is the new president of DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital. Rossan 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.

Rossan was selected by a search committee comprised of board members from the DMC HVSII Board of Trustees, the HVSII Board and the Detroit Medical Center Board approved the appointment. HVSII Board Chairman Merle Harris said, "The Board of Directors is very pleased

to have been able to have promoted from within and to have such an outstanding candidate. We are thrilled for her."

Rossan is a business administration graduate of Eastern Michigan University and is a certified public accountant. She is active in the Michigan Healthcare Executive Group and Associates and the American College of Healthcare Executives, and was recently appointed to the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. She replaces Robert Yellan, who is leaving to become the president and chief executive

officer of MPRO, Michigan's Quality Improvement Organization. Before joining Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, she worked for Oakwood Heritage Hospital as administrator and chief operating officer.

Pain management specialist joins medical staff at Botsford Hospital

Siva Sripathi, D.O., has joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital. Dr. Sripathi is board certified in anesthesiology and pain management. He

practices at Tri-County Pain Consultants located at 26850 Providence Parkway, Suite 260 in Novi and 30575 Woodward, Suite 200 in Royal Oak. Dr. Sripathi received his medical education from the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center at Fort Worth and performed an internship at Methodist Hospital in Dallas. He completed an anesthesiology and pain management residency at Parkland Hospital in Dallas and also completed a pain management fellowship at Texas Tech Health Science Center.

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U.S. Army Reserve Sheriff discusses life in Iraq

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Sometimes it is just too easy to take our freedom for granted. But it's also easy to know someone that's affected by the ongoing war in Iraq.

The Northville wrestling program was directly impacted when assistant coach Adam Coe was called to duty during the wrestling season.

The Mustang wrestlers rallied together and have been sending care packages to their coach in Iraq. Wrestling families have taken the opportunity to send a package each week.

Wrestling parents Kevin and Debby Etchholz came up with the idea. Their son, Joe (a 2007 Northville graduate), is stationed in Japan.

Items have included toiletries, movies, snacks and local newspapers, among many other things.

"I really am amazed that the wrestling family has done this," Coe said. "The great thing is they not only take care of me and my team here in Iraq, but they are constantly offering help to my wife and kids back home."

"Things like this, and many others, really show what a family this wrestling program really is," Coe didn't let anyone know he knew the packages were coming, but he received an accidental tip.

"It's funny, I wasn't surprised when the first package arrived because the mothers who set this up included me on the e-mail distribution list," he said. "I didn't say anything until now, because I liked the idea of the surprise, and didn't want to ruin it for them."

"I did get a good laugh when I was included on the e-mail."

Mustang wrestling coach Jeff Balagna is proud of his program for stepping up and helping one of their own.

"I think this is a testament to the Northville Community and the wrestling team," Balagna said. "It is amazing to see the love and support that they have showed his family while he has been away."

"Adam is the type of coach that everyone would love to have on their staff. There was definitely something missing in practice when he left."

Coe's wife, Suzanne, said leaving the team was one of the hardest things for Adam.

"He would be so mad at me for saying this, but he cared up talking about how he would miss the remaining wrestling season with the high school team," she said. "He would never be able to coach those that were seniors again. He absolutely loved working with that group of kids. He had a bond with the coaches and the kids, as well as the parents."



Adam Coe serves his country in Iraq.

Coe said the actual living conditions have improved and more than 90 percent of the camp has air-conditioned trailers.

While heat and sand are an obvious daily problem to deal with, there is also the hard reality of being incredibly far from home. Simple things taken for granted become work of a long laundry list of things to be missed. Coe said he misses going to his kids' little league games, his own

bed or hearing his wife helping their kids with homework.

Suzanne Coe knew it was a possibility but still had a hard time dealing with the deployment.

"It was the day after Christmas and two days before our 16th Wedding Anniversary," she said. "Initially, I cried. An array of emotions took over. The stages went quite quickly. I suppose it is like anyone getting news that will change your life. There are tears, a sickness in the pit of your stomach, a need to hold on and then lots of talking and planning. Telling the kids was difficult."

"Then something took hold and we realized we would get through this."

School have sent more than 200 letters to Coe and his fellow soldiers.

"In a time where we are a country at war, it really means a lot when the local community, friends and family show their support and appreciation," he said. "So it's not just the teamwork and the effort on the mat that these guys put in that make them special, they are all so much more than that."

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June 13	Trilogy Sponsored by Varsity Lincoln Mercury	70s/80s
June 20	Lady Sunshine and The X Band Sponsored by St. Mary Mercy Hospital & Tom Holzer Ford	Soul/Motown
June 27	Doug Deming and The Jewel Tones Sponsored by Tom Holzer Ford	Rockabilly Blues
July 4	Paul King's Rhythm Society Sponsored by Independence Village of Plymouth & Tom Holzer Ford	Big Band/Swing/Patriotic
July 11	Shawn Riley Band Sponsored by Varsity Lincoln Mercury & Edward Jones (Dr. Boyd, Dan Delano, Chad Gibbs, Chris Wilner)	Blues
July 18	Those Delta Rhythm Kings Sponsored by Tom Holzer Ford	Jump Blues/Country
July 25	Randy Brock Group Sponsored by Buckle Family Chiropractic & Tom Holzer Ford	Blues/Rock
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Aug 15	Steve King and the Dittails Sponsored by Tom Holzer Ford	50s/60s

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hand East Lansing their first loss before Novi knocked the former state champs out of the tournament. After taking a loss to East Lansing on the first day, Novi rode the momentum of the rematch victory to defeat Catholic Central 585-360. With one loss apiece, CC was able to triumph over Novi and claim the state championship.

teams out there. Going into the state tournament, we knew we'd face some stiff competition from teams like East Lansing and Novi. However, we had expected to win and had worked hard to achieve that goal. Novi played us very tough right to the end," Jones said. "Novi has two very good high school (teams) and Novi's coach is doing an excellent job preparing his team to compete on a national level."

A sport for the mind

Quiz bowl, which is full of facts, has been steadily growing throughout the region and teaching students random tidbits of knowledge. For example, Abraham Lincoln's favorite type of cookie was gingerbread, Burgess said.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

The Novi High School varsity quiz bowl team recently took second place in the state competition. Showing off their trophies, from left, are Jingyun Fan, Andrew Phillips, Nazila Islam, Robert Burgos, Bala Sekaran, Scott Kelber, Stephanie Chen and Sami Khan.

"I have a love for trivia. I just like learning different things," he said. "Burgos and Islam said the team members have a wide variety of

knowledge that each specializes in and contributes, but sports and computer programming questions tend to be the toughest.

"I don't like it, it's harder to learn it," Islam said. Regarding the two Novi High teams heading to nationals, she added, "I think it shows we have a lot of members who really care about the club. We practice four hours a week and we actually want to come."

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Novi High in top 5 percent of national public schools

By Chris Jackett

Newsweek recently released its annual listing of the 1,538 best high schools in the nation that rank the top 10 percent of schools. Novi High School made the cut.

North Farmington High at 1,147, West Bloomfield High at 1,162 and Walled Lake Northern High at 1,267.

"You have to have the facilities to offer the Advanced Placement courses," Lawrence said. "For example, Abrahm Lincoln's favorite type of cookie was gingerbread, Burgess said.

The formula also factored in the percentage of students receiving federally subsidized meals (three percent at Novi) and the portion of all graduating seniors with at least one passing grade on an AP or IB test (28.7 percent).

Other local schools made the list as well. West Bloomfield High, all three Farmington Hills schools and two Walled Lake high schools made the cut.

of national public schools. Novi Schools offer Advanced Placement testing and are exploring offering the International Baccalaureate program in the future.

"You don't have to take the course to take the test," Lawrence said. "Of AP testing, noting that Newsweek rankings aren't based on scores, but just the number of tests taken."

International Academy in Bloomfield Hills was the highest ranked in Michigan, taking the 12th overall spot. In 2005, the academy was ranked first.

For the complete list, visit www.newsweek.com/rankings/2008/05/20/08.html



Submitted photo

Novi Wildcats Class of 2016

Otherwise known as the current fourth graders, Novi elementary school students get together last month to meet new friends and have fun at Bonaventure skating rink. There were about 270 kids that attended the event and they played games and met new friends. The purpose of the event was to bring the class of 2016 together and make the transition to Novi Meadows easier.

Summer Child Care 2008 Looking for a positive, enriching, educational summer full of activities and fun? Novi Schools' summer C.A.R.E. (Children's Activities in a Responsible Environment) program for preschool to middle school aged children.

Important dates for Novi High School students

Class NOTES

Novi High School students only have a few weeks until summer vacation. Make sure the following dates are on your calendar.

- May 23 - No school for professional staff development day
• May 26 - No school for Memorial Day
• May 27-28 - Final exams for seniors
• May 28 - Senior Honors Night Reception in the Diamond Ballroom at the Rock Financial Showplace, 5:45 p.m. reception, 6:30 p.m. program
• May 29 - 9:30 a.m. Senior breakfast at Bakers of Milford, 11:30 a.m. cap and gown distribution, 1 p.m. senior picnic at Mayberry State Park.
• May 31 - 7 p.m. Commencement at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center in Ypsilanti
• June 11-12 - Underclassmen final exams

Parker Pohonski wins Crystal Award

Novi High School biology and algebra teacher Emily Parker Pohonski was awarded the Crystal Award last Saturday by The Chrysler Foundation at the "Closing the Technology Gap in Education" ceremony.

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Wells wins Optimist essay contest

Kenneth Weiss, an eighth-grade student at Walnut Creek Middle School who recently won the Michigan Reading Association's "Animals in Research" essay contest, has gone on to win at the district and state levels.

Student writing is published

Elijah Wagers, an eighth-grade student at Walnut Creek Middle School, had his work recently

Class programs focus on social, emotional, physical and cognitive development. The program follows the State of Michigan Standards and Bench Marks for preschool/pre-kindergarten. Curriculum includes Language Arts, social studies, science, math, music and movements. Children are provided with experiences and opportunities allowing them to meet the State Early Learning Expectations for 3s, 4s, and young 5s. Children must be 3, 4 or 5 by Dec. 1. Children also must be completely toilet trained.

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sixth grades, the program is scheduled for June 23-27 at Novi Middle School.

Throughout each day, children will participate in hands-on, interactive activities that encourage creativity and inventive solutions. Seth Furlow, science teacher at Novi Middle School, will direct a staff of local instructors and counselors. The \$220 registration fee, due on or before May 31, includes daily snacks and a T-shirt. A discount of \$20 per child is offered with the bring-a-friend program. There is also an additional \$5 discount for online registrants. Employees of Novi Community Schools can also receive a discount. Employees of Novi Community Schools can also receive a discount. Employees of Novi Community Schools can also receive a discount.

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Singing for a Cause

The band Shirock - whose lead singer graduated from Northville High School - plays to an audience at Novi High School on May 13 during seminar in a concert for pupils involved in Students Against Destructive Decisions.

Student earns scholarship

Carrie Rexroat, junior, Walled Lake Central High School and daughter of drama teacher Beth Rexroat, was recently awarded the prestigious Emerson Scholarship, a Scholars Program that offers talented high school musicians the opportunity for a full-tuition scholarship.

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Novi High School Commencements: 7 p.m. May 31 at Eastern Michigan University

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Teachers, athletics receive awards; new school district printers arriving soon

Novi school board meeting highlights

The first hour of Novi's board of education meeting was jokingly referred to as a "love fest" throughout the night following several award presentations...

Novi High School seniors and student board members Joe Pritchard, president; Vidhi Bamzai, vice president; and Aditya Sathi, vice president, were recognized for their contributions during the course of the 2007-08 school year.

After further discussion, the Board approved the bylaws, administration and relations sections of the NEOLA board policies 7-0.

Preparing for exams



A Novi High School student studies in the media center during a recent morning. Final exams will soon be upon all Novi High School students.

Students with better study methods and strategies score higher on their exams. And since exam time is upon us, here are some tips: Review the material right after class when it's still fresh in your memory.

ON CAMPUS

Michigan State University

Michigan State University's Senior Class Council recently recognized 25 students as outstanding seniors for 2007-08.

She also served as president for the American Advertising Federation. Haynes was a member of the Advertising Association, MSU Triathlon Club and Public Relations Student Society of America.

University of Nebraska

Molly Ann McClymont of Novi graduated from the University of Nebraska this spring with a bachelor of journalism degree from the College of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Lycoming College

Ambler Aschwalden, a freshman archaeology and culture of the ancient Near East major, was honored for special achievements at the Lycoming College Honors Convocation April 13.

Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine

Hilary Nims of Novi received the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree during commencement ceremonies on May 2. She is the daughter of Steven and Mary

MAY 8TH, 2008 BID SPECIFICATIONS STUDENT/TEACHER WORKSTATIONS HOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Howell Public Schools is currently soliciting proposals for procurement of computers equipment and peripherals per the specifications as set forth in this document.

The deadline for sealed bids is May 28th, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. at the following location: Howell Public Schools District Operations

Bid opening will take place at that time. Howell Public Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids; to waive any defects, information or irregularities in any bid; and to make the award in any manner deemed in the best interest of the school district.

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 11, 2008.

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LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757

Sunday Worship TIME: 10 a.m. Pilgrim Fellowship 6 p.m. every Sunday for grades 6-12

Bible Study Group TIME/DATE: 10:30-11:45 a.m. every Tuesday

Widows Group TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Today LOCATION: Guernsey Farms

First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church

LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 349-3647

Sunday Schedule Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m., fourth Sunday of every month.

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LOCATION: 40706 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 427-1175

Sunday School and Nursery Care TIME: 10 a.m. Worship Service

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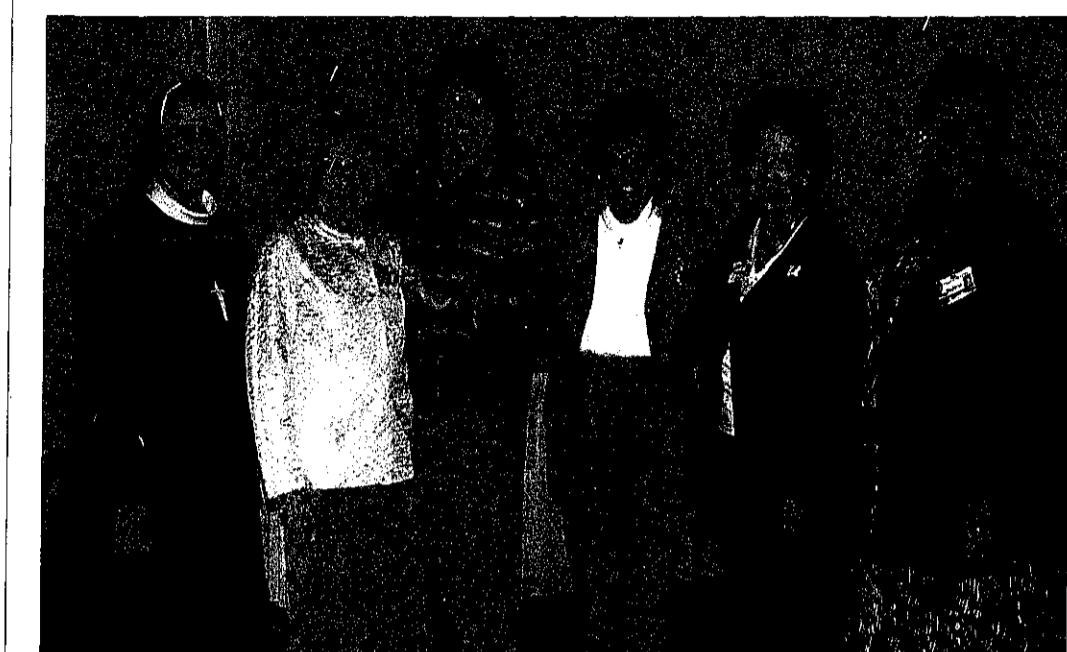
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Hospice Volunteers Honored

Novi resident Jean Finkbinder was among those volunteers honored by Angela Hospice for contributing 2,500 hours of service. From left are Angela Hospice president Sister Mary Giovanni, Finkbinder, Carolyn Duncan and Stella Smith of Plymouth, Dorothy Larco of Livonia and the hospice's volunteer manager Donna Kolodtschik.

emotional or relational pain; and CrossCurrent (for men who experience unwanted same-sex attraction).

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Disciple Bible Study: Jesus and the Gospels TIME/DATE: 3-5 p.m. every Sunday

The Faith Club TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every other Thursday

Spring Hill Day Camp DATE: July 21-25 and July 28-Aug. 1

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MY OPINION

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Michigan needs to speed up approval of water compact

The Michigan Legislature needs to make the Great Lakes Water Compact an urgent item on its priority list.

Michigan, as the very heart of the Great Lakes region, should be among the first to manage and protect the water resources of the marvelous freshwater big lakes — Michigan, Superior, Huron, Erie and Ontario.

Instead, Michigan is among the states deemed to be delaying agreement on this important compact. Although the lawmakers heading the House and Senate committees with authority over lakes issues say they are working on the front end to resolve their differences, the process is taking too long.

Sen. Patricia Birkholz (R-Saugatuck Township) and Rep. Rebekah Warren (D-Ann Arbor) recently told Gannett News Service they are making progress on areas of disagreement among business, agriculture and environmental interests.

Progress is good, but rapid progress would be preferred, especially since this process has languished for several years since Great Lakes governors and premiers of



Novi Detective Mike Wilson, right, was joined by one of his daughters as Novi Police Chief David Molloy recognizes Wilson as the 2007 Novi Police Officer of the Year at an awards ceremony last week. Also honored at the event: Officer Jeff Brown and K-9 Yukon and dispatcher Kelle Marzoff.

Don't forget where Novi came from

In 1964, my mother attended Northville High School because, at the time, Novi did not have a high school. The other students called her a "farmer" and while that epithet may seem unusual today, underneath the students' malicious intent was a fertile seedling of Novi's history that the city council would rather re-fill. An educated populace is central to any good community, but let it not come at the expense of our history.

Let us not only read our history in books, but reach out and touch it. Maybe the city council has forgotten where the good people of Novi come from. Maybe they have forgotten there was a time when there was no mall and Grand River was a dirt road. I most confess that I too cannot remember these things.

I am too young to remember — but perhaps just young enough not to have forgotten where I come from. When the Fuerst farm is

gone and we have all passed on, who will remember?

Nathan Kelber
Novi High School Class of 2001

Save the Farm, Save Novi

For the past few months, I've been mostly out of town. Prior to leaving, I participated in a community forum at the Novi City Hall regarding the future of the Fuerst Farm, a national historic site. Councilwoman Kathy Crawford participated in that same session. At no time during the two hours we discussed the issue did anyone propose demolishing the farm. Mrs. Crawford's vote on the Fuerst Farm issue reflected that fact. I am not aware of any citizen in any of the other sessions who proposed demolition.

It puzzles me that a council majority who have in the past portrayed themselves as conservatives did not listen to Mrs. Crawford, one of their colleagues, who was intimately involved in

the process. If there wasn't a push from the community to demolish the Fuerst Farm, why has the council voted to use thousands of our tax dollars in these very tight fiscal times to destroy a part of our city's heritage?

I can only conclude that somehow the Council didn't get complete and accurate information regarding the input process and regarding the expenses required. I have been a dedicated South Lyon School Board member for 25 years and has been a teacher for over 30 years and continues to participate in the teaching community. He has been a dedicated South Lyon School Board member for 25 years and has been a teacher for over 30 years and continues to participate in the teaching community. He has been a dedicated South Lyon School Board member for 25 years and has been a teacher for over 30 years and continues to participate in the teaching community.

John A. Kuenzel
Novi

Doug Curry for State Rep

Doug Curry has stepped up to

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New site shows Web emphasis, industry direction

With technology these days, the shape of most businesses has changed greatly over the course of the past 20 years, or even the past 12 months.

When I graduated from Michigan State University and officially set my foot down in the journalism industry, I stepped into a world in the middle of a lot of change.

Restructuring has been going on with newspapers throughout the country and having the newest technology is a must, as is the education to use multiple programs for text, photos and design. As a journalist, it's important to be a multi-talented and able to multi-task.

In the latest inevitable change, the emphasis on the Web is finally taking hold. We knew it was coming, or at least my journalism professors at MSU did.

On May 8, Gannett newspapers in Michigan launched a nearly

identical Web site design to one another. Gannett, the nation's largest newspaper publishing company, is keeping with the times. The Novi News, as well as sister weeklies in Northville, Milford and South Lyon, are now uniformed at hometownlife.com in a similar fashion as the Detroit Free Press. This also extended to daily papers in Livingston, Battle Creek, Lansing, Port Huron and all other, more local, non-daily Observer-Eccentric and Mirror newspaper groups.

With an emphasis on posting stories on the Web, we are able to bring you the news nearly as fast as it takes us to sit down to type it. Don't worry, everything will still be printed each Thursday, but now you can check it out a few days early and catch stories about events that are happening or happened that day.

Aside from the simpler layout and easier to use configuration of the site, the user interaction has hit new marks. You can create a user profile in one minute and create a small profile about yourself, complete with a small photo.

From there, you can comment on stories, post blogs of your own or on discussion items in the forum. You can even upload photos, become Web friends with other users and leave messages on those friends' profiles.

It's quick, it's easy to use, and your profile links all past activity, whether blogs, story comments or

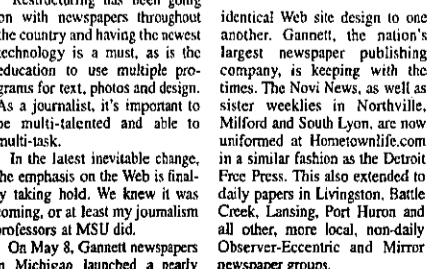
forum posts, to one place for quick reference.

As far as hometownlife.com is concerned, I'm "themselves." I'll be posting my "All He Wrote" columns online through my profile along with commentary and side stories about events around the Novi and Redford (my hometown) communities.

The industry is heavily headed to the Web and, as readers, everyone should get used to using both platforms — print and Internet — to get their daily helping of local news.

The user profiles help to connect community members. Maybe you can find out who the person is you keep seeing at community events, but never talk to. Sign on to hometownlife.com and find out.

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COMMENTARY

TOM WATKINS: China quakes and the children die

New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman's book tells us, "The World Is Flat." For the people of China it was crushed at 2:28 p.m. May 12.

It is feared that the recent earthquake in China may be responsible for the death of 50,000, with a large percentage of them school-aged children.

Often when you witness tragedy far from home it is sad, but distant. This tragedy has had a tight grip on my heart and has been up-close and personal. I have traveled to China many times since 1989. Cities like Beijing, Chengde, Chongqing, Wenchung and Mianyang, which sound far off and foreign to many, are where my friends and colleagues call home. What the people in these cities are feeling — pain, anguish and fear — is numbing.

After the quake I spoke to my colleague and friend from Chengde, who was visiting Mianyang University where I serve as an honorary professor. He told me the central city of Mianyang was not hard-hit, but the countryside was devastated. The local stadium is filled with the injured, homeless and childless. Many schools are topped, killing thousands of the "one family — one child" children.

pointed out that Premier Wen Jiabao, China's second-in-command, is at the epicenter directing the relief effort and giving comfort to the people.

He thanked the people of America for their concern and offers to help the Chinese people. He went on to say, like the Olympic theme, "One World-One Dream," everyone is pulling together to help in a time of need — but today we face a nightmare.

There are many Michigan connections to the area where the quake hit. Governor Blanchard signed a sister state-province relationship with Sichuan Province in the early 1980s. Michigan State University has faculty doing research at the Wolong Panda Reserve at the epicenter of the quake. Ford Motor Company has factories and employees in Chongqing and both Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson have built economic and educational bridges with this part of China.

Southeast Michigan is home to thousands of Chinese people. Multiple Chinese Associations have come together to join hands to help their families and friends back in China (see www.caqd.org).

As time passes, countless families will create their dead. It is never natural to bury your children. Children in China are revered as the 4-2-1 child (four grandparents, two parents and one, and only one, child). Parents lost their child. Children lost their parents and grandparents. Who will take care of those who remain?

The "Iron Rice Bowl"



About Tom Watkins

Tom Watkins is a business and education consultant. He served as state superintendent of schools from 2001-2005 and state mental health director from 1986-1990. He can be reached at tdwatkins@aol.com.

Close to home

I was scheduled to be in China during this time, specifically in Mianyang near the epicenter of the earthquake, when it struck. Fortunately, I postponed my travels until the fall.

My Chinese friend spoke with pride about how his country is "doing whatever it takes" to help the people impacted by the quake. He

commitment of life-long socialist government support is gone. Losing a child, while painful at any time, takes on the extra burden of losing not just their child but their future. The only child for many of these rural Chinese people is their lifeline to a better future, along with being their 401-K, social security, pension and Medicare — in short — their lives.

Eventually the pain will begin to subside — and anger is likely to emerge.

Initially, the Central Chinese Government has been given good grades (especially juxtaposed to the negligence of the Myanmar officials after the cyclone) for the relatively quick response after the initial quake.

However, the anger at local officials for the "shoddy construction" of the schools that collapsed like decks of cards on their children is beginning to boil.

The biggest fear the Communist leaders have is losing control. As Mao once remarked, "a single spark — can start a raging forest fire."

The Tiananmen Square protest in 1989 was more than a march for "freedom and democracy." It was also — in a big way — a call for the end of "corruption by government officials."

Deng Xiaoping, the Chinese leader who followed Mao and is credited with opening China to the world,

said, "When you open the window — all the flies can come in." With instant communication, video, cell phones, etc., the Chinese people and the world have watched this tragedy unfold, literally before their eyes.

Will the Chinese Central Government respond in ways that produce "screens" that will keep the angry flies out, or could the worst earthquake that has hit China in 30 years expose vulnerabilities in the Chinese veneer? Like other natural disasters, most recently hurricane Katrina and the cyclone in Myanmar, these events have a way of exposing a great deal about the fabric of a country.

Blame will surely be assessed and harsh punishment will be meted out.

Yet, the needs of the Chinese people will remain. Please give generously.

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Sen. Cassis Lansing Connection: Senate approves Great Lake Compact and landmark water withdrawal legislation

The Michigan Senate approved a water protection package that will adopt the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Conservation and develops a landmark assessment process tool to evaluate the impacts of proposed large water withdrawals while protecting one of our most precious resources. The compact specifically references the protection of private and public water rights and clearly states that it would not alter these rights. Key provisions in the bill will ensure that the Michigan Legislature be involved in any changes to the compact and preserves Michigan's authority to conduct its own water management program.

The legislation has support from organizations including the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, the Water Works Coalition and business groups such as the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Farm Bureau, and Michigan Manufacturers Association.

Curtis Lansing, who has simply passed the compact, Michigan is leading the way by developing and approving

its own restrictive specialized water management system.

The Senate created a fair and common sense plan in which the state will determine when a water withdrawal is harmful and when it is not.

Senate Bill 880 creates a water withdrawal assessment process developed by the Groundwater Conservation Advisory Council. An automated point-and-click computer tool will allow users to determine if a proposed withdrawal will be within legal limits. The user will enter key data into the computer, including location, proposed pumping rate, and depth of well, and the computer-based model will automatically assess whether or not the proposed use is within the legal limit. The computer will also generate a certificate that the withdrawal is in a safe limit and that certificate will help to provide the user with the assurance that they are OK to move forward. Without this verification the user is vulnerable to legal action if the department believes that they may be causing an adverse impact on resources. The water withdrawal tool was created by a team of scientific experts and

was peer-reviewed by a panel of nationally renowned researchers and it will have a one-year phase-in once the legislation has been signed into law.

The bills will now advance to the House for consideration.

Second Revenue estimating conference held May 16 — lower revenue projected

On May 16 the House Fiscal Agency, Senate Fiscal Agency, and state budget office held the second constitutional mandated revenue estimating conference for this year. The conference establishes the official economic forecast of major variables of the national and state economies and estimates anticipated state revenues for General Fund and the School Aid Fund for the current and next fiscal years.

The Revenue Estimating Conference determined that slower than expected economic growth; a recently passed tax break for film production companies, which I voted against; and an accelerated depreciation schedule for business property that was included in the Federal Economic Stimulus package are the main contributors to lower than anticipated General Fund revenue in FY 2009. Lower collections of the State Education Tax and the Real Estate Transfer Tax drove down FY 2009 School Aid Fund revenue projections.

Despite an abundance of negative economic news there were some positives coming out of the conference. Using the numbers determined by the revenue conference the Senate Fiscal

Agency is now projecting that the General Fund will end FY 2008 with a \$148.8 million surplus and the School Aid Fund is projected to have a FY 2008 year-end balance of \$68.5 million. This should prevent any mid-year budget cuts.

Unfortunately, the news for FY 2009 is not as bright. The Senate Fiscal Agency is projecting that revenue will be \$102.2 million short of the Senate's proposed spending and \$207 million short of the Governor's proposed spending. The School Aid fund is expected to be \$53 million short of the Senate's proposed FY 2009 spending and \$186 million short of the Governor's proposed budget.

The next step in the budget process is for the Senate, House and Governor to set targets that will determine how much money can be spent in each individual budget. Both the Senate and the House have indicated a desire to have a completed budget in place by July 1.

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

State Senator Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, 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 Woburne Lake and the cities of Novi, Northville (the Oakland County portion), Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom.



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Friendship Circle

TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second

Thursday of each month LOCATION: St. James Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile Road, between Taft and Beck roads

DETAILS: Social group for all widows and widowers. CONTACT: Robert Monson (248) 951-6730, Florence Voight (248) 477-3032, Joy Iovaldi (248) 348-9138 or joylovaldi@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-Sinai 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) 805-7605 or Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (888) 737-2322

Novi Toastmasters

TIME/DATE: 7-8:45 p.m. first and third Tuesday LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

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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 handbook \$1 per meeting. New members welcome. CONTACT: Rebecca Boyke (248) 305-8646

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

NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

Bid proposals for Furniture and Equipment for Orchard Hills, Parkview and Village Oaks Elementary Schools and Novi Middle School will be received by the Novi Community School District, located at 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan, 48374, by mail or hand delivered by 10:00 a.m. local time on Friday, June 6, 2008, when the bids will be opened and read publicly. Bids received after the specified date and time will not be considered or accepted. Faxed or e-mailed responses will not be accepted. All bids must be submitted on the official forms provided. All submissions should include one (1) original, one (1) printed copy, and one (1) electronic copy on CD and shall be delivered in a sealed package, addressed as follows: Novi Community School District, BID: FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT, Attn: Gail Credit, Asst. Superintendent-Business, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374. Bid documents will be available for examination and distribution beginning May 23, 2008. Specifications and bid documents may be obtained and/or examined at Novi Community School District, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan 48374, and are also available on the district web site at http://www.novischools.k12.mi.us. 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. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals, either in whole or in part. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bidding and to accept all alternatives. The Owner also reserves the right to award a contract in any manner deemed by the Owner, in the Owner's sole discretion, to be in the Owner's best interests. (5-22-08 NN 414969)

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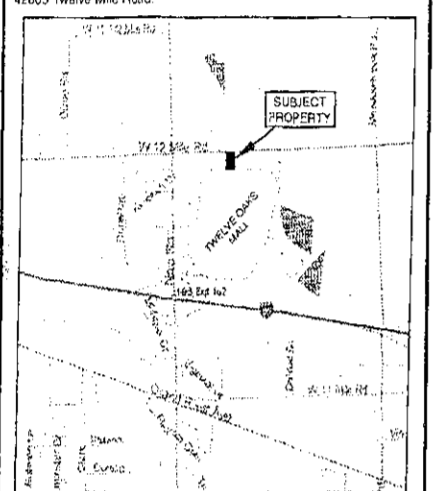
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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider: Case No. 08-025 filed by Robert Badanos of Elkin White Novi LLC for Hilton Garden Inn located at 27355 Cabaret Drive. Elkin Equities is requesting one 150 square foot sign variance for the placement of a 230 square foot wall sign for the east elevation of the Hilton Garden Inn. Applicant is also requesting a variance for an additional 230 square foot wall sign for the west elevation of the building above and beyond the maximum of two signs allowed by City Ordinance. This business has an approved ground sign on Cabaret Drive. Property is zoned OST and is located at 27355 Cabaret Drive, north of Fountain Walk Avenue and south of Twelve Mile Road. Case No. 08-028 filed by Anthony Schmitt of LaKritz-Weber & Company for Providence Park Village located at 17601 Grand River Avenue. LaKritz-Weber & Company representing Providence Park Village Center is requesting one 112 square foot sign variance for the placement of a 128 square foot double sided real estate sign to be located on Providence Hospital property, 47601 Grand River Avenue. Property is zoned OSC and is located south of Grand River and west of Beck Road. Case No. 08-027 filed by Donna Skaley of 301 Duana. Petitioner is requesting a variance from the strict requirement of the Zoning Ordinance which prohibits fences on all lots of record in all residential districts from extending into the front yard setback to allow a 14 foot 3 inch long fence in the front yard. Property is zoned R-4 and is located south of South Lake Drive and west of Old Novi Road. Case No. 08-028 filed by Dominick Coener of 158 Pickett Road. Petitioner is requesting a use variance to allow a commercial landscape utility trailer to be parked in his residential interior side yard setback located at 158 Pickett Road. Property is zoned R-4 and located east of West Park Drive and north of South Lake Court. Case No. 08-029 filed by Amertill S. Chavany for Villagewood Condominiums LLC located at Haggerty Road and Katar Lane. Villagewood Place Condominiums LLC is requesting one sign variance for the continued placement of a three square foot real estate marketing sign measuring six feet in height for Villagewood Place. The property is zoned RM-1 and is located on Katar Lane west of Haggerty Road between Nine and Ten Mile Roads. Sign variance originally approved in ZBA04-092 for one year, extended for one year in ZBA05-107 and extended once again in ZBA07-007 for one year. Case No. 08-031 filed by Mark R. Johnson of Cornell Sign Company for Allstate Billiards-Patio-Hot Tubs located at 26159 Novi Road. Cornell Sign Company representing Allstate Billiards is requesting 3 wall sign variances for Allstate Billiards-Patio-Hot Tubs located at 26159 Novi Road. Applicant is requesting the illuminated 80 square foot wall signs measuring 10 x 6 to be placed on the north, south and east elevations of the tower of the business building. Property is zoned TC and is located west of Novi Road and north of Grand River Avenue. (5-22-08 NN 414937)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR THE MCDONALD'S REBUILD, SITE PLAN NUMBER 08-21 FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN WITH A P-2 PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OPTION, SPECIAL LAND USE AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. The subject property is located in Section 14, at the south of Twelve Mile Road and east of Novi Road, in the RC, Regional Center District. The subject property is approximately 1.35 acres and the applicant is proposing to demolish and rebuild the McDonald's Restaurant at 42665 Twelve Mile Road.

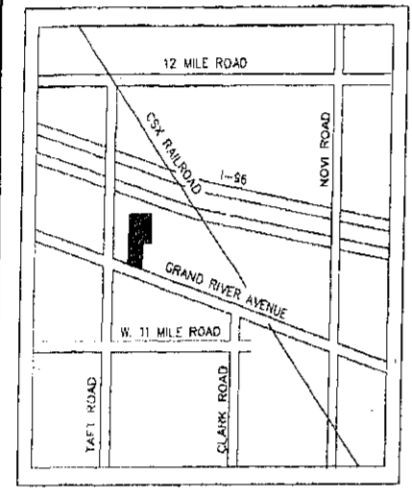


All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, June 11, 2008. Published May 22, 2008

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION MICHAEL MEYER, SECRETARY (5-22-08 NN 414799)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider CORRIGAN WORLDWIDE WAREHOUSE ADDITION, SITE PLAN NUMBER 08-15 FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WETLAND PERMIT AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 15, NORTH OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE, EAST OF TAFT ROAD, IN THE LI, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT. The subject property is approximately 18.97 acres and the applicant is proposing a 53,580 square foot addition to its existing facility at 45200 Grand River Avenue.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 28, 2008. Published May 22, 2008

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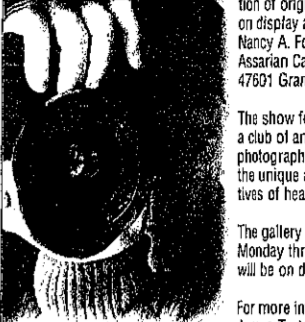
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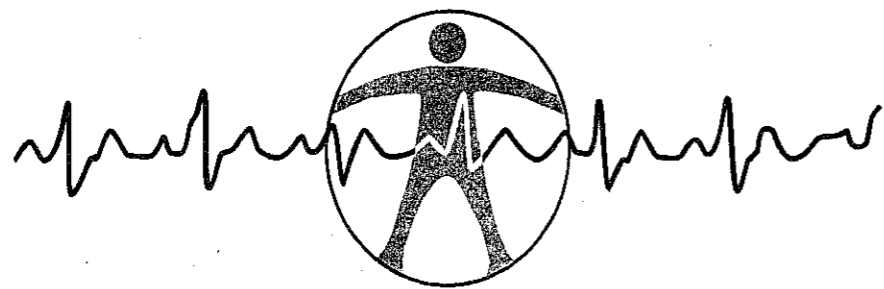
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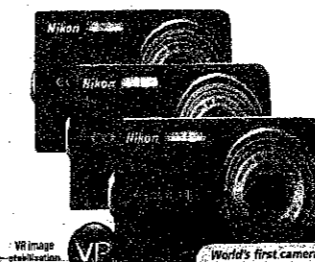
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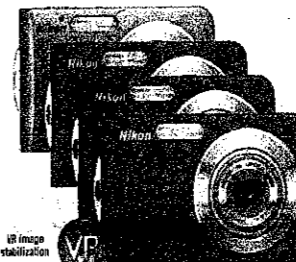
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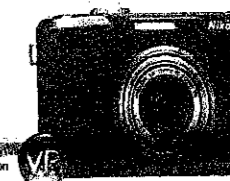
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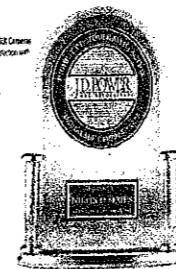
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TOUGH LOVE

■ Coach admits to being hard on senior to help her toughen up on mound

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Novi head coach Bob Lulek admittedly has been tough on his pitcher, Paige Henley, this year.

It wasn't because he thought she didn't have the talent, but more so because he was trying to get her mentally tough enough to handle pitching against some of the state's best teams.

On May 14, Henley proved she had the goods to beat the best.

She delivered a one-hit performance against the Lakeland Eagles, who have been one of the KVC's and the state's best teams in recent years.

"Sometimes I don't know if she was concentrating as much as she should've been," Lulek said. "She concentrated completely against Lakeland."

"That will be a stepping stone for her for the rest of the season. Lakeland is a high-profile program."

Lulek has heard some people say he was too tough on Henley, but he wishes he was tougher earlier.

"We wanted her tougher, and I didn't push her hard enough right at the beginning," he said. "We probably would've had a few more wins if I would've done that."

Growing up quick

Henley didn't start pitching until her freshman year. She was used very sparingly as a backup to Brittany Luka last year, another pitcher who Lulek admits being tough on.

Luka came on big toward the end of her senior season, something Lulek hopes can happen again this year.

"Considering where she started the season up to now, she's doing very well. She's progressed just the way I wanted to."

"When she is successful, we're going to be successful."

Lulek is a power pitcher. She deals mostly with the fastball, but has the arsenal to change things

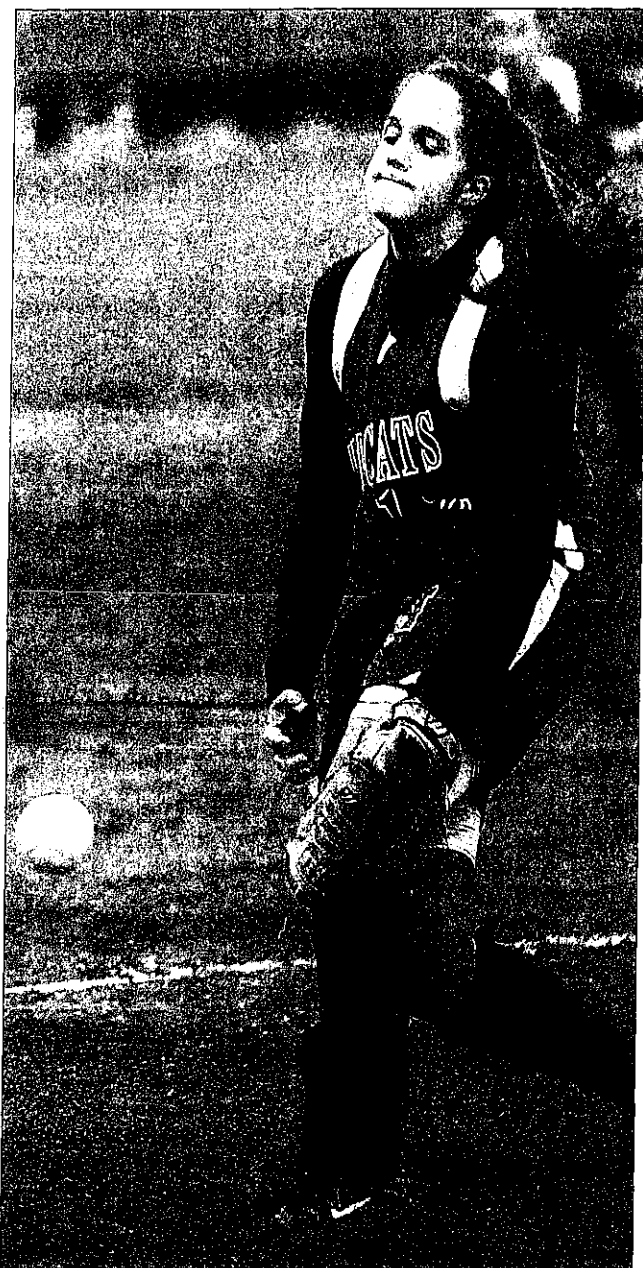


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See **HENLEY, 2B** Wildcat senior Paige Henley pitched a 2-0 shutout of Lakeland on May 14.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Wildcat Jenna Caroslo, right, and Mary Reid go up against a Northville player for a header.

Finals Four?

Novi soccer attempts to win fourth straight state title

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Anyone in the local soccer world knows what Novi has done in the last three years — finish as state champs.

But with winning comes a bulls-eye that grows bigger each year, and head coach Brian O'Leary knows that all too well.

"Being the team that has won three straight titles is difficult from the perspective that everyone, except our team, is probably getting tired of us and wants us to lose," he said. "They have the opinion of give someone else a chance."

But that doesn't mean the Wildcats are going to just hand it over to someone else.

They have just two losses and are fighting with Brighton for the final league title. One of the losses came to rival and No. 1 ranked Northville.

The playoffs begin 6:30 p.m. May 27 at home against Mercy. The semifinals (May 29) and finals (May 30) are both at home.

The big thing Novi has that most teams don't is experience playing in big games.

"The state playoffs are a very different atmosphere," O'Leary said. "Hopefully our experience translates into being able to capitalize on our scoring opportunities."

Novi Leaders

Goals

Jenna Caroslo, 9
Morgan Hall, 6
Alyssa Fraser, 5
Nikki Greenhalgh, 5

Assists

Caroslo, 8
Fraser, 5
Mary Reid, 5
Greenhalgh, 4

Keeper

Erin Zerito, 12.6 games played, 7.5 shutouts, five goals against

"Inevitably, you will come across a game where you get three or four chances to score and so does your opponent. The team that capitalizes the most on these limited chances is the team that will win. We have yet to do that this season, so it worries me."

Another wildcard factor for playoffs is how a team will change their style of play. Teams

See **SOCCER, 4B**

REGIONALS: Tennis wins title

■ Wildcat girls, boys track advance athletes to state

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Last Thursday, Novi tennis started off a day that saw Wildcat tennis, girls track and boys track all sending athletes to the state finals. Novi hosted the tennis regional, while the track teams competed at Milford, all under gorgeous weather conditions eluding much of the spring.

Tennis

The Novi tennis team ran away with the regional title, winning titles in six of the eight flights, all against Northville opponents.

Novi scored 30 points to move on. Northville also advanced with 26 point for second place.

The Wildcats swept single play, with No. 1 Amanda Border, No. 2 Jackie Wang, No. 3 Sara Carlson and No. 4 Jennifer Felcher all winning in straight sets. Felcher lost just one game on the day.

"It feels really good," Border said. "Our team is doing really well. We made it to the final in all the matches. That's a really good step for us. It will help us with our confidence at states."

In doubles, No. 2 Amy Chiang

and Lauren Felcher and No. 3 Teodora Gavric and Kelli Wallen also won titles. No. 1 Lauren McCloskey and Megan Wenzl and No. 4 Jenna Snyder and Julia Thomas finished runner-up.

"I figured it was going to be an all-Novi and Northville final," head coach Jim Hanson said. "I thought both teams played well. We won some close matches."

Girls Track

The Wildcats qualified eight girls in five events for the state meet from Friday's regional meet in Milford.

Moving on are Monica Barlage, Brittany Davis, Lauren Forche,

Tia Faraon, Emily Hall, Elle Robinson and Kaitlyn Shelar.

Barlage qualified in two events, placing second in the 100 meters (12.6) and was part of the 4x100 team that qualified with a finish of 51.0. The rest of the team includes Davis, Forche and Faraon.

Shelar was the regional champ in the pole vault, clearing 10-8.

Hall and Robinson both beat the qualifying times in their events. Hall finished the 800 meters in 2:21 to advance, and Robinson did the same in the 3,200 meters, finishing in 11:18.6.

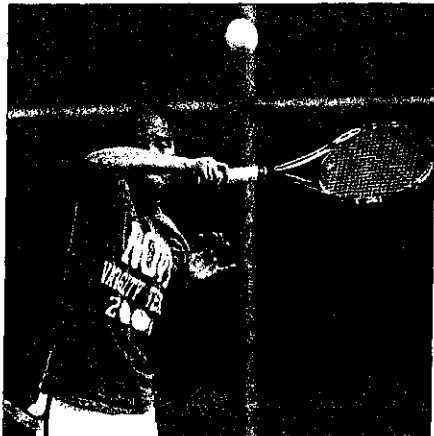


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See **REGIONALS, 4B** Novi's Jackie Wang competes in Division playoffs.

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Wildcats looking to surprise in playoffs

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Novi softball coach Bob Lulek has been very successful before coming to Novi.

The Wildcats have managed a few wins under his two-year tenure, but he's looking to take the next step and get the team to make a run in the playoffs.

Novi has struggled for much of the year, but a 2-0 win against highly regarded Lakeland showed the Wildcats have the talent to compete with just about anyone.

Paige Henley allowed just one hit in the upset. Lulek knows if she can bring anything like that in the playoffs, the Wildcats will have a shot to beat anyone.

"If we're going to make that run, it starts with her," Lulek said. "Defense and pitching win games."

Part of the reason for the ups and downs was Lulek's decision to have six freshmen on the varsity roster. At times, he has had most or all of them on the field at the same time.

But he isn't planning on babying them. He wants them to take what they've learned throughout the year and prove themselves, along with the rest of the team, when the games mean win or go home.

"I'm preparing them just like it's a veteran team," he said. "I'm preparing them to win."

"These are mature freshmen. They come up with big hits and big plays."

The Wildcats received a bye in the opening round and will host the winner of Mercy and Farmington Hills Harrison 10 a.m. May 31.

The other side of the bracket has Farmington waiting for the winner of Northville and North Farmington. Those teams will face off after the Novi game, and the district championship will also be played the same day at Novi.

"Our district is tough, everybody knows that," Lulek said. "The kids understand they're getting good. They want to do well now."

It's a group of kids that I'm excited about. You can see the progressions more and more and more."

Jeff Theisen can be reached at jtheisen@gannett.com or at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.



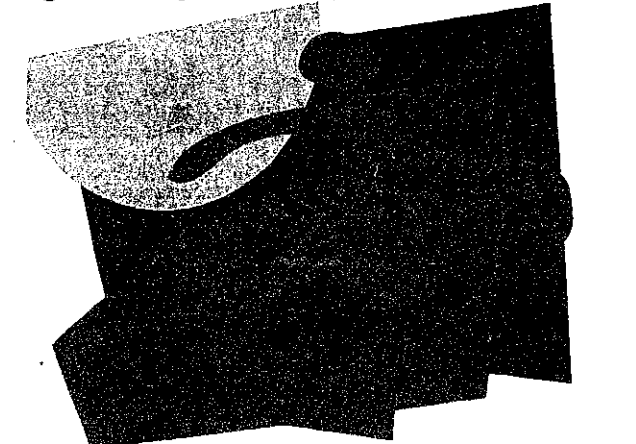
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Samantha Bourque gets set to bat for Novi.



Freshman Katie Marra catches for Novi.

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Roundup: Novi lacrosse wins final KVC title

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi lacrosse team (13-2) wrapped up its fifth-straight KVC title with a 9-3 win against South Lyon on May 15.

Both teams came into the game undefeated, but only the Wildcats walked away undefeated in league play. Novi has won the league title in all five of its years in the league.

The teams ended the first period tied at one, before ripping off three more in the second for a 4-1 lead and never looked back.

Craig Howell scored a pair in the second and three more in the second half for five on the night. Matt Mandeville pitched in a goal and an assist, Tom Machisak found the back of the net twice and Paul Favorite added three assists to help the offense. Nathan Hayes and Sean Murphy also scored a goal.

The day before, Novi lost a tough 12-5 battle with No. 2 Ann Arbor Pioneer. Pioneer led 4-0 at halftime, a lead the Wildcats were unable to overcome.

Howell led the offense with three goals and two assists. Mandeville notched a pair of goals and two assists.

The Wildcats started playoff action yesterday.

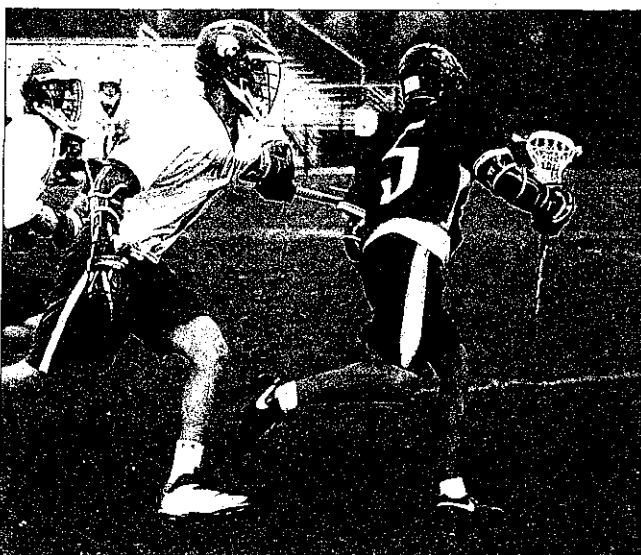


Photo submitted
Novi's Craig Howell chases down the opposition.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News
Wildcat Mark Heard makes contact with a pitch.

Golf

The Novi golf team beat Pinckney and Howell before losing to Brighton and finishing 10th at the Oakland County Tournament.

In a 150-177 win against Pinckney, Alex Lyall and Nick Prokop shot 36s to lead Novi. Tyler Manning was next with a 38.

Prokop fired a career-low 35 against Howell, helping Novi to a 161-172 win against Howell. Lyall was next with a 39, followed by Graham Smith with a 43.

Brighton halted Novi's bid to win the KVC outright. The Wildcats will have to beat the Bulldogs at the post-KVC meet to share the final league title. Lyall shot a 38 for team low, followed by Prokop with a 42 and Tyler Manning and Kevin Auletto fired 43s.

On Friday, the Wildcats placed 10th at the Oakland County Tournament. Prokop tied for seventh with a 75. Lyall was two strokes back, with Auletto next at 81.

JV Golf

Novi JV golfers lost by the slimmest margin, 180-181 to Pinckney. Steve Rajkovic led Novi with a 41.

The Wildcats hosted a tournament May 14. Novi had two teams in the field, finishing ninth and 11th out of 18 teams. Northville won the meet.

Leading Novi were Rajkovic with an 89, Kyle Edwards and Kevin Quinn with 92s and Alex Wilson and Brett Szajner with 95s.

The Wildcats also placed fifth at the Bedford JV Battle of the

JV Soccer

The Wildcats remained undefeated with a 6-0 victory against Milford. The Cats improve to 12-0-3, 9-0.

Nicki Caraso scored the game-winner nine minutes in. Courtney Laux completed the first half scoring for a 2-0 lead.

Second half goals came from Kestley Mascaroni (2), McKenna Rush and Becky Holt.

In other action, Novi tied Livonia Stevenson 0-0 May 9 and blasted South Lyon 8-0 May 14.

Softball

The Wildcats pulled off their best win under coach Bob Lulek's Novi tenure, beating Lakeland 2-0 May 14.

Paige Henley threw a one-hitter against the Eagles, who were

Baseball

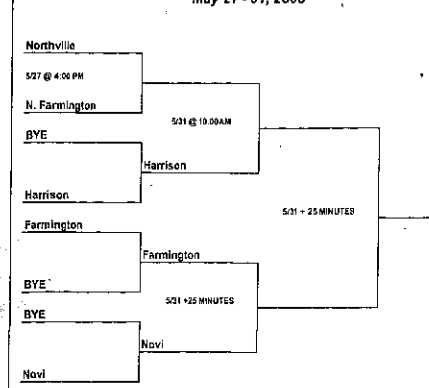
The Wildcats suffered a trio of losses in the past week. Lakeland started the losses with a 10-0 shutout of the Wildcats. Lakeland pitching allowed just four hits.

Things didn't get any better in a 10-4, 13-6 doubleheader sweep by Brighton.

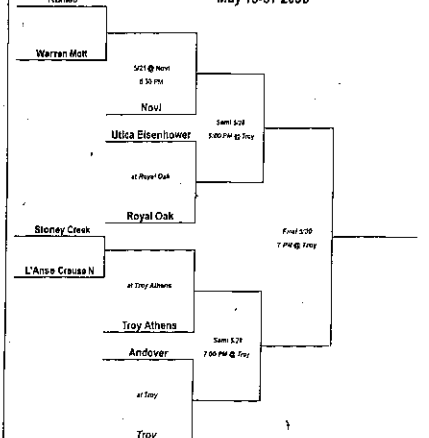
Tyler Scott had a big day at the plate, collecting four hits, including a double, home run and five RBI. Phil Czeski also produced at the plate, getting three hits, but the Wildcat pitching couldn't stop the Bulldogs.

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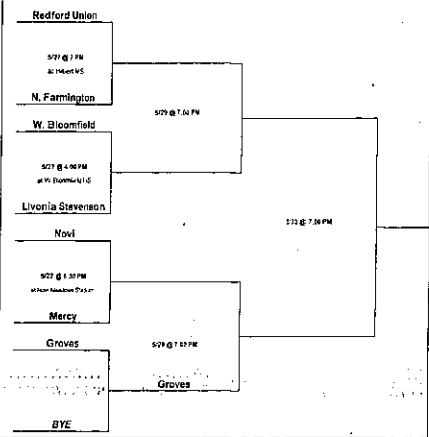
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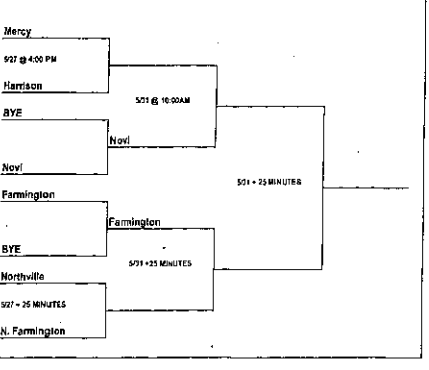
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HENLEY: The key to success

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up with a rise, drop and a change-up in the mix.

Henley isn't just a threat on the mound. She also bats fourth in the lineup.

Lulek said she is a good contact hitter that also can mix in the long ball. If she wasn't a pitcher, he would have no problem finding a spot in the outfield for her.

"She would be one of the best right fielders in the league," he said. "She's got a cannon for an arm. She plays the position very well."

Rest of the year

Lulek knows one game does not make a season. But much like Luka started to figure things out to be successful as the season progressed, Lulek hopes Henley heads down the same path.

The win showed a team that has been struggling with confidence this year that it can be good enough to beat the best if it plays to the best of its ability.

"You could see it in her eyes. You could see it in the next day at practice. The team was totally different," Lulek said. "I really believe that if she throws like she did against Lakeland, we have a good chance to go a lot further than people think we will."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News
Paige Henley takes a cut against Lakeland.

Novi. They got a first-round bye and await the winner of Mercy and Farmington Hills Harrison.

The other side of the bracket has Farmington waiting for the winner of Northville and North Farmington.

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Wildcat coach Robert Lulek talks to his baserunners during a pause in the action of Novi's 2-0 victory over Lakeland on May 14.

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Wildcard Wildcats

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Novi baseball has been all over again this year. They've beaten the No. 1 team in the state and been on the wrong side of mercies to KVC foes.

Head coach Rich Green has seen his team play as good as it can in the first game of a double-header only to be dismantled by the Cats' play in the nightcap.

But that's what makes Novi the wildcard team as the Wildcats will play host to the district beginning May 27.

"I think it's a lack of focus. We're going to have to win two games in the district," Green said. "You have to throw first-pitch strikes and play defense to win it."

Tyler Scott has been the No. 1 on the mound, but Jake Walker has been stepping up recently to give the Wildcats another strong option.

Scott and Walker mixed in with Mike Place (who beat Lake Orion) and Mark Heard gives Novi plenty of options for the two-game district.

The bats have been led by Phil Celecki, Pat Schlenker, Garrett Green and Dan Kiger.

"Phil has a lot of power. He reminds me of Maglio with the way he spreads the ball with power," coach Green said. "We have five or six guys with power."

Northville drew North Farmington to open play, the only teams that didn't receive byes. The winner plays Farmington 25 minutes after the conclusion of the Northville game. Farmington finished runner-up last year.

"They lost a couple of players, but they're well coached," Green said. "We're looking forward to the challenge."

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The district final will be played shortly after the Novi game.

Green said being at home should give his team an advantage for districts.

"That's a big plus. We're used to the mound, the surroundings and the field," he said. "It's a smaller park. I'm looking forward to being at home."

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Andy Harrington gets ready to catch a pitch of Tyler Scott.

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REGIONALS: Onto state finals

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Boys Track

Mike Blaszczyk will represent Novi track at the state meet. He broke his personal best by 12 seconds in the 3,200 meters and placed fifth, but breaking the qualifying time with a finish of 9:39.6.

"Mike ran an unbelievable race," head coach Chris Payton said. "All athletes who competed today did a fantastic job."

Just missing out on advancing were Tyler Mouch with a sixth-place finish in the shot put (45-11.75), Dan Egner with a fifth-place finish in the 800 (1:59.3) and Luke Maxfield with a sixth-place finish in the pole vault (10-11).

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Novi, CC schedules



Novi

Baseball
5/23 vs. Hartland (DH), 4 p.m.
5/24 at EMU Tour, Noon

Softball

5/23 vs. Hartland (DH), 4 p.m.

Track

5/23 at Oakland Cty. at Farmington HS, TBA
5/24 at Oakland Cty. at Milford, 7 p.m.
5/31 at Finals, TBA

CC

Baseball
5/31 at Lakeland vs. Lakeland/WL Central winner, noon
5/31 District Champ. at Lakeland, 2:30 p.m.

Lacrosse

5/22 vs. Wat. Kettering at home, 7 p.m.
With win, 5/28 at 8 p.m. at WL Northern

Track

5/23 Oak. Cty. champ at Farmington, 3 p.m.
5/27 CHSL vs. PSL, TBA

Tennis

5/30-31 at State Finals, TBA

Golf

5/22 District at Bay Pointe GC, TBA

Sports Shorts

Coleman earns letter

Allison College head track & field coach Dave Epaniak announced that Dan Coleman, the son of Robert Coleman and Louise Coleman of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School, has received a varsity award for his participation in the sport this spring.

Alison finished third in the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Association. Coleman tied for third in the pole vault in the MIAA Championships. He cleared the bar at 13-4.25.

CC's Westside Football Camp

Detroit Catholic Central is hosting a non-contact football camp for kids entering fifth through ninth grades June 6-10. The camp runs 9 a.m.-3 p.m. each day and costs \$185.

A boys and girls basketball camp for boys and girls from grades K-ninth will take place July 21-25. 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-one is 8:30-10 a.m. and grades second-third will run 10:30 a.m.-noon.

Schluter 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-camp.com for more information.

Checks for all camps should be made payable to All Area 4 Star Basketball Camp and mailed to Pat Schluter at 24781 Nottingham, Novi, MI 48374.

For more information, call (248) 388-6514.

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.

Novi girls basketball head coach Bill Kelp is hosting a basketball camp June 16-20 at Novi High School for girls entering

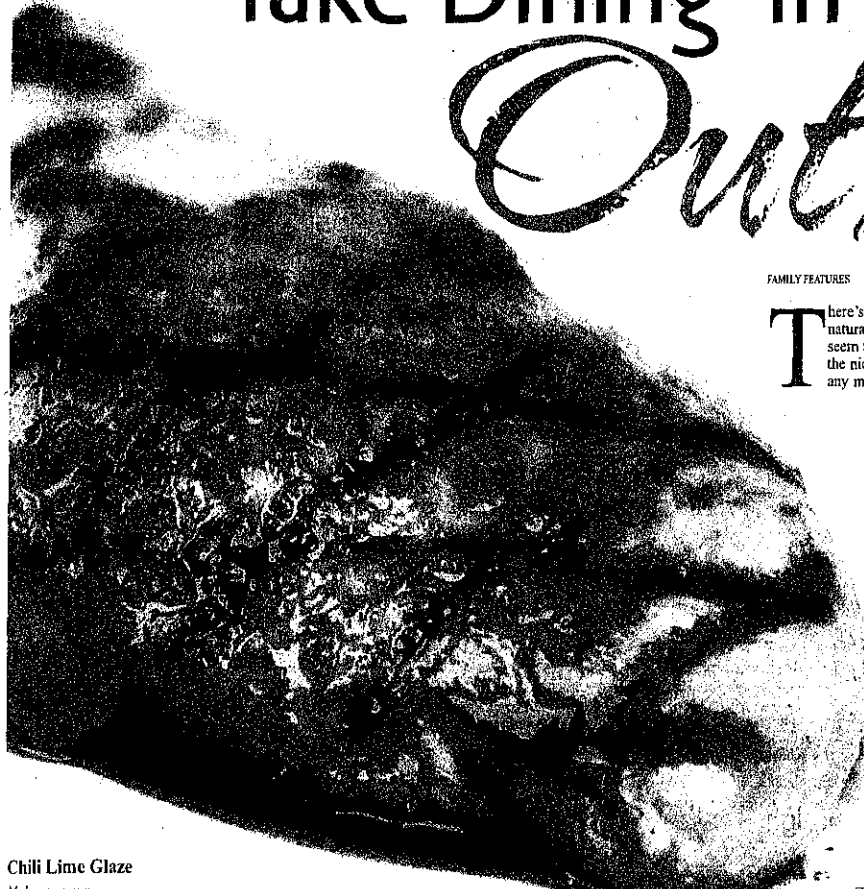
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Take Dining-In Outside



FAMILY FEATURES

There's just something special about dining outdoors. Maybe it's the fresh air and natural light, or maybe it's just because it's something out of the ordinary, but we seem to slow down a little to savor the company and the food a little more. Plus the nice thing is you don't have to go any further than your own backyard to make any meal special.

The Setting

If you don't already have an outdoor table, take some card tables or even your dining room table outside. Cover it with a pretty tablecloth or bright bed sheet, then dress the table as casually or as formally as you like. Fresh flowers make a simple and elegant centerpiece. Put votive candles in jars to keep the flames protected from the wind.

The Menu

Simple recipes and fresh flavors are key. Grilled chicken or turkey with a chili lime glaze is a tasty entrée with a little garlic kick. In addition to a fresh salad or grilled veggies, try a refreshing citrus fruit bowl. Chunks of bright, fresh fruit

boiled in a mild, sweet syrup complement the zesty meat. Desserts are a must! Make kids and adults happy with some choices. You can't go wrong with a frozen lime cheesecake pie — cool and refreshing, its tangy-sweet goodness is perfect on a warm evening. No-bake chocolate sandwich cookies have layers of chocolate, butter-

scotch and peanut butter and are a sure hit with kids.

With a few easy, delicious recipes and a little creativity, dining-in can be a breath of fresh air.

Chili Lime Glaze

Makes one cup
Prep Time: 5 minutes
Cook Time: 5 minutes

- 1/2 cup Karo Light Corn Syrup
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 2 tablespoons lime juice

Mix corn syrup, soy sauce, olive oil, chili powder and garlic together in small saucepan.

Heat over medium heat. Boil 1 minute. Stir in lime juice.

Brush on meats while grilling or broiling. Reserve some glaze to drizzle over cooked meat.

Serving Suggestion: Garnish with fresh cilantro and thin slices of fresh lime. For extra heat, add a dash of hot sauce or a pinch of Spice Islands Ground Chipotle Chile.

Recipe Tip: Can also be used as a marinade.

Nutrition Information per Serving (Serving Size: 2 tablespoons): Calories: 35, Total Fat: 0g, Saturated Fat: 0g, Cholesterol: 0mg, Sodium: 270mg, Carbohydrates: 9g, Dietary Fiber: 0g, Sugar: 3g, Protein: 0g

Citrus Fruit Bowl

Makes 6 to 8 servings
Prep Time: 15 minutes
Chill Time: 30 minutes

- 1/2 cup Karo Light Corn Syrup
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/8 teaspoon anise extract (optional)
- 1 small pineapple, peeled, cored, and cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1 can (8 ounce) pineapple chunks, drained
- 2 medium grapefruit, peeled and cut into bite-sized pieces
- 2 large oranges, peeled and cut into bite-sized pieces
- 4 tangerines, peeled and cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1 cup seedless red or green grapes

Mix corn syrup, sugar, lemon juice and anise extract together in small bowl until sugar dissolves. Set aside. Combine pineapple, grapefruit, oranges, tangerines and grapes in serving bowl.

Pour syrup over fruit, toss to combine. Chill, covered, at least 30 minutes before serving.

Nutrition Information per Serving (Serving Size: 1 1/8th cup): Calories: 180, Total Fat: 0g, Saturated Fat: 0g, Cholesterol: 0mg, Sodium: 15mg, Carbohydrates: 47g, Dietary Fiber: 3g, Sugar: 23g, Protein: 1g

Frozen Lime Cheesecake Pie

Makes 8 servings
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Freeze Time: 6 to 8 hours

- 1/2 cup Karo Light Corn Syrup
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 teaspoons freshly grated lime peel
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, cut into cubes
- 1 (9-inch) graham cracker crust
- 1 cup whipping cream, whipped
- Additional freshly grated lime peel, for garnish

Blend corn syrup, sugar, milk, lime peel and lime juice on medium speed in blender until smooth. With blender running, gradually add cream cheese cubes. Blend just until smooth.

Put into pie crust.

Freeze to 8 hours. To serve, garnish with whipped cream and grated lime peel.

Nutrition Information per Serving (Serving Size: 1/8th pie): Calories: 360, Total Fat: 19g, Saturated Fat: 9g, Cholesterol: 30mg, Sodium: 270mg, Carbohydrates: 45g, Dietary Fiber: 0g, Sugar: 30g, Protein: 4g

Chocolate Scotcheros

Makes two dozen bars
Prep Time: 20 minutes
Cook Time: 10 minutes
Cool Time: 45 minutes

- 1 cup Karo Light Corn Syrup
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 6 cups crispy rice cereal
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup butterscotch chips

Cook corn syrup and sugar in large pan over medium heat, stirring to dissolve sugar. Bring mixture to boil. Remove from heat. Stir in peanut butter; mix well.

Add cereal; stir until evenly coated.

Pour into greased 13x9-inch pan; pat into place. Melt chocolate and butterscotch chips together in saucepan over low heat, stirring constantly. Spread over cereal.

Cool at least 45 minutes, or until firm. Cut into bars.

Nutrition Information per Serving (Serving Size: 1/24th recipe): Calories: 230, Total Fat: 10g, Saturated Fat: 4g, Cholesterol: 0mg, Sodium: 130mg, Carbohydrates: 36g, Dietary Fiber: 1g, Sugar: 22g, Protein: 4g

SOCCER: Wildcat girls go for fourth-straight state championship

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that might have played a more wide-open style of play will clog the attack zone with as many defenders as possible, trying to keep the scoring in a minimum or get the game into penalty kicks where it might have a better chance.

"I can't tell you how many times in the last three years I have scouted a team during the regular season, thought I knew everything

about them, only to have them do something completely different against us in the playoffs," O'Leary said. "So your ability to adjust in a short amount of time becomes key."

And adjusting is something the Wildcats have done perfectly in the playoffs that last three years.

O'Leary knows he has to keep blending his team with an influx of underclassmen with the upperclassmen to keep the team strong

for more than one or two years.

But he knows the seniors have the opportunity to do something that can only be tied in the record books — win a title four years in high school.

"I doubt a group of players will ever again win three division I state championships in a row," he said. "So I believe they have already left a legacy behind."

The last trump card the Wildcats have is they are hosting

the regional. They get to play on a grass field they are more than familiar with.

"Hosting districts is an advantage in the fact that we get to play on a very big, grass field."

O'Leary said. "Our individual skills can overcome a team that plays a very defensive strategy."

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CC Roundup: Szmazdzinski wins County

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Shamrock golfer JJ Szmazdzinski highlighted a busy week for the Shamrock golfers. He captured the Oakland County medalist with a 72.

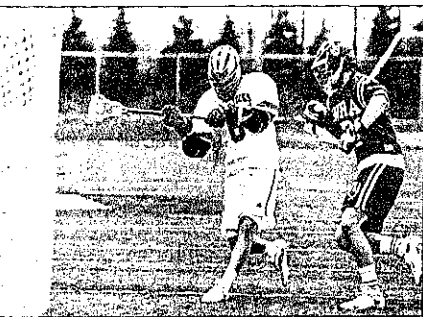
Despite playing with several varsity regulars out of the lineup, the Shamrocks managed to finish runner-up, thanks to Connor Street firing a 77 and Blake Fritchart shooting a 78.

On Monday, CC finished second at the East Lansing Tournament. Joe Fransted finished second with a 77-77, followed by Szmazdzinski with an 82-77. Steve LaRouere with an 81-81 and Mike Panek with a 77-83.

On May 13 at Catusis, Spencer Hicks was medalist with a 37 in a win against Divine Child.

To end league play, the Shamrocks beat Brother Rice 142-145. LaRouere and Fransted led with 1 under par 34s. Alex Kolpacke (36) and Panek (38) were next.

Brother Rice came back to win the Catholic League Championship on May 13 by one stroke over CC. Fransted was the Catholic League medalist with an even-par 71, followed by



Matt Aubrey fires a shot on net.

Photo submitted by Dennis Barrows

Kolpacke (76), Mike Panek (78) and JJ Szmazdzinski (79). Fransted, Kolpacke and Panek made the All-Catholic Team.

Track

Multiple school records fell at last Thursday's regional meet at Milford as the Shamrocks placed second in a 15-team field.

Pinkney won the meet with 97 points, with CC next with 91.

Northville finished third with 79.5, and Novi was 14th with 15 points.

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Quick cats

The Novi Jaguars U10 Boys Green team won the Novi Jaguar Soccer Invitational on May 9-11. The team was undefeated and beat the following teams: Troy Elite, Vardar LOSC, Royal Oak Renegades and Bloomfield Force Navy.

The Novi Jaguars U10 Boys Green team members are: Alan Xiao, Drew Crawford, Hirokata Sasaki, Shin Soto, Nate Glese, Matt Harder, Coach Dave York, Connor Ince, Joey Cam, Nick Harder and Tyler Belanger.

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Elite lists

The Michigan Elite U-15 Silver volleyball team won a U-16 tournament hosted by Huron Valley Volleyball Club. The picture includes (bottom row, left to right): Andrea Phillips (Farmington), Devin Jennas (Novi), middle row: Nicole Saccone (Canton), Jenna Snyder (Novi), Paige Jefferson (Northville); top row: Coach Trish Hankerson (Novi), Katie Blinger (Canton), Laura Subject (Novi), Erica Robb (Novi) and Maddi Phimister (Novi).

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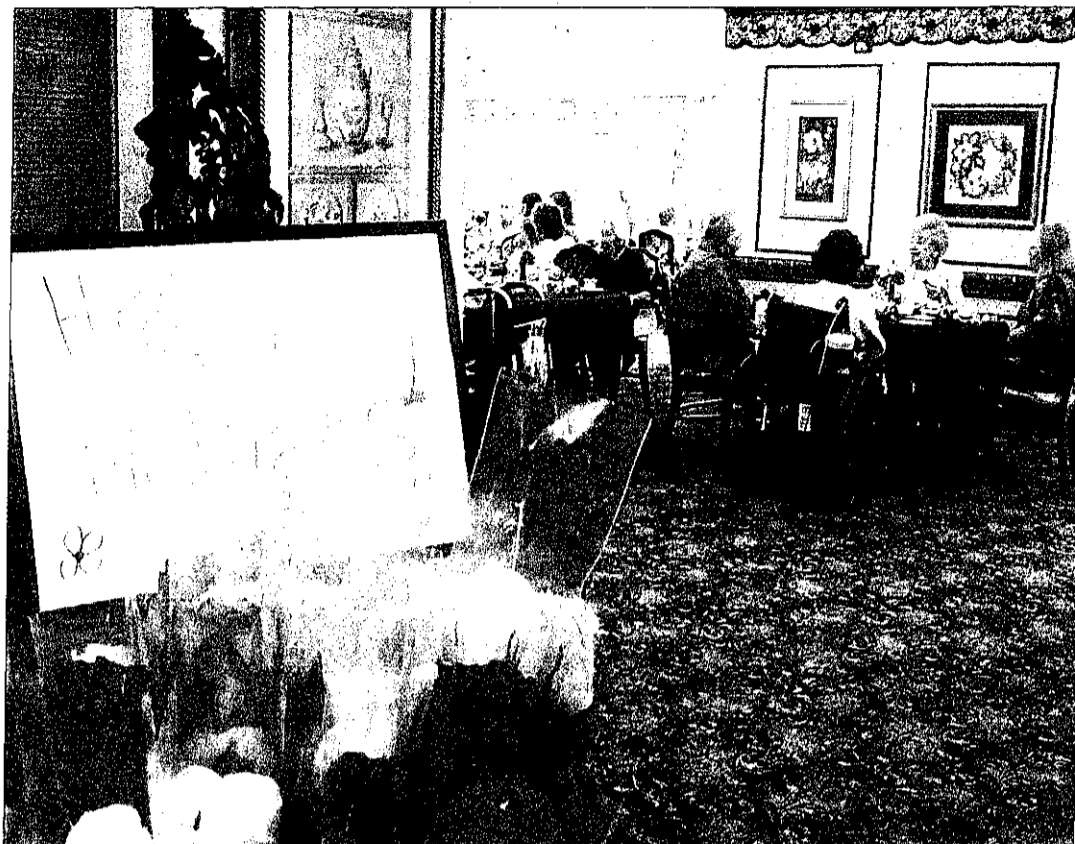


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The dining room at Oakmont hosts special events like the recent Mother's Day High Tea for resident mothers and their daughters.

Carefree and Independent Retire and live carefree in Northville at Oakmont

By John R. Hall
SPECIAL WRITER

"We are like a fine hotel that you can call home." These are the words that Madeline Lipinski uses to describe life at Oakmont Carefree Retirement Living in Northville.

Madeline, the executive director of Oakmont, along with her experienced staff, exemplify the care and the tradition that has made Oakmont one of the finest senior retirement communities in Michigan.

For eight years Oakmont has been an integral part of the Northville community. Most people will remember the facility as American House. This past January the name changed but the faces and the care did not.

FULL SERVICE

Oakmont, with its 126 apartments, continues its tradition as a full service retirement home with all of the features and amenities that make retirement living so comfortable and so special.

"The facility is beautiful, warm, and friendly — inside and outside," said Madeline.

Along with Oakmont's marketing director, Wanda Main, the two women bring over 50 years of experience working with seniors. They are very proud of the facility and the programs it offers to residents.

"We offer medical care 24/7, physical therapy, and a physician in the building two days a week," said Wanda. "The nice thing is that residents don't have to pay for these services but they are available if there is a need."

In fact, some of the Oakmont residents live very active lives, maintaining part-time jobs outside of the facility or working inside running the "Country Store." Besides shopping at the store, residents enjoy an exercise room, full-service beauty salon and barber-

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shop, valet parking in the winter, spacious apartments with small kitchenettes, and a large outdoor porch which Madeline said, "is always packed, morning to night during good weather."

Residents are treated to meals in Oakmont's large dining area and often have input on the menu, too.

"Our chef caters to the people," said Madeline. "For example, he will sometimes make three or four different varieties of soup just to satisfy everyone."

When not enjoying the delicious and healthy menu items, residents can participate in cooking, knitting, and craft classes. They also look forward to planning and hosting a Christmas bazaar each year.

CONSISTENT STAFF

As important as the amenities are, caring for people has always been Oakmont's trademark. Madeline and Wanda believe that the staff, like themselves, truly enjoys what they do. And it shows.

"There is no turnover here," said Wanda. "Residents have gotten to know the staff so well and the staff has become a second family to them."

"We know that people trust us to care and treat their family members well," said Madeline. "We try to ensure that everything is available in-house, making it easiest for residents and visiting family members."



Mother and daughter, Ruth (left) and Deanna, pause during a recent activity in the quiet of Oakmont's library, where residents can find books and chat online using the Internet.

Family members can come and spend the night, too."

COMMUNITY-MINDED

Planned activities are another highlight at Oakmont. Recently, during Mother's Day week, the facility hosted a high tea for resident mothers and their daughters, which gave each the opportunity to spend a memorable afternoon together. Earlier in the year, Oakmont hosted a two-day "cruise." The facility was decorated to look like a cruise ship and special cruise ship activities were staged.

But Oakmont is more than just a great place to live. It is also an active part of the Northville community.

"We believe in giving back to the community," said Madeline. "We work closely with the Northville Senior Center and participate in their events. We also work with the Novi Senior Center, too."

For more information on Oakmont call 248-449-1480 or stop by the facility at 42000 Seven Mile Road, between Haggerty and Northville Roads.

Wanda makes an invitation to interested families, "Come in and have lunch with us and explore our facility!"



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