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City slated for significant growth by 2035

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Novi should continue to grow and flourish in many ways, according to the recent Southeast Michigan Council of Governments forecast for 2035.

The council, referred to as SEMCOG, projected Novi will see growth in all three forecasted studies: Population, households and employment.

"We did it right. We made sure our tax base was diverse. We made sure it wasn't just retail," said Novi Mayor David Landry. "We need to continue with a diverse approach. The population has to be diverse and the tax base has to be diverse. It's all of those

things that make Novi desirable."

Novi's population, which has already been growing steadily, is forecasted to continue growing by another 30.4 percent to 69,796 by 2035. The calculation is a 16,260-person increase from 2005's 53,536 population.

"I think Novi is going to be better than that," Landry said, noting he expects the city to expand to 70,000-75,000.

To accommodate the population increase, the number of households is expected to jump 37.2 percent, from 21,461 to

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29,452 in 2035. The southeast and central portions of Novi are already packed with residences, and each of the eight square miles on Novi's western and northern edges are exploring new condos, subdivisions and housing complexes.

"The school systems, both public and private, are outstanding. The housing stock is newer. All the shopping and retail is here," Landry said. "We are seeing the fruits now of some of the conservative decisions made five years ago. We have a very diverse community, which enables us to

do well in this economy."

The population growth resulting in a housing increase isn't random, however. The jobs will be here to draw new faces to the city. Employment is projected to jump from 36,462 jobs to 52,068 in 2035, a 42.8 percent growth. With 15,606 more jobs, the 16,260 more people will nearly all be accounted for.

"We are a location that is desirable for businesses. We're desirable for auto businesses because we're not in any of the Big Three's backyard. We're Switzerland, we're in neutral ground," Landry said. "Last year, we were second in the state only to Grand Rapids in non-residential development. Businesses want to move here because of all the diversity and

things I have talked about."

He credited various businesses, such as Ryder Systems Inc., ITC Holdings Corp., Providence Park Hospital, The Art Institute of Michigan and the Twelve Oaks Mall expansion for helping Novi grow in the hard economy of the past year.

Throughout Oakland County, populations seem to be shifting and new businesses continue to spring up. As a whole, SEMCOG projected the county to increase 10.1 percent by 2035 to more than 1.3 million residents. Slightly larger projections are also forecasted for housing and employment in the county.

"The population is moving west and north in Oakland County," Landry said. "I don't think they're

running away from anything. They're running to communities that are diverse, that have a little of everything to offer."

Landry said west Oakland communities such as Lyon Township, South Lyon, Wixom, Milford and Farmington Hills, and nearby Hartland in Livingston County are also growing and expanding because they have the space for new businesses and an increasing population.

"We are all stronger if we develop. It helps the region. Not everyone is going to live in the city, but maybe a neighboring city," he said.

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Remembering our Heroes

Craig Miller, assistant leader of Boy Scout Troop 407, salutes the American flag while "The Star-Spangled Banner" is played at Monday's Memorial Day Parade. See page 12A for more parade photos.

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Novi's Providence Park Hospital postpones opening

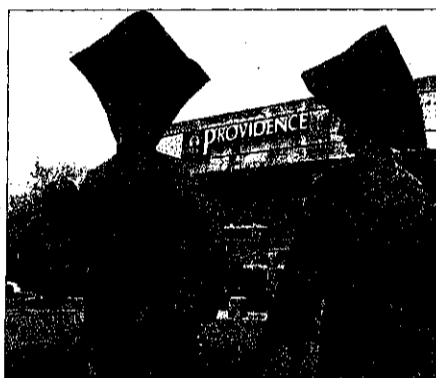


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Novi's Providence Park Hospital.

Unveiling Sept. 5

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

In the next few weeks, those of you heading eastbound on Interstate 96 may notice the countdown go up, instead of down, on the Providence Park Hospital billboard.

Providence Park Hospital President, Rob Casalou, announced the grand opening of

the 500,000-square-foot hospital has been pushed back 28 days, from its original date, Aug. 8, to Sept. 5.

"Fortunately, it is not a major delay," said Casalou, noting the delay has nothing to do with construction or with the City of Novi. "We changed some of our thinking around technical issues. We delayed the opening to allow for changes in our IT systems to occur."

"We are implementing the first

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Novi seniors receive honors, prepare for Ivy League



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Novi High's Sami Khan, class of 2008, will be heading off to Harvard in the fall.

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

More than \$8 million in scholarships were handed out to Novi High School students at last night's annual Senior Honors Convocation.

The event at Rock Financial Showplace featured several students accepting scholarships from schools across the country, and many more accepting departmental awards.

"We're very proud of their efforts to achieve their goals,"

said counselor Kathy Scullen, who coordinated the event.

Many of Novi High School's 487 seniors filed into the Showplace as 171 seniors (35 percent) received at least one scholarship. Some earned as many as 12 scholarships.

"It's an amazing number. The \$8 million is what's reported at this time. It's an ever-growing number. It gives us real pride to see the students explore the challenges and opportunities at the colleges," Scullen said. "We've been growing every year. It'll

probably be closer to \$8.5 million by graduation."

About 284 seniors (58 percent) received, in total, \$586,000 from the Michigan Promise Scholarship and are eligible for an additional \$2,000 if they complete two years at a Michigan college or university while maintaining the required Grade Point Average.

"We're very pleased they were able to do well on the Michigan Promise test and help themselves

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Novi's Generation Y voices Fuerst Farm opinions utilizing Facebook

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

In the era of social networking, Novi High School students, past and present, are using Facebook to weigh in on the proposed demolition of the Fuerst Farm facilities.

"Facebook is a social utility used by nearly all college students and an increasing number of high school students," said 18-year-old Alex Tollis, 2007 graduate of Novi High School. "(It) isn't much of a political tool, but, in terms of spreading the word fast, you can't beat it."

After moving home from his first year at Michigan State University, Tollis learned of Novi City Council's approved plan to demolish the existing buildings, located on the farmstead property at the corner of Taft and 10 Mile Roads.

"The issue is extremely important to me," Tollis said. "I live just across Taft Road from the (Fuerst Farm) house. I see the Fuerst Farm as a piece of my history."

On May 18, the 14-year Novi resident decided to take action and created the Facebook group, "Save the Fuerst Farm."

"I made the group with the intention of informing Novi's younger residents of the issue," Tollis said. "I think the general public of Novi is not aware of

What is Facebook?
Facebook is a social utility that connects people with friends and "others" who aren't necessarily in their immediate vicinity.

People use Facebook to keep up with friends, upload photos, share links and videos, and learn more about the people they meet.

Facebook is a free online network that has been around a company region or school. Members join the network to connect with their real-life communities, to learn more about the people they meet, and to study around them.

All you need to join the "Save the Fuerst Farm" group is a Facebook account, which requires a valid e-mail address.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com.

Novi Theatres seeks participants for annual senior variety series

Have you been wondering what to do with lazy, hazy, summer afternoons? If you're 50 or older, come join the Novi Theatres, we have a place for you.

Rehearsals begin for the Senior Variety Series Show: "Remember When... The Game Show of the Century" 12:30 p.m. June 3 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, and will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the summer.

Residents are encouraged to get involved with the theater while making lasting friendships and honing performance skills.

"I have seen the Senior Variety Show many times over the years. I am always amazed by the close friendships the participants have formed," said Theatre Assistant Karen Witkehart.

"This is a wonderful summer program with an exceptionally friendly, outgoing group of seniors. Just bringing your enthusiasm is enough. If you can talk, you can sing," said Del McPherson, a senior who has participated in many Novi Theatre productions.

The rehearsal schedule is flexible and the production features six performances, Sept. 11-21. No past experience is necessary and there are no auditions.

Residents may register at the first meeting or online at cfof.org.

For more information about the Senior Variety Series, contact the Novi Theatres at (248) 735-5615 or visit cfof.org.

The Novi Theatres has enriched the Novi community for more than 16 years.



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Alex Tollis began a Facebook page to save the Fuerst Farm.

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Medical center renovations support hospital on Providence Park campus

This is the fifth installment in a series featuring the St. John Health Providence Park campus in Novi.

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

As the majority of physicians have moved out of the existing medical center and into the Medical Office Building on the Providence Park campus, four practices remain.

The Joslin Diabetes Center, Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Elliott Breast Care Clinic and Cardiovascular Institute of Novi will continue to operate out of the existing facility, with expansions or relocations slated to accommodate additional space.

The parking lot, located at the southeast entrance of the building, is also expanding to help support the patients and visitors of the cardiovascular institute, said Steve LaBelle, project manager of the existing medical center.

Although there has been confusion regarding the name of the current facility, officials have dubbed it Providence Medical Center, for now.

Aside from the four practices, the existing lab and testing area will expand to incorporate all outpatient labwork for the entire campus.

"We want people to have easy access to their outpatient services," LaBelle said.

Generally, in-patient services will be treated at Providence Park Hospital and outpatient services will be handled at Providence Medical Center, LaBelle said.

Another tenant to remain in its current location is the sleep center, which LaBelle said will also expand at some point in the future.



Providence Park Hospital's Lou Martin, left, takes a look at some of the blueprints showing planned structural changes to the hospital's existing (northern) building. With him is Steven LaBelle, the hospital's project manager and facility planner.

The medical center will also house all medical records associated with the Providence Park campus and hospital administrative offices.

"We haven't built administration offices into the hospital," said Lou Martin, account executive of marketing and public relations for Providence Park Hospital. "Hospital square-footage is so expensive, why should we use it for administration offices?"

The offices will be accessible through a two-story connector

joining the two buildings.

"We're trying to move the leadership into existing spaces to keep the cost down," LaBelle said.

While the inside of Providence Medical Center is undergoing renovations, there are no plans to alter the outside of the building, aside from landscaping, sidewalk and parking lot improvements.

For any patient who is unsure of the location of their physician, there are volunteers posted at each entrance of the Providence Medical Center.

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fully electronic medical record system in our health system. It is a very complex installation."

Regardless of the set-back, Casalou anticipates the 200-bed hospital will still receive its certificate of occupancy by Aug. 1.

"We are on target for our original construction and opening of the hospital for our clinical staff, so we are on time for our acceptance of occupancy of the building," said Lou Martin, account executive of marketing and public relations for Providence Park Hospital. "We will then be conducting training of our associates and working through technology infrastructure issues to be able to open the hospital to the community Sept. 5."

"We are shooting for a mid-to-late August community celebration date."

Casalou delivered the news last Thursday, while Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, deputy county executives Phillip Bertolini and Dennis Toffolo, and deputy director of economic development and community affairs Maureen Donohue Krauss toured the 200-acre campus.

"It's impressive," Patterson said. "Health care is one of our fastest growing sectors in Oakland County."



Workers Kain Klieman, left, and Ian Riggs work at Providence Park Hospital.

St. John Health is investing \$224 million into the state-of-the-art hospital, located on the southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue.

The campus is composed of six separate buildings, including the existing medical center, the Assarian Cancer Center, Providence Park Hospital, the Novi Orthopaedic Center (including The Bone and Joint Surgery Center of Novi), The Neurosciences Skull Base and Spine Institute and Medical Office Building, and Slaybridge Suites hotel.

Once complete, total employment on the campus is projected to be about 2,000.

"Two-thousand jobs ... that's great for Novi and Oakland County," Patterson said.

Providence Park received about 1,000 applications after its job fair, May 17, which drew in about 1,500 interested people of all ages, eager for employment.

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Hospitality House receives new look, needs donors



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Walled Lake Central Honors Art Students Alexandra Yarost (left), Michael Robertson, Autumn Huer, Bethany Radloff and Yang Sheng pose by the Hospitality House mural they designed and painted on two of the food pantry walls.

Hospitality House recently opened new and improved space for client services. The additional space was necessary due to the increase in the number of people in southwestern Oakland county seeking supplementary food to feed their families. Families in need increased by 30 percent during the 2007 first quarter. The generosity of individuals, businesses, schools, churches and food drives like the recent postal collection where both Walled Lake and Wixom Post Offices brought food to the pantry, have helped Hospitality

House continue to serve all seeking help. During the expansion, one donor presented Hospitality House with a walk-in cooler permitting the pantry to offer perishable foods to clients. With summer coming the pantry hopes people with extra produce will consider bringing it to the pantry for distribution to those in need. Eggs have been added and an effort to secure a source for dairy (other than milk) is in progress. With 450-500 families visiting Hospitality House every month and 22,000-25,000 pounds of food

distributed every month, Hospitality House is in constant need of donors and volunteers. Summer is a very difficult time, but if residents would send just 88 cents to the pantry Hospitality House, it would be able to keep the shelves filled with the basics during the summer. While expanding space Hospitality House wanted to keep the atmosphere welcoming for those seeking help. Thanks to Walled Lake Central Honors Art Students who designed and painted a wonderful mural on two of the intake area walls.



Photo by Susan Cusick

City of Novi Superintendent of Parks Matt Wiktorowski talks with second-grade students from Orchard Hills Elementary during Science Day at Lakeshore Park.

Committee seeks residents for Minor Home Repair Program

The City of Novi Minor Home Repair program seeks candidates for its upcoming service year. The program helps qualify low-income homeowners in the city make needed repairs and improvements to their residences. The program tackles priority improvement projects including furnace repair, water heater, toilet, or garbage disposal replacement, fixing porches, wiring, leaky roofs or removal of dangerous trees. Grants up to \$5,000 are possible. In addition to help with repairs, homeowners can apply for weatherization assistance to help improve their home's energy efficiency and year-round comfort, and lower those pesky utility bills. Applicants must be 18 years or older, own their own residence or mobile home in Novi, with total income at or below HUD Section 8 low-income definitions based on family size. Novi's program is administered through the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA). For an application or to find out more about the program, contact OLHSA:

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Information about the Minor Home Repair Program is also available through many churches in Novi.

If you have further questions about the Minor Home Program, please contact Marina Neumann, Assistant Finance Director for the City of Novi, at (248) 347-0468.

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Soldier and alum visits Parkview Elementary



By Chris Jackett STAFF WRITER

Diane Garbooshian and Connie Dye's Parkview Elementary classes had written letters to HIM2 Ryan Christensen of the Navy...

Christensen, 28, is an alum of Garbooshian's classroom from the 1988-89 school year, when he was a fourth grader at Novi Woods Elementary School...

office. He was pretty persistent to keep it a surprise," said Parkview Principal Jennifer Michos...

"All the kids were in the hallway waving red, white and blue flags. It had all of this drum roll feeling of emotion. It was so exciting for the young ones to see him in his uniform. We were just grateful for his presence and there's nothing like leaving a real soldier walk through our halls and put things in perspective."

Christensen spoke to the fourth graders for about 45 minutes regarding his two experiences in Iraq, growing up in Novi and the importance of education. "It was just amazing. The reception I got from these kids, I wish every service member could get it. I got pretty choked up. It was a pretty emotional day," he said.

mailing dermatologists back and forth, and several trips back, we determined it was a rare congenital disease called Maffucci Syndrome. There's only about 200 documented cases of it in history.

The reconnaissance naval medic lives at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, but made the special trip back to Novi, where he was also able to visit Chris and Jan's mom, Susan, as well as his parents, who live in White Lake.

"It's great to see him. What else could a teacher want that to know your students succeed," Garbooshian said, recalling Christensen as an adventurous, caring and curious child 19 years ago. "You don't forget your children. I came across a 7-year-old boy near Fallujah on local patrol in the area. His father presented him to us and, with the help of e-

Naval Corpsman Ryan Christensen is welcomed to Novi's Parkview Elementary School by his former fourth grade teacher Diane Garbooshian.

Novi residents prepare to fight for a cancer cure

By Tracy Estes-Mishler SPECIAL WRITER

Michael Denzer remembers his wife, Susan, as a woman of great will and strength. The 44-year-old Novi resident lost his wife to breast cancer last year after battling the disease for six years.

Denzer said Susan was a strong friend and losing her was his worst nightmare. "She didn't want me to be sad," Denzer said. "She was a very strong woman and fought until the end."

Denzer said Susan was a strong advocate in donating money to find a cure for cancer. And this year he's going back by attending Novi's 2008 Relay For Life in honor of his wife and others who fought the battle as she did.

"The more I can give and do to fight this, the less people will have to go through the pain of losing their best friends," Denzer said. "Cancer is an ugly word and we need to do all we can to stop it."

Lake Denzer, many people are anticipating this year's 2008 Relay For Life, held 10 a.m.-10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday June 7-8 at Novi Middle School.

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's signature event offering people in hundreds of communities across the nation the opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer.

This year's Novi Relay For Life welcomes 42 teams including teams from Novi Middle School, Walnut Creek, Novi Best Buy, Mercantile Bank of Michigan and the TIC Holdings Corp.

Barb Iovan, community representative for the American Cancer Society, said money raised during the relay will help fund research grants provided by the society in finding a cure.

This year's relay offers several familiar activities including the silent auction, opening ceremony and the cancer survivor and caregiver lap. New this year, relay goers can look forward to the relay back ceremony at 4 p.m. Saturday, which offers people an opportunity to find ways they can fight back against cancer in their own lives. They also can stop by the information tent and fill out a picture a cure and write a paragraph about their relationship with cancer.

"We ask (people) to include their name and mailing address and we share the picture cues with our legislators in Lansing," Iovan said. "This helps them see how important the issue of cancer is. It puts it in their face about helping to keep funding for things like breast and cervical cancer."

At 10 p.m. Saturday relay goers can look forward to the luminaria ceremony where the track is lined with glowing bags, which can be purchased for \$10 the day of, displaying poems, names, pictures and kind words of those who have survived, are facing the battle or have lost the cancer battle.

"It's a very powerful ceremony," Iovan said. "It really is moving and ties the whole day together."

Iovan said the event is not only about raising money, but also raising awareness.

"When I first started working with the American Cancer Society in 2000, there were fewer than 7.9 million cancer survivors in America," she said. "Now there are over 10 million. Every day 62 people in metro Detroit are diagnosed with cancer."

2008 Relay For Life

Each year one event brings together entire communities to take part in the fight against cancer. The event is the American Cancer Society Relay For Life.

And it is not too late to participate in the Novi event. When: Saturday and Sunday, June 7-8, 10 a.m.-10 a.m.

Where: Novi Middle School, 49000 11 Mile Rd. Price: Free, donations welcome

For more information: Call (734) 276-0501 or send an e-mail to kmcclark@acs.com



Residents gathered last year for the 2007 Relay For Life.

Relay For Life was started in 1985 after Dr. Gordy Klatt, a Tacoma, Washington, colorectal surgeon, spent a grueling 24 hours circling the track at Baker Stadium at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma to raise money for his local American Cancer Society office.

"Today, people in more than 29 countries and 54 communities alone in the metro Detroit-area rally together each year at Relay For Life to raise money and awareness of more than 100 different types of cancers and remember those who have lost their lives battling the disease."

"Relay is a time of reflection and love of work," Iovan said. "It's very rewarding and we hope everyone can come out and take a lap around the track with us."

Relay For Life is a day camp program for children that have completed grades first through fourth by summer.

CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 to register or volunteer.

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Church of the Holy Family LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road CONTACT: (248) 349-8847

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Visit the Web at hometownlife.com for a complete list of area churches

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FAITH

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

First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 349-3647

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 427-1175

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Ward Evangelical Church LOCATION: 40500 Six Mile Road, Northville CONTACT: (248) 374-5978

First Presbyterian Church of Northville LOCATION: 200 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911

St. John Lutheran LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills CONTACT: (248) 474-0584

St. John's Episcopal Church LOCATION: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth CONTACT: (734) 453-0190

Gathering is focused on prayers for peace. People of all faiths welcome. CONTACT: (248) 473-0355

Light and Lively Dinner and Concert TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tonight LOCATION: At Single Point Ministries

Divorce Recovery Workshop TIME/DATE: 7:30-9:30 p.m. CONTACT: Rev. Brian C. Steeb

Orchard Hills Baptist Church LOCATION: 23555 Novi Road CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hix

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Rollercoasters highlight Camp Invention program

Children will have the opportunity to design miniature amusement park rides, create safe vehicles and brainstorm on Planet ZAK when the Camp Invention program arrives in Novi for the first time this summer...



Photo by JOHN HEDDER/NOVI NEWS

Class NOTES

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...

Important dates for Novi High School students

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

- May 29 - 9:30 a.m. senior breakfast at Baker's...
June 11-12 - Underclassmen final exams

Summer Child Care 2008

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

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Orchard Hills celebrates with song



Orchard Hills third-grade student Gabrielle Boileau poses as a bride with groom Connor Betts during the school's annual choral concert. Students from the Orchard Hills Elementary School third grade class presented 'The Wedding March' in honor of Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy last week inside the Novi Middle School auditorium.

CITY OF NOVI Water & Sewer Department 26300 Delwal Drive Novi, Michigan 48375 March 27, 2008

2007 CONSUMERS ANNUAL REPORT ON WATER QUALITY The City of Novi is pleased to present the 2007 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report contains mandatory information about water quality issues and potential health effects, lists the source of our water and provides the results of the water quality monitoring tests for 2007.

Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant 2007 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Table with 10 columns: Contaminant, Test Date, Units, Maximum Level, Lowest Level, Level Detected, Range of Detected, Violation Status, Major Source in Drinking Water. Includes sections for Inorganic Chemicals, Chlorinated Hydrocarbons, and Pesticides.

CONTAMINANTS THAT MAY BE PRESENT IN SOURCE WATER INCLUDE:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife. Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

City of Novi 2007 Microbial Contaminants - Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System

Table with 5 columns: Contaminant, MCL, MCLL, MCLL, Level Detected, Source of Contamination. Lists various microbial contaminants and their detection levels.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT OUR WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM:

The City of Novi purchases treated water from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) who provides drinking water to approximately 4.2 million people in 126 southeastern Michigan communities. The system uses water drawn from two intakes in the Detroit River...

City of Novi Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap

Table with 5 columns: Element, Test Date, Units, Action Level, Violation Status. Shows lead and copper monitoring results for various customers.

DETAILED CONTAMINATION TABLES:

The tables and information contained on the next pages are based on tests conducted by DWSD and the City of Novi in the year 2007. DWSD conducts many tests throughout the year, however, only tests that show the presence of a contaminant are shown.

Key to Detected Contaminant Tables

Table with 2 columns: Contaminant, Description. Explains the symbols and abbreviations used in the contamination tables.

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OUTDOOR LIVING advertisement for Weber Grills. Features a complete line of Weber grills, starting at \$299, with accessories. Includes contact information for Plymouth Nursery and phone number 734-453-5500.

Central Air Conditioning advertisement for Lennox. Offers a \$1000.00 rebate on up to \$1000.00. Includes contact information for United Temperature and phone number 819-525-1930.

CHURCH DIRECTORY advertisement listing various churches in Novi, Michigan. Includes names like First Church of the Nazarene, Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, and Holy Cross Episcopal, along with their addresses and contact information.

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City of Novi Memorial Day 2008



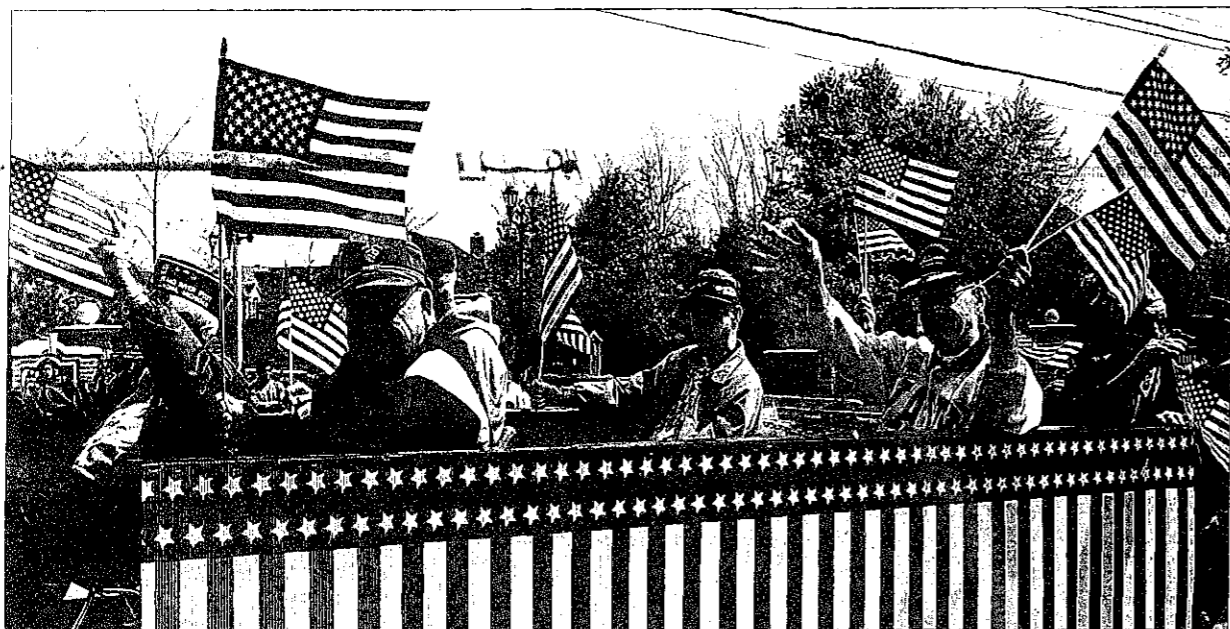
Jeannie Crocket points out something to her son Jacob, 3, during Monday's Memorial Day Parade.



Parade watchers line 10 Mile Road to watch the Memorial Day Parade.

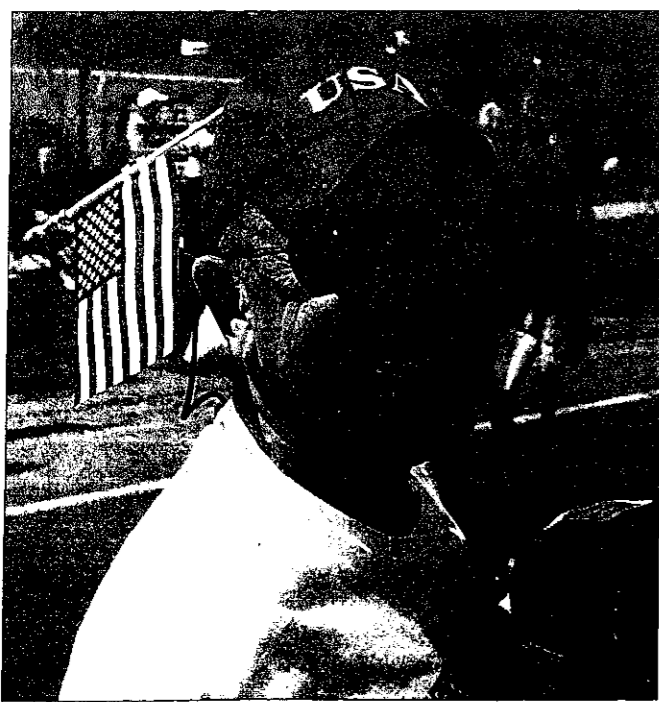


U.S. Armed Forces personnel carry the American flag in honor of those who lost their lives.



Veterans proudly wave to the crowd during Monday's Novi Memorial Day Parade.

PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER



Bob Gatt smiles as he hands out piles of candy to kids lining the parade route on Memorial Day.



Local Girl Scout and Brownie troops march in Monday's parade.

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Novi Public Library employees march in Monday's Memorial Day Parade with their book carts and reading message.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NOVI News

Save the Farm, save Michigan history

As a participating member of the Michigan community, I was disturbed and saddened when I found out about the possibility of the City of Novi destroying the Feest Farm landmark and I feel you should reconsider your decision to demolish. This is a historical chapter in Michigan's life and stripping our state of any historical culture will surely only deplete the overall worth of our state as a staple in the United States for history, culture and education. This farm has a history; a deep Michigan rooted history at that. I believe this world is going in a direction it should change, but I fear it will not. I worry for our future generations, looking from the past to the present, I fear a little more looking for the present to the future. For the good of your children and your children's children, help yourselves preserve some of what made this state what it is. There is campaigning, protesting and support flowing from the community and

I believe you'd be doing yourself a great injustice if you, as well as your conscience, didn't mull it over. Save Feest Farm!

Jessica Charette
Farmerville

Be involved, be informed, be ready to vote

It has been five years since our leader stood on the deck of one of our country's ships and declared "Mission Accomplished." So many lives lost, so much money spent and, throughout the world, such a loss of respect for our country. All of us must surely see the importance of becoming involved in the process of picking our new leader. Let us promise to write a letter to the editor of our local paper, to attend a political meeting, to become well informed and above all, to vote in all elections, local and national.

Doreen Lawton
Novi

Cheering for the right perspective

A very sad and telling thing happened to me last week while attending my daughter's Novi JV softball game. I was cheering on the home team, only positive comments, nothing offensive or inappropriate and never a word about the other team or the umpires calls, etc., and encouraging our team's pitcher to throw strikes and get them out. Between innings a man asked me if my daughter played on the team. I answered yes. He informed me his daughter was the pitcher and I was to stop "yelling at her," she doesn't like it. What? He went on to say that it disturbs her concentration. For the record, I never cheered for her or anyone else while the game was being played, only between pitches when cheering for their girls. The Novi stands were dead silent, with only the occasional parent making a comment to their own child when she came to bat. Has it come to this? If I ever go to another of my daughter's softball games, I'll sit with the other team's parents and cheer for their team.

cheering at a JV softball game is taken as an assault on a child's concentration, thus undermining their ability to perform at their highest level. I am sure this gentleman has kept every statistic on his daughter since grade school and can tell you every facoid about her every inning pitched. Parents, we need to get lives, let the kids play and have fun during the games. If they win great. If they lose, move on and let them get ready for the next game. Blaming your daughter's performance on another parent cheering for the team is ludicrous, but is apparently where we are in Novi sports. I think, when parents put so much pressure on kids to succeed, then we, as parents, have failed our children.

Paul C. Snider
Novi

What do you think?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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- Deadline: Letters must be received by 5 p.m. on Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.



State must work to fix its budget

Just when you thought things were awful enough — gas more than \$4 a gallon, auto sales dropping fast, — homes facing foreclosure, and the economy in a recession ... now comes the bad news.

The nonpartisan and highly respected Citizens Research Council of Michigan (CRC) is predicting — once again — long-term, big-time state budget trouble. Even though the legislature thrashed and fought most of last year, barely avoiding a state shutdown before finally enacting a new tax package and balancing the budget ... it turns out that was only a temporary plug for the collapsing dam.

In fact, little last year has done anything to relieve the "chronic structural budget deficit." That means the cost increases of state programs will continue to occur revenues.

Rapidly rising health care costs and our prison system (estimated at 7.3 percent per year) will swamp state finances. The CRC experts estimate budget gaps starting next year which would balloon to a \$6 billion hole in the General Fund by 2017 if nothing is done.

All of which makes it disgraceful that last year's report of the governor's Emergency Financial Advisory Panel was so roundly ignored. The panel, headed by former governors Jim Blanchard and Bill Mithken and consisting of some of Michigan's most distinguished leaders, came up with a remarkably tough-minded, far-reaching set of structural reforms designed to cut costs and assure adequate revenues to sustain necessary state programs.

Some examples: Cutting corrections expenses, which now at \$2.2 billion a year are more than



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state spending on our colleges and universities.

- Reducing fringe benefits for state employees, which now exceed by a mile those paid to workers in the private sector.

- Working out better ways for school districts and local government units to collaborate by sharing services and cutting costs.

The devastating new CRC projections should come as no surprise to those familiar with the emergency panel's brief report, which ought to have been mailed to every family in the state.

But they will hopefully add urgency to the movement for long-term structural changes in the workings of our state — and help make people realize how necessary those changes are.

By now, the broad outlines are fairly clear. Research by Michigan's Future, Inc. demonstrates that those states with young and highly educated work forces are the ones that are going to prosper in the future. As Lou Glazer says, "talent trumps taxes." The issue isn't just the number of jobs; it's good jobs, which lead to high and growing family incomes.

In its recently issued report, "Michigan's Defining Moment: A Common Ground Agenda for Michigan's Transformation," the nonpartisan, nonprofit Center for Michigan (of which I am

president) called for a talented and globally competitive work force, a vibrant economy and a great quality of life, and an effective, efficient and accountable government.

Other regional economic development groups — Detroit Renaissance, the Detroit Chamber of Commerce, the West Michigan Strategic Alliance — have all proposed similar strategies.

People are unhappy with the slow pace of change and the continued partisan bickering. Polls published by The Center show that nearly 85 percent of citizens think it's important for lawmakers of both parties to work together in developing solutions to Michigan's problems, while the same number think that's not happening now.

Business leadership, in particular, is increasingly unhappy at the lack of urgency in Lansing. Leaders from the Detroit Renaissance Chairman to the Domino's CEO have been warning that time's running out, but, as one said, it's "like screaming into the wind."

And most leaders I talk with agree that the kinds of decisions we make over the decade will play a major role in defining what kind of state Michigan will be over the next 50 to 75 years.

Truly, we are at a hinge in our history. What is needed most is the political will to actually set

these long-term strategies into place. I've been holding small, off-the-record, confidential dinner meetings with legislators for the past several months. As many as 30 from both parties are deeply troubled at the partisan gridlock in Lansing. They are anxious to work with business and civic leadership to start things moving.

The first step involves the 45 open seats in the House of Representatives that are up for election this fall. Frankly, I don't care which party wins the seats, but I do care a lot that we nominate and elect candidates willing to work together across party lines to reach far-reaching solutions to Michigan's problems.

And as world-changing as this year's election may be nationally, for Michigan, it is only a prologue to the really important election two years from now: For us, 2010 will truly be a watershed.

Whether we like it or not, we'll elect an entirely new cast of characters to send to Lansing: The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, will all be new. So will at least 31 out of 38 state senators, and more than half of the lower House, all thanks to term limits.

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GRAND FINALE

Novi tennis heads to state as regional champs

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Three sports will come to an end this weekend as the state finals will be played for boys and girls track and girls tennis. The Wildcats will be represented in all three sports.

Tennis

Fresh off of winning its home regional, the Novi tennis team will take it across to the state meet in Midland on Friday and Saturday. The Wildcats now sit at eight flights at the regional, sweeping singles play. Titles went to No. 1 Amanda Border, No. 2 Jackie Wang, No. 3 Sara Carlson, No. 4 Jennifer Felcher, No. 2 doubles Amy Chang and Lauren Felcher and No. 3 doubles Teodora Gavric and Kelli Wallen. Also advancing are Lauren McCloskey and Megan Wenzl at No. 1 doubles and Jenna Snyder and Julia Thomas at No. 4 doubles.

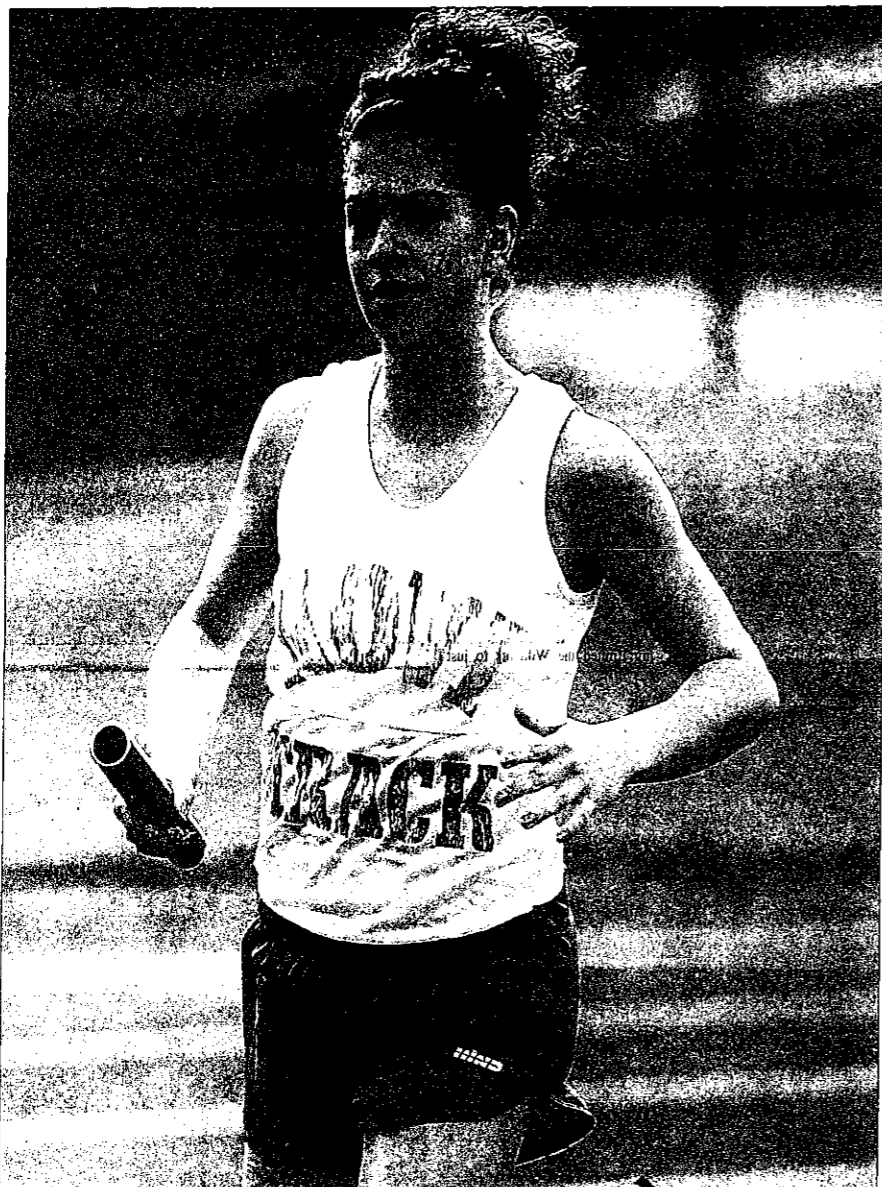
Girls Track

Novi will be well represented by eight girls qualifying in five events for the state meet. Monica Barlage qualified in two events, the 100 meters and as part of the 4x100 relay team with Brittany Davis, Lauren Forche and Tia Jarman. Katelyn Shelar won a regional title and advanced in the pole vault. Emily Hall will compete in the 800, and Elle Robinson will run in the 3,200.

Boys track

Mike Blaszczyk will be the lone runner for the Novi boys. He qualified in the 3,200 meters.

Division I boys and girls track will compete at Rockford High School on Saturday.



Wildcat Elle Robinson, shown competing in the 4x400, heads to the state competition in the 3,200 meters.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

CC track sends several All-State hopefuls

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

The Catholic Central track team heads into Saturday's meet at Rockford confident on scoring some points.

Thrower Mike Martin looks to defend his state title in the shot put and is also among the top five in the state in the discus.

Martin's launch of 62-5.5 at regionals is almost five feet further than the next best throw in Division I.

Other potential scorers for the Shamrocks come mostly from the distance events.

The 3,200 relay team of Alex Toloff, Brandon Schneider, Spencer Hall and Zach Oleski broke the school record at the regionals, placing second.

Oleski will also be running in the 800 meters. He finished in 1:57.8 to tie for the 10th-best finish at regionals.

The 4x100 team of Billy Riga, Mel Farr, Jake Spatar and Jack Daykin also set a new school record at regionals and will compete at state.

Others competing on the grand-stage are Curran in the 200 meters and the 800 relay team of Curran, Kadykowski, Melwin Joseph and Daykin.

The Shamrocks will look to improve upon a 17th-place finish last year.

Race times and more information on the state meet can be found at www.mhsa.com.

Jeff Theisen can be reached at jtheisen@gannett.com.

Roundup

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Ellen Brinza and Chelsea Bullock.

The win moves the Wildcats to the district semifinals 7 p.m. Thursday at home.

The final KVC soccer title was up for grabs last Thursday between Novi and Brighton, but it ended in a 1-1 tie and the two schools will share the title.

"It was a very good game between two great teams," O'Leary said. "Megan Burns, Shannon Cody, Rachel Barndt, Chelsea Bullock and Taylor Pyden did a great job of keeping Brighton's forwards in check."

The Wildcats scored off a scrum following a corner kick halfway through the first half.

Chaklos sent a corner kick into the Brighton goal mouth. The ball was at first deflected by the Brighton goalie, then Fratto took a shot on goal which was blocked by a Brighton defender, but Reid found the rebound and knocked it home.

Brighton answered five minutes into the second half on a similar goal — another scrum after a corner kick.

Novi ends the regular season at 12-3-3 overall and KVC champs at 8-0-2.

"Our main goal every year is to win the KVC championship," O'Leary said. "This is our sixth consecutive league title. I believe this speaks highly to the fact that our approach is a successful one."

O'Leary credited the tough non-league schedule with helping the girls to get ready for the KVC portion of the schedule.

"We play the toughest non-league schedule that we can," he

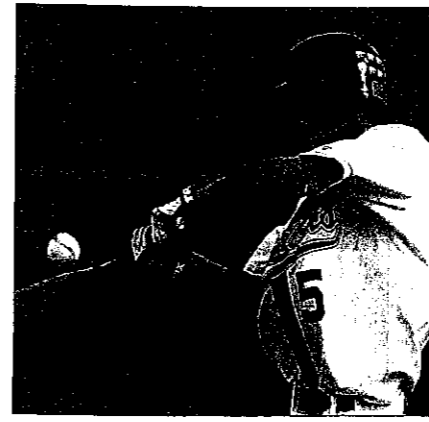


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Garrett Green makes contact during a recent game.

said. "Even if it means taking a few losses, which we have this season and certain people surrounding the program have freaked out because of it, but we understand that we learn more about our team in losses and close games."

"This is the same process that has allowed us to be successful in the state tournament."

Lacrosse

Novi lacrosse scored early, often and non-stop in a 23-1 hammering of Warren Consolidated in regional play May 21.

Craig Howell led the Wildcats (14-2) with six goals and two assists. Tom Machisak was next with five goals.

Other top performances included Alex Wilier with two goals and five assists. Paul Favorite with

three goals and three assists and Matt Mandeville had two goals and three assists.

The Wildcats advance to the regional semifinals 5 p.m. May 28, where they will meet Uica Eisenhower at Troy High. The regional finals are 7 p.m. May 30 at Troy High.

Golf

The Novi golfers advanced out of districts with a fifth-place finish. Next up is regionals today at Oak Pointe.

The districts were played at Bay Pointe with scores for Novi as follows: Nick Prokop, 77; Graham Smith, 78 (career low); Alex Lyall, 81; Brent Womack, 85; and Tyler Manning, 88.

On May 20, The Wildcats won the Post-KVC to win the final KVC title.

Scores for Novi were: Lyall, 70; Prokop, 72; Smith, 79; Womack, 82; Manning, 83; and Kevin Auletto, 85.

Baseball

The Wildcats finished out the KVC going 1-2 last week. South Lyon edged Novi 5-4 May 21 and the Wildcats earned a split with Hartland two days later, losing the first 5-1 and winning the nightcap 7-5.

Against the Lions, Novi scored three runs in the final two innings to pull even, only to have South Lyon win the game with a run in the bottom of the seventh.

Masuro Nagami knocked in a pair of runs with a hit and a sacrifice fly to help pace the offense. Tyler Scott and Dan Kilger each had a pair of hits.

Against Hartland, Eagle pitching limited the Wildcats to just two hits in the opening game.

The second game was com-

pletely different as Mike Place threw the first six innings to earn the win.

Phil Celeski banged out three doubles and knocked in a run to get the offense going. Danny Enright had a pair of doubles and three RBI.

Softball

Novi ended the season on a hot streak, winning a pair of games Friday from Hartland.

The Wildcats beat Hartland 3-2 in 12 innings. Rebecca Richter threw all 12 innings to get the win. She also had a pair of hits at the plate.

Jessica Salley knocked in the game-winning run in the 12th. Lauren Shelar had a strong game at the plate with a triple and single.

Shelar then got the win in the second game on the mound, a 15-8 win for the Wildcats (11-20, 7-13).

JV Soccer

(Submitted by Dan Corbi) The Novi JV soccer team topped off an undefeated season Thursday by shutting out rival Brighton 1-0 in the KVC Crossover Match, a victory that earned the Wildcats the KVC championship.

Wildcats JV Coach Michael Ziegler was pleased with the season and with the victory that he called a "pure championship" because, in addition to winning the championship match, Novi also had the best overall record (14-0-3, 10-0 KVC).

Sophomore Kelsey Masserant scored the lone goal in the first half of play on a cross from Nicki Caruso. Goalkeeper Laura Vance helped secure that lead with a key save late in the first half.

Also in recent play, Novi blew out Ann Arbor Pioneer 7-0 on Wednesday. Scoring for the Wildcats were Caruso (2), Laura Subject (2), Masserant, Marie Steinbock and Allison Jennens.

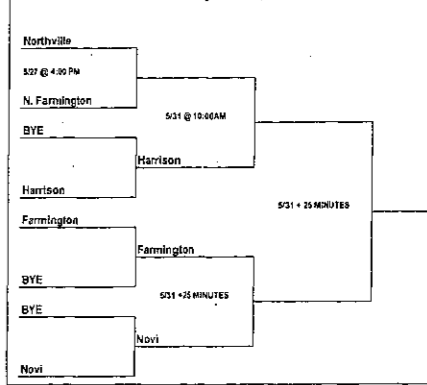
JV Golf

The Novi JV boys golf team competed in the JV KVC tourney May 21. Novi took third out of nine schools, with South Lyon East competing for the first time at that level.

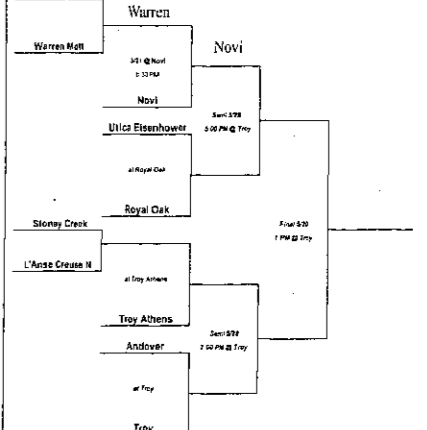
Travis Androsen earned First Team with an 82, Sam Palmer got Second Team with an 83, and Steve Rajkovic also got Second Team with an 87. Other scorers for the team were Jon Robinson, 89; Alex Willson, 90; and Tommy Goers, 93.

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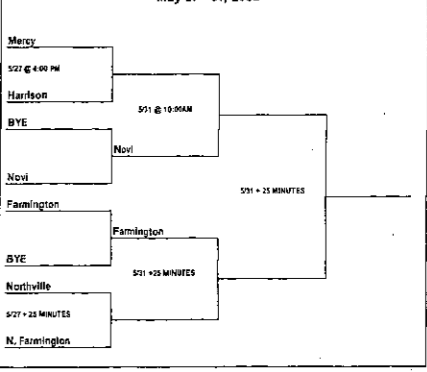
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Novi goalkeeper Erin Zerio boots the ball.

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NOVI ROUNDUP: Soccer, lacrosse win district openers

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Novi soccer started its playoff run in grand fashion Tuesday, shutting out Mercy 6-0 at home.

Jenna Carosio knocked home a feed from Katie Chaklos 1:10 into the game, and the Wildcats would not look back from there.

Less than two minutes later, Carosio sent a cross to Veronica Salers, who one-kicked it into the net for a 2-0 lead.

Not yet halfway through the first half, Shannon Cody scored off a Chaklos corner kick.

Morgan Haffey scored on a 25-yard blast off a feed from Mary

Reid, and Jamie Fratto scored with 49 seconds left in the half off a feed from Cody for a 5-0 half-time lead.

Alyssa Fraser scored the final goal with an assist from Chaklos for the lone second-half goal.

"Today, our finishing was the key to the game," Novi head coach Brian O'Leary said. "Their have been times this season where we have gotten 20-plus shots and not scored any goals. Tonight, we had 23 shots and scored six times."

"Also, our substitutes played very well, especially Mary Reid,



See ROUNDUP, 15A Craig Howell plays keepaway with a defender.

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CC Roundup: Track wins CHSL; lacrosse opens regional with win

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central track captured first place at the Catholic League meet May 20 at Ladywood. The Shamrocks finished with 127 points, well ahead of Brother Rice with 114 and U-D Jesuit with 101.5. The Shamrocks won six events, including Mike Martin in both the shot put and the discus. Brendan Curran in the 200 meters and the 400, 800 and 3,200 relays. Martin dominated the field in the shot put with a throw of 61-0.5, more than 11 feet further than second place. The discus win came on a launch of 151-5. Curran finished the 200 in 22.54 for 10 Shamrock points. The 800 relay team of Curran, Ronnie Kadykowski, Melwin Joseph and Jack Doykin finished in 1:31.01. The 400 relay team of Daykin, Mel Parr, Bill Riggs and Jack Spauler won in 4:37.5. The 3,200 team of Alex Toloff, Brandon Schneider, Spencer Hall and Zach Oleski finished in 8:09.35.



Photo by Danny Barnes

Harrison Hall competes in a relay race.

The Shamrocks received a bye in the opening round of district play and await the winner of Lakeland vs. Walled Lake Central. The Shamrocks will play shortly after the 10 a.m. game May 31 at Lakeland.

from Chris Nemes; Jeff Jaeger with two goals and a goal and an assist from Mike Binney. The win advanced CC to the regional semifinals May 28. A win there would put the Shamrocks in the regional final 7 p.m. Friday at Walled Lake Northern. The Shamrocks also knocked out a pair of quality teams, beating Troy Athens 15-8 May 13 and Ann Arbor Huron 12-8 May 16. Against Athens, Brad Higgins fired home five goals and dished out an assist to lead the way. Matt Aubrey found the net three times, and Dumsa (two assists) and Wood (assist) each scored twice. Against Huron, Nemes had the hot hand with three goals and an assist. Higgins, Dumsa, Aubrey and Wood scored two goals each. Dumsa and Wood each had a pair of assists.

Baseball

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Golf

Catholic Central won its district with an even 300. Brighton was next at 305. JJ Szmalinski was the team low with a 72, followed by Steve LaRouere (74) and Joe Fransted and Zach Ficher with 77s. The Shamrocks next compete at regionals today at Oak Pointe in Brighton.

Sports Shorts

CC's Westside Football Camp

Detroit Catholic Central is hosting a non-contact football camp for kids entering fifth through ninth grades June 16-19. The camp runs 9 a.m.-3 p.m. each day and costs \$185. Call (248) 596-3829 for registration.

Novi Volleyball Camp

The Novi volleyball coaching staff is hosting a summer volleyball camp at the high school. All Skills Camp: Grades third-sixth - 9-11:30 a.m. July 21-24. Grades seventh-ninth - 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. July 21-25.

Shamrock Lacrosse Camp

CC lacrosse head coach Dave Wilson is hosting a lacrosse camp June 16-19 for grades sixth-eighth and June 23-26 for grades nine-12. Both camps will run 6-9:30 p.m. at the high school field. Instruction for all levels of players will be available. Send any questions to coachd-wilson@yahoo.com.

Novi Wildcat Boys Basketball Camp

Novi boys basketball coach Cory Heitsch is hosting a boys basketball camp June 16-20 at Novi Middle School for boys entering second-ninth grades in the fall. Grades second-fifth will go from 8:30 a.m.-noon and grades sixth-ninth will follow from 1-4:30 p.m. The cost of the camp is \$140 and will include a week of instruction, an outdoor basketball and T-shirt. Awards and trophies will also be presented. For more information or registration, call (248) 449-1206.

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The CHSL Championship was a great victory for us, but especially for the seniors," CC head coach Tony Magri said. "There were 25 seniors who stayed behind during the Easter break to run track. The seniors did not accomplish last year as juniors. Being CHSL Champions was one of their goals this year." But it didn't stop there for the Shamrocks, they also placed second at the huge Oakland County Invitational that features more than 50

teams. Brother Rice won the meet with 59 points, closely followed by CC with 55 and Rochester Adams with 53. Martin set a new field record with a toss of 60-9 to win the shot put. He also placed second in the discus (154-10).

The 1,600 relay team of Curran, Kadykowski, Sansovich and Harrison Hall set a new school with a second-place finish in 3:24.2. Other highlights included a second-place finish by the 3,200 relay team of Toloff, Scott Hoffman, Schneider and Spencer Hall (8:06.9), Curran with a third-place finish in the 200 (22.2) and Toloff with a fourth-place finish in the 1,600 (4:28.5).

Lacrosse

Catholic Central started its playoff run with a 21-4 dominating of Waterford United. Jeff Wood provided six goals and Jack Dumsa banged home five with six assists to lead the offense. Other highlights included a three-goal, four-assist performance

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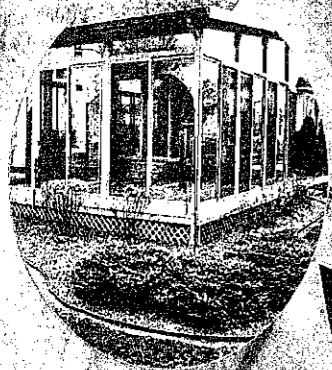
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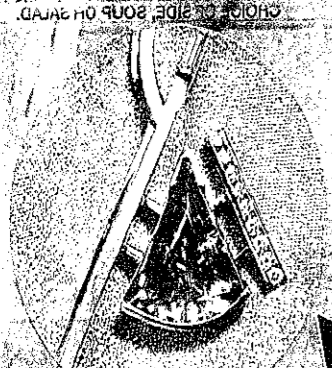
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By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

After a decade of commencement ceremonies at Compuware Arena in Plymouth, Novi High School will hold the ceremony 7 p.m. Saturday at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center in Ypsilanti.

"They can hold more and hence we've gone away from tickets. Anyone can go," said Novi High School Principal John Lawrence. "The parking is so ample, we're not worried about parking. It was never a parking issue at Compuware either."

The facility is the same building students from Eastern Michigan University use for graduation ceremonies. South Lyon, Brighton and other area high schools also use the Convocation Center for their graduation ceremonies.

Novi switched to the similarly-sized Convocation Center because of scheduling conflicts with Compuware Arena.

"It is my understanding that two other districts, each with three high schools, met with Compuware and asked to have all of their ceremonies on one day. This is understandable given the time commitment of the board of education as well as district employees," said assistant principal Stephanie Schirmer. "As the calendar is a bit odd this year, with one weekend in June before Father's Day, they were crunched for time. We were offered weekends, but we felt that an

evening ceremony on the weekend best met our needs. We are thrilled with what we have previewed at Eastern and expect the entire experience to be positive for everyone - staff, students and parents."

The 487-student senior class will make the 32-minute drive to Ypsilanti along with friends and family for the first time this weekend.

With the large number of students earning a 4.0 Grade Point Average, Schirmer said the school has kept with the tradition of recent years to hold an audition for the student speaker rather than determine a valedictorian or salutatorian to speak.

"We have not had a sal for some time," Schirmer said. "Students sign up to audition to speak at commencement along with the class officers. There is a panel of students and staff who participate in the auditions and Stephanie Raymundo was chosen."

Raymundo, 17, is a member of the quiz bowl, science and Japanese clubs. She decided to audition to speak because she had envisioned herself speaking early on.

"I actually had the idea for the speech since the beginning of the year," said the future medical scholar and doctor. "I should be pretty excited because it's at EMU instead of Compuware."

The Michigan State University-bound senior said the giant video screens that will zoom in on and play behind her are the only concerns about the ceremony. Raymundo will speak about the opportunities offered and reflections

Getting to the Convocation Center



Map by TARA WASHLENSKI

of high school while tying it into a metaphor.

Getting there

The new venue at a potentially unfamiliar region could leave some students and families pulling out the road maps.

The quickest and easiest route to the Convocation Center from Novi is to take Beck Road south to Michigan 14. Take M-14 west to southbound U.S. 23 and exit at Washtenaw Avenue's Exit 37A. Follow Washtenaw Avenue

east to Hewitt Road and turn left, heading north. The center will be on the right and parking should be plentiful, although students driving separate from their families are asked to park in the south lot. Doors to the venue will open at 5 p.m. and guest seating will be available at 6 p.m. Seniors are asked to arrive by 6:15 p.m. for the 7 p.m. ceremony.

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Novi senior Stephanie Raymundo will be speaking at Saturday evening's class of 2008 commencement.

ON CAMPUS

Northwood University

Ariene Jirasek of Novi has been named in the 2008 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in America Universities and Colleges" in recognition of her academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in

1934. Jirasek is the daughter of Michael and Ruth Jirasek.

Western Michigan University

Steven Dainidis of Northville graduated in April with a degree in accounting. Dainidis is the son of Nick and Linda Dainidis, and a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi. He will begin his post-graduate

career with New World Systems in Troy.

Davenport University

The following students were honored at the Business Professionals of America Leadership Conference that was held in Reno, Nev. The students, and the awards they received, are as follows: Alex Chaverit, Top 10 in Prepared Speech; David Hovigh, Team Top 10 in Presentation Management; Dawn Rosencrans, fourth place in Financial Analyst Team; Rachel Tuttleman, Top 10 in Presentation Management Team.

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WEDNESDAY June 11
4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Amusement Rides
4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Circus Performance / Flying Pages
6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Circus Performance / Flying Pages

THURSDAY June 12
2:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Amusement Rides
2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Boogie Bodies
2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Kids' Day
2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Arts & Crafts
2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Business Expo
2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Hannah Montana
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Look-Alike Concert
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Circus Performance / Flying Pages
4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Circus Performance / Flying Pages
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Junior's Artists
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Gratitude Steel Band
7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Circus Performance / Flying Pages
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Local Band Showcases

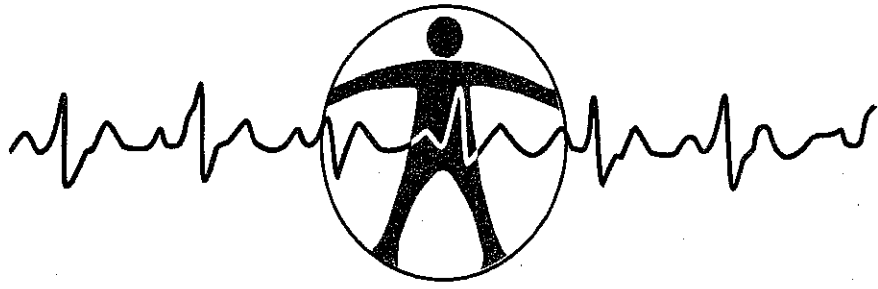
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FRIDAY June 13
1:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Cure for Cats' Garage Sale
2:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Amusement Rides
2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Petting Zoo
2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Arts & Crafts
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Business Expo
2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Buddy Box Flying
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Circus Performance / Flying Pages
3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Billy Mack & JJ
4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Circus Performance / Flying Pages
8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Shades of Blue
10:00 p.m. Midnight Special (Men's Park)
10:00 p.m. Fireworks / Laser Light Show

SATURDAY June 14
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Poker Run
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. 'Cure for Cats' Garage Sale
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Classic Car Show
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Motorcycle Show
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Antique Fire Truck Show
11:00 a.m. - Midnight Amusement Rides
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Circus Performance / Flying Pages
12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Business Expo
11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Petting Zoo
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Spotlight Dance
1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Talent Show
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Buddy Box Flying
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Circus Performance / Flying Pages
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Oldies DJ
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Boogie Bodies
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Toppermost
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Circus Performance / Flying Pages
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Reflections
6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Circus Performance / Flying Pages
8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Midnight Special
10:00 p.m. Fireworks / Laser Show

SUNDAY June 15
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast
12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Amusement Rides
12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Petting Zoo
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Circus Performance / Flying Pages
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Buddy Box Flying
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Boogie Performance
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Veteran's Tribute
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Faith 4 Concert
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Military Fly-Over
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Circus Performance / Flying Pages
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Father-of-the-Year Contest
5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Grandfathers-of-the-Year Contest
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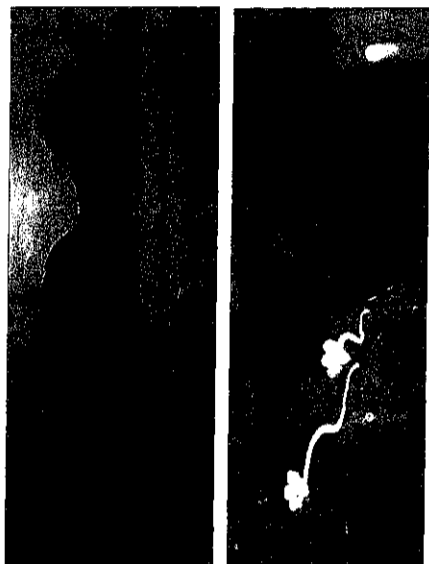
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MBarGo opens at former Tequila Rain location in Novi



By Chris Jackett
 STAFF WRITER

After 22 months of success, Tequila Rain closed March 8 with promise of a new and improved bar and nightclub for the Lucky's complex in Novi.

The new venue, MBarGo, opened its doors last Thursday with a flash of Vegas and Miami style, and music by DJ AM and DJ YO-C.

"It's a complete 180 from Tequila Rain," said Erin O'Neill, event sales manager for the complex. "It's kind of a play-off of Double Six. It's nicer than anything in Novi."

O'Neill said the venue, located at 44325 12 Mile Road in Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, is more upscale than other venues. It also features a new bar and additional seating on the outdoor patio—all decorated in a modern white leather and plastic look.

"The rest of the facility is done up to the nines and we wanted to bring it up to that," O'Neill said.

Although the former Tequila Rain venue has sold its once-popular mechanical bull, the added space, seating and new VIP room with bottle service adds to the attraction.

Upon heading up the stairs on the southwest end of the Lucky's complex, MBarGo patrons will pass through an entry area with six large-screen

televisions and mirrors to pay the \$10 cover charge at a table backed by the "Wall of Grey Goose," which, exactly as it sounds, features several shelves behind glass that are lined with more than 50 bottles of Grey Goose vodka.

MBarGo held its grand opening May 22 to a solid first showing, O'Neill said. "It went great. We had a very good-looking crowd," she said. O'Neill said the upstairs venue is past its days of being spring break in Novi, and now caters to the 25 and older crowd with a Miami club style.

Still welcoming everyone 21 and older, the venue is open 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays, with the VIP room available only by advance reservation. In accordance with the style change, the dress code is much stricter, O'Neill said most men wore dress shoes and a button-down shirt for opening night.

For more dress code specifications or information about the venue, visit www.mbargonovi.com.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Elizabeth Beresh of Wolverine Lake checks out some potted lilies for sale at last week's Walled Lake Farmer's market. The market takes place rain or shine every Wednesday from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. at the City of Walled Lake's Event Field on E. West Maple Road between Decker Road and Pontiac Trail.

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EVENTS

Mom 2 Mom Sale
 TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
 Friday

LOCATION: Wixom Community Center
 DETAILS: Come and browse the slightly used baby and children's items. Strollers allowed after 11 a.m. Cost at the door is \$2 per person. Sellers keep their own profits. Registration to reserve space is required before sale. Fee is \$20 per table and includes one eight foot table in a 10-foot-by-5-foot space. Sign up

begins at 8:30 a.m.
 CONTACT: To register, call (248) 624-2850, fax to (248) 960-8873 or pay in person at 49015 Pontiac Trail.

Senior Variety Series "Remember When... The Game Show of the Century!"
 TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m.
 Tuesday

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
 DETAILS: The Novi Theatres invite those ages 50 or older to join in the Senior Variety Series. Meet new friends and hone your

performance skills. Rehearsals begin on June 3 and continue every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the summer. The six performances are September 11-21. No past experience necessary and there are no auditions. You can register at the first meeting or online.

CONTACT: For more information, call (248) 735-5615 or visit www.cityofnovi.org.

The Muses Art Show
 TIME/DATE: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
 Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Saturday, May 31-June 30

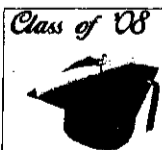
LOCATION: Picasso Cafe, 39915 Grand River, Novi
 DETAILS: This is a showing of drawings and painting in different media of models who have posed for this group of artists. The artists include Barbara Eko Murphy of Northville, Mary Step from Northville/Novi, Daria Fileta from Novi, Peggy Kerwin of Northville and Jeff Cancelosi of Northville among others. The public will enjoy seeing the variety of approaches to the same subject. This group will also be drawing models outside, next to

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NOVI WEEKEND PLANNER



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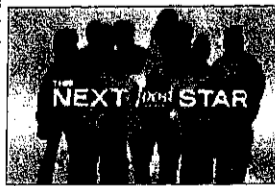


SATURDAY
 Wish your fellow Wildcats good luck and pass on your congratulations 7 p.m. at the Novi High School Class of 2008 commencement ceremony at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center, 799 Hewitt Drive in Ypsilanti. Although it may be a longer drive, the free event doesn't require tickets this year.

SUNDAY

Enter to win a trip to Las Vegas from the Next Food Network Star

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