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Novi Library Director Julie Farkas stands at the site of the new library, west of the current building.

Library plans nearly complete

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Even though construction is not scheduled to begin until November, Novi Public Library Director Julie Farkas finds herself strolling the staked site of the upcoming 57,000-square foot library.

"My goal is that we can break that ground in November and get a good foundation going so if we have to stop for awhile (due to weather), it's OK," said Farkas, who decided dealing with Mother Nature is the most challenging part of a project like this. "It's the unknown, the things you don't have control over."

On behalf of the Building Authority, Novi City Manager Clay Pearson presented city council, July 7, with a library project update and tentative construction timeline.

In November, 64 percent of Novi voters approved the \$16 million bond proposal for a new library.

"For the most part, the project is moving along as planned," Farkas said, noting, by the beginning of August, 90 percent of the information and the project details will be complete. "This is a major crunch time for our architects."

In September, the Building Authority began working with BEI Associates Inc. of Detroit and Diamond and Schmitt Architects of Toronto for construction and architectural design consulting.

"It's been a wonderful project

to be working on," Farkas said. She said they are currently finalizing all the electrical and mechanical details, and working with the different consultants involved in the project.

"It's amazing the amount of detail that goes into a project like this," Farkas said, explaining the actual construction will be done in three phases. "It's building the building, then it's moving over and incorporating the entrance area, then demolishing the old building and doing the parking lot and landscaping."

According to Farkas, the Building Authority is anticipating moving into the new library by the end of 2009 or beginning of 2010, and having the entire project complete, including demolition of the existing library by spring 2010.

"We're working closely with Novi schools to see if there is opportunity for us to utilize some of their parking (if necessary)," Farkas said, explaining the existing library is located to the east of the new library, in what will be the parking lot. "It's all dependent on timing."

Farkas said along with being on schedule, the Building Authority is remaining within the \$16 million budget.

Among the many amenities, the new library will include a 200-seat meeting room, 104 computer stations, additional space for patrons, staff and collections, a teen area, Friends of the Novi Public Library used book store and a full-service cafe.



52-1 District Court releases most wanted list, 22 caught

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

It was just a few drinks. No harm in driving yourself home.

That's what many of the 220 people targeted by 52-1 District Court in Novi and 30 more targeted by the 52-3 District Court in Rochester thought. Now the names, birthdays, heights, weights, last known address and other information for 20 people in each jurisdiction is posted online

and at several local police departments with "Most Wanted" listed nearby.

The most wanted program, initiated by 52-1 Judge Brian MacKenzie and 52-3 Judge Julie Nicholson, launched last week as the list was created and local police departments made an initial sweep of the residents' homes last Wednesday through Friday. "We've caught close to 20 already. That's close to catching 10 percent of them," MacKenzie said last Thursday afternoon. "They

know we're out looking for them."

Many of those targeted have two or more operating while intoxicated offenses and didn't show up for their court dates.

"The person most likely to injure you or someone in your family isn't going to kick in your door and shoot you. It's a drunk driver," MacKenzie said.

Wolverine Lake resident Christopher Goddard was the first

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City seeks land swap

Plans for community Signature Park

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

City manager Clay Pearson spoke to Novi Board of Education members last Thursday about Novi's need for recreational facilities, hoping to build partnerships with the district allowing for a community Signature Park.

Pearson said the city is looking to build a 50-100-acre premier park to accommodate the growing needs of the boomer and senior populations.

"We have a real opportunity to partner with the school board and do something really long-term, something that could be a tremendous mark of partnership that could serve the community for years to come," Pearson said. "The city and the community have a very real, very immediate need for community recreation space, for active facilities, for ball fields. Those facilities that, if they're not at maximum capacity, are very near to it. The older adult population, the boomers, as they're progressing, have more and different kinds of needs for recreational space."

Pearson suggested a trade or sale of some farm between the city and school district for the district-owned 74-acre Bosco Property southwest of 11 Mile and Beck roads. Pearson proposed the district could receive the 52.2-acre Wildlife Woods Park that surrounds Novi Middle School and Deerfield Elementary School at the northeast corner of 11 Mile and Wixom roads.

The city is also looking to purchase three properties on

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Michigan 50's Festival comes to Novi

By Tracy Estes
SPECIAL WRITER

Excitement is in the air as the days grow closer to the kickoff of the 21st Annual Michigan 50's Festival.

With entertainment lined up for the adults, family events and activities and fun choices for the kids, this year's festival is sure to be a good time had by all.

From giant sandboxes to carnival rides, musical tunes from The Drifters and Rocky and the Rollers,

to having your picture taken with the Budweiser Clydesdales on their 75th anniversary, children to seniors will find plenty to do during the July 23-26 festival.

Lori Kapelczak, president of the Michigan 50's Festival, said families will be able to enjoy more events together this year with the introduction of the giant sandbox, sponsored by Novi Family Dental, the Moo to You Zoo with 35 different animals and a free camel ride on Godfrey the camel. "We're also going to have

Colors the Clown performing her show and offering face painting, Planet X Amusement inflatables and a free ice-cream social sponsored by Cold Stone Creamery," Kapelczak said. "The kids can also come Saturday between 1-4 p.m. and see the Novi Police Department and their canine unit and fire engines from the Novi Fire Department."

Families can also look forward



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A trio of young ladies enjoy a hair-flying, ride at the 2007 Michigan 50's Festival.

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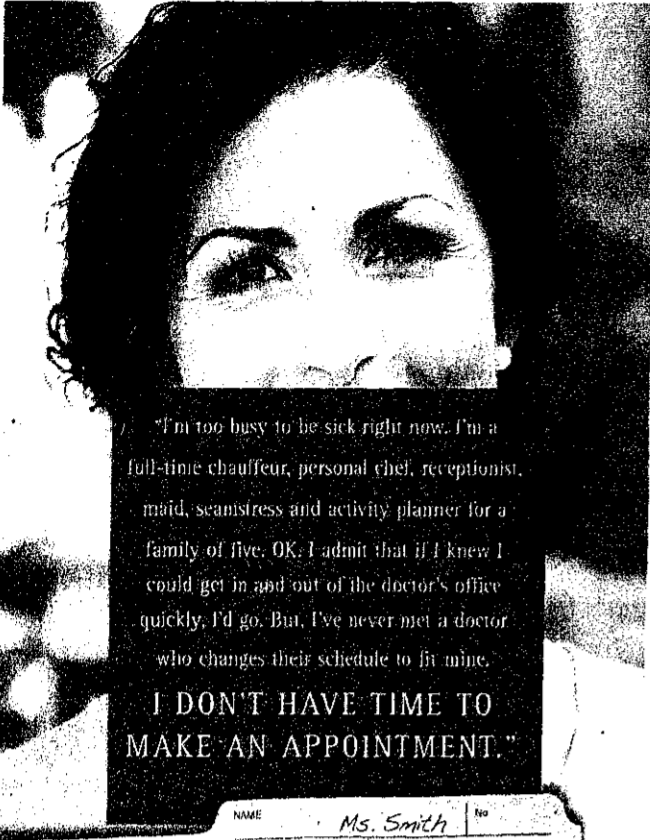
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NAME Ms. Smith

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captured last week while he was in Auburn Hills, a city the 52-3 District Court requested patrolling to catch those on the list. MacKenzie said Gwladad had a pretrial for domestic assault, pled guilty and is awaiting sentencing. "Whenever someone is wanted on a (non-violent) warrant, we always send them a letter to their last known home address. They can turn themselves in to spare themselves the embarrassment of being arrested at home or work," said Novi Police Chief David Molloy. Officers visit homes and workplaces for a "knock and talk" or an officer in plain clothes may survey a wanted person at work or home to see if their information on file is up to date. Molloy said, the department also has a private database service that has record of parents and known associates. Molloy said 32 people were caught in 72 hours throughout the local departments participating in the program.

Criminal snapshot

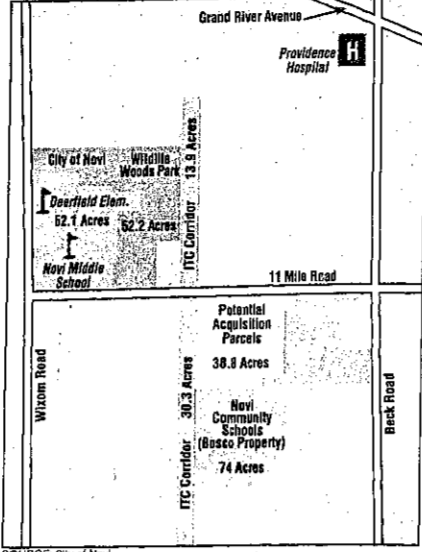
Of the 20 faces initially posted on the 52-1 Web site, www.52-1district.com, Novi resident Timothy Sutton, charged with a third operating while intoxicated offense, was captured. Novi residents Grac Guimmaras, Aaron House and Noel Napper were also listed among the 20 faces wanted. Since Sutton's arrest, Anthony Bradford of Novi was added to the list. "These people are costing us staff hours when we send our officers to court and they don't show up. We have to pay for that," Molloy said. MacKenzie said, as people are arrested, their faces will receive a stamp with their new status and a new person will appear on the list to take their place. Aside from Bradford and Napper, the other Novi residents are wanted for driving-related violations. Napper is wanted for armed robbery and a second felony firearm offense. Bradford is wanted for a domestic assault and battery offense and a second operating while intoxicated offense. Molloy said operating while intoxicated offenses for the month of June was 29, three more

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the south side of 11 Mile Road that total 38.8 acres and is connected to the Bosco Property. "Combined with what you already own and what we are looking to see if it is feasible to purchase, we've got 112 acres of land there," Pearson told the board. "This property is very attractive for us for several reasons. One, because of the bulk, the amount that it has. Another, it's centrally located within the city, within two square miles. It is very close to the center of the entire community. It has good access from the exterior roads, from Beck Road and Grand River Avenue. "It also is mounted on the left side by the ITC Corridor. For our purposes and for this use, it's a very close, because, longer term, we see a spine of a bike path going up from Community Sports Park and extreme southwest corner along the ITC Corridor. "The ITC Corridor is located about halfway between Beck and Waxton roads on either side of 11 Mile Road. The corridor is owned by Novi-based ITC Holdings Corp. and houses its electrical wires. "We try not to be choosy, but if you look around, there's only so much land that fits that bill," Pearson said. "This is our number one choice. We'd very much like to (look at) this opportunity." Other properties the city has looked at were privately-owned. The Links of Novi Golf Club on 10 Mile Road, west of Waxton Road, and land near 10 Mile and Novi roads.

Discussed Land Trade



Bagdady and Trustee George Kortland, will meet Aug. 5 to discuss the proposal and options. Board members were instructed to send questions to Kortland so he could get answers from Pearson before the committee meeting. The entire board will discuss the proposal at the next regular meeting Aug. 21 at the Educational Services Building. "We want to get the community involved. We want people excited. We want that feedback," Pearson said. Pearson also made mention of the city's hopes to acquire the district-owned portion of the Forest Farm property, on the southeast edge. "We're committed to and moving forward with that development. We think it'd make some sense to try and square that property off," he said.

City at work

This was the City of Novi's first formal mention of the land trade to the board of education, and

Trading land

The Novi Community School District's ownership of the 74-acre Bosco Property has been held with the idea of building another elementary school or Community Education building if the need arises as the city's population grows. Novi currently has more than 52,000 residents and has been projected to reach 79,000 people by 2030. Superintendent Peter Dion said about 15 acres would be needed for a new building. "The idea is we have room if there ever is a need," said Board President Jeff Nielson. "It's a ways down the road. Ten or more years." Nielson said, aside from Wildlife Woods Park, other properties the board may be interested in are Brookfarm Park near Village Oaks Elementary and a portion of Ella Mae Power Park, south of Novi High School. The locations currently host a soccer field and a baseball diamond, respectively. The board's Facilities Committee, which consists of Nielson, vice president Bruce

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Food recalls have shoppers going local



Novi's Market Village manager Vincent Nona stocks some tomatoes in his Grand River shop recently. Area produce vendors have been hit with tomato recalls, and more recently salsa.

By Chris Jackett
 STAFF WRITER

With recent E. coli and salmonella outbreaks linked to ground beef, tomatoes and possibly other salsa ingredients, many businesses and consumers have made adjustments. Northville resident Michelle Grant and her 5-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, visited the Northville Chamber of Commerce Farmers Market for the first time last Thursday to buy some salmonella-free tomatoes for her family. "The reason I bought these are because they're made in Michigan. The closer you are to home, the safer you are," Grant said. "You just have to watch where you're buying and buy where you can. It's a little scary because they're talking about it being in other foods, like peppers." As the number of illnesses continues to rise, several ingredients commonly found in salsa alongside tomatoes are being looked at. "One kind of salsa was recalled. They had three different types and we had eight-10 brands, so it didn't effect things much," said Vince Nona, manager and owner of Market Village in Novi. "Once every month, we get a fax. A lot of times, we don't carry that item. (Large commercial grocers) carry a lot more items. They just have to pay attention to all the information coming in from the wholesalers." Market Village, located at the northwest corner of Grand River Avenue and MacDougal Road, carries 15,000-20,000 items on its shelves, Nona said. Full Circle Organic Salsa was recalled by distributor Spartan Foods three weeks ago, Nona said. The salsa's ingredients

include organic diced tomatoes, organic crushed tomatoes, organic onions, organic garlic, organic jalapeno peppers, organic cilantro, lime juice, organic cider vinegar, sea salt, organic black pepper and organic cumin. Onions, cilantro, jalapeno and serrano peppers are all salsa ingredients under investigation along with tomatoes for causing more than 940 cases of salmonella since mid-April. Although the outbreak has been credited to certain types of tomatoes grown in only a few southwestern states, many restaurants and grocers have changed their menus. McDonald's, Wal-Mart, Burger King, Kroger, Outback Steakhouse, Winn-Dixie and Taco Bell have all pulled some types of tomatoes. Kroger recalled tomatoes June 8. "People haven't been too concerned," Nona said. "I was just out of the ones we had. We got them from Canada. We showed (customers) the boxes that said 'Product of Canada' on them. We got vine tomatoes rather than jumbo, which were the ones getting recalled." Andy Richards, a farmer's hand for Carpenter's Organic Produce - a farm located in Allen, near Hillsdale - said business has picked up a little at the Northville Farmers Market since the salmonella scare. "We normally come close to selling out what we bring. With that (recall), maybe we sell out sooner in the day. It puts more trust in the local growers," he said. "Everybody had heard we were in Ann Arbor when it hit. There were very few people that didn't ask." Richards said he participates in farmers markets in Farmington, Northville and Ann Arbor, but hasn't seen too much of a change



Dwight Carpenter is extremely busy at last week's Northville Farmers Market, due to recent nationwide salmonella scares from products.

since the initial recall. "Everything's pretty much normal the way it is. Most people we deal with are after nutrition anyway," he said. "I'm sure (large grocers) are taking a hit." A press release from the FSIS said the production practices employed by Nebraska Beef, Ltd. were insufficient to effectively control E. coli O157:H7 in its beef products intended for grinding. It also said the recalled meat may have been produced under unsanitary conditions and were further processed into ground beef at other firms not bearing signature numbers needed to recognize the recalled products. "cjackett@gannett.com | (248) 349-1700, ext. 122

Organizations join as Novi Chamber of Commerce

Following the July 3 merger of the two Novi chambers, directors Whitney McClellan Stone and Linda Daly are fine-tuning their roles and responsibilities at the Novi Chamber of Commerce. "We're going to work together as a team," said Daly, director of marketing and administration. "But some of our duties might change as we go along." In her current position, Daly is in charge of administration, which includes bookkeeping and payroll, the newsletter, ribbon cutting ceremonies and open houses for new businesses. "We're both going to work on events," she said. As director of operations, McClellan Stone is responsible for public relations, recruiting new members and community involvement, as well as working with Daly on renewal and marketing. "I'm doing a lot of what I did at the Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce," said McClellan Stone, who served as executive director of the GNCC. "By the time the (GNCC) ended, we were at about 200 members and I knew about 99.9 percent of them by name and company, so it's going to be interesting to see how quick-

ly our numbers quickly 'over the next four to six months'." Technically, the first combined event of the Novi Chamber of Commerce was July 9 at the B2B and new member reception at Lotus Bank, but the official merger celebration will be Aug. 21. "I think a lot of the (members) will be pleasantly surprised by all the events they have to go to," McClellan Stone said. "We'd like to keep everything exciting." Other upcoming events include the grand opening and ribbon cutting at Oberweis Ice Cream and Dairy Store 3 p.m. July 17; after hours networking at the Michigan 50's Festival 5-7 p.m. July 24; and the first membership luncheon at Hotel Baronette Aug. 6. "All major events stay the same," Daly said, noting the combined chamber will have one breakfast, one lunch and one after hours event each month, along with events such as Grapes and Grooves, casino nights and golf outings. The Greater Novi Chamber was formed two years ago by a group of business people who were not pleased with the direction the Novi Chamber of Commerce was taking at the time. Officials of both organizations said issues of the past have since been resolved.



Following the July 3 merger of the two Novi chambers, directors Linda Daly (left) and Whitney McClellan Stone (right) are joined by member Satish Jasti, president and CEO of Lotus Bank.

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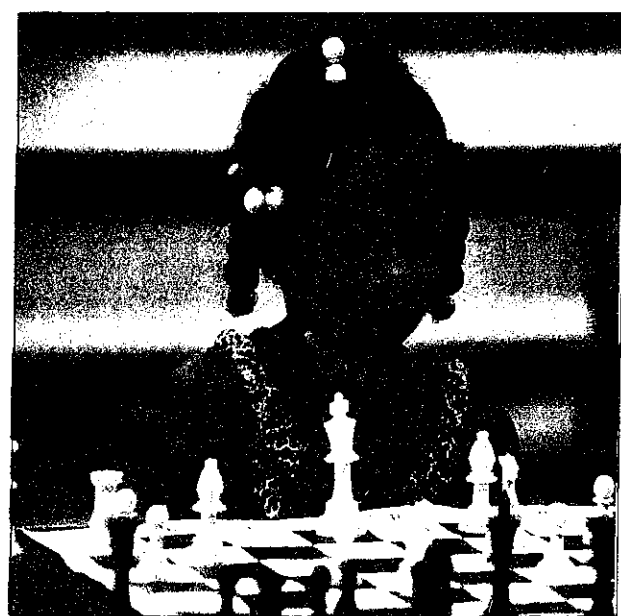
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Checkmate!
Kaya Bryant, 7, looks for her next chess move during a recent tournament at Novi Meadows school. Bryant and other kids were taking part in a week-long chess camp, directed by Alla and Olga Tabak. Kids as young as 5 were learning the strategy of the game throughout the week.

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to the MI Chip Child ID Program sponsored by the Walled Lake Free and Accepted Mason Lodge #528. "We've got a little something for everyone," Kapelczak said. People of all ages will have their eyes wide open with the bright lights and colors from the fireworks display, starting at dusk Friday night, sponsored by Tom Holzer Ford and Shuman Chrysler Jeep. And if that's not enough, music lovers will be able to hear tunes all week long with Charlie Thomas' Drifters taking center stage Saturday night.

Get ready
Kapelczak said it takes an entire year and long hours to plan the annual festival. "Our goal is to make sure the community enjoys themselves," she said. "The purpose is to have a fun community family event and, each year, we try to be bigger and better than the last." This year, festival attendees will be able to sink their teeth into tasty treats provided by five different

The 21st Annual Michigan 50's Festival
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food vendors offering everything from shaved ice to German food. Budweiser is also sponsoring this year's beverage garden for adults and Varsity Lincoln Mercury and the Brighton Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the Vegas tent. "There's just so much to do," said Bob McCanna, festival vice president. "We're doing this because it's a great thing to do for a great community. We'd like everyone to come out and have a good time. There's plenty of things for everyone." Other performances include dances by Cheryl's School of

Dance in Novi, Flex Point Studio, the Northville High School dance team and line dancing lessons by Kicks Dancers.

Also, this year, the Michigan 50's Festival is sponsoring the Special Olympics as their chosen charity, hoping to raise money to help kids with special needs. Thanks to the Aldrich family of Farmington Hills, Team Farmington Special Olympics will be sponsoring a 50/50 raffle with tickets priced as low as \$5.

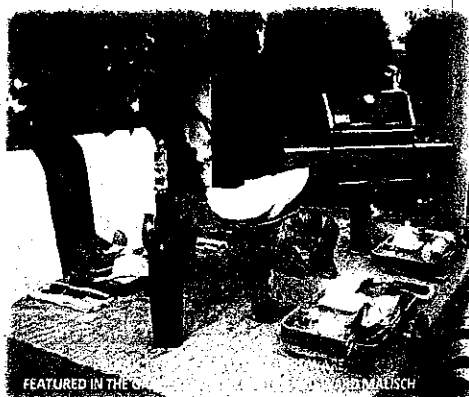
Kapelczak said festival attendees should also watch out for the annual bike parade at 11 a.m. Saturday, sponsored by Bright House Networks, who will be offering free helmets to children on a first-come, first-serve basis. "It's just going to be a lot of fun all week long," she said. "Everyone really needs to come out and experience the fun of the Michigan 50's Festival. There's nothing like it."

"We'd really like to thank both Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk and Bright House Networks for their continuing support of a wonderful event and we'd also like to thank the community for giving us the challenge to make this bigger and better each year just for them."

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McCanna-Ayers
Mick and Elizabeth McCanna of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Mary McCanna, to Peter Donald Schutte, son of Gary and Paula Schutte of Northfield, Minnesota. The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Novi High School and a 2005 graduate of Michigan State University. She is currently teaching in the Cherry Creek School district, just outside Denver. The groom-elect is a graduate of Bethel University and is currently working as a freelance contractor in Denver. An August wedding is planned.



Matela-Stradley
Jerry and Sue Matela of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Chrissie Anne Matela, to Keith Evan Stradley, son of Stan and Teresa Stradley of Seymour, Ind. The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Northville High School, a 2002 graduate of Michigan State University in communications, a 2004 graduate of Madonna University in elementary education, and a graduate of the University of South Florida with a masters degree in specific learning disabilities. Both are currently employed as second grade teachers at Colson Elementary School in Tampa, Fla., which is where they met. A January 2009 wedding is planned in Tampa.



McCanna-Schutte
Mick and Elizabeth McCanna of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Mary McCanna, to Peter Donald Schutte, son of Gary and Paula Schutte of Northfield, Minnesota. The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Novi High School and a 2005 graduate of Michigan State University. She is currently teaching in the Cherry Creek School district, just outside Denver. The groom-elect is a graduate of Bethel University and is currently working as a freelance contractor in Denver. An August wedding is planned.

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MY PUBLIC SAFETY

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Police arrest three suspects for area home invasions

By Kelly Murad STAFF WRITER

Although still under investigation, police believe the three suspects arrested for area home invasions last week are responsible for other cases in Novi and surrounding communities such as Livonia, said Novi Police Chief David Molloy.

Jerome Terrell, 18, of Detroit, Christopher Crain, 19, of Oak Park and Mitchon Edwards, 18, of Detroit, were arrested July 10, before Magistrate Michael Batchik of the 52-1 District Court, on charges of home invasion.

Home invasion is a felony carrying a penalty of up to 15 years in prison and a \$3,000 fine.

According to Molloy, Terrell's criminal record includes larceny, burglary and felony dangerous



J. Terrell

includes possession of marijuana, fleeing and eluding, obstructing justice and felony dangerous drug charges.

Bond was set for each suspect at \$20,000. The individuals are being held at the Oakland County Jail and were scheduled to appear in front of Judge Brian MacKenzie of the 52-1 District Court on July 16 for their pre-arrest conference.



C. Crain

The first reported incident occurred July 6 in the Orchard Ridge subdivision, off 10 Mile Road, just west of Novi Road.

A Novi family was home when an unknown man knocked on the front door. According to Molloy, the residents were being cautious since they didn't know the subject and did not answer the door.

The man then returned to a vehicle parked in the driveway, which one of the residents described as a blue Dodge Charger.



M. Edwards

another man peering into the house through a rear door wall. Two of the suspects kicked open the front door and entered the home, but fled to the vehicle when confronted by the residents.

Nothing was taken from the Orchard Ridge home. On July 8, a baby sitter and 13-year-old-girl returned to their home in Chase Farms subdivision, off Nine Mile Road, just west of Meadowbrook Road, when they noticed a blue Dodge Charger parked in the driveway of the residence next door.

"In both of these cases, we had neighbors who were looking out for other neighbors," Molloy said.

According to a press release, the baby sitter observed Crain walk from the residence to the vehicle. He then engaged in a conversation with her before leaving in the Charger with two other male suspects.

After the baby sitter went into the home, she saw the vehicle return to the neighbor's house. The 13-year-old girl took a photograph of the suspect vehicle from a second story window and then called 911.

Through investigation, Novi police determined the home had been broken into and computer equipment was stolen.

Officers relayed information to area police departments and shortly after, officers from the Livonia Police Department stopped the

suspect vehicle in the area of Interstate-96 and Farmington Road, where Terrell, Crain and Edwards were taken into custody.

The stolen computer equipment, worth more than \$3,000, was recovered from the Charger.

The Novi Police Department is asking anybody with information to contact detective Todd Anger of the Novi Police Department at (248) 348-7100.

"Particularly, with the summer months, we encourage residents to practice basic crime prevention techniques," said Molloy, noting residents should keep garage doors closed, doors locked, bars in door walls, vehicles locked and hide all items of value if kept inside the vehicle.

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Suspect replaces vehicle's tires with cinder blocks

POLICE BRIEFS

According to a recent police report, all four tires were stolen off a black Ford Edge between 1-6 a.m. July 2.

The vehicle was parked in an apartment lot on Manor Park Drive, near 10 Mile and Meadowbrook roads, reports said.

The victim said he parked the vehicle at about 6 p.m. July 1 and when his son came home around 1 a.m. July 2, the tires were still on the vehicle. At about 6 a.m., the victim noticed the \$400 tires missing and the suspect had trapped the vehicle up on cinder blocks.

There are no suspects or witnesses at this time.

Guests suspected of stealing electronics

Residents of a mobile home on Rousseau Drive, near 13 Mile and Novi roads, believe someone who spent the night at their house July 1-2 stole items from the residence, reports said.

Among the missing items include a Playstation 2 with accessories, a Nintendo Wii with accessories and games, a Virgin Mobile cellular phone and charger, and various compact discs.

According to the police report, an officer went to the residence of one of the suspects in ask about the missing items. The suspect

said he didn't take them and didn't know who did.

The officer was granted permission to search the man's bedroom, residence and storage shed and did not locate any of the reported stolen items.

Bike swap

A report was made regarding a stolen bicycle, between 12:30-4 p.m. July 2.

According to the victim, he left the bicycle in the front yard of his residence.

When the complainant returned, he found a mountain bike with a flat rear tire, in place of where his leisure bike had been.

There are no witnesses or suspects at this time, reports said.

Novi resident charged with setting area apartment fires

By Nathan Mueller STAFF WRITER

A 34-year-old Novi woman was arrested Tuesday after reportedly setting fire to the office of the Pond Trail Apartments in South Lyon and embezzling \$580 from the building Monday.

Harbant Kaur Bains, who had been employed as the office manager at Pond Trail for a little more than a week, was arrested Monday after South Lyon Police officers were called to the apartment complex by city firefighters, who were already on the scene.

According to the police report, Bains started two small fires to divert attention while she stole money from the cash drawer. She



Harbant Bains

started the first fire, left the office to get help and returned to put it out. Shortly thereafter, she started a second fire, left and returned to put that one out as well.

When the fire department arrived, the fire was out and the woman told them \$2,000 in cash was missing and she saw some of it burning. The fire department found no evidence of burning cash.

During the police investigation, they found \$580 stashed in Bains' clothing and wallet, and eventually Bains admitted to the crimes.

She was charged Tuesday in 52-1 District Court on two counts of misdemeanor arson and felony embezzlement. Misdemeanor arson is punishable by no more than two years, while felony embezzlement carries a penalty of up to five years in prison or a \$10,000 fine.

She was released on a \$10,000 personal bond, and is scheduled for a preliminary hearing July 31 in 52-1 District Court.

Contact staff writer Nathan Mueller (248) 437-2011 or at nmueller@gannett.com.

Wixom woman faces charges from Lyon two-car accident

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office Lyon Substation is waiting for blood test results before charges could be filed against a 35-year-old Wixom woman who was involved in a two-car accident around 9:43 p.m. July 13 at Lyon Center Drive.

The results from the blood test could take between four to six weeks, but warrants have been prepared for operating while intoxicated, open intoxicants in a motor

vehicle, possession of marijuana, child restraint violation and child endangerment.

The woman was unconscious when medical personnel arrived on the scene and was transported to the University of Michigan Hospital. She was released from the hospital early Tuesday.

According to the police report, the woman was driving a Mercury Sable station wagon and failed to yield as she entered Lyon Center Drive from

the Wal-Mart parking lot. A 21-year-old South Lyon woman was traveling eastbound at the time in a Dodge Stratus and struck the Mercury on the driver's side.

When the deputy arrived, he observed the driver of the Mercury unconscious in the driver's seat being tended to by Huron Valley Ambulance personnel, a 10-year-old boy lying on the pavement with swelling over

his left eye and bleeding from a laceration to his head, a 6-year-old girl upside-down and laying in the passenger seat being treated by HVA workers and three other children standing outside the car.

He also saw the butt of a marijuana cigarette in a slot in the driver's side door and smelled a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the car. He found two unopened bottles of Mike's Hard Lemonade, a

half-empty bottle of vodka and a duffle bag that contained a plastic bag with marijuana inside.

The driver of the Stratus was treated at the scene by HVA and released.

According to a witness who arrived just after the accident,

none of the five children were in seat belts. There were two 15-year-old females, a 10-year-old male, 8-year-old male and 6-year-old female in the car. All six occupants in the car were taken to the hospital and three of the children were not injured.

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Meadowbrook Congregational
LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.
Sunday Worship
TIME: 10 a.m.
Vacation Bible School-Power Lab
DATE: July 21-25
DETAILS: Cost is \$15. Sign up online at mbccc.org.

First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church
LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org
Sunday Schedule
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.
Family Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Family Movie Night: 6:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross
LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com
Sunday Worship
TIME: 7:45, 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care
TIME: 10 a.m. Worship Service
Alzheimer's Support Group
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month
DETAILS: Offering support and open discussion for all those dealing with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

Church of the Holy Family
LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit holymfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule
TIME/DATE: 7:30, 8:45, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 5 p.m. Saturday
Interested in the Catholic Church?
DETAILS: If you are in search of a deeper relationship with God, and wish to learn more about the Catholic faith, there is an opportunity for you to get answers and information.
CONTACT: Call Maria at (248)349-8847 or spiritwalker001@aol.com
Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting
TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each month
DETAILS: This free informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required.

Oak Pointe Church
LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.
ReNew Life Ministries
TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m.
Mondays
DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective. The groups are: Grief/Share; DivorceCare; Anger Management; Dealing with Struggling Teens; YourSpace; Every Man's Battle; Betrayed Hearts; Changes that Heal; and CrossCurrent.

CONTACT: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org.
Crown Financial Ministries
TIME: During regular service hours
DETAILS: Learn God's practical financial principles for everyday life.
Spring Hill Day Camp
DATE: July 21-25 and July 28-Aug. 1
DETAILS: This is a day camp program for children that have completed grades first through fourth by summer.
CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 to register or volunteer.

St. James Catholic
LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-7778
Mass Schedule
TIME/DATE: 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

Novi United Methodist
LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month
LOCATION: in front of the church
DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace; not anti anything; pro peace.
Fall Program Kick-off
DATE: Sunday, Aug. 17
DETAILS: Join us for worship followed by food, fun and games on the lawn. See the new and continuing programs we offer.

Crosspointe Meadows Church
LOCATION: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.
Sunday Worship: 9 a.m. Bible study classes for all ages; 10:30 a.m. worship service.
DETAILS: Nursery and older children programs available including Noah's Ark and Promiseland (children's worship ages five through fifth grade). Our worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship service.

The Baha'i Faith
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. last Saturday of every month
LOCATION: 23803 Ripple Creek St., Novi
DETAILS: This Devotional Gathering is focused on prayers for peace. People of all faiths welcome.
CONTACT: (248) 473-0355 or visit us.bahai.org

Faith Community Presbyterian
LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 10 a.m.
Movie Night "Amazing Grace"
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday

GracePointe Presbyterian Church

CONTACT: Rev. Brian C. Sleeth, Pastor (248) 497-3178 or gracepointe@mac.com, and gracepointe@mac.com.
Sunday Worship
TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: The Novi Civic Center, Council Chambers
DETAILS: Nursery staffed by Nanny Poppluz.

Orchard Hills Baptist Church
LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road
CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665
Preschool/Kids Choir
TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday
DETAILS: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.
Vacation Bible School
TIME/DATE: 5-8:20 p.m. Sunday, and 6-8:20 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 24-29
DETAILS: The game is on and excitement is in the air! "Game Day Central: Where Heroes Are Made" will get kids in the game and help them learn how to become heroes both on and off the field. Open to children in preschool through grade 6. No cost.

CONTACT: Jon Hix
Free Car Wash
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, July 26
LOCATION: Parking lot of church, between Nine and 10 Mile roads, west side of Novi Road
DETAILS: No donations accepted; this is a service to our community.

Brightmoor Christian Church
LOCATION: 40800 W. 13 Mile Road, corner of Michigan-5
CONTACT: (248) 668-7000
Emergency Preparedness Training
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-Noon Saturday, Aug. 9
DETAILS: Sponsored by Aglow International. Registration \$5, send to Aglow International P.O. Box 1394, Walled Lake, MI 48390

First United Methodist of Northville
A Stephen Ministry church
LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road; Northville
CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or visit fumcnorthville.org
Sunday Worship (Summer)
DETAILS: 8:30 and 10 a.m. Coffee hour at 11 a.m.
Healing Service
TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month
Men's Bible Study
TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 a.m. every Wednesday
LOCATION: Room 10
Men's Club: People, Pancakes and Praise
LOCATION: Fellowship Hall
Summer Bible Study
TIME/DATE: 7-8 p.m. every Sunday, June 22-Aug. 17
DETAILS: Led by Rev. Lisa Cook. Cost is \$15.

Ward Evangelical Church
LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville
CONTACT: (248) 374-5978
Sunday Worship
TIME: 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Traditional; 9:30 a.m. Contemporary. Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services.
Single Point Ministries
For single adults 40 years and older
CONTACT: (248) 374-5920
Every Sunday: 11:30 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; Knox Hall
Every Monday: 7 p.m. Learner's Bible Study; Room A101
Second and Fourth Monday: 7 p.m. Study of Ephesians; Room C309
Every Tuesday: 7 p.m. Praying Together; Sanctuary
Every Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study; Single Adult Ministries office; 7 p.m. Single Men's Bible Study; 7 p.m. Single Parents; Single Adult Ministries Office; 8:30-10 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball; Knox Hall.
Every Saturday: 10 a.m.

Bicycling Group starts from various locations; geared towards tourist level rider; all levels welcome; helmets required; lunch half-way through ride, at your own expense.
Every Sunday: 1-3 p.m. Sunday; Tennis for beginners; Stevenson High School; Six Mile Road west of Farmington Road.
New Hope Center for Grief Support
See "Support Groups" below.
Healing Hearts Ministry
DETAILS: An 11-week bible study for women who have experienced abortion and want to know how to get through the pain. Also offered are bible studies for women who have been abused.
CONTACT: Terena Lawson at (248) 374-5926 or e-mail terena.lawson@wardchurch.org.
Road to Recovery Tour
DATE: Friday
DETAILS: The tour features two female singer/songwriters, Leah Martensen and Beth Champlon Mason, who travel the country using music to minister hope and healing visiting mostly church contractions and recovery groups. For more information, contact Kurt at (248) 374-5965, kurt.gebhard@wardchurch.org, or www.roadtorecoverytour.com.
Lighthouse Cafe
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, July 25
DETAILS: Fun, fellowship, refreshments, games and music. Child care for children under 12. \$5 at door.
A Grand Weekend for Grandparents and Kids
DATE: July 25-27
LOCATION: FaHolo Camp and Conference Center, Grass Lake
DETAILS: Retreat for grandparents and grandchildren. Includes two nights lodging, five meals, a special memento to take home, inspirational teaching by Barbara George-Howard, a wagon ride and bonfire, the water blob and trampoline, go carts, initiatives, and lots of fun in the sun. Cost is \$283 per couple or \$154 per person for grandparents and \$90 per grandchild ages 6-17, under age 5 are free. Sponsored by ReMarried

Ministries of Ward Church.
CONTACT: For more information contact the church.
"New Song" of Geneva College
TIME/DATE: Morning and evening services, Sunday, Aug. 3
DETAILS: The "New Song" group is a music and drama ministry sponsored by Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA. A reception will follow the 7 p.m. evening service. Free.

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

St. John Lutheran
LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills
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Saturday Worship
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NOTICE OF ADOPTION
ORDINANCE NO. 18.226**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 18.226 to amend Ordinance No. 97-18 as amended, the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance at Article 31, Subsection 8107, "Miscellaneous" to modify the standards for the number of days a pending Board of Appeals ruling is valid.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, July 7, 2008 and its provisions shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

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PHIL POWER: Rising costs mark the end of an era



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Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan, and was a report of the University of Michigan from 1987 to 1999. He is also president and founder of The Center for Michigan, a moderate think-and-do tank. These opinions and others expressed in his columns are his own and do not in any way represent official positions of The Center for Michigan. Phil would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@cnnet.com.

Some weeks ago, I arranged to meet a friend at the gas station at the Grand River Avenue exit off Interstate 96, just north of Brighton. As I waited, I watched the traffic go by: SUVs, big pickups, RVs. Every one of them happily guzzling gas on a warm spring afternoon.

And I thought to myself: I'm watching the end of an era. That's because we are at the end of cheap gas (relatively speaking) and the lifestyle it made possible during the last century.

Cheap petroleum has produced "exurban" communities like Brighton and Howell, where people drive 20, 30, even 40 miles each way to their jobs and think nothing of driving 20 miles to Wal-Mart to shop on the weekends. It is a lifestyle that has produced enormous, elaborate new high schools. Think Northville, South Lyon, Walled Lake, with vast parking lots for the convenience of students — students, mind you! — driving back and forth to school.

The bulldozers that produced all of this, the endless scrapings of the ground in outer ring suburban communities for new subdivisions, new shopping malls, new schools, new roads, were made possible by one thing: Gasoline that sold for less than \$2 a gallon not even 10 years ago, but which today is marching past \$4.19 even at the cheapest stations.

We've built a lifestyle on cheap fuel, combined with low interest rates and an expectation of ever-increasing home values that provided us with an ever-increasing home equity loan line of credit.

And now that the world is changing, it is time to look back and assess what was happening, and who we have been.

The era we are watching end involved an entire interconnected set of things that, taken together, have pretty much defined the American way of life ever since the end of World War II.

Jobs, for the most part, have been plentiful in Michigan. And if you were lucky to catch on with the auto industry and happened to be a United Auto Workers' union member, you got a big paycheck and gold-plated benefits. And with solid job security and a good pension, you could get that cabin up north, the boat, an all-terrain-vehicle, all the toys. That's suddenly no longer true.

As a result of the rise of industrial farming and federal government subsidies for beef, corn and rice, food was pretty cheap. Sure, fast food was fattening and not very good for you, but you could feed a family on your weekly paycheck and have something left over for fun. Anybody who's been at the supermarket lately knows that's changed drastically, too.

For most of that time, people also felt all things considered, that things were pretty good; that the country was generally on the right track, and that things would gradually get better and better for Michigan families, and that the kids would live better lives still.

America was the most powerful nation on earth and, at the same time, the moral beacon of hope to do the right thing, to be the shining city on the hill. The government that kept our Social Security checks coming was reasonably effective, and the social and political institutions that knit our country together worked fairly well.

Then, however, came Sept. 11, followed by Iraq, and Hurricane Katrina, followed by more Iraq. Then came a meltdown mortgage system and an over-extended and ethically-challenged financial industry. Michigan was additionally shaken by a fiercely partisan political system that failed to get the important things done.

Now, the signs are all around us that our long era of good times will never again be what it was. All manner of things are starting to go wrong, or at least fraying at the edges. My gut tells me they're interconnected in a complex and subtle pattern.

Americans have, of course, seen massive transformations before. Starting in 1775, our revolution brought us independence from colonial England and ushered in a great and successful experiment in creating an entirely new system of self-government.

The Civil War confirmed that America was, in fact, destined to be primarily an industrial economy, not an agricultural one, and that this required a strong national government.

Finally, the frightening Great Depression sowed the seeds of a national safety net and the notion that our society, acting through our government, has some responsibility for each and every one of us.

Craig Ruff of Public Sector Consultants in Lansing is a deeply thoughtful man who knows something about almost everything. In a recent column, he suggested our nation is on the eve of a "great transformation." Echoing the argument of William Strauss and Neil Howe in their influential book "The Fourth Turning: An American Prophecy," Ruff noted that these fundamental transformations take place every 70 years or so. Given that the modern era started in 1945, we are about due.

The philosopher George Santayana once observed that "those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it." Nobody knows what future historians will conclude about these turbulent and contentious times. But it is getting clearer and clearer that rough waters are ahead, and we're going to need every bit of our historical memory and common sense to get through what's coming.

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Our Opinion: Know who, what you're voting for

From now through the end of the month, the Novi News will feature profiles of the candidates seeking office during the Aug. 5 primary election. We began coverage last week with our endorsement of the Democratic candidate for the 11th Congressional District.

The voters in the area primarily will be electing U.S. Congressmen, State Representative, County Prosecutor and County Sheriff. The majority of these races are not merely a preliminary runoff before the general election, but will determine who will hold that office for the next four years.

As confusing as some taxpayers find the races and primaries in general, which include township, county state, judicial and federal offices, it seems to be known about the positions being sought.

In an effort to help guide voters through the primary election, we are also launching a comprehensive guide tomorrow at www.hometownlife.com profiling candidates who will be on the primary ballot.

The guide will detail candidates, their views and personal information. We encourage voter awareness of these many candidates and ask that ballots be cast with understanding of what these people will do once elected.

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Dog Days of Summer
Mark Taylor stops by Novi's Rotary Park on a recent Thursday morning to groom his two akitas, Raden, top, and Skye. Taylor said the cold weather-loving dogs have been harnessed to pull cross-country skiers across the snow. For now, they'll have to enjoy summer.

LETTERS

Two wrongs don't make a right

The prior city council groups made a mistake in not developing the Fuerst Farm property and even turned off the heat in the house and let it fall into disrepair. The current city council has decided to destroy the farm even though the status of citizens that wanted the destruction taken off the table and discussion to resume on the future of the farm. The council totally disregarded this document and went on to vote to take bids on tear down. Some of the council members who voted for destruction said that was a hard and sad decision. If it was right then it would be an easy decision. Several said they have unannounced support of citizens to stay the course. They had a document with named citizens that support the preservation, which held little weight compared to these miserable people that support the council. There was no compromise or willingness to listen. The city made a dumb decision to block the road to the Novi office, develop opinion and paid clearly - or I should say the taxpayers paid - it's our money. This is another dumb decision that we will have to live with because of the money paid out in that scandal. The Fuerst Farm renovation project was dropped. By the way, our city can't afford historical preservation per the council. Can we afford another dumb decision by our council that can't be reversed? No amount of money will bring this farm back.

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Those farms, however, are from the early 1800s, put up long before the Fuerst Farm was. The Fuerst Farm's influence will be the same as any other property in Novi, past or present. I was at the meeting on July 7 and strongly sympathize for Kathy Much, the 22 people who spoke on behalf of the farm and the 1,300 people who signed the petition. Enough is enough though. I'm sure that what the speaker at the meeting said was one about how much they cared and how much everyone else cared. They would have easily found enough signatures to raise more attention from the community, the media and most importantly, the Council. But the sad truth is they didn't. They could only get 2.5 percent of Novi's population to take a stance and say that they want the farm to stay. That leaves 97.5 percent, 50,000 people, who want to tear it down. Some of the council members who voted for destruction said that was a hard and sad decision. If it was right then it would be an easy decision. Several said they have unannounced support of citizens to stay the course. They had a document with named citizens that support the preservation, which held little weight compared to these miserable people that support the council. There was no compromise or willingness to listen. The city made a dumb decision to block the road to the Novi office, develop opinion and paid clearly - or I should say the taxpayers paid - it's our money. This is another dumb decision that we will have to live with because of the money paid out in that scandal. The Fuerst Farm renovation project was dropped. By the way, our city can't afford historical preservation per the council. Can we afford another dumb decision by our council that can't be reversed? No amount of money will bring this farm back.

Donna Thibodeau
Novi

Stop the Demolition of the Fuerst Farm

HOT TICKET: Motor City Nightmares Convention Friday through Sunday, Nov. 14-16, Nov. Crowned Plaza

Victoria Mitchell, editor (248) 349-1700, ext. 102 vcmitchell@comcast.net

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EVENTS

Showcase Wilcox TIME/DATE: 4-10 p.m. Friday LOCATION: Village Center, 49045 Pontiac Trail... Details: Celebrating Wilcox's 50th anniversary...

Motor City Nightmares Convention DATE: Friday-Sunday LOCATION: Novi Crowned Plaza, 27000 Sheraton Dr... Details: This is a horror and Sci-Fi film festival and convention...

"A Summer Celebration" at Michigan State University's Tollgate Farm TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday... Details: Tollgate Farm Educational Center, 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads, Novi...

Michigan 50's Festival TIME/DATE: 3-11 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, July 23-24, 3 p.m.-midnight Friday, July 25, 9-11 a.m. Saturday, July 26... Details: Novi Theatres invite those ages 50 or older to join in the Senior Variety Series...

Candy Band TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, July 24... Details: Enjoy kids songs and nursery rhymes with a Rock and Roll twist...

Walled Lake Beach Party and Wakeboard Tournament DATE: Saturday, July 26 and Sunday, July 27... Details: Food vendors and boat dealers will provide a fun-filled day...

Connections' Artists Show TIME/DATE: Show runs 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Aug. 31... Details: Local Artist Jim Quinlan presents "Connections" a colorful assemblage of original painting...

Second City Comedy Club LOCATION: 42705 Grand River Ave... Details: CONTACT: Box Office (248) 348-4448... Details: This show is a hilarious look at Jewish life and culture...

Pied Piper of Hamelin TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Aug. 14-15, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17... Details: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road... Details: This Novi Theatres production features area youth ages 7-18...

Senior Variety Series "Remember When... The Game Show of the Century!" DATE: September 11-21... Details: 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...

Wixom Village Center Summer Concert Series TIME: 7-9 p.m. every Thursday (No concert tonight, Friday instead)... Details: Village Center, Sibley Square Park, across from City Hall... Details: Friday - 4-8 p.m.; DJ; 8-10 p.m. King Sweat; 8-10 p.m. Toxic Groove... DATE: July 24 - Lady Sunshine and the B Band

Farmers Market - Walled Lake TIME/DATE: 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. every Wednesday... Details: Walled Lake City Event Field on E. West Maple Road between Decker Road and Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake... Details: The Farmers Market begins in May and runs through the end of October... CONTACT: Jan Hubbard, jhubbard@washeduc.edu

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Novi Chamber of Commerce LOCATION: 41875 W. 11 Mile Road, Suite 201... Details: Announcing the merger of The Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce and The Novi Chamber of Commerce... CONTACT: abee-novi.org

Financial Round Table TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:30 a.m. Wednesday at Picasso Cafe... Details: RSVP for all events at (248) 349-3743... Details: This show is a hilarious look at Jewish life and culture...

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Since 1963, the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce has proudly served as West Oakland's Regional Chamber... Details: 305 N. Pontiac Trail, Ste. B, Walled Lake... CONTACT: (248) 624-2826

Walsh College, Business Leadership Institute LOCATION: 41500 Gardenbrook Road, near 11 Mile and Meadowbrook roads... Details: CONTACT: (248) 823-1392

Novi Rotary Club TIME/DATE: Noon every Thursday... Details: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road... Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting... CONTACT: Jan Hubbard, jhubbard@washeduc.edu

Females in the Family Business Affinity Group TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. third Thursday of every month... Details: Walsh College Troy Campus... Details: Walsh Business Leadership Institute invites women who own, are partners in or work for family businesses... CONTACT: Jan Hubbard, jhubbard@washeduc.edu

Women's Association Meetings

TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. second Wednesday of every month... Details: DoubleTree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd. (formerly the Wyndham Garden Hotel)... Details: Local chapter provides many advantages to today's working women and offers a strong community service program...

Novi Community School District Board of Education Meeting TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, August 21... Details: Educational Services Building, 25345 Tah Road... CONTACT: (248) 449-1204

Novi City Council Meeting TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. first and third Monday of month (July 28) LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road... CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

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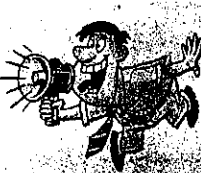
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Slaves of Suspense Book Club TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 30... Details: "The Accidental Florist" by Jill Churchill... Catch The Reading Bug: 2008 Read-To-Me and Summer Reading Clubs... Details: Registration ongoing... CONTACT: (248) 347-0414

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SUPPORT GROUPS

Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting DATE: Last Wednesday of each month... Details: TIME: 10-11 a.m. LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road... Details: CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248) 334-2595

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DETAILS: The meeting provides the opportunity for those in grief to share their story and to learn about the phases and tasks of grief. All are welcome; no fee.

CONTACT: Michael M. Meyer, Doctorate of Ministry

Angela Hospice Groups

DETAILS: Grief support groups include general grief, loss of a spouse, women's grief, parents who have lost a child and a grief support quilters group. All groups are led by bereavement professionals and trained volunteers.

LOCATION: Angela Hospice Care Center, 14109 Newburgh Road, Livonia

CONTACT: Joan Lee (734) 953-6012

General Grief Support Groups

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., second and fourth Tuesday of each month

DETAILS: Open to all losses. Loss of Spouse/Significant Other Support Group

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. first Tuesday of month

Men in Grief

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. fourth Monday of month

Suicide Loss Support Services

DETAILS: Individual and family services offered free for those who have lost a loved one through suicide. Call (734) 464-7810 for more information.

Heartstrings: Parents Who Have Lost a Child

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first Thursday of month

Grief Support Quilters' Group

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. first and third Wednesday of month

DETAILS: Register by calling (734) 953-6012

DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital Support Groups

LOCATION: 1 William Chris Drive, Commerce Township

CONTACT: (248) 937-3314

Alcoholics Anonymous Support Group

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Sunday

DETAILS: No pre-registration required. For information, call (248) 937-3314

Al-Anon Support Group

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Sunday

DETAILS: For family and friends of someone with an alcohol problem. No pre-registration required. For information, call (248) 706-1020.

Alateen Support Group

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LOCATION: Hospital Conference Center

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Postpartum Depression Support Group

TIME/DATE: 6:45 p.m. every Thursday

DETAILS: Postpartum depression can happen anytime within the first year after childbirth. Symptoms include sadness, lack of energy, trouble concentrating, anxiety and feelings of guilt and worthlessness. **CONTACT:** (248) 937-5220

Support for Smokers

DATE: First and third Tuesday of each month

DETAILS: Provides education and support to quit smoking; no charge, no pre-registration. **CONTACT:** Call (248) 937-3314 for more information.

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CONTACT: (248) 937-5163

Breather's Club Support Group

TIME/DATE: Noon the third Wednesday of each month

DETAILS: Free year-round program for persons afflicted with lung disease. Provides support and information. Pre-registration not required. For information call, (248) 937-3314.

H.U.G.S. Group for Parents

TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. third Thursday of each month

DETAILS: Support and counseling to parents who have suffered a pregnancy or newborn loss; no pre-registration required. **CONTACT:** (248) 937-4847 for more information

Joining-Step Cancer Support Group

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Monday of every month

LOCATION: Lobby of the Charach Cancer Treatment Center

DETAILS: Support group for those with cancer or who are related to or know someone living with cancer. **CONTACT:** (248) 937-5163

New Parents Support Group

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second and fourth Wednesday of each month

LOCATION: Hospital Conference Center

DETAILS: A supportive environment for families to share their struggles; learn how to resolve issues after the birth of a child, discuss concerns such as sleep deprivation and coping with the emotions of parenting. **CONTACT:** (248) 858-7766

Alateen Support Group

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Sunday

DETAILS: Intended for teens dealing with someone with an alcohol problem. No pre-registration required. For information, call (248) 706-1020.

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

TIME/DATE: 2-3:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month

LOCATION: Kruger Center (South Garden Entrance)

DETAILS: Designed to allow caregivers to share tips and offer support to each other; for questions or directions call (248) 937-3314.

Breast Cancer Support Group

TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a.m. second and fourth Thursday of month

LOCATION: Sinai Center for Women, next to the hospital's South Garden entrance.

DETAILS: This support group is for any woman diagnosed with breast cancer.

CONTACT: (248) 937-5163

Breather's Club Support Group

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Walsh College and MSU form graduate student partnership

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Walsh College and Michigan State University announced a collaborative partnership between graduate student programs at both institutions.

MSU previously shared space at Walsh's Novi campus, using Walsh's classrooms to teach MSU classes to graduate students who lived in the Novi area.

The new partnership will bring professors from MSU's Department of Advertising, Public Relations and Retailing to Novi to teach Walsh Master's in Business Administration students.

It will also bring MSU students seeking a master's degree in advertising or public relations to Novi to take Walsh College courses.

"There's no parallel we know where a private college and public university has made it so recognized it's really unique," said Dr. Richard Cole, chair of the Department of Advertising, Public Relations and Retailing at MSU. "It's really a very special thing to us. It gives these students a chance to get MHA classes while they're completing master's classes in advertising or public relations."

The program allows students from one institution to take up to three courses from the other institution and apply the credits toward their master's degree elements. Walsh students can earn an Advertising, Public Relations and Retailing certificate of achievement from MSU and MSU students can earn a business leader-



Dr. Lindsay Hagan, left, business communications professor at Walsh College and Kandy Lazell, director of Walsh, take a look at the business school's catalog. Walsh is teaming up with MSU to offer MSU-credited public relations and advertising classes at its Novi campus.

ship certificate from Walsh College.

"It's on their record they've taken those classes. It indicates to a prospective employer they've got some business experience," Cole said.

All courses are held at the Walsh campus in Novi or online through Walsh's Web site.

"It's a win-win for both MSU students. Walsh business students and professionals," said Dr. Linda Hagan, a Novi resident and business communications professor at Walsh's Novi campus. "I think it's a great opportunity for residents in southeast Michigan. Here's an opportunity for people in this area to have that link to MSU and MSU students to have that link to the Detroit area."

Hagan, who worked at MSU for seven years before coming to Walsh last year, said the program is just part of a long line of partnering the two collegiate institutions have shared in recent years. When she was at MSU, she was director of off-campus activities, which led to a strong connection with Walsh that eventually headed her a job much closer to her Novi home.

"We were looking at ways to have MSU classes in the Detroit area," she said. "It's worked out ideally for both sides. Walsh doesn't require the GMAT."

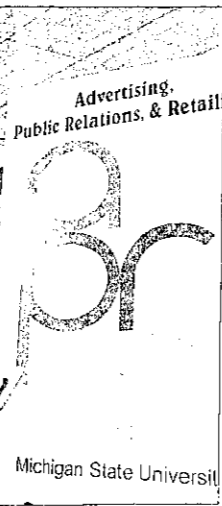


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Novi kids ready to clown around

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

The deadline for joining the circus is near.

The Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department is hosting its first circus camp Aug. 4-8 at Ella Mae Power Park for children 7-15 and the registration deadline is July 25.

The camp is produced by Livonia-based Cirque Amongus, a group founded in 2003 by a pair of entertainers, Sem and Theresa Abrahams, who have performed circus routines for more than 20 years.

"We have a magic class and had juggling classes, so we thought we'd have a circus camp. It's more than putting on a wig and a silly hat and acting funny," said Lauren Sorrentino, Novi Theatres' education coordinator.

"They're all trained circus professionals. It's going to be a unique and very fun opportunity for the kids."

Camp participants will learn 10 skills based on the three circus fundamentals: Juggling, movement and balance. The skill groups include acrobatics, barrels and globes, cycles, equilibrics, magic, manipulation juggling, tightwire, toss juggling, trapeze and hoops, ropes and stunts.

"They'll learn two or three skills per day. They'll have time to practice and build an act for that skill," said Lynnet Slowinski, office manager for Cirque Amongus.

The camp runs 9:30 a.m.-noon Monday through Thursday with a 4:30 p.m. dress rehearsal and 6-7 p.m. performance Friday, Aug. 8.

"They surprise us every day. We have schools that say 'Oh, this kid is too shy. They're not going to want to do anything,' and then that kid ends up being the one who can 'hide a bicycle and juggle at the same time,'" Slowinski said. "They have a lot less going on in their heads. Like juggling, it seems impossible to



Submitted photo
Kids perform for friends and families at a past Cirque Amongus event. The City of Novi is hosting the popular camp this summer.



Submitted photo
Children form a human pyramid at a Cirque Amongus event during the warm-weather months.

Registration for the week-long camp costs \$145 for Novi residents and \$175 for non-residents, with a \$5 discount for anyone registering online by the July 25 deadline. Call (248) 735-5615 or visit www.cityofnovi.org to register. Visit www.cirqueamongus.com for more information. There is a 50 person limit.



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Heads Up! Talene Nereslan, 9, laughs as she's buried up to her neck in sand by her fellow Camp Lakeshore pals Danielle Fox, 8, left, and Emilie O'Callaghan, 8.

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Volunteering at Novi's Providence Park, a family affair

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

After Jim Siller, of Wixom, retired from General Motors, he and his wife, Ann, decided to get more involved with volunteering.

After undergoing what Ann Siller referred to as a "thorough" application process, the husband and wife of 30 years were selected to volunteer at Providence in Novi.

"We're short-term people," Ann said. "We came in March. Some people have been there 25 years." In anticipation of the growing needs of volunteer services on the 200-acre campus, Providence Park Hospital Fair, a home care and Volunteering Recruitment Fair July 26 at the Providence Medical Center.

"We have about 700 positions, but we have a current 200 filled, so our goal is to get about 400 more people," said Volunteer Services Manager Kathy Zagoroli. "We're looking for adults, ages 18 and older, who would be interested in volunteering when the hospital opens in September."

According to Zagoroli, positions include assisting in the nursing units, bringing water to patients, clerical work, visiting with patients, medical records, greeting patients, working the gift shop or gift cart and escorting patients, among others.

"It's a chance to walk with a purpose," Zagoroli said. Even though the Sillers are already volunteers, they applied for positions at the new hospital. "It's pretty exciting over there," Ann said. "We would like to work together. I think that would be a good place to be, to work with the families."

The husband and wife duo currently volunteer from noon-4 p.m. Wednesdays - Jim in the mail-room and Ann in the short-term stay unit.

"Sometimes I'm working with the patients, sometimes I do office work," Ann said. "Any little job that helps the nurses along, those nurses work pretty hard."

Zagoroli said volunteers are asked to work at least one four-hour shift a week.

"For some of our retirees, they bring a wealth of life and work experience, to not only help, but enhance our services. For others, it's a career they were always curious about, but never did," she said. "It's a way to give back." For Novi resident Barb Arne, volunteering is a way for her to utilize her bachelor's of fine arts degree, while assisting in the healing of patients of the Assarian Cancer Center, at the Providence Center for the Healing Arts.

Arne is a stay-at-home mom and began volunteering in April. "Now that my kids are older, this is something I can do to use my art skills and benefit others," she said.

Working at least one shift a week, Arne volunteers during open studio time, helping people create projects, mainly with ceramics. She has also been an instrumental part of the "Living Art Values" tile project, which was recently installed near the registration area of the ambulatory center in the existing Providence Medical Center and the Assarian Gardens, which include a butterfly garden and healing garden.

Providence Park Volunteer Recruitment Fair

7 to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 26
In conference rooms A, B and C of the existing Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave. Individuals may enter through the southeast entrance.

Providence is seeking volunteers, ages 18 and older. There will be a team recruitment program in September for students. On the day of the fair, anyone interested can fill out an application. The Volunteer Services Department will later select applicants for an interview and if selected, the individual must undergo health screenings and an orientation.

For more information, contact the Volunteer Services Department at (248) 465-4036.



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Barb Arne, right, points out to her daughter, Sara, some of the work she's helped to foster in volunteering for Novi's Providence Park Hospital ceramic tile project. Sara volunteers as well in the hospital's emergency room.

"It's positive family time," Zagoroli said. The time spent at Providence Park is not only earning Sara

hours for Novi High School's National Honor Society, but it's also helping determine if she is interested in a career in medical

care, Barb Arne said.
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Oberweis Ice Cream and Dairy welcomes the Novi community

By Elisabeth Perricone
SPECIAL WRITER

Oberweis Ice Cream and Dairy Store, located in the Novi Town Center, is serving more than just ice cream for its July 19 event. Customers can enjoy their favorite ice cream and interact with a variety of farm animals without leaving the premises.

The event, scheduled from noon-4:30 p.m., will have a petting farm right outside the store, including a donkey, miniature pony, llama, turkeys, pigs, rabbits and goats.

Although the store's opening was in February, co-owner Mike McDonald envisions this event to be a "re-grand opening."

"We wanted to let everyone know that we are here and we are open," he said. McDonald anticipates teaming up with Huntington Bank in Novi for the event where, if all goes as planned, free ice cream coupons will be given to customers. The City of Novi is also expected to film the event to be broadcasted on its Community Access Channel.

McDonald believes an event like this will be a great, memorable experience for children to see animals they've never seen before.

The store tries to create a memorable experience for kids by giving every child that comes in a balloon.

"An event like this I think will bring in a lot of families and they will be exposed to our store," he said.

He knows once people taste Oberweis Ice Cream, they will be coming back for more. Customers seem to agree, as one Novi resident explained her ice cream sundae in one word,



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"delicious."

She also added that the taste was much richer and creamier than other ice cream she's tried. Another customer, Chan Ahn, said his vanilla soft serve was very good and said this was because, "there is more dairy cream."

Oberweis creates this richer, creamy taste by using their own fresh milk in the ice cream and a higher percentage of butterfat than most brands, to enhance its taste.

More than 30 flavors of ice cream, such as cinnamon and pistachio, are not the only products that can be found in the store. Originally opened in 1915, in Chicago, Oberweis Dairy began as a family-owned business selling milk. Oberweis Dairy has expanded its products to include eggs and meats such as bacon, ham, hot dogs and ribs; all which can be found at the Novi location.

McDonald explains that what makes Oberweis products different than other competitors is their effort to work with only small, local farmers.

He also adds that these farms are so small many farmers know their cows by name. Oberweis milk is packaged in a glass bottle and they refuse to treat their cows with Recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone (rBGH), which can cause potential health hazards for humans. Cows are raised without hormones to produce high quality eggs.

For only five months of business, Oberweis Ice Cream and Dairy Store already has played a major role in the community. They've participated in opening day for Novi baseball. After the end of the game, the store gave away about 450 ice creams to players and families on both teams.

In August, they will be working at a special event with Meadowbrook Urgent Care to pass out free ice cream to crowds expected to be more than 2,000. The next event they are planning at the store is a chess tournament with Catholic Central High School in Novi. They will utilize the four chess-topped tables they have in the store and offer a cash prize to the winner.

McDonald says the store will continue sponsoring special events and be involved in community activities.

"You're not going to find these things at every corner," McDonald said, adding they're not like your typical ice cream store.

He said they are here to stay and hope to expand their influence in the community. Oberweis is committed to serving delicious ice cream and making every customer's experience one to remember.

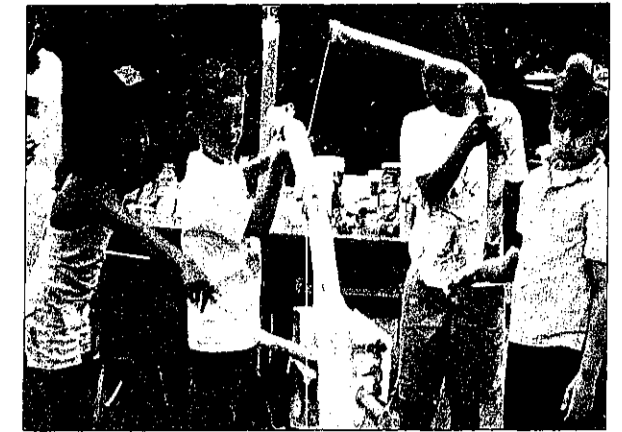


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Smart Moves

With the help of some of his fellow Camp Invention campers, Buddy Verellen uses a long net made with virtual "swamp" during activities at Novi Middle School. The camp held trials to see which teams could solve puzzles by creating new ways of getting around roadblocks - or swamps.

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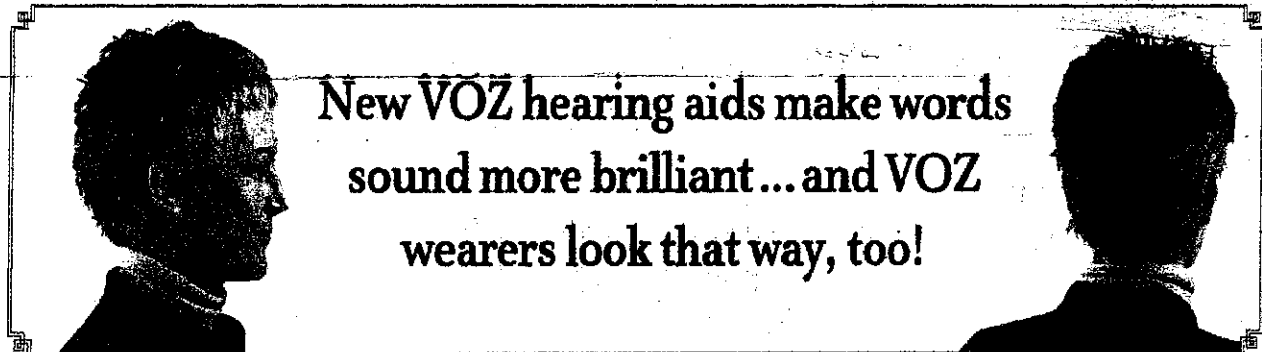
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HIGH GOALS



Novi's Craig Howell, left, looks for his next move against South Lyon. Howell is the lacrosse All-Area Player of the Year.

Howell's 92 goals land him atop LAX All-Area team

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Sometimes bringing in a new coach with new philosophies and styles of play can hinder a team's progress until both sides get acquainted to each other.

No such thing happened for Novi, and especially for attackman Craig Howell, who tallied 122 points (92 goals, 30 assists) in leading the Wildcats to a 15-3 record, a KVC title, a district title and finished runner-up in the regional finals. He was also voted team MVP.

"It's hard to have a player like that, who has done so well, have a new coach say do this and do that," Novi head coach Tom Stepenhoff said. "I let him play his style of game. I really didn't want to change anything he was doing."

"Obviously, he was great before I came. I didn't make him a great player, I just tried to make him better."

Howell came to play every day for the Wildcats, putting up huge scoring numbers throughout the year.

"The kid had a couple of seven-goal games," Stepenhoff said. "Against most teams, he at least had a hat trick."

Stepenhoff said Howell had good stick skills, but it was his shot that set him apart.

"His shot, it just seemed from one side of the field, he wouldn't miss," Stepenhoff said. "It was nice because every time he had the ball, something nice could happen. He was a threat."

Leading the team in scoring was one thing for Howell, but his

All-Area Lacrosse

Player of the year
Craig Howell, Novi senior

First Team
Dylan Pasch, South Lyon junior
Nick Dirado, South Lyon junior
Adam Bylski, South Lyon junior
Connor Sutton, Huron Valley Jr.
Andrew Connolly, Huron Valley Sr.
Jack Durmsa, CC senior
Brad Higgins, CC senior
Chad Formica, CC senior
Matt Aubrey, CC senior
Brad Janor, CC senior
Paul Favorite, Novi junior
Matt Mandeville, Novi junior
Andrew Donato, Novi junior
Kody Tipton, Novi junior
Alex Thurman, Northville senior
Steve Polanski, Northville Sr.

Second Team
Tyler Corcoran, South Lyon Jr.

Will Marnell, South Lyon junior
Dan Taskey, Huron Valley Sr.
Jason Russell, Huron Valley Sr.
Cody Muirhead, Huron Valley Sr.
George Riegel, Novi senior
Eric Guttman, Novi senior
Nathan Haynes, Novi junior
Dan MacDonell, CC senior
Jack Christenson, CC senior
Chad Formica, CC senior
Matt Aubrey, CC senior
John Cass, Northville senior
Matt Zielke, Northville senior

Honorable Mention
Chris Nemes, CC junior
Alex Miller, Novi senior
Bane Douglas, South Lyon Sr.
Kasey Mardis, Huron Valley Jr.
Brad Mescler, Huron Valley Sr.
Tony Massara, Northville senior
Andrew Lambureau, Northville Jr.
Ian Meador, Northville soph.

lead-by-example nature throughout the season was something that helped the Wildcats improve throughout the year.

"Even in practice, every drill we did, it was like a game for him," Stepenhoff said. "Every time he had a ball in his stick, he wanted to get better. It worked."

Howell will continue his career at Adrian. Stepenhoff sees good things for his future.

"I think he's going to do really well there," Stepenhoff said. "He's dedicated to the game, he works hard and he's athletic."

"If he wants to be, he will be a great player there too. There's no reason he shouldn't be."

First Team

Novi's strong season was cemented by several other players putting up huge numbers. Making the All-Area First Team are Wildcat's Paul Favorite, Matt Mandeville, Andrew Donato and Kyle Tipton.

Favorite racked up 77 points (28 goals, 49 assists), but it was winning faceoffs at a 73-percent clip that impressed his coach the most.

"What he did better than anything was win faceoffs and control the ball downfield for us," Stepenhoff said. "He did everything well. Ground balls are huge, and he was our groundball champion."

Mandeville scorched the net for 57 goals and passed out 30 assists. He will be looked upon to add even more scoring next year with Howell's departure.

"I'm really glad he's coming back next year," Stepenhoff said. "He has probably some of the best stick skills on the team, and he's very fast. I have high hopes for him next year."

Donato was the force on a stingy Novi defense. He had the chore of being the shut-down defenseman.

"He was kind of our take-away defenseman," Stepenhoff said. "I would have him cover their best attackman, and none of those kids had a day on him."

Tipton was the last line of defense, racking up a 12-3 record in goal.

"He was a great ballstopper, but

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Martin ends CC career with record heave

Novi lands 3 on First Team

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central assistant track coach Gene Grewe couldn't think of a better way for Mike Martin to end his career — with a state title and record in the shot put.

Grewe, who handles the throwing events for the Shamrocks, said Martin contained the total package for a thrower.

"A good thrower must be coordinated, fast and strong in that order. Mike is all of those," Grewe said. "He is the strongest athlete I have ever coached, with a best recorded bench of 440."

Martin not only defended the Division I shot put title, his throw of 63-9 broke the old record (61-11 set in 2000) by just less than two feet.

"Every coach hopes for one chance to coach an athlete like Mike," Grewe said. "We are grateful we had the chance."

Martin will be playing football at Michigan. Grewe said if Martin also goes out for the track team,



Photo submitted

See TRACK, 3B Catholic Central's Mike Martin goes through his pre-throw routine.

All-Area Track

Athlete of the Year
Mike Martin, CC senior

First Team
Tyler Mouch, Novi senior
Mike Blaszczyk, Novi sophomore
Dan Egner, Novi sophomore
Brendan Schneider, CC junior
Spencer Hall, CC sophomore
Zach Oleski, CC senior
Jack Davkin, CC senior
Ali Arastu, Northville sophomore
Davan Corcoran, Northville senior
Andrew Gorney, Northville senior
Kyle Poole, Milford junior
Jake Thompson, Milford junior
Stephan Eudling, Milford senior
Andrew McKeague, Milford Sr.
Spencer Banks, Milford senior
Justin Amara, Lakeland Jr.
Caleb Rhoads, Lakeland soph.
Dane Bender, South Lyon junior
Kaleb Johnson, CC junior

Honorable Mention
Bryce Williams, Novi senior
Bryce Williams, Novi senior
Bryce Williams, Novi senior
Bryce Williams, Novi senior
Bryce Williams, Novi senior
Bryce Williams, Novi senior
Bryce Williams, Novi senior
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Bryce Williams, Novi senior

Eric Franceschi, Northville senior
Jon Zurak, Northville senior
Habb Khan, Northville senior
Evan Gerish, Northville senior
Scott Sansovich, CC junior
Austin Zebrowski, CC freshman
John Paul Zebrowski, CC Jr.
Ricardo Galindo, CC sophomore
Billy Riga, CC freshman
Jake Spuller, CC freshman
Brendan Curran, CC junior
Melvin Joseph, CC senior
Ronnie Kadykowski, CC senior
Mel Farr, CC senior

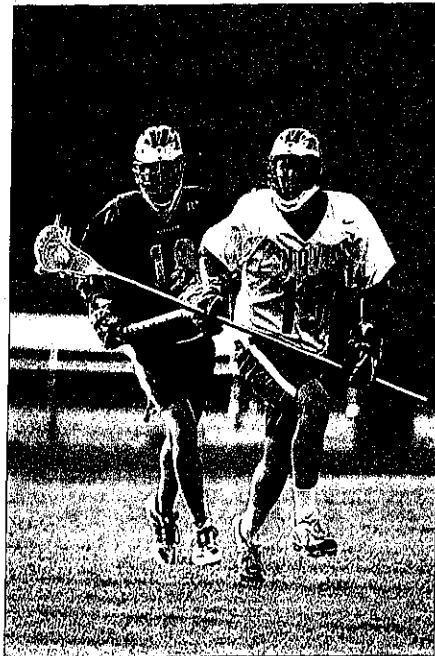
Honorable Mention
Jack Jan, Milford senior
Sam Darish, Milford junior
Tom Schenle, Milford senior
Sean Staples, Lakeland junior
Chris Sherflock, Lakeland Jr.
Dane Sexton, South Lyon senior
Brent Shovelman, S. Lyon senior
Nick Kolbow, Northville senior
Aaron Chew, Northville senior
Noel Key, Northville junior
Harrison Hall, CC senior
Andrew Sene, Harrison Co. Sr.
Sch. Northville senior
Michael Domperre, CC junior



Novi's Paul Favorite heads upfield with the ball.



Novi's Paul Favorite completes the play.



Novi's Andy Donatto controls the ball.



Catholic Central's Jack Dumsa winds up for an eventful goal.

LACROSSE

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what was nice, if he was one-on-one, he would come out and hit people," Shepenhoff said. "He was a solid goalie. He was a junior too. I'm glad he's coming back."

The Shamrocks might not have had the record they were hoping to, but few were daring enough to take on the schedule they did. Catholic Central not only faced eventual state champion Brother Rice in league play, but the Shamrocks would take on championship teams from neighboring states as well.

The rookie was a team that was more than built to excel once the playoffs hit, finishing regional runner-ups.

Catholic Central places four on the First Team — Jack Dumsa, Brad Higgins, Brad Janer, Chad Fornica and Matt Aubrey. Dumsa picked up his play from his junior season and helped lead the Shamrocks all season. Dumsa is headed to Grand Valley State for physical therapy and to continue playing lacrosse.

"His stick skills improved, especially his shooting on the run," Shamrock head coach Dave Wilson said. "He wanted the ball. He has the ability to find the open man or become the open man."

He really wanted to come into senior year with the ability to freelance. I set of took the shackles off him and let him do that. Higgins, a midfielder, brought the speed for the Shamrocks.

"He's an ankle breaker. He'll turn you into a pretzel," Wilson said. "If you're playing man-to-

man against him, you're in a bit of trouble."

Janer, a midfielder, will continue his career at U-D Mercy on a scholarship.

Fornica and Aubrey helped to shutdown the opposition. They specialized bringing the physical play and getting the ground balls to work the ball back to the attack.

"Defense wins championships," Wilson said.

The rest of the First Team includes Northville's Alex Thurman and Steve Polanski; South Lyon's Dylan Pesh, Nick Dirado and Adam Bylski; and Huron Valley's Connor Sutton and Andrew Connely.

Second Team

Novi's George Riegel was putting up huge offensive numbers before suffering a shoulder injury about midway through the year that cut his season short. But he was putting up First-Team numbers before the injury.

Riegel, along with teammates Eric Guttman and Nathan Hayes receive All-Area Second Team honors.

"The kids worked really hard for me," Shepenhoff said. "I really felt that everyone bought into my system. They had skill and lacrosse knowledge. I just taught them my strategy. Everyone believed in it, worked hard and followed it, and we were successful in doing it."

Also on the Second Team are Catholic Central's Dan MacDonnell, Jack Christenson, Chad Fornica.

The rest of the All-Area Second Team includes Northville's John Cass and Matt Zietke; South



Catholic Central's Brad Janer controls the ball.

Lyon's Tyler Corcoran and Will Marnell; and Huron Valley's Dan Tesko, Jason Russell and Cody Moitehead.

Honorable Mention

Receiving Honorable Mention are Novi's Alex Willer; Northville's Tony Massara, Andrew Lamoureux and Ian

Meador; Catholic Central's Chris Nemes; South Lyon's Blake Douglas; and Huron Valley's Jake Madis and Brad Meslier.

The All-Area teams are submitted by coaches from Northville, Novi, Catholic Central, South Lyon, Milford and Lakeland and compiled by Jeff Theisen and Patrick Pinter.



Shamrock Chad Fornica brings the ball upfield.



Catholic Central's Brad Higgins looks to make a pass.



Shamrock Matt Aubrey works with the ball.

Junior Olympics coming to area

Games expected to bring thousands of athletes

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Novi and the surrounding areas will play host to 12,000 athletes and thousands more visitors to the 2008 Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympics.

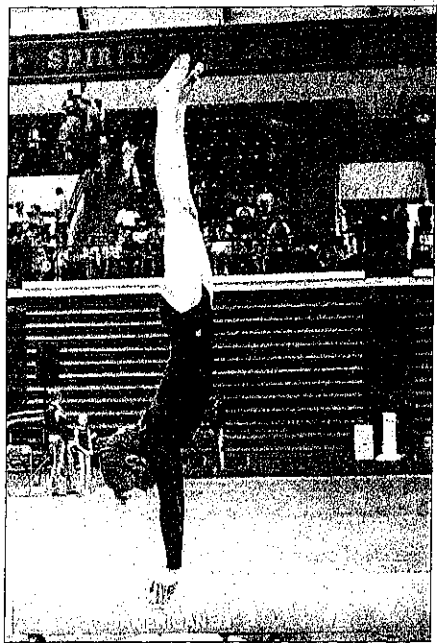
The Detroit Metro Sports Commission brought the games to the area, which will be held at Rock Financial Showplace, Eastern Michigan University and several more local venues.

"The AAU Junior Olympics is the largest youth multi-sport event in the world, and the DMSC is proud to again serve as the local organizing committee for this prestigious event," said Dave Beachra, DMSC executive director. "This event will contribute significantly to the local hospitality industry and generate an estimated \$48 million in economic impact."

The Rock Financial Showplace will host an estimated 3,000 athletes in 10 events, including cheer-



Photo submitted



An athlete performs a gymnastic routine.

The Junior Olympics are coming to Novi and the surrounding areas. Events start July 24.

leading karate, weightlifting and wrestling, just to name a few.

EMU will host approximately 9,000 athletes, mostly in track and field and swimming.

Novi Middle School will host badminton, table tennis and tennis.

The AAU Junior Olympics includes alumni; Dan Gable (wrestling); Kari Straug (gymnas-

tics); Chris Weber (basketball); Carl Lewis (track) and Greg Louganis (diving).

The event was last hosted in Michigan in 2003 (Detroit).

2008 AAU Junior Olympic Games, Detroit, MI Tentative Schedule as of 6/27/08

		Sat. 7/25	Sun. 7/26	Mon. 7/27	Tues. 7/28	Wed. 7/29	Thurs. 7/30	Fri. 7/31	Sat. 8/1	Sun. 8/2
Baseball	Henry Ford Community College	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp
	Lynch Park HS	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp
	Garfield Richard HS	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp
	Selma Old Varsity Field	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp
	Chelsea HS Stadium and Field #2	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp
	Flat Rock HS	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp
	Capital Park Redford	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp
Baton Twirling	Novi Middle School				Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp
Beach Volleyball	Southfield Civic Center Park				Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp
Boys' Basketball	Lutheran Westland High School	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp
	Lutheran Huron High School	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp
Cheerleading	Rock Financial Showplace				Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp
Dance	Allan Park Center for the Arts				Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp
Field Hockey	Ocker Field, University of Michigan				Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp
Football	Bentley Field, Livonia Community Recreation Center	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp
Girls' Basketball	Lake Orion High School	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp
	Scopus Middle School	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp
	C.E.R.C.	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp
Gymnastics	Rock Financial Showplace				Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp
Jump Rope	Rock Financial Showplace				Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp
Karate	Rock Financial Showplace				Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp
Multi-Events	EMU Olds-Marshal Track				Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp
Powerlifting	Rock Financial Showplace				Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp
Swimming	EMU Jones Natatorium				Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp
Table Tennis	Rock Financial Showplace				Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp
TaeKwonDo	Rock Financial Showplace				Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp
Track & Field	EMU Olds-Marshal Track				Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp
Trampoline & Tumbling	Rock Financial Showplace				Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp
Weightlifting	Rock Financial Showplace				Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp
Wrestling	Rock Financial Showplace				Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp

* Registration times for TEAM sports may differ, please check your sport's entry information for specific check-in times.

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he will have success there also, no matter how the Wolverines would "use him."

"Mike has all the tools to be a great thrower in college," Grewe said. "I think they might try to convert him to a spinner, but whatever style he chose he would be successful. He also has the mental toughness and discipline to be successful."

Other accomplishments by Martin this year included going undefeated in the shot put for the season, a three-time regional champion, a two-time league champion, two-time Oakland County champ, record holder for the Catholic League (61-5) and at several other individual meets and winner of the Walt Bazylewicz Award as the best male athlete in the Catholic League.

Martin also helped lead the Shamrocks to the final four in football and defended his state title as the heavyweight champion in wrestling.

Above all of his accomplishments, Grewe and the other coaches were happiest with how Martin conducts himself on and off the playing fields.

"He has been a great athlete and an excellent representative of all that CC athletes aspire to be," Grewe said. "I have told Mike that of all he has accomplished in high school, I am most proud of the kind of person he is."

"He will always be successful because of who he is, not just

because of what he can do physically."

First Team

Novi leads three athletes on the First Team in Tyler Bloech, Mike Blaszyk and Dan Egner.

Blaszyk was the lone state representative for the Wildcats, running the 3,200 meters. He finished 20th and will have two more opportunities to head back to the state finals.

Mouch specialized in the shot put and discus. He scored the most points for the Wildcats and was the team Player of the Year.

Egner set a new school record in the 800. He broke the two-minute barrier (1:59.3) to earn his spot in the record books.

Catholic Central also leads a slew of players on the First Team in Alex Toloff, Brendan Schneider, Spencer Hall, Zach Oleski and Jack Daykin.

Toloff, Schneider, Hall and Oleski teamed up to finish fourth at the state meet in the 3,200 relay, making All-State status. Oleski also qualified for the state meet in the individual 800.

Daykin made the state meet as part of the 400 relay and the 800 relay.

The rest of the First Team includes Northville's Cavan Corcoran and Andrew Gorley; Milford's Kyle Podvin, Jake Thompson, Stephen Fueling, Andrew McKeachie and Spencer Banks; Lakeland's Justin Amarent and Jacob Rhode; and South Lyon's Adam Gentile.

Second Team

Catholic Central leads up the

All-Area Second Team with 10 more selections.

Ronnie Kadykowski, Brendan Curran and Melwin Joseph teamed up with Daykin to qualify for state in the 800 relay.

Billy Riga, Mel Fur and Jake Spilker teamed up with Daykin to make the state finals in the 400 relay.

Curran and Kadykowski also qualified with Scott Sansovich for the state finals in the 1,600 relay.

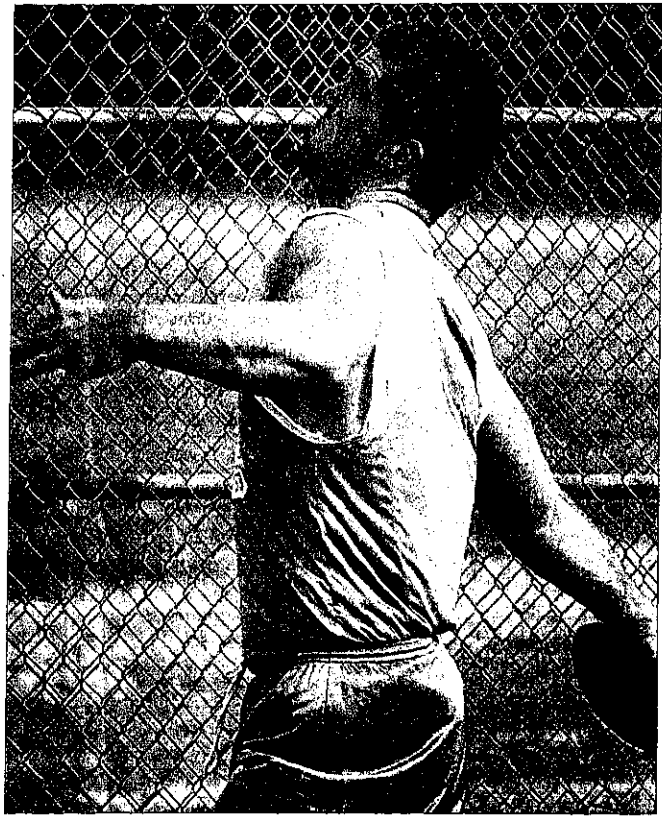
Ricardo Galindo, Austin Zebrowski and John-Paul Zebrowski were distance specialists for the Shamrocks.

Also receiving Second Team honors are Northville's Eric Franceschi, Jon Zursk, Habib Khan and Evan Gerish; Milford's Bob Feigley; Lakeland's Lee Lopez and Kyle Gawecki; and South Lyon's Aaron Cornett and Ian McGee.

Honorable Mention

Receiving Honorable Mention are Catholic Central's Harrison Hall, Andrew Garcia-Garrison, Scott Hoffman and Michael Dumppierre; Northville's Nick Kolbow, Aaron Chew and Noel Key; Milford's Jack Iott, Sam Darish and Tom Schoeller; Lakeland's Stan Staples, and Chris Sherlock; and South Lyon's Jake Seto and Brent Showerman.

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Wildcat Steve Mouch prepares to throw the discus during a home meet in April.

Sports Shorts

Novi Football Camps

Novi head football coach Tab Kellepoony will be hosting football camps July 21-24 on the east practice field at the high school. Campers should bring both indoor and outdoor shoes. Pre-registration is \$50 and \$60 the day of the camp.

The following is a list of the camps:

Third-fourth grade, 8-9:30 a.m.
Fifth-sixth grade, 10-11:30 a.m.
Seventh-eighth, noon-1:30 p.m.
Freshmen, 2:30-4 p.m.
Sophomores, 10-11:30 a.m.
Juniors and seniors, 2:30-4 p.m.
Registration can be done by calling (248) 449-1206.

Novi Summer Tennis

All Novi High School students are invited to summer tennis workouts. The workouts are at the high school courts 8-10 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday July 22-24, weather permitting.

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
Those interested can register through Community Education.

Schluter's Hoop Camps

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

A boys and girls basketball camp for boys and girls from grades kindergarten-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 kindergarten-one is 8:30-10 a.m., and grades second-third will run 10:30 a.m.-noon.

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.



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Rush of success

The Michigan Rush Nike U17 Boys team recently completed a very successful 2008 Spring Season. Playing in the MFL First Division, the MI Rush Boys went undefeated (7-0-0) in league play and ran the table in the MFL playoffs (3-0-0) to earn a promotion to the Premier Division of the MFL, next spring. Adding to their success story, the boys were finalists in State Cup Competition, allowing only one goal in the preliminary round, quarter and semifinals before falling short of the State Championship by a PK (final 1-0) to last year's National Runner up, the Michigan Wolves.

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Creamy Mango Salsa With Light Mayonnaise

Makes: 4 servings
Prep Time: 10 minutes

- 1/4 cup Hellmann's or Best Foods Light Mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 2 cups quartered grape tomatoes or cherry tomatoes
- 1 medium ripe mango, peeled and chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion
- 1 medium jalapeno pepper, finely chopped (optional)
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh cilantro (optional)

In medium bowl, blend mayonnaise, lime juice and cumin. Stir in remaining ingredients. Serve with corn chips, if desired.

(This recipe is also terrific with Hellmann's or Best Foods Canola Real Mayonnaise or Hellmann's or Best Foods Real Mayonnaise.)

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Nutrients per serving: 100 calories, 45 calories from fat, 0.5g saturated fat, 0g trans fat, 5g total fat, 5mg cholesterol, 125mg sodium, 15g total carbohydrate, 11g sugars, 2g dietary fiber, 1g protein, 20% vitamin A, 45% vitamin C, 2% calcium

Tea-Scented Couscous

Makes: 6 servings
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Brew Time: 5 minutes
Cook Time: 10 minutes

- 1 14.5-ounce can chicken broth
- 1/2 cup water
- 3 Lipton Green Tea with Mandarin Orange Flavor Pyramid Tea Bags
- 1 10-ounce box couscous
- 1/2 cup golden raisins
- 1 tablespoon Bertolli Classico Olive Oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 green onions, sliced
- 1/3 cup toasted sliced almonds

In 2-1/2-quart saucepan, bring broth and water to a boil over high heat. Remove from heat. Add tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze. Stir in couscous, raisins, olive oil and salt. Cover and let stand 5 minutes. Just before serving, stir in green onions and almonds.

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Nutrients per serving: 280 calories, 50 calories from fat, 0.5g saturated fat, 0g trans fat, 5g total fat, 0mg cholesterol, 350mg sodium, 49g total carbohydrate, 0g sugars, 4g dietary fiber, 8g protein, 2% vitamin A, 2% vitamin C, 4% calcium, 6% iron



Magically Moist Salmon With Light Mayonnaise

Makes: 4 servings
Prep Time: 5 minutes
Cook Time: 10 minutes

- 4 salmon fillets (about 4 ounces each)
- 1/4 cup Hellmann's or Best Foods Light Mayonnaise
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 400°F. Brush salmon with mayonnaise; season with salt and pepper. Arrange salmon on baking pan. Bake 10 minutes or until fish flakes with fork.

(This recipe is also terrific with Hellmann's or Best Foods Canola Real Mayonnaise.)

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Nutrients per serving: 210 calories, 110 calories from fat, 2g saturated fat, 0g trans fat, 12g total fat, 65mg cholesterol, 310mg sodium, 1g total carbohydrate, 0g sugars, 0g dietary fiber, 23g protein, 0% vitamin A, 0% vitamin C, 2% calcium, 6% iron



FAMILY FEATURES

Bob Greene, Oprah's personal trainer, suggests you look no further than your kitchen cupboard for help in feeling and looking your best. Greene's latest best-seller, "Best Life Diet," focuses on practical ways to make easy, healthful choices for lasting weight loss.

"The primary goal of the Best Life Diet is to change the way people eat for life — making healthier choices that achieve lasting weight loss," Greene said. To help consumers make smart choices, Greene created a Best Life seal of approval for foods he recommends. This seal can help where many key food choices are made — at the grocery store.

Impressed by many food companies' efforts to offer great tasting, nutritious foods for weight management and better health, Greene includes many household brand food products and real-life recipes in the "Best Life Diet." These items make it easy to follow his weight loss approach.



Best Life Food Tips

- Staying hydrated is an important factor in weight loss — and tea is second to water. One of Greene's personal favorite drinks is Lipton Pyramid Green Tea with Mandarin Orange, made with long leaf tea and real pieces of fruit.
- Eating and cooking with good fats — those with no trans fat or cholesterol, and high in mono- and polyunsaturated fats; and those containing healthy omega-3 fats — are important for heart health and safety. Bertolli Olive Oil, Hellmann's and Best Foods' Canola and Light Mayonnaises bear the Best Life seal and all contain the good fats.
- Controlling calories is key to weight loss and control. Wish-Bone Salad Spritzers Vinaigrette Dressings are packaged in easy-to-use spray bottles that offer great control over the amount of dressing added to a salad with only one calorie per spray.
- To jump-start your weight loss — reduce calories for one meal a day using a meal replacement. Also, Greene says that using mini-meals can be critical in helping with hunger control. Slim-Fast meal replacement shakes and bars are scientifically proven to help control hunger.

Greene partnered with companies, such as General Mills, Florida Citrus and Unilever, who have shown a commitment to improving the nutritional profile and ingredients of their products.

"Making it easier for consumers to choose 'better for you' products is central to our corporate mission," said Doug Balentine, Director Nutrition Science the America's for Unilever. "As part of our nutrition enhancement program, Unilever has eliminated more than 25,000 tons of fat, 10,000 tons of sugar and 2,000 tons of sodium, globally, from our products. In the U.S., our Eat Smart/Drink Smart labeling program helps shoppers make smart, nutritious choices."

The Best Life Diet helps us realize that healthful eating is as close as our kitchen cabinet. By choosing trusted, familiar brands which are easy to spot in the supermarket, consumers are able to maintain a lifetime of healthy eating that is simple and doable. Learn more about the Best Life program at www.thebestlife.com.

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