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Dear Readers:
Starting April 2, the price of an annual subscription and a single copy of the *Novi News* will increase. Subscribers will notice the increase in their individual renewal time. The annual subscription rate will increase by \$5 from \$26 to \$32 a year for mail delivery. The price for a single copy of the *Novi News* sold at stores and news boxes throughout the community will increase from 50 cents to 75 cents. This is the first single copy price increase in 21 years and I hope you — our loyal hometown readers — understand why it is necessary at this time.
I hope you agree that the price of a local newspaper is worth this increase. We want to continue to offer the Novi area news and information on local life — births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries — proposed developments, school news, election information, high school sports scores, local photographs and more.
Thank you for your continued support. As always, I welcome your comments.

Sincerely,
Susan M. Rosiek,
executive editor,
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NOVI NUTSHELL College hoops

Bright House Networks is offering customers a free preview of CBS College Sports Network, the official cable home of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship, from March 13-April 7. The network will be available to Bright House Networks customers on channel 757, and channel 77 for customers without a digital box. CBS College Sports Network presents all the action and excitement surrounding the tournament, including the official highlight show of the tournament, NCAA March Madness® Highlights Powered by Pontiac. For CBS College Sports Network's complete broadcast schedule, visit www.cbssports.com/cbscollegesports/schedules/page/schedule.

Senior event

Area seniors are invited to enjoy a little taste of Italy *Mamma Mia Style* at the Italian Festival Super Saturday event 4-6 p.m. March 28 at the Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road. Enjoy the savory flavors of Tuscany when served a great Italian meal. Entertainment is provided, but tickets are limited. The cost is \$7 for residents and \$8.50 for non-residents. For more information, call (248) 347-0414.

Providence Park receives gift to complete neurosciences center

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

Providence Park Hospital's neurosciences program will be complete years ahead of what was previously projected, thanks to a generous donation by Art Van Elslander, owner of Art Van furniture stores.

"We knew it would be a matter of years, but this certainly has allowed our progress to take a huge step forward," said Ben Miles, director of neurosciences for Providence. "We're extremely honored that he would partner with us on this gift."

Although the amount of the donation is not being released, it is the largest gift St. John Health System

has ever received, and will be used to further develop what will be known as the Van Elslander Neurosciences Center at Providence Park Hospital in Novi located at Beck Road and Grand River Avenue.

The money will be used for the previously planned purchase of an intra-operative Magnetic Resonance Imaging, which is the first of its kind in the Midwest, allowing doctors to take high quality images during a surgical procedure.

"This is going to have multiple levels of functionality," Miles said. Other areas that will benefit from Van Elslander's donation include advanced technology for the hospital's stroke unit, epilepsy center and

balance and falls clinic, as well as the completion of a surgical skills lab and teaching center in the medical office building.

"We've cleared a huge hurdle here since these things require a significant investment," Miles said. "And the advancements we'll make in our basic sciences and clinical research protocols will be astounding."

Providence Park Hospital's fifth floor is expected to open Monday. "The entire fifth floor, ultimately will be dedicated to neurosciences," said Miles, noting they are opening with 18 beds, but have the ability to expand as the need progresses.

The Van Elslander family is a long-time supporter of the St. John Health



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Ben Miles, director of neurosciences for Providence Park, stands in the Novi hospital's soon-to-be-completed intra-operative MRI surgical room, which will allow doctors to take precise scans during neurological procedures.

System. Previous donations have funded projects at Detroit's St. John Hospital & Medical Center, including the Van Elslander Cancer Center and the Van Elslander Pavilion.

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Novi family: We feel attacked for our religious beliefs

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

The Samona family, of Novi, feels their religious beliefs are being attacked, again, by the Tollgate Woods homeowners association.

The Samonas received a letter last Wednesday claiming a Virgin Mary statue, situated in their front lawn, is in violation of the rules governed by the association. The letter recommends the Samona family petition for an architectural request for the statue, but remove the item from their lawn until approval is granted. "This is clearly an attack on religion," said Joe Samona, 19. "I went around and counted 36 homes in the subdivision with some sort of lawn ornament."

Attorney Mark Makower, of Dickinson Wright, said the issue is not about the Samonas' religious beliefs, but about them not receiving prior approval to place the statue in their lawn.

The recorded declaration of restrictions for Tollgate Woods states no lawn ornaments, statues or outdoor art shall be placed on any lot without prior approval of the committee.

"We don't need approval to put a Virgin Mary statue in the lawn of a home we pay close to \$10,000 a year in taxes on," said Samona, who lives in the Tollgate Woods home with his parents, Farouk and Batoul Samona, and his grandmother. "It's not like we're putting it out there to offend anyone."

Although Makower said the Tollgate Woods homeowners asso-



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Batoul Samona and her son, Joe stand outside their Novi home with their statue of the Virgin Mary. The Samona's subdivision has asked the family to remove the statue because it violates the rules governed by the association.

ciation is a client of the law firm, they have not asked for legal counsel at this time.

In 2005, the family disputed the association over a nativity scene displayed in their lawn at Christmas time. After the Chaldean family's fight made national headlines, the association backed down.

"We've already retained counsel on this matter," Samona said. "They told us to take it down, and we're not going to take it down."

"We've had it up for five years, and they're just complaining about it now?"

Makower said from a legal standpoint, the amount of time it's been

there doesn't matter if the family never obtained approval.

According to Samona, the woman who complained to the association said she didn't want anybody in the subdivision to be offended by the two-foot statue.

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Novi Parks offers annual Easter events

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Parks Department is revving up for its annual offering of Easter events for kids and canines in the holiday spirit. Recreation Supervisor Derek Smith is expecting a large turnout at the City's two events, scheduled for March 28 and April 1.

Registration for the Easter Haute Dog Mutt Strut and Flashlight Egg Hunt is available at www.cityofnovi.org.

Haute Dog Mutt Strut

Online registration ends tomorrow for Saturday's Easter Haute Dog Mutt Strut at

EASTER EVENTS

- Mutt Strut
1-3 p.m. March 28
Lakeshore Park
Register online \$5, in person \$10
- Flashlight Egg Hunt
8-9 p.m. April 1
Novi Civic Center
Register online \$5, in person \$10

Lakeshore Park. Canine owners can also register their furry friends at the event, which takes place from 1-3 p.m. All pets must be people- and animal-friendly, and have proof of current vaccinations.

Last year, about 25 dogs participated in the event, which includes a milk bone hunt and

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Novi kids battle with books

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

More than 60 students battled it out at Novi Public Library's sixth annual Battle of the Books event at the Civic Center last Saturday. The 12 teams, which consisted of four to six participants in fifth and sixth grades, had read and re-read the six books required to participate since December. The books, which were selected by Phyllis Weeks

and Suzanne Carpenter of the library's youth and teen services department, included "Down the Rabbit Hole" by Peter Abrahams, "Iqbal" by Francesco D'Adamo, "The Liberation of Gabriel King" by K.L. Going, "Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life" by Wendy Mass, "Al Capone Does My Shirts" by Jennifer Choldenko, and "City of Ember" by Jeanne DUPrau. "We try to have a balance of genre, gender of the protagonist and reading level," Weeks

said. "The hard thing in all the preparation is coming up with hard enough questions to try and stump them." And last Saturday, there was only one question out of 30 that stumped the winning team Rising Readers. "It wasn't hard, it was just that we were really tense," said team member Tejasvi Baya. Other members of Rising Readers included Sishlyya Karra, Subas Kundali, Anuragi Koduri, Manojina Satyavolu and Abhay Mayank Vora. "It feels like a great honor," Karra said after winning the event.

The second-place team, Battle Blasters, included Palyi Bhargwaj, Anjali Joshi, Laya Malickal, Siya Takawale, Nupur Vora and Aritha Vinayakumar, and the third-place team was the Fighting Farkleberry Falcons with Jaclyn Gregoire, Vinet Jammalamadaka, Kevin Li, Vamsi Nimmagaddu, Bryce Papata and Niiti Vedamuthu. "They form their own teams, they find their own coaches," said Weeks, noting the teams must have a minimum of three members and



Members of team "R202" celebrate a correct answer during last Saturday's Battle of the Books competition at the Novi Civic Center.

a maximum of six. "If you're a reader or a smart kid, there aren't always things to do, so this gives them something to identify with."

Baya said he was able to relate with the main character of "Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life" because they both like candy, comics and have a taste for adventure. Other Rising Readers selected different reading favorites.

"Mine was 'Down the Rabbit Hole,'" Satyavolu said. "It was mysterious and my favorite character was Ingrid."

Vora said he liked the biographical-style of "Iqbal."



Members of team "Sunday Views" are amazed by a correct answer during the Novi Public Library's Battle of the Books competition.

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Coffee with Hugh Crawford

State Rep. Hugh D. Crawford, R-Novi, will begin hosting coffee chats, providing the opportunity for local residents to meet with him in the community. Coffee with Crawford will take place 9-11 a.m. Saturday, March 28, at the Coffee 'N More, 48992 Pontiac Trail in Wixom. An appointment is not necessary. Residents unable to meet Crawford during the scheduled office hours may contact him at (517) 375-0927 or by e-mail at hughcrawford@house.mi.gov to make an appointment.

Novi Parks receives youth football grant

The City of Novi is a proud recipient of a National Recreation and Parks Association USA Football Youth Football Grant. The grant was made available as part of a three-year partnership of the NRPA, USA Football and the National Football League. The grant will be used to purchase new football equipment and provide coach training for the Novi Parks Department's football summer camp and flag football leagues.

Registration for the summer football camp and fall flag football league begins April 13 via www.cityofnovi.org. The camp is scheduled for July 27-30 for children in fourth-sixth grades. The fall league begins Aug. 24 for children in kindergarten-sixth grades. For more information, visit www.cityofnovi.org or contact recreation supervisor Wendy Duval at wduval@cityofnovi.org or (248) 735-5616.

City seeks youth volunteers

The City of Novi is looking for young adults to serve as student representatives on boards and commissions, and Youth Council. Students have an opportunity to serve as an ex-officio representative on five of the city's volunteer committees, including the Parks, Recreation

and Forestry Commission; Historical Commission; Beautification Commission; Library Board; and Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee.

Students involved with the City of Novi Youth Council will serve as a voting member and participate in initiatives, including Project Sticker Shock, Addicted to Movies, not Drugs, and the Senior to Senior Prom. Applications are available at www.cityofnovi.org, and will be accepted at the City Clerk's Office, inside the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, until 4 p.m. April 17. The City Council will conduct interviews in Council Chambers 7 p.m. April 27, for all appli-

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM NOVI CITY COUNCIL

■ Council approved, by a 6-0 vote, the resolution for a member of the library staff to serve as a liaison for the Novi Historical Commission. The Historical Commission now falls under the jurisdiction of the Novi Public Library, but its budget still comes from the City's general fund. The library has worked with the Historical Commission on projects in the past, and currently houses many of the historical documents of the City of Novi. ■ Council unanimously approved to award the contract for Civil Engineering Field Services to Spalling DeDecker Associates, Inc. for a two-year term with one year renewal option. Approval was also recommended by city staff and the consultant review committee. The consultant is responsible for providing engineering services related to private development through the review of residential plot plans, construction inspection, project close-out paperwork assistance and the completion of record drawings. ■ Council postponed the second reading to amend the City of Novi Code of Ordinances regarding alternate-day lawn watering. Mayor Pro Tem Bob Gatt removed the item from the consent agenda to address the concerns of a resident. If approved, the ordinance will include a requirement to operate underground irrigation systems during non-peak hours of 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. According

to Gatt, the resident said the 5 a.m. cut-off for watering their lawn could cause fungus to grow on the grass. Gatt requested postponing approval until city staff could provide sufficient information regarding the issue. The City of Novi purchases its water through Detroit Water and Sewer Department, and they have indicated a reduced water rate is possible, contingent upon Novi's commitment to lower maximum day and peak hour usage. ■ Council approved to award the contract for design engineering services for the three federally funded road projects to Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment for a total not-to-exceed design fee of \$56,900. The city was

approved to receive federal funding for three projects including Meadowbrook Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile roads, Nine Mile Road, between Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads, and Nine Mile Road, between Novi and Taft roads. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 will cover the cost of the projects, estimated at about \$1 million, but the City of Novi is responsible for the design fees.

Notes were taken from the March 23 Novi City Council regular meeting. Council members Terry Margolis was excused absent. Next regular meeting: 7 p.m. April 6 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

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Attendees will see a dream backyard landscaped around a free form, full-size fiberglass pool filled with water, in addition, an above-ground swim spa, heated and in full operation, will feature an adjustable speed swim lane for exercise and fitness and a spa area for therapy and family fun.

Also exhibited will be inground and above-ground pools. One exhibitor will offer a Build Your Own Backyard Pool program for the do-it-yourself market.

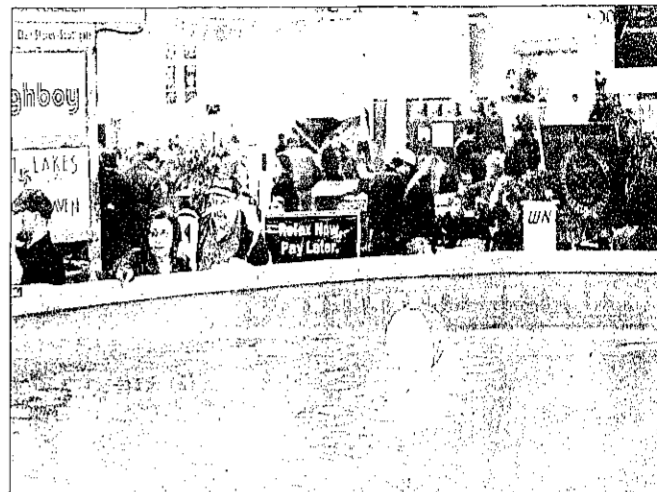
Several landscaping companies will create outdoor living landscape displays for homeowners to visualize in their backyard. The displays include a fire pit, outdoor kitchens and cooking areas, seating walls, wood-burning outdoor fireplace waterfall and limestone patios. Other distinctive features include stone pillars fitted with low voltage lights in glass blocks, pottery fountains, ponds, natural water features, streams, waterfalls, fountains and boulder and block retaining walls. The landscapers design and install new or renovate existing backyards to enhance the beauty and value of a home.

Other exhibits at the show will display products and services from the major outdoor living environment categories including in-ground and above-ground pools, spas, hot tub, swim spas, decks, patios, fencing, outdoor living spaces, patio furniture, outdoor court systems, patio enclosures, sunrooms and accessories.

Rock Financial Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Avenue between Novi and Beck Road in Novi. Show hours are from 3-9:30 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$8; \$4 for children 6-14 and children 5 and younger admitted free. Discount coupons for \$2 off adult admission on Friday and Sunday are available at participating Wendy's restaurants. On site parking is available for a fee.

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 CONTACT: Joy Ruby at okpointe.org or call the church.

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Time to enjoy hearty basic meals

It seems that heartier basic meals are most popular in this weather: pot roast, short ribs, pot pies, osso bucco and my favorite, lamb shanks. These dishes bring to mind my mom's cooking, warm and tasty...



Mary Brady

MOM'S REALLY GOOD LAMB SHANKS

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2 potatoes washed (optional) unpeeled cut into eighths
1/2 cup ketchup
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1/4 cup (or less) vegetable oil
Salt and pepper to taste

- 1. Rub shanks with garlic, salt and pepper. Heat oil and caramelize vegetables...
2. Add vinegar to skillet cover and cook over medium heat for 15 minutes...
3. Mix ketchup with enough water so that it pours easily. Pour over shanks...
4. Remove. Add vegetables and cook an additional hour to hour and a half or until tender.

Combination methods are most often used for foods considered flavorful, but only after long cooking times. The first step in cooking this type of meat is to sear the meat item. Searing the meat functions as a sealer for the meat's juices...

OBITUARIES



RAY WELLS DAVIS

Age 87, of South Lyon, passed away at Careline Inn of Brighton on Thursday, March 19, 2009. Ray was born on October 30, 1921, in Detroit...

MARY LOUISE NOEL

Age 88, passed away March 17, 2009. She was born on December 13, 1920, in Detroit, to the late Harry and Marion (Boruch) Dale. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary Post #2502. Mary is survived by her children: John (Diane) Noel of South Lyon...

GRAGIAN J. (JOE) SCHIMMIZI

March 22, 2009, age 86. (Instate) Thursday, 10am at Holy Family Church, 2450 Meadowbrook, Novi. Nov. Funeral Liturgy at 10:30am. Entombment Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens... On-line condolences: www.ohnsionlinefuneralhome.com

ROBERT L. SCHULTZ

Age 85, of Lyon Twp., MI, passed away 3/17/2009. Beloved husband of Irene Louise Schultz. Survived by: Robert's wife, Irene; Robert's children: Robert, James, Robert, and the late David. Donations suggested to Active Fund, Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon.

In Memory Of

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It's been 25 years & we still miss you and remember the wonderful times we spent together. Your loving wife Selma & children Adnan & Lila.



ANNE SLOTNICK

Of Highland Twp., died peacefully in the presence of her family on Wednesday, March 18, 2009. She was 91 years old. Anne was the daughter of the late Isadore & Celia Lena Wasserman; sister of the late Belle Ekiss and mother of the late Richard Dale Slotnick. She is survived by her beloved husband of 67 years, Edward Slotnick, loving daughter & son-in-law, Barb & Lynn Pike; her seven grandchildren, Darin (Kacy), Bret (Lorin), Todd (Dolly) Shoffel, Megan (Greg) Matusch, Ashley Slotnick Gerstenberger & another Linda Gerstenberger, Mark (Lynn), Jeff (Donna) Pike, her great-grandchildren, whom were the light of her life: Lewis, Riley, Trevor, Makenna Shoffel, Hadley and Aubrey MacIntosh, Dylan, Olivia, Seth, Jaron, and Alex Pike. Also survived by her sisters, Ida Metzler and Beatrice Lynch; brothers, Herb, Bill and Mel Wasserman; sisters and brother-in-law; many nieces, nephews and dear friends. A funeral service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, March 20th, 2009. Rabbi Tamara Koltun presided. Graveside services followed at Milford Memorial Cemetery. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

HOWARD THOMAS KLIX

Of Northville, age 82, passed away suddenly March 18, 2009, following a short illness. Howard, a loving husband and caring father, was born September 20, 1926, in Highland Park, Michigan, to the late Gerhardt and Anna (Thomas) Klux. He graduated in 1944, from Goshop High School, Detroit. On May 2, 1974, he was united in marriage to Nancy Allen Cook. They would have celebrated 35 years of marriage this year. In 1992, Howard retired from the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. after 36 years of service. He was also a life-time member of the Farmington Elks Lodge No. 1998. Howard is survived by his best friend and wife Nancy. He was the caring father of: Gregory Alan (Angela), Bradford Devon, and Karen Beth (James) McEvoy, loving grandfather of: Sam Michael and Ryan James McEvoy, and Keelyn Elizabeth Klux, loving brother of Gerhardt (Elsie) Klux, Marianne Dumirne, and Daniel (Marilena) Klux. He will be missed by many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many caring friends. A private service has been held. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

HARRY W. WATSON

Age 70, lifelong resident of Novi, passed away 3/21/2009. Services were held Wednesday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Contributions to the American Heart Assoc., 3616 Papyrus Circle, Chicago, IL 60674.

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Obituaries received after these deadlines will be placed in the next available issue.

EASTER FROM PAGE A1

Matt Strutt costume contest. "I don't even think we had two dogs that were the same breed," said Smith. "It was crazy." Smith said they are hoping for larger turnout this year. Prizes will be awarded based on categories such as best costume and best trick.

Flashlight Egg Hunt Kids of all ages can be found prowling around the Novi Civic Center with flashlights on April Fools' Day, hunting for Easter eggs filled with candy and prizes.

Ed Slewinski decked his dog "Sadie" out in an appropriate costume for last year's dog parade at Lakeshore Park. This year's Easter Haute Dog Mutt Strutt takes place Saturday.



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How To Find Free Tax Prep Help

Dear Savvy Senior: Where can a tight, old, do-it-yourself tax filer get help? Since I've retired, I started doing my own taxes, but this year I have several tax questions and need some assistance. Befuddled Barry

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Your Invitation to Worship

Church directory listing various congregations including Brighton, Milford, Novi, Farmington Hills, Highland, New Hudson, Northville, Livonia, and South Lyon. Each listing includes church name, address, phone number, and worship times.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Marijuana possession

Police arrested a man for possession of marijuana at Rotary Park, near Nine Mile and Novi roads, reports said. A patrol officer observed a white Buick Rendezvous, parked in the lot off Roethel Drive, at about 9:30 p.m. March 18. The park was closed at the time, as it is only open sunrise to sunset. As the officer approached the unoccupied vehicle, a man walked over from the picnic area and said he was sitting in the park trying to think of something to do for the evening. Police smelled an odor of marijuana, reports said. The man first denied being in possession of anything illegal, but as another officer arrived to assist with the incident, he admitted there was a bag of marijuana located in the center console of the vehicle. Officers searched the vehicle and found 4 grams of marijuana.

City trees damaged

2 City of Novi forestry crews reported two city-owned

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

trees were damaged at about 11 a.m. March 12.

A large pine tree in the area of Main Street and Novi Road appeared to be damaged by a chain saw, but not cut in a way that it would fall on the sidewalk or street, reports said.

A Boxelder tree near Nine Mile and Chase Drive was also cut with a chain saw, but the crew had to remove it to prevent injury because if it fell it would land on the sidewalk.

'She wanted to race'

3 A man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at about 10:30 p.m. March 12, reports said.

Police observed a black Cadillac CTS traveling southbound Michigan 5 at 12 Mile Road, at a speed of 86 mph in a 70 mph zone, reports said.

The officer initiated a traffic stop and could smell an odor of intoxicants coming from the driver, who said he consumed his last beer at about 10 p.m.

According to reports, the man told police he was driving with mount and power cable were missing from the center console, reports said.

registered the man's blood alcohol concentration at .17 percent.

Tires slashed

The driver-side, front tire of a vehicle was slashed between 11 p.m. March 15 and 3 p.m. March 16, reports said.

The vehicle was parked on Springlake Boulevard, near West Park Drive and Pontiac Trail.

Officers observed four small cut marks about three-quarters of an inch wide in the tire, reports said.

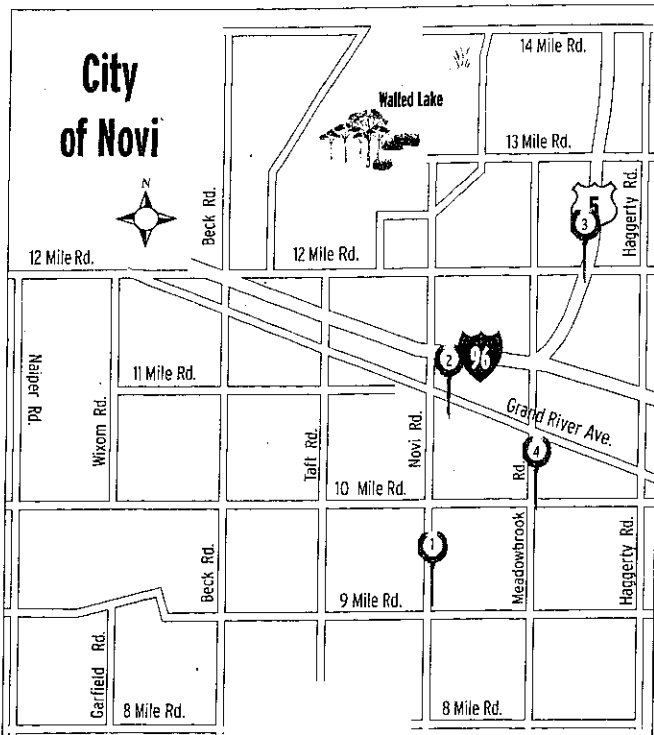
The victim did not see or hear anything suspicious.

GPS suspected stolen

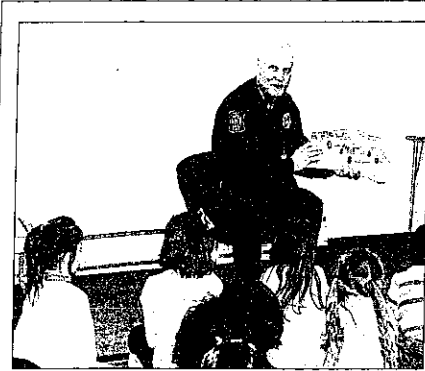
4 A global position system device suspected stolen from a vehicle on Manor Park Drive, near Meadowbrook and 10 Mile roads, reports said.

According to reports, the Mercury was parked under a carport between 7 p.m. March 17 and 8 p.m. March 18, when the front, driver-side window was broken.

The navigation system along with mount and power cable were missing from the center console, reports said.



Novi Deputy Police Chief Thomas Lindberg engages children in his story at the Novi Public Library last week.



Red Hot Reading!

Novi firefighter Ron Barratt reads to children March 17 during the Novi Public Library March is Reading Month event sponsored by Community Financial.

EDUCATION

Novi High School receives top honors

Recognized as best in state for AP program

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL STAFF WRITER

Novi High School was recently named a 2008-09 Siemens Award for Advanced Placement winner, an honor bestowed to the nation's top performing educational institutions. The award is granted by the Siemens Foundation for excellence in math, technology, engineering and science advanced placement initiatives. The foundation has been honoring the achievements of students, teachers and high schools that excel in the College Board's AP program math and science exams for 11 years.

Deb Carley, Novi High School math teacher and AP coordinator, said this is the first year the school has received the honor after receiving invitations to apply



Students in Novi High School's advanced placement chemistry class listen to teacher Jim Hanson as he discusses an upcoming chemistry test.

in 2006, 2007 and 2008. "Only 50 schools in the country receive the Siemens Award each year, only one in the state of Michigan," she said. "It is very rewarding to

be recognized nationally for the outstanding work that our students and staff do every day." The Novi High School AP program has grown through-

out the years, in the number of courses offered and in the number of students enrolled in these courses. "Novi offers a large variety of AP courses to meet the



Novi High School advanced placement chemistry teacher, Jim Hanson hands out study problems for an upcoming test the students will soon be taking.

academic needs of our student body," Carley said. "Students who score well on the tests in May may receive college credit."

"AP classes are an excellent preparation for the type of rigor seen at the college level." Schools receive a \$1,000 grant awarded from the foundation for use supporting math and science education. The foundation celebrates a

decade of excellence advocating science, technology, engineering and math initiatives from grade school through graduate school and provides more than \$7 million annually in support of educational initiatives. "As AP coordinators, Maggie Lane and I are very proud of our staff and students who work hard all through the school year," Carley said.

CLASS NOTES

Orchard Hills Is Having a Birthday

The Orchard Hills Elementary School community and the Novi Community School District invites residents to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Orchard Hills 1-4 p.m. Saturday, May 9. Event activities include: 1-2 p.m. tours of Orchard Hills, 2 p.m. celebratory program in gymnasium and 3-4 p.m. Sock Hop and refreshments.

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Congratulations

Four Deerfield Elementary School teachers, Penny

Hamblin, Myla Lee, Ron McCurdy and Jessica Rance, were selected from a field of 220 schools to receive a \$9,000 grant to advance technology in the district.

Math Seminar Sylvan Learning of Novi is hosting the free seminar Forgotten Math for Parents 2-3 p.m. Sunday at the center, 22034 Novi Road. The interactive 90-minute seminar will help parents overcome their math fears

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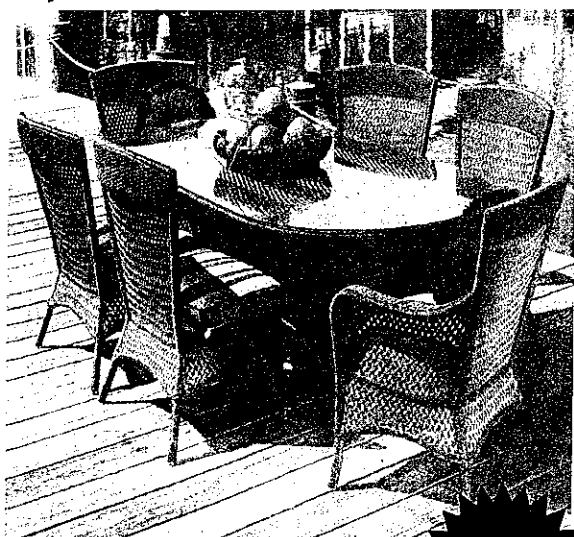
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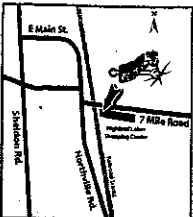
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And the Winners Are ...

Three students from Novi Middle School were named local winners in the 40th annual America's Me Essay Contest sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. The three students, who earned first, second and third place, respectively, are Juhée Prakash, Andrew Ao and ZiQing Huang. All three received award certificates for their achievement. Farm Bureau Insurance agent Matt Lewandowski sponsored Novi Middle School's participation in the contest with the aid of eighth-grade English teacher Sarah David. Prakash's first-place essay now advances to the state level competition. Each of the top 10 statewide winners, who will be announced in April, will receive a plaque, cash and a \$500 U.S. savings bond. Photographed are Sarah David, left, Juhée Prakash, ZiQing Huang and Andrew Ao.



Terrific Turtle

Deerfield Elementary School student Hikara Kudo is surrounded by his current art teacher Joanne North, right, and his former teacher, Cinda Riley as they all place their hands on Hikara's award-winning ceramic creation. Kudo's turtle was honored by the National Educators of the Ceramic Arts and was one of 10,400 entered in his grade.



Hikara Kudo's award-winning ceramic creation.

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For additional information and a complete list of eligibility criteria, contact:

Cynthia Plunkett RNC, CCRC at (734)-836-8065
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- 5:15 - 5:45 pm Parkview (meet at main entrance)

Novi Community School District will receive sealed proposals for the above project at the Novi Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Rd, Novi, MI 48374, Attention: Ms. Gail Credit, until the stipulated bid due date and time. Bids received after the stipulated date and time will not be considered and will be returned unopened. Bids will be opened at a public meeting to be conducted at 2:15 p.m. on April 8, 2009 at Novi Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Rd, Novi, MI 48374. Bids must be clearly marked with the project name and bid category (list).

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Doing the Hand Jive!

Novi Woods Elementary School first-grade students perform the "Hand Jive" song during their "Music All Over Me!" spring concert on Tuesday, March 17 while parents videotape and photograph their children.



Hopping to Success

Novi High School senior Tyler Odom works on a control board panel that will eventually be placed under a jay stick. Odom is part of the NHS Frog Force robotics team. The very successful group of students is sponsored by Magna Inter.



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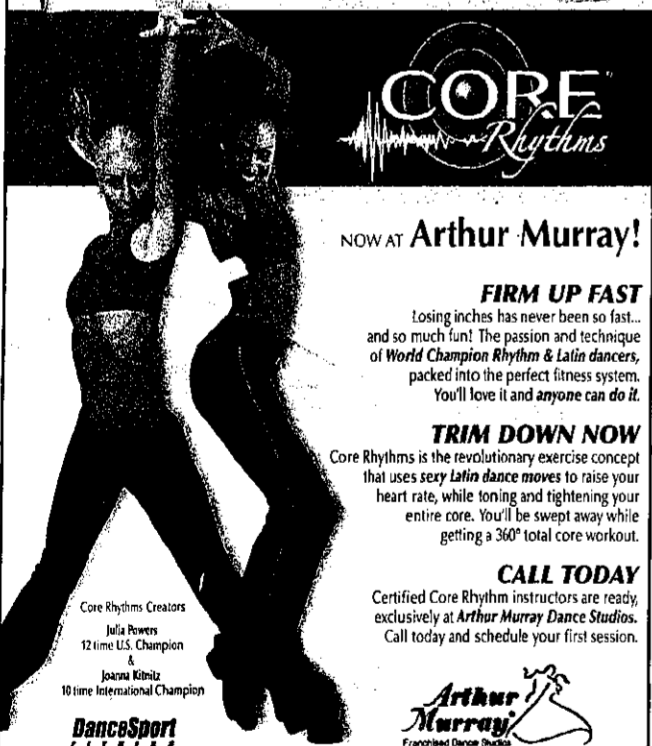
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Pre-teen girls gain self-esteem through running

Novi girls grades three through six will hit the ground running Monday, as the second annual Girls on the Run International program begins. The 10-week program combines physical training for a 5K running event, with encouragement of a greater sense of self and healthy living habits among pre-teen girls. "It's not only to keep the kids in shape, but also, the main part is about self-esteem, self confidence," said Wendy Duvall, recreation supervisor of the Novi Parks Department. "It's a great program that we're really trying to build here."



NOVI RESIDENT TAKES THE LEAD IN 'BRUNDIRAR'

Novi teen Alexander Borrello took the lead last Saturday in the Michigan Opera Theatre Children's production of "Brundibar." Borrello, 13, played the role of Little Joe, the lead boy who with his sister, Annette go looking for milk for their sick mom. "Brundibar" is the story of two children who desperately need to buy milk for their sick mother. After deciding to sing in the street to earn the money, the children are overpowered by the cruel organ grinder Brundibar. With the help of a sparrow, cat, and dog, who help them round up all the neighborhood children, they out-sing the tyrant Brundibar and conquer evil. Borrello has been in close to 30 productions, starting at the Marquis Theatre in Northville, and most recently was seen in "The Gifted Hands, the Ben Carson Story" on TNT. He has also done a feature film, "Dead Heads" a horror comedy that is in post production, and a Radio Disney commercial.

GIRLS ON THE RUN INTERNATIONAL
 Girls on the Run is a non-profit prevention program encouraging pre-teen girls to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles through running, while addressing their physical, emotional, mental, social and spiritual well-being. For more information on the program visit www.girlsontherun.org.

As of Tuesday, Duvall said 20 girls were signed up for the after-school program, which will run twice a week at Novi Meadows, Novi Woods and Deerfield elementary schools. Online registration is available at www.cityofnovi.org. "We'll take them up until the 30th," Duvall said. "The more the merrier." The \$130 fee includes daily snacks, T-shirt, water bottle, discount on New Balance running shoes and entry into the June 20 5K race at Metro Beach in Harrison Township. Volunteer coaches will lead the girls in a variety of running activities and discussions focused on common issues among adolescent-aged girls. "There's a theme each week that the coaches work on," Duvall said, noting topics include gossiping, bullying, drugs, being a girl of your word, physical health and standing up for oneself. Duvall said there are currently enough volunteers signed up to have two or three coaches at each school. For more information contact Duvall at (248) 753-9516 or wduvall@cityofnovi.org. duvall@99panell.com (248) 349-1100, Ext. 263

Bailey Baumbick, 8, left, and Leah Quinn, 10, jog near the Novi Middle School track last year. The two Deerfield Elementary students took part in the 2008 Girls on the Run International program.

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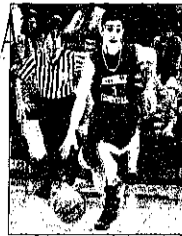
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Central wins
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Rough shooting night dooms Shamrocks

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The Shamrocks hit just three of 19 shots in the first half and fell 45-41 to Romulus on Tuesday at Caliban Hall. Catholic Central showed a lot

of grit coming out in the second half with an 8-0 run and eventually tied the game, but CC couldn't take the lead. Romulus (21-5) answered with an 9-2 run and held off the Shamrocks (19-7) the rest of the way.

"We just were slow starting

in the first half," CC head coach Bill Dyer said. "It was a terrible on our part in the first half. We didn't play fast enough."

"It's a little disappointing that we're not (going to be) playing up in East Lansing. As far as an overall season, it was a great

season with some great kids. I think people outside of this locker room think we exceeding expectations, but our expectations were this high."

The Shamrocks missed their first six shots, a precursor of bad things to come.

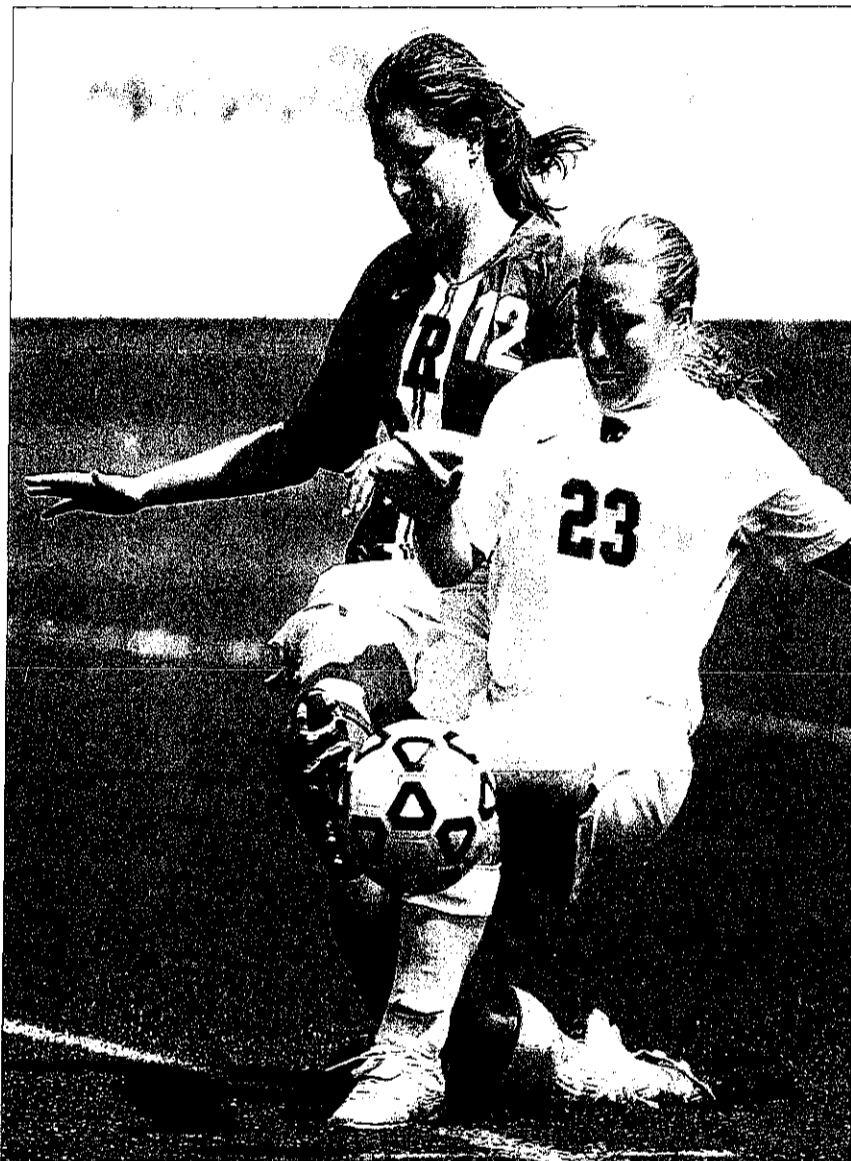
Chris Barnas hit the lone basket in 10 attempts for CC in the first, but the Shamrocks still only trailed 12-8. Catholic Central went 6-for-7 at the line to stay afloat.

The teams battled even for most of the second quarter until

a 6-0 run toward the end of the half led Romulus to a 25-16 lead at the break.

The Shamrocks came out firing on all cylinders to start the second half. Brett Smith

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Megan Burns tries to keep possession of the ball as a Rochester Adams player bears down last season.

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Novi enters brutal KLAA Central Wildcats face Northville, Stevenson, Salem, S. Lyon in division

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Novi soccer coach Brian O'Leary returns for his ninth year with the Wildcats.

He has seen plenty of highs with three-straight State titles, but O'Leary has never seen anything like the Central Division of the KLAA.

The Wildcats are pitted with rival Northville and high-quality teams Livonia

Stevenson, Salem and South Lyon. Stevenson captured a state title in 1998, Northville in 2004 and Novi went on its run starting in 2005.

"The biggest key to our team this year will be how we come together as a team," he said. "With our division being so difficult — Northville, Salem, Stevenson and South Lyon are quality teams we have to play twice — we will experience some ups and

downs, so sticking together through the downs will be important."

The Wildcats lost six starters to graduation, but back are 17 letter-winners from last year's 15-4-3 KVC and district champion squad.

Erin Zerio returns for her fourth year in net. She was voted Third Team All-State last year.

Megan Burns and Rachel Barndt are also back for their

fourth-year on varsity. All three will be captains.

Joining the returnees are Morgan Haffey and Taylor Pyden after being picked for the All-District team last year.

With a team used to winning, O'Leary said the team goals include competing for the Central Division title as well as a district title.

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Pitching will determine Cats' season

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Replacing a major hole left by No. 1 and 2 starting pitchers Tyler Scott and Mark Heard will determine how the Wildcats fair.

Jake Walker has worked into the No. 1 roll this year. He was the No. 3 last year.

Adam Paulk will also be part of the rotation along with several different players expected to see time on the mound. "On the mound, I've been pleasantly surprised with how the kids have been throwing," Novi head coach Rick Green said. "I'm looking forward to coaching these guys. They've been working hard."

The Wildcats return several position players from last year's district-winning squad that finished 22-15.

Green's son, Garrett, returns after batting .356 with five home runs and 26 RBI as the leadoff batter. He will hit out of the three hole this year and is the captain.

Centerfielder Nagami Masaru will move into the top

spot in the lineup.

Dan Kilger batted .394 last year and will be an assistant captain along with outfielder Bobby Mitchell.

The offense won't be as power packed as last year, but coach Green will try to put up runs in a different fashion.

"We're going to play some small ball. We're not going to hit 30 home runs," he said. "We're going to be a scrappy ball team. We're going to work hard and not quit."

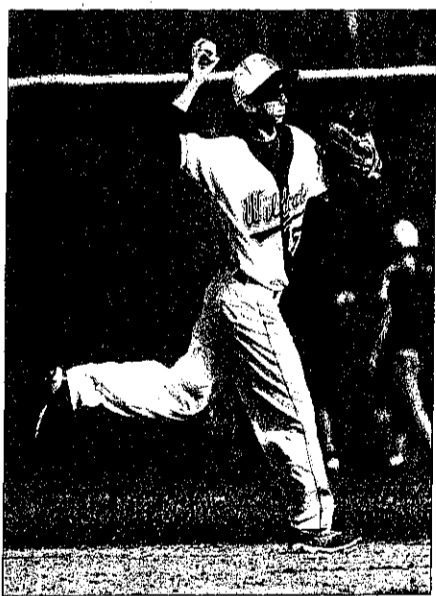
"We're a very athletic and fast team. We're very solid up the middle."

The main competition in the Central Division will come from rival Northville and South Lyon.

Coach Green said the team goals include winning the first KLAA title, but putting it all on the field every game is going to be the real goal.

"Our goal is to come out and play hard every game, don't quit, play hard and play scrappy," he said.

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Wildcat second baseman Garret Green prepares to fire to first base during a game last year.

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Confessions of a soon to be 50-year-old

OK I admit it, I am facing the big "Five-O" and for many of you I am sure you are thinking big deal; but for a guy involved with fitness training of adults over 50 since I was age 18, (let's see that would be over 30 years, (Yikes!), I have to come clean.

GUEST COLUMN

am dealing with so many of life's challenges that so many of you were and are dealing with. My hip and back have arthritis, and when I play my favorite sport, my beloved basketball, I basically can't walk for the next couple of days. It seems I eat less and am busier as ever but weight control is much more difficult. (Yes, I admit it!) Healing of a muscle or joint injury seems to take double or triple the time and on and on. My attempt here is not to depress myself or you, or admit that us 50-plus people are over the hill, but rather to let you know I feel it is more important now than ever to continue a health and fitness lifestyle with modifications that it was in our teens.

Yes, as I look over my new AARP membership information, my goals of looking buff on a beach may have faded in importance, but being able to continue my lifestyle pain free, strong and flexible. Being able to

fit into my existing clothing is now vital. The latest research still strongly supports proper and consistent weight bearing activity and cardiovascular activity combined with flexibility movements such as stretching or yoga, to achieve and maintain this vitality.

While I now have to listen to my 18-year-old trainers tell me how it "really is," and the thought of this continued commitment to a healthy lifestyle doesn't seem any easier over the next 50 years. The thought of doing nothing scares me much, much more. So to all my fellow 50-year-olds (not ready to say seniors yet), see you on the bike trail, at the gym or at the lake swimming this summer or, like my dad, who is my shining example - on the softball field.

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The Catholic Central ski team won the CHSL title and finished the year by claiming ninth at the State meet.

Catholic Central wraps up strong season at State

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The Catholic Central ski team finished the season with plenty of medals and hardware after winning the Catholic League title and placing ninth at State.

Derek Turowski led the way with a 15th-place finish in the giant slalom at States. He also placed second in the slalom and giant slalom at the regional and won three giant slalom races in league meets throughout the season. Turowski was voted All-League and All-Region. Spencer Hicks was also voted All-League and All-Region after six top-three

finishes and placing second in both races at the CHSL meet.

Greg Barilovich had six top-15 finishes throughout the year and also competed at the State meet with fellow captains Turowski and Hicks.

Freshman Damon Rotermund stepped it up at State and placed 15th in the slalom. The Shamrocks received supporting contributions from seniors Alex Hamilton, Jacob Blossfeld, Mark Kempa and Brian Kempa throughout the year. Also helping out were juniors Jim DiMilia and Kyle Tarter.

"The team remained

focused and committed the entire season while enjoying a top-10 State ranking from early on," CC head coach Tom Gable said.

"Favored to win the Region 3 meet, when the top point setters experienced trouble, the supporting cast showed its depth with strong performances to capture the last qualifying position and advance the boys to the State finals again."

Gable said it will be tough to replace the seniors, but wanted to thank them for leaving an example for next year's team.

Senior forward Jamie Morris led all CC players with 20 points, which included a 6-for-9 performance at the charity stripe. The only other player to score in double figures for the Shamrocks was Harding with 16.

For Hartland, sophomore guard Matthew Poches posted team highs with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Senior guard Vonn Jones complemented his 14-point performance with seven rebounds and five assists.

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CC wins regional against Hartland

BY TOM MORELLI
SPECIAL TO NOV NEWS

For the first time in 26 years, Detroit Catholic Central returned to the winner's circle as regional champions following a scrappy effort against Hartland last week at Lakeland High School.

This was by no means an easy win for the Shamrocks (19-6 overall), who were behind on the scoreboard before rallying late in the second to get within a point of the Eagles at halftime.

For the majority of the third, it was all offense at both ends as CC pulled ahead, only to see Hartland (21-3 overall) answer back on the following possession. This tedious recess went on until the final minute, when Steve Harding passed the ball to Brett Smith for an easy two that gave CC a one-point advantage. On the ensuing play, Smith returned the favor by stealing the ball and sending it to Harding in the paint. A Hartland foul allowed Harding to sink a pair of free throws, which put the Shamrocks ahead, 39-36 at the end of the quarter.

"We had a bad stretch early in the second quarter, so I think our team fought back and was a bit more patient in the third," said CC head coach Bill Dyer. "Our put-backs and rebounds really helped us out tonight."

To their credit, the Eagles remained in contention well throughout the final quarter, but their inability to make free throws down the stretch proved costly.

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Chris Barnes brings the ball up the court during the CHSL finals at Calihan Hall.

Youth movement part II for Novi softball

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Will a youth movement last year pay off this year. That's the biggest question facing the Wildcat softball team.

Second-year head coach Bob Lulek played a boatload of freshmen last year and finished 11-21.

There were ups and plenty of downs. Several games were ended before the final inning, and yet there was the upset of Lakeland toward the end of the year.

This year's team could feature a senior-less lineup with a sophomore dominated squad.

Sophomores Coleen Kolis (third base), Meghan Robinson (shortstop) Maddie Sinkovitch (center), Kaitlyn Marz (catcher), Rebecca Richter (pitcher) and Kimberly Powers will see extended playing time.

Junior Kristin Blande (DH - C) will be one of the elder statesman on the team.

Freshman Katie Enright will push for playing time.

"We're young, but with a lot of talent," said Lulek. "My main concern will be pitching."

"We should be very good on defense with good team speed."

The Wildcats enter the KLAAs National Division with rival Northville, Salem, Stevenson, KLAAs holder South Lyon and new to varsity sports South Lyon East.

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hit a hoop, followed by an old-fashioned three-point play by Steven Harding. Tim Dezeliski capped the run with a three to trail 25-24 less than a minute and a half in.

"We came out and played at the speed we should have in the first half," Dyer said. "When you see us do that, it's frustrating that we don't do that all the time."

With 5:11 left in the third,

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Jamie Morris split a pair at the line to tie the game at 27.

Romulus finished the third on a 7-2 run and hit the opening basket of the fourth for a 36-29 lead.

The Shamrocks pulled within three on Dezeliski's triple with 1:03 to play, but it would be the last basket until layup with 5.9 remaining for CC.

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Smith led the Shamrocks with 12 points, followed by Dezeliski with 11 and Harding with 10.

Romulus was led by Cody Barnes and Valdez Green with 10 points each. Romulus advances to the final four in

East Lansing. Dyer was sorry to see the season end, but he has been more than impressed with what his seniors accomplished coming from a three-win team two seasons ago.

"It's an amazing experience to be on the outside of that and see those kids mature physically, emotionally and grow into young men that are also great students," Dyer said. "I guess you could say I've been lucky to be around them."

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Color Show

Everything Grows colors gardens economically

Spring has arrived and it is time to add some color to your landscape! Advanced Master Gardener Jodi Slankard, owner of Everything Grows in South Lyon, can assist you in making your home, neighborhood entrance or business full of color and interest throughout the growing season.

"I am into big, showy flowers that have a long bloom time such as peonies, roses and hydrangeas," she said. "Accent those anchor plants with colorful annuals such as geraniums and wave petunias and you have a beautiful outdoor space."

Everything Grows is a small business that works with gardens of all sizes. Jodi is happy to work with homeowners, business and subdivision public spaces with larger gardens - or those who just need some renovation work on their existing landscapes. She also can take an older, overgrown garden space and renovate it to give your home or business a fresh, new look. Her landscaping services have extended this season and she is adding planting larger trees to her extensive list of services.

A familiar face among many neighborhoods in South Lyon, Brighton, Milford, Novi and Northville since 2001, Jodi has worked with many to create customized gardens and landscaping.

Everything Grows offers a wide range of services and can incorporate a plethora of creativity into any garden, whether you're looking for colorful annual beds, long blooming perennial beds or a mixture to fit your own personal style.

Adding well-groomed landscape to public places within subdivisions has become increasingly popular as local neighborhoods try to attract and retain residents in a struggling economy. Jodi works with subdivisions to create a warm and welcoming look that is engaging to both current and future homeowners.

Jodi's expertise is even more important today because of the Michigan economy. She knows that many homeowners are choosing to invest in upgrading their homes - to increase the value and enhance the look of their outdoor living areas. Having a healthy and colorful garden will enhance any home. She also knows that many business owners



are looking to revitalize the look of their businesses in order to attract customers and give their commercial buildings a more professional look.

"I have been specializing in custom gardens for homes and businesses, and I also take care of several subdivision entrances and common spaces," she said. "I haven't raised my rates in three years and I will not this year due to the economic downturn. I am willing to work in projects big and small, within all budgets."

Each customer, whether they hire Jodi to clean up and design their gardens or ask her to maintain gardens on a regular basis, will know what to expect the moment they meet with her. Specializing in flower gardens, Jodi designs a combination of bulbs, perennials and annuals that will flower through spring, summer and fall.

The result is a flourishing garden uniquely designed for each customer.

The garden as an extension of you

Like any artist who signs his or her canvas, Jodi puts a unique stamp on her own work. But she's mindful of each customer's personality and taste as well. Jodi sits down with each customer to determine his or her color and flower preferences. She considers color schemes that range from monochromatic (shades of the same color) or polychromatic (opposite sides of the color wheel) or whichever colors are the customer's preference.

Having colorful blooms through all seasons is a signature of Jodi and Everything Grows. She views flower gardens as a constantly evolving work of art, with new shapes and colors as it matures. That's the beauty of using annuals to accent the perennials - they provide the all season color.

Experience + Michigan Living = Beautiful Gardens

Jodi combines her experience as a master gardener and her Michigan roots to put a valuable stamp on every garden she creates. Not only can she renovate an existing bed that is overgrown or planting haphazardly, she can also change the soil composition to make it the most ideal for growing annuals and perennials.

She starts at the very beginning, enhancing the soil so it will produce positive results throughout the year.

"I'd rather do it right the first time instead of having to take out plants that have died or will not thrive after a year of struggling in poor soil," Jodi added, "It's important that the plants get the nutrients they need from the soil."

Everything Grows

Jodi Slankard, owner
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Developing the right soil has been made much easier by the compost provided to Everything Grows by local business Tuthill Farms. "They take our garden waste and turn it into black gold.

They are also terrific people to work with," Jodi said. Just knowing what materials to use and who to rely on has made Jodi a popular choice for many home and business owners. She comes from a long line of avid gardeners and championship rose growers. "I love growing roses in Michigan," he said. "They are not as tricky as you think, and they are one of the few perennials that bloom in most cases from June to November."

Flexibility is a must

Jodi's customers have found that she is very adaptable to whatever they need. She said that many of her customers hire her to clean up, plant and maintain (weeding and deadheading) their gardens every year. Other customers have Everything Grows come out two or three times a year and weed and spruce things up. Customers can pick and choose from an array of services, even individuals that love to work their own gardens, they just need a little help with the heavy lifting and a new outlook to enhance their beds.

The team at Everything Grows is excited for spring and is looking forward to making your gardens more vibrant and lovely this season. Please call her at 248-259-1363 or contact her at jaslankard@cablesturn.com.



Jodi's Quick Gardening Tips:

- Start with a good soil base
- Choose anchor plants that bloom in various months of the season
- Use a slow release granular fertilizer
- Preen and mulch to keep the weeds to a minimum
- Feed the soil by using shredded pine bark mulch
- Water regularly

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