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Puzzle's back

A week after the *Novi News* changed its crossword puzzle in the classified sections, the old one has returned. Find your favorite puzzle inside on page C3.

Offices closed

City of Novi offices, the recycling center and the Novi Senior Center, including van services, will be closed tomorrow in observance of Good Friday. The Novi Public Library will also be closed tomorrow and Easter Sunday.

Road work

The full closure of the Halsted Road overpass on Monday kicks off a \$59 million bridge and pavement rehabilitation project on I-96 and I-696 in Oakland County. In addition to the bridge repair, crews will resurface nearly 4 miles of I-96 in the city of Novi that will result in closing ramps from both directions of Novi Road to eastbound I-96 through late October.

Hazardous waste

Novi residents can participate in the Wixom Household Hazardous Waste Day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, at the Wixom Department of Public Works, 2041 Charnus Road. Household Hazardous Waste includes items such as cleaners, paints, herbicides, insecticides and solvents. For more information and upcoming dates visit www.rrrasoc.org.

Novi athletics

The next Novi Athletic Booster meeting is 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, in Room 160 at the Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road. Meetings cover the various fundraising efforts of the boosters along with updates on athletics at the high and middle schools.



Easter Bunny

It's not too late to visit the Easter Bunny at Twelve Oaks Mall. The big bunny will be in the lower level center court from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Saturday. For more information, visit www.shoptwelveoaks.com.

Signature Park conceptual plans revealed

This is the second installment in a series of stories leading up to the May 5 election.

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

The buzz around town is that the parks and recreation millage proposal coming before voters May 5 is for the development of a Signature Park, but what residents may be wondering is what the park would entail?

"A Signature Park is something a community becomes known for," said Sheryl Walsh, director of communications for the City of Novi. "A Signature Park is something that would draw people to the community and would further enhance quality of life."

Although conceptual plans have been introduced for the 73-acre site at the southwest corner of 11 Mile and Beck roads, final design work is contingent upon voter approval.

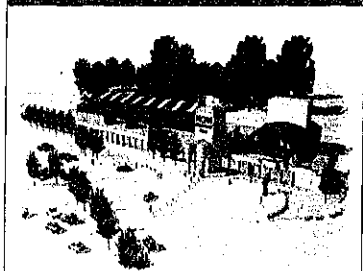
The proposed plans divide the project into two phases. The first phase would be funded by the millage.

PHASE I

The first phase includes the more active recreation elements of the project, and is proposed for the northeast portion of the site.

The main components include a 66,000-square-foot multi-generational recreation center; fields flexible for community festivals and sports such as football, soccer and cricket;

CITY OF NOVI SIGNATURE PARK COMMUNITY / RECREATION CENTER



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Elaine Gabriel and her son, Paul, of Stuart's of Novi let their dog, and the shop namesake, Stuart take a lick of soft-serve cone on a recent Friday afternoon. Stuart's of Novi is located on the northeast corner of 10 Mile and Meadowbrook roads.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ice cream parlor offers variety and family-friendly service

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

STUART'S OF NOVI

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Paul Gabriel believes having an ice cream shop on the northwest corner of 10 Mile and Meadowbrook roads is a tradition in the Novi community.

"This has been an ice cream parlor for over 30 years and we have no intention of changing that," said Gabriel, owner of Stuart's of Novi, which opened last Thursday. "We've done a lot of work and cleaned up the place, but we hope to keep the same

family-friendly feel the place has always had."

Paul's parents, Mike and Elaine Gabriel, have owned the building since 1985, and initially bought the original ice cream shop, Cone Zone,

back in 1994 and opened it as Twist and Shake.

"My parents have been part of Novi for a long, long time," said Paul, noting his father also runs the State Farm Insurance agency, which is in the same building. "It's a family-owned and -operated business and we like to treat our customers like that also."

For the past seven years, the ice cream business has been operating under different owners, who switched the name back to Cone

Zone, until it closed last August. "Ever since we got rid of it, it's been in the back of my head," said Paul, who spent that time going to business and culinary school. "So when the opportunity presented itself, we took it. My business degree is in entrepreneurship and now I'm ready to open a business."

Stuart's, named after Paul's 3-year-old Boston terrier, offers a variety of flavors of soft-serve ice cream, frozen

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Walsh helps transitional workers take charge

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL
STAFF WRITER

Janet Bloom was watching TV when she learned of an enticing opportunity to enhance her professional knowledge free with the help and advice of area educators.

So, she made a few phone calls, and weeks later found herself enrolled in two Take Charge workshops at Walsh College's Novi Campus.

"It was a phenomenal experience," Bloom said.

Walsh announced in January it was offering a series of Take Charge workshops for workers in transition. A tremendous response from the community resulted and the workshop sessions filled up in four days.

WALSH COLLEGE TAKE CHARGE WORKSHOPS

Spaces for the Take Charge workshops are limited, and registration is required. Visit the Walsh College Web site at www.walshcollege.edu/take-charge to register. For more information, e-mail takecharge@walshcollege.edu.

"By the end of March, 800 people signed up," said Stephanie Bergeron, Walsh College president and chief executive officer. "It's been for us, a phenomenal experience."

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Ruzyski-Birmingham
Donald and Patricia Ruzyski of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter Elizabeth Ann Ruzyski to Steve James Birmingham, son of James and Christine Birmingham of Dexter. Elizabeth is a 1999 graduate of Novi High School and is currently attending Central Michigan University's off-campus Business program. She is a professional nanny in Bloomfield Hills.

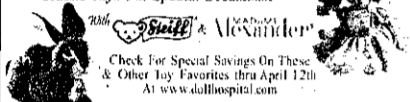


Ruzyski-Birmingham

Steve is a 1993 graduate of Dexter High School and a 1998 graduate of Central Michigan University in logistics. He is employed by Ryder Corporation as a continuous improvement manager. The couple plan an Aug. 21, 2009, wedding in Northville.

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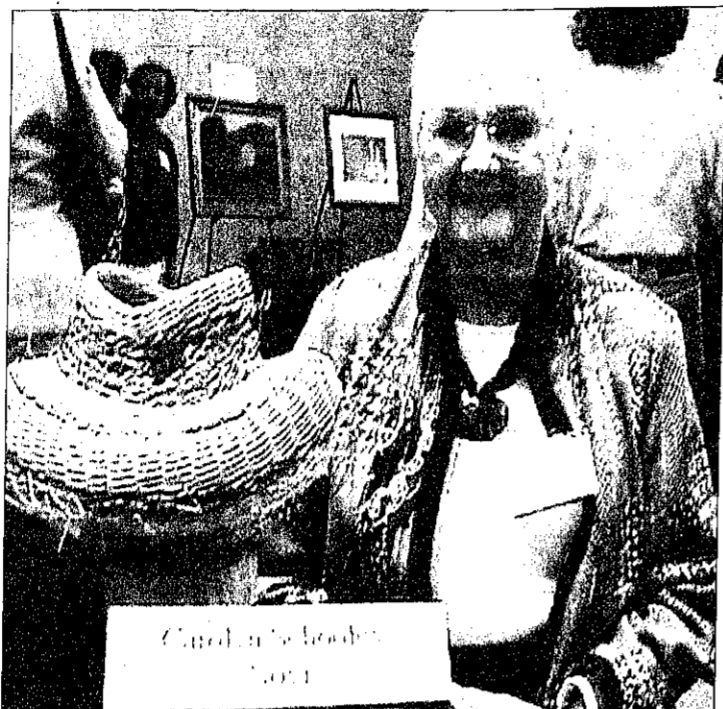
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Artful Creations

Novi Fox Run resident Carolyn Scholey presents her work of art at the Art of Aging Successfully Conference at Greater Grace Temple in Detroit on March 26. The purpose of the conference is to help older adults celebrate creative ways to live longer, healthier and more satisfying lives. The event has sold out the venue every year for the past five years, reaching 450 attendees.



Novi Fox Run resident Charlotte Wagner displays her watercolor creation during the Art of Aging Successfully Conference at Greater Grace Temple in Detroit.



Novi Fox Run Retirement Center resident Phyllis Praski displays her colored pencil drawing of "Eyes of Freedom" during the Art of Aging Successfully Conference at Greater Grace Temple in Detroit.

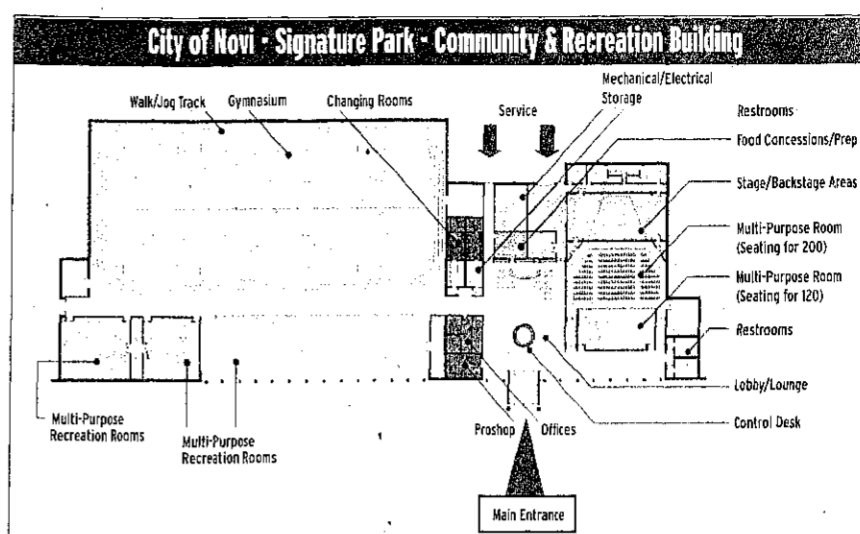
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trails and pathways; and a seasonal sprayground and outdoor ice skating area. "When we say spraygrounds, we mean jumping jet fountains," Walsh said. "It's a water feature; it's not an aquatic center with slides. Then in the winter that area, conceptually, could be flooded to do outdoor ice skating."

Suggested elements of the recreation center include a theatre; gymnasium space with an indoor walking and jogging track; multi-purpose activity rooms; and a wellness area for fitness classes such as aerobics and yoga.

PHASE II
Proposed components of Phase II include further connectivity of walking and biking trails and pathways, including the TTC corridor. "In the second phase there is a dog park, some nature



trials... more passive recreation," Walsh said. "The southwest portion of the site will also preserve

and protect the natural wetlands and woodlands of the property. The costs associated with

Phase II are not included in the proposed millage, but Walsh said another millage is not planned. Further

development could be funded in a variety of ways such as the capital improvements program, which is part of

the city's budget process, she said. If approved, the May ballot proposal will increase the parks, recreation and forestry levy by .5 mills, which translates to about \$75 a year for a resident with a \$300,000 home. The initial investment, estimated at \$15 million, is expected to cover the costs of Phase I, including parking, infrastructure and site improvements, among other costs. "As the site develops further to the southwest, there would be additional parking for the elements of that site as well," Walsh said. Pending passage of the millage proposal, the city estimates construction of the first phase of the project will begin next spring, with an anticipated opening of spring or summer 2011.

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STUART'S

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yogurt, frozen custard and Ashley's old-fashioned scoop ice cream. "There's no one else in town that carries everything we carry," Paul said. "We have

a 24 flavor system. We can take the soft serve, yogurt or custard and pretty much make any flavor you want."

Anything with cheesecake is his personal favorite. "We do have healthy alternatives for people, so you don't have to worry about the bulge when you come in," he said,

adding they offer sugar-free options, nonfat frozen yogurt, fruit toppings and will be adding smoothies to the menu.

"We are also going to try to build a lunch clientele with cone dogs and things of that nature." The long-time Novi residents are also supporting the

Novi community by sponsoring a variety of Parks and Recreation teams throughout the year.

"This is a small-town ice cream parlor, it's not a chain," Paul said.

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Visit the Easter Bunny

Missisa Christensen poses with her children Soren, 6 months, and Keira, 3, with the Easter Bunny at Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall. Area residents may visit the Easter Bunny at the mall through Saturday, April 11. The Easter Bunny will be located in the Central Park Garden, in the lower level center court from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday, with brief breaks throughout the day. Photos of the children with the Easter Bunny will be available for purchase. For a complete list of photo packages and prices, visit www.shopwelovekids.com.

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 LOCATION: 300 E. Main St.
 CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresby.org
Sunday Worship
 TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m.
Walking in the Park
 TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday
LOCATION: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads)
DETAILS: Group meets for lunch afterwards.
CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-0016
Single Place Ministries
 TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. social time: 7:45 p.m. opening: 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday.
DETAILS: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles. \$5 per person. Check Web site for details: singleplace.org
Good Friday Labyrinth Walking Prayer
 TIME/DATE: noon to 7 p.m., April 10
LOCATION: Roll Hall and the Chapel
DETAILS: Labyrinths walking prayer on a 36 Charrette-style canvas for Lenten meditation and Easter preparation. Open to the community for 7 hours with special music, information and guides. Come at any time.
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Worship Services
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 TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday
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CONTACT: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oneprince.org.
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 TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday
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 TIME: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.
Coffee hour at 10:15 a.m.
Healing Service
 TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month
Radical Joy
 TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month.
DETAILS: All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women are invited to attend, irrespective of church affiliation.
Logos Youth Club
 TIME/DATE: 5:15-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday, through May
DETAILS: For children in grades 4-12. Every week, this four-part program includes Bible study, dinner, choir/worship and activities.
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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.
Advent Service
 TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday
Spring into Summer
 TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 13
DETAILS: Annual Juried Art/Craft Show. Go to www.umcnovi.com to view some last year's vendor booths. All hand made crafts including but not limited to painting, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, needlework, lawn art, doll clothing, photography, glass, stained glass, wood carving and scrolling, sewn items, stone work, candles, wine lamps, children's books, face painting, frames, mud mats and UMW bake sale.
CONTACT: For an application to this juried show, e-mail your request to Pam Davis, Church Yard Sale - Open to the Public. TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 1-Saturday, May 2
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 TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deepen your personal relationship with Christ.
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 TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel for singing, Bible study, and fellowship.
DETAILS: For single adults. Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for widows over age 50, fellowship, friendships and more. Contact the number below for more information.
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Learner's Bible Study
 TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A101
Men's Bible Study
 TIME/DATE: 6:30 a.m. Wednesday Single Adult Ministries Office
Single's Bible Study
 TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Room C309
Good Friday
 TIME/DATE: Noon to 3 p.m., April 10, LOCATION: Sanctuary
DETAILS: Come where you can. Leave when you must.
Easter Sunday
 TIME/DATE: Traditional Worship Services at 8 a.m. - Hess Chapel, 9:30 and 11 a.m. - Sanctuary. Contemporary Worship Services 9:30 and 11 a.m. - Knox Hall, April 12
Relationship 101 Class
 TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., May 8, June 12
LOCATION: Knox Hall
DETAILS: Biblical guidelines on building relationships along with light refreshments and lively conversations.
CONTACT: For more information, contact the Single Adult Ministries office at (248) 374-5920
Singles Book Club Discussion Group
 TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m., June 7
DETAILS: Discussions from a single adult, Christian perspective. Currently reading "The Home in the Heart" by Jan Karan, LightHouse Café.
 TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., May 22, June 26
DETAILS: Also known as game night. This is a great way to end your work week. Guest musicians provide background music, snacks provided, free child care. Tickets \$5 at the door.
CONTACT: For more information, contact Ward Church (248) 374-5920.
Euchre Game Night
 TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., May 9
CONTACT: For more information contact



Participants attend the Leadership Assessment workshop last week at Walsh College in Novi.

WALSH

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workshops prompted Walsh to offer another round of sessions now through May. "We do it because we think it is the right thing to do," Bergeron said. The workshops range from one day to four-week sessions. Course topics include accounting fundamentals, job search strategies, information technology security basics, leadership assessment and household budgeting and options in foreclosure. The free workshops are intended for those unemployed or needing to reinvent themselves with a marketable career. "We believe that our workforce in Michigan is our greatest strength," Bergeron said. She said it was Walsh faculty members who came forward and wanted to help by donating their time for the classes. Workshops are taught by the college's professors and adjunct staff. "If you ask any faculty member, they feel really good about what they did because



An instructor at Walsh College leads a discussion in its Leadership Assessment class, part of the Take Charge program.

people are there to learn," Bergeron said. Walsh staff members emphasize there are opportunities out there, and viable fields of employment. Bergeron said jobs are available in the fields of accounting, project management and information assurance. The workshops offered cover these fields.

Tata puts own name on Novi engineering firm

BY JEWEL GOPHANI
 FREE PRESS BUSINESS WRITER
 The Tata Group, with its groundbreaking Nano vehicle, has been the talk of the world. Now, the automaker will become a more familiar name in metro Detroit. Last week, Novi-based automotive engineering firm Incat International, which Tata bought five years ago, will officially become Tata Technologies, as the Indian conglomerate spreads its brand name. The name change - which will be apparent to drivers along Interstate 96 and Interstate 696 - comes with a few changes in the executive ranks as Incat engineering firm is fully merged into Tata. Moreover, the change represents the higher profile that Tata's name has garnered since the automaker made headlines for pitching the world's cheapest car, the Nano. Sales of the Nano are to begin in July. It will start at about \$2,400. Tata quickly made its presence known in the luxury market by purchasing luxury brands Jaguar and Land Rover from Ford Motor Co. a year ago. Tata Technologies' office in Novi employs about 250 people. Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC are the Novi office's biggest clients.

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Retail fraud

Police were dispatched to Sears department store in Twelve Oaks Mall regarding a retail fraud at about 8:35 p.m. March 30.

When police arrived, a male suspect was in custody for stealing two pairs of cubic zirconia earrings, valued at about \$14.

Sears loss prevention officers observed the suspect, via surveillance cameras, select multiple boxes of earrings while in the jewelry department, and exit the area with two pairs in his hands.

The suspect went up the escalator, toward the electronics department. He put the two boxes in his zip-up hooded sweatshirt and walked past open registers without attempting to pay for the merchandise, reports said.

He was arrested and transported to the Novi Police

Department.

Stolen computer

Items were stolen from a vehicle while parked in the lot of Buffalo Wild Wings.

In Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, between 9-5 p.m. March 27, reports said. According to the complainant, a Dell laptop, iRiver Mp3 player, checkbook and passport were stolen from the Nissan Altima.

There were no signs of forced entry and the victim was unsure if he locked the doors. The laptop was sitting in the backseat, and the Mp3 player was in the glove box, reports said.

Road rage

A person in the area of Wixom and 10 Mile roads contacted police at about 10:15 p.m. March 28, regarding a reckless driver.

According to reports, the

caller stayed on the line with dispatch until police were able to locate the suspect vehicle, a blue Ford E-150 van, which was following the driver who contacted dispatch.

The caller told police the van was weaving in the roadway and the driver was holding up his middle finger. Dispatch advised the caller to drive to the Novi Police Department and the van proceeded to follow the vehicle, but an officer following the suspect initiated a traffic stop.

According to reports, the driver of the van would not roll down his windows so the officer opened the door and asked him to step out of the vehicle.

The driver admitted to drinking whiskey shots, and told the officer he was upset with the complainant because of the way the driver had parked. While speaking with the officer, the driver was using foul language and became very emotional, reports said.

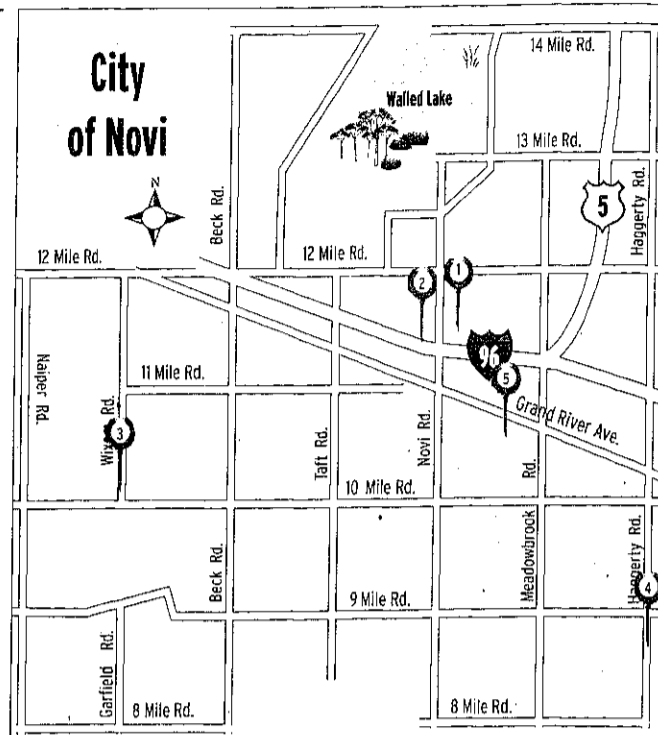
The driver then told the officer he had discussed his alcohol problem with his doctor and said he needed help. Police found multiple empty whiskey bottles in the van, reports said.

Officers conducted a series of field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered his blood alcohol level at .22 percent.

The man was arrested for operating while intoxicated, reports said.

Lights damaged

Eight electric outdoor, in-ground lights were damaged



between 1-4:30 p.m. March 27, at a residence on Ladene Lane, near Nine Mile and Haggerty roads, reports said.

According to the victim, it appeared as though someone uprooted the plastic lights, which were anchored in the ground. The unknown suspect also uprooted the electric wire that connected the lights to a timer.

The woman said she does not know anyone who might be responsible, and that she paid about \$150 for the lights.

Mirror knocked off

The passenger-side mirror of a Honda was knocked off between 11 p.m. March 28 and 2 a.m. March 29 while parked in the lot of Tuesday

Morning, near Market Street and Grand River Avenue, reports said.

The Wixom resident said she didn't notice the damage until the following day, but returned to the parking lot and found a piece of her mirror on the ground where she had parked the night before. There was no other damage to the vehicle, reports said.

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EDUCATION

Novi lands top math MEAP scores

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL
STAFF WRITER

Michigan Educational Assessment Program scores were released last Thursday, and once again Novi Community School District landed on the top of the county list of schools excelling academically.

The district has the highest percentage of students meeting or exceeding state expectations on the MEAP exam in the county in the areas of third-grade math, fourth-grade math, seventh-grade math and eighth-grade math.

Scores revealed 100 percent of Deerfield Elementary School students met or exceeded math state standards, along with 100 percent of Novi Woods Elementary School fourth-graders and 100 percent of Parkview Elementary School third-graders.

According to the Michigan Department of Education, MEAP scores on the statewide math test have risen for the fourth consecutive year.

More than 75 percent of Michigan students in third

through eighth grades tested as proficient or above on the MEAP math tests given in the fall of 2008.

"There is a direct connection between our kids learning more in the classroom and getting the jobs we need in Michigan's economy," stated Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm in a press release. "We are glad to see these signs of success, but we know we have a lot of work to do to give Michigan the best educated workforce in the nation and that must be our goal."

Michigan students were tested in October 2008 on skills learned through the end of the previous year.

MEAP scores are divided into four performance levels: Not proficient, partially proficient, proficient and advanced.

The fall 2008 MEAP results also include scores in the subject areas of reading, writing, science and social studies. Reading and writing are combined to produce an overall English Language arts score.

For a complete list of MEAP scores, visit www.hometownlife.com.



Champs!

Novi students from Michigan State University's Winterguard team win the Winter Guard International Finals Championship. Pictured, left to right, are Lauren Murray, Betsy Pilon (current Novi Winterguard coach), Kaitlyn Finnman, and Amanda Portuosi. The world finals competition was held Friday, April 3 in Dayton, Ohio. The MSU Winterguard team competes under the name "State of Art" and beat out 64 other teams to claim the championship.

Novi Athletic Booster Meeting

The next Novi Athletic Booster meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, in room 150 at the Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road. Meetings cover the various fund-raising efforts of the boosters along with updates on athletics at the high and middle schools.

The Novi Athletic Boosters raise money to support Novi Wildcat athletes at the Novi High School and the Novi Middle School. Proceeds are used to purchase uniforms, equipment, strength training and conditioning so that more students can participate in Novi athletics at a higher level.

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CLASS NOTES



Placing First

Novi High School student Shannon Liu won first place at the Michigan Japanese Language Speech Contest March 28 at the Novi Civic Center. The top finish was the first for Novi High School.

response training, auto body repair, auto technology, personal watercraft maintenance, digital animation, visual presentations and Web design. Academic classes will also be

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 from 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. R.S.V.P. by calling (248) 449-1400 or by e-mailing Becky Hurst at bhurst@novi.k12.mi.us.



Great Job!

Novi High School senior Brittany Davis was selected as the Outstanding Co-op/Work Experience Student of the Month for March. Davis has worked as a medical office assistant for the past year at the Bone and Joint Surgery Center in the Providence Park complex in Novi. Her supervisors, Susan Haro and Paula Hebert, nominated her for this award based on her strong work ethic, willingness to try new tasks and pleasant personality when working with the patients and the office staff.

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Suspect identified in area school thefts

BY KELLY MURAD
 STAFF WRITER

Police are seeking information to the whereabouts of Keri Ann Hull, the suspect identified for stealing money from classrooms at two Novi schools, near Taft and 17 Mile roads, last month.

"We're just looking for any information if someone can tell us where she's at," said detective Mike Wilson of the Novi Police Department. "If they call Crime Stoppers, they can remain anonymous, and she can be arrested."

Hull, 28, is suspected of committing similar crimes in Northville, Plymouth, Canton, Manchester and Brooklyn schools.

"She hits during a lunch time, or just when school is ending and teachers are occupied," Wilson said.

On March 11, Hull entered Novi Woods Elementary School between 11:30 a.m.-12:40 p.m. and continued to Novi Meadows at 12:42 p.m., leaving 10 minutes later.

According to Wilson, Hull entered about eight unoccupied classrooms and stole money from the teachers' purses or desks.

Last fall, Novi schools underwent security upgrades, including the installation of surveillance cameras and door-locking mechanisms to secure all entrances.

According to Wilson, Hull entered the schools behind a parent who was buzzed-in through the intercom system. Video footage also identifies a possible suspect vehicle as a dark-colored Lincoln Mark VII.

"In other cases she was in a white 1997 Volkswagen Jetta, ours she was in a different car," Wilson said.

Hull was identified by the Canton Police Department and Wilson confirmed her identity through her parole officer.

"She has a parole violation warrant out for her arrest," said Wilson, noting her criminal history includes narcotics and larceny charges. "We're looking at charging her for larceny from a building."

Although Wilson was unsure what charges Hull might face at the state-level for violation of parole, he said larceny from a building is a four-year felony.

Anyone with information to Hull's whereabouts should contact Crime Stoppers at (877) 276-8477.



Keri Ann Hull

Can price-earnings ratio help make investment choices?

Many stocks were pummeled by the long and severe market downturn. As a result, you can now find plenty of good, quality stocks selling at low prices. On the other hand, some companies belong to industries whose near-term future looks uncertain — and even though these stocks, too, may be inexpensive, they aren't necessarily good deals.

So, how can you tell the difference between good stocks selling at temporarily low prices and not-so-good stocks selling at deservedly low prices? One tool that may help you is the price/earnings ratio, or P/E.

When looked at mathematically, P/E is a simple concept — it's calculated by dividing the current stock price of a company by its earnings per share. So, for example, a stock that is now priced at \$40 and has \$2 of earnings per share will have a P/E of 20. Generally speaking, a stock's P/E reveals how much investors are willing to pay per dollar of earnings. So, for the stock mentioned above, its P/E of 20 implies that investors are willing to pay \$20 for every \$1 of earnings that the company generates. It follows, therefore, that the higher the P/E, the more "expensive" a stock is perceived as being.

Because the average P/E in the stock market has been around 15 over the past 50 years, one might say, in a broad sense, that a stock with a P/E of 20 is neither terribly expensive nor particularly cheap.

Overall, the P/E ratio is a typically a good indicator of a stock's value — and a much better indicator than the price alone. To illustrate: A \$20 stock with a P/E of 70 may actually be much more "expensive" than a \$100 stock with a P/E of 20. As an investor, you're paying much more for the future earnings of the \$20 stock than you are for the earnings of the \$100 stock. So, in the present-day situation, with the market still down so much, you might be able to use P/E to get a clearer sense of which stocks are really priced attractively and which ones are expensive, despite their low market price.

Keep in mind, however, that a low P/E doesn't automatically mean that a company is undervalued. One way of interpreting P/E is as a measure of the market's optimism about a company's growth prospects. So, if a company has a P/E that is lower than average, it could mean that the market has low expectations for this company.

Furthermore, just looking at a stock's P/E in isolation can't always tell you if it's a good deal. For that, you also need to compare its P/E with other stocks in the same industry. That's because some industries, such as utilities, typically have low P/Es, while others, such as technology, generally have higher ones.

As you can see, you'll need to consider a few "wrinkles" in P/E before using it to evaluate whether a stock is priced attractively. Consequently, you may want to get some help from a financial advisor. But one thing to keep in mind: Right now, you can find attractive prices on quality stocks — and the correct use of P/E may well help you find the best ones.

This article was provided by Mark Whitfield, Novi financial advisor, 43290 11 Mile Road, Novi 48375.

World traveler visits Novi, offers backpacking tips

BY SHARON DARGAY
 STAFF WRITER

If the recession has dashed your dreams of traveling abroad, check out Robert Downes' new book, *Planet Backpacker* and learn how to see the world without sacrificing your life savings.

Or even better, meet Downes in person 3 p.m., April 18, at Border's in Novi, at Novi Town Center, south of Interstate 96, east of Novi Road.

The 1970 Royal Oak Kimball High School graduate — now publisher and founder of *Northern Express*, a weekly publication in Traverse City — will tell you everything you'd ever need to know about the backpacking lifestyle. And he'll share stories from the book of his hiking and hiking trip through Ireland, England, Eastern Europe, Egypt, India and Southeast Asia for five months in 2007.

"When I was 17, I hitchhiked to California when I got out of high school. When you're in the travel (backpacking) world, you're in a bit of alternative reality that I call Planet Backpacker. You meet all these unusual people that you wouldn't bump into in your work-a-day world. I start the book out with that memory," Downes said.

"I've always had a passion for travel. A lot of people just backpack all around the world, especially people from Europe and Australia. Backpacking in the United States, people equate it with hiking, tents and camping, but in the world at large, there's an estimated 100,000 backpackers traveling at any given moment. We've all heard about Australians who take a year off. In India I'd see thousands of British people on the beaches of Southern India, and people from France, Scandinavia, Russia and Brazil, all out doing low cost backpacking."

Downes began taking steps five years ago to fulfill his lifelong dream of going around the world "in a rough kind of way" that would bring him closer to people in every country he would visit. He saved money for both himself and his wife to make the trip, although she later bowed out to see their daughter off to college, and told his business partner he planned a sabbatical.

CHEAPER THAN U.S. Downes figures he has spent about \$11,000 traveling mostly solo — his wife met him in Thailand for the last two weeks — by staying in hostels, riding local trains, and carefully planning each of his eight flights. He pedaled his 20-year-old mountain bike for the first 700 miles through Ireland, England, and along the Danube River, to the Czech Republic, where it was less costly to give his wheels away than ship them home. He backpacked the rest of the way.

"I can travel for thousands of dollars less overseas than I can in America. A week-long trip to Florida is four



Author Robert Downes says you can cut costs on travel and see more by backpacking in the style of travelers from Europe and Australia. He's pictured here on a hike through the tundras of Denali National Park in Alaska.

times as expensive as a trip through Thailand. We're not set up in the same way as they are in Europe," said Downes, referring to the inexpensive hostels and guest houses he found abroad. "Backpacking means staying in cheaper places, like hostels. In Malaysia they were \$6 a night. We don't have that low-cost travel in the U.S. It's more about car culture here."

Downes was surprised to find middle-aged professionals — not just college students — backpacking abroad. He met doctors, lawyers and investment bankers in their 40s, 50s and 60s, all on sabbatical and "bumming it."

"It's not necessarily just a college thing any more. It's for anyone with a passion for travel who wants to travel cheaply."

SAFE TRAVEL His book, which he first wrote as a blog from more than 100 Internet cafes, tells readers how to travel safely, as well as inexpensively. He advises travelers to create an "electronic safe," in the form of an e-mail account, for scans of passports, visas and credit card numbers, that they can access while traveling. He used money belts for his cash and ATM cards to access funds, pointing out that "very few people use traveler's checks."

"In post-9-11 you have to have an exit strategy from every country. I had every flight planned out around the world," Downes added.

He got lost at night in the city, formerly called Bombay, and wandered for hours.

"It's dark at night. There are no street lights. You're walking past people sleeping on the street. That's a little different from what we're used to, but these people were friendly, too."

In India, Downes gave one of many impromptu concerts on the street with the guitar he'd packed, and ended up teaching Tamil tribesmen to play *That's Alright Mama*, an Elvis Presley tune.

He also encountered elephants in many locales. It's a thrill he'll always remember.

"You'd have an elephant walk out of the jungle and walk up to the river where little children would be washing dishes. I was awestruck. In India there was an elephant that would touch a coin to your head and give you a blessing. Riding elephants in Thailand was wonderful. It's a thrill like nothing else."

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Shared Hope International
TIME/DATE: 4-5 p.m. Sunday, April 26
LOCATION: Choi Kwang-Do Martial Art 24404 Catherine Industrial Road, Suite 306, Novi

awareness event. Nancy Winslow, National Awareness associate and member of the Board of Directors for Shared Hope International will be traveling from Virginia for these presentations.

BUSINESS

Novi Rotary Club
TIME/DATE: Noon every Thursday
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TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. second Wednesday of every month
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Tough stretch tests Novi soccer

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Novi soccer started the season by playing some of the top teams in the state and sits at 2-2-1 heading into Spring Break.

The season started with a 2-all tie with Grosse Pointe South.

Taylor Hoover scored with Taylor Pyden getting the assist. Kesley Masserant scored the other with Taylor Hoover getting the helper for a 2-0 halftime lead.

South scored two in the second half, and the game ended in a draw.

The second game resulted in a 1-0 loss to Ann Arbor Pioneer.

"We played poorly in the first half and had a hard time adjusting to Pioneers 4-3-3 formation," Novi head coach Brian O'Leary said. "Shots were 6-2 in their favor at halftime, with Pioneer leading 1-0."

"We played much better in the second half as shots ended up 18-9 in our favor, but we could not score."

Northville handed the Wildcats a second-straight loss, 2-1.

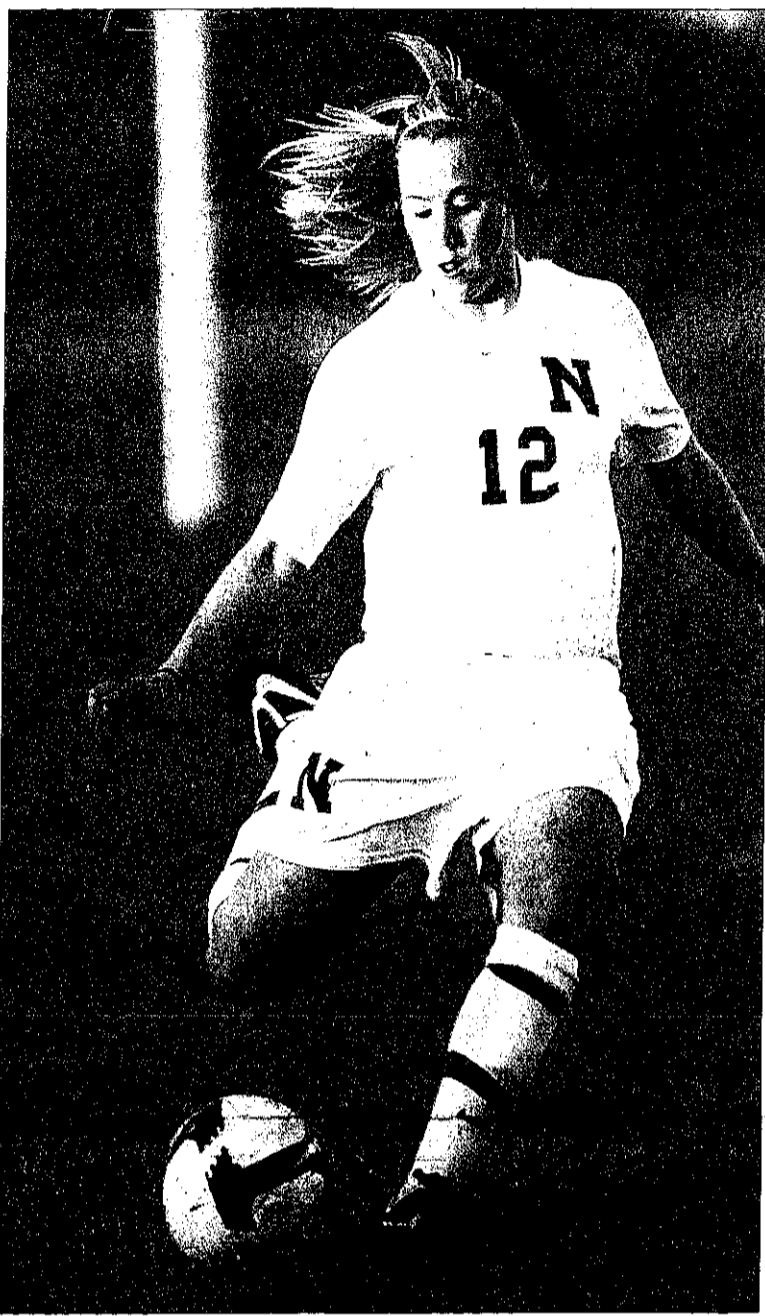
"It was a very good game, with them having a slight advantage in the first half, and us having the slight advantage in the second half," said O'Leary.

Northville led 1-0 at the half. Morgan Haffey scored to tie the game with Pyden assisting.

The game-winner came with 15 minutes remaining by Northville.

"We had one good chance with a couple minutes left in the game as Courtney Milon beat a defender and got the ball by the Northville goalie, but a Northville defender cleared it off the line," O'Leary said.

Novi got back to its winning ways with a 2-0 shutout against Walled Lake Northern.



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Please see **SOCCER, B2**

Novi's Taylor Pyden prepares to boot the ball.

GAME WRAPS

Novi girls track starts on right foot

The Novi girls track team got off to a perfect start by winning every event against South Lyon East for a 121-7 victory.

Individual winners included Regina Barbosa in the 100 hurdles, Jasmine Ward in the 100 and 200, Brooke McMahan in the 1,600, Heather Armiak in the 400, Kelly McCloskey in the 300 hurdles, Emily Hall in the 800, Elle Robinson in the 3,200, Ashleigh Evans in the shot put, Lauren Forehe in the long jump and Armiak in the high jump.

NOVI TENNIS WINS TWO

The Wildcats beat both Stevenson and Salem 8-1 in dual meets.

Novi swept singles play and No. 1-4 doubles in both victories.

NOVI SOFTBALL CRUSHED BY PLYMOUTH

Novi head coach Bob Lulek was fuming after getting swept in a double-header by Plymouth last Thursday.

It wasn't losing to a solid team like Plymouth that bothered him, it was losing the games by a combined 34-6 that got his goat.

"We gave up," he said. "It's on me too."

Plymouth won the first game 18-2 in three innings. The second game wasn't much better as Plymouth left with a 16-3 victory.

In all, Plymouth pounded out 28 hits and three home runs.

NOVI JV SOCCER FACES THREE AT HOME

The Novi JV soccer faced three opponents at home in its second week of competition, maintaining a solid record.

Northville came to Meadows Stadium on March 30, but neither team walked away with the win. Novi (3-1-2) trailed Northville after a Mustang goal midway through the first half, but the Wildcats came back for the tie in the final minutes of play. Wildcat freshman Jessica Jarvis provided the equalizer on a header goal with 3:45 remaining.

The Wildcats came back strong on April 1, earning a 5-0 victory over Walled Lake Northern. Freshman Shelly Yusko opened scoring for the Wildcats at 19:26 in the first half.

The Wildcats dominated in the second half, with four freshmen - Jessica Jarvis, Jen Wiegand, Casey Sutton and Andrea Rybick - each contributing a goal. Sophomore Allison Jennens earned an assist in the final goal. The shutout was the third this season for freshman goalkeeper Maddie Haustein.

On April 2, Canton served Novi with its first loss, 1-0.

Novi baseball heads into break on winning note

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The Wildcats head into Spring Break with a pair of wins, knocking off South Lyon East and Plymouth, improving to 3-2, 1-0.

NOVI 18, SL EAST 2

Jake Walker was more than up to the task on the mound. He allowed just two hits while fanning 13 to get his first win of the year.

The Novi offense was in full swing, bashing out 18 hits and staking Walker to a 12-0 lead after the first two innings.

Walker helped his own cause with a 3-for-3 performance that included five RBI. Masaru Nagami and Garrett Green each knocked out three hits, and Nick Regnier chipped in a pair of hits.

Novi also scored five runs in the fifth.

NOVI 8, PLYMOUTH 4

Deadlocked at four after seven innings, the Wildcats pushed across four runs in the extra frame to pull out the win.

Michael Kruse (2-for-4) drove in the eventual game-winner by singling in Kevin Zak.

Zak threw three scoreless innings of relief to earn the win.

Regnier (2-for-4) hit a two-run home run in the first to give Novi the early lead.

Plymouth scored two in the third and solo runs in the fourth and fifth for a 4-3 lead.

The Wildcats tied the game up with a run in the seventh when Nagami scored on an error.

Green smashed out three more hits to help lead the offense, and Walker added two more doubles.

Regnier started the game but did not earn a decision.



Wildcat Jake Walker releases a two-seam fastball in Novi's visit to South Lyon East.

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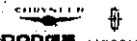
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Wildcat goalkeeper Erin Zerbe gets ready to blast the ball.

CC looking to end skid

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

After starting the season with a win, things have not gone the Shamrocks' way. CC has dropped four straight since.

CC 6, DETROIT WESTERN 1, MARCH 27

Gordy Hao took the mound and delivered a two-hit performance, striking out eight in five innings.

Marc Zughaib and Blake Smith provided home runs to lead the offense.

CHURCHILL 6, CC 3, MARCH 30

Shamrock pitchers provided their own misery, allowing 10 walks in the loss.

AA PIONEER 8, CC 6, MARCH 31

The Shamrocks led 2-0, but Churchill used seven hits and nine walks to take the lead for good.

Jon Savakis punched out three hits for the Shamrocks.

DELA SALLE 13, CC 6, DLS 5, CC 4, APRIL 4

DeLaSalle turned around a 6-1 deficit with a 10-run fourth



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Icing on the cake

The 2001 Novi Ice Cats win the Little Caesars Amateur Hockey League title in the Mike A Smythe Division at Joe Louis Arena on March 14.

Coaches: Scott McCarthy, Colin Gallagher (head coach) and Larry Williams.

Players: Noah Estes, Christopher Martin, Jackson Hughes, Jake McNeil, Michael Boudoin, Nate Williams, Jacob Gray, Patrick Lee, Connor Gallagher, Aidan Goedfellow, Rohan Barad, Eric Gal and Aidan McCarthy.

Novi lacrosse team smashes Rocks, 17-1

Novi Lacrosse traveled to play for the second time in a week at Salem High School.

Last week, Novi soundly defeated the Plymouth Wildcats and this week returned to crumble the Salem Rocks. Novi scored early and often during the match while the defensive unit held the Rocks to just four total shots.

Senior Sean Murphy started the scoring streak in the first quarter. Tom Machisak was the top scorer with five goals. Paul Favorite had five points with three goals and two assists. Matt Mandeville added four points - two goals and two assists. Taylor Howell joined in the snips with a goal and a pair of assists.

Also scoring were Alec Lemieux (two goals), Nick Gardner, Adam Haynes, and Spencer Rice. Zach Mohr

racked up two assists with Jack Petroskey and Tyler Burnett each logging one. Mohr and Favorite also led the team in ground balls with four each.

The victory came with a huge cost. Senior Andrew Donatto was taken off the field during the first half of play. The knee injury was later diagnosed as a torn ACL which would require surgical repair.

Donatto is one of the top Wildcat defenders, a captain of the team and an All-State honoree last season. His presence on the field will be missed by the Wildcat team and fans.

On April 1, Novi came home to the Wildcat Stadium and beat the Canton Chiefs 13-6 to remain undefeated at 4-0.

The Wildcats return to the field 6:30 p.m. April 13 to host South Lyon.

TEE TIME

Your local golf guide

Why You Must Know the Definitions in the Rules of Golf

By Jeanne Myers

In order to apply the rules of golf, or even to find the answer to a rules problem in the rules of golf, you have to know the definitions. There are only 51 of them, but there is a huge amount of information in them.

More than one golfer has given himself a stroke penalty for causing his ball to oscillate. The rules-savvy golfer, however, knows that oscillating, according to the United States Golf Association, is not moving. For a ball to have "moved," it has to leave its position and come to rest in another spot. So, even if you accidentally nudge a ball forward, as long as it returns to its original position, you are safe from penalty - because it hasn't come to rest in another spot.

Under the definition of "equipment," you will find that when you are sharing a golf cart, when your ball is involved, that cart and everything in it belongs to you - unless the cart is being driven by the other person. And that "everything in it" includes the other person when the cart is stationary. Therefore, assume another player in your group who is sharing a cart with you, drives the cart and parks it near the green and stays in the cart. You then proceed to play, and your shot hits the person sitting in the stationary cart. You have hit your equipment. Hopefully, he will only get a sore arm.

A "stroke" is the forward movement of the club with the intention of hitting the ball. So, if you check your own swing path so that you intentionally miss the ball, you have not made a stroke. But, don't use this to try to disguise a "whiff." We all know what a "whiff" looks like.

"Through the green" is the whole area of the golf course except the teeing ground and putting green of the hole you are playing and all hazards. Therefore, through the green includes fairways and rough. When you look up relief options, you will need to know that term.

A "rub of the green" is not bad luck. It is when your ball in motion is accidentally stopped or deflected by any outside agency. Therefore, it is a rub of the green if your shot is deflected out of bounds by a piece of mowing equipment, but it is also a rub of the green if it is deflected into the hole by that equipment.

There are no sand traps or pins on golf courses, so you'll have trouble looking up a rule involving either. Instead, there are "bunkers" and "flagsticks," and you will have no problem finding the proper entries in the index to the Rules of Golf to find the answer you need using those terms.

An "obstruction" is anything artificial except: 1) objects defining out of bounds, such as walls, fences and stakes, 2) immovable artificial objects located out of bounds; and 3) integral parts of the course. If you know this definition, you will know that if retaining walls in a water hazard have been declared to be integral parts of the course, you will not get free relief from them even if your ball lies outside the hazard.

A "provisional ball" is one played for an original ball that may be out of bounds or may be lost outside of a water hazard.

The rest of those definitions are up to you!



Jeanne Myers is currently an assistant tournament director for the Golf Association of Michigan and also served as the chairman of the USGA Women's Committee and is a past president of the GAM.

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SOCCER

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Nikki Greenhalgh rebounded 14 minutes in to the things up.

Canton retook the lead with 19 minutes remaining. Five minutes later, Mary Reid scored on a 30-yard shot with Katie Caruso assisting.

Caruso scored the game-winner with nine minutes remaining off an Alli Howard assist.

"Our first five games have been against five quality opponents, so we have learned a lot about ourselves," said O'Leary. "We have struggled to play a full 90 minutes of hard soccer, but we are getting there."

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A. Wine and liquor

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A. While there are many places to buy wine these days, wine is our major focus. We always have knowledgeable staff who can offer advice on wine selections. Most customers are served directly by owner and wine buyer Eric Gettel, who has tasted many of the wines we sell. Eric takes the time to answer customers' questions and track down hard to find wines and liquors. We are a family run business, developed

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Business address: 25875 Novi Road, Novi, MI 48375

Hours of operation: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and noon-5 p.m. Sunday

Business phone: (248) 344-8992

Web site: www.bythebottlenovi.com

and operated by a husband-and-wife team with high commitment to service, quality and integrity. Our store is well-lit and attractively designed. It is conveniently located in the City Center strip mall, at the corner of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue, with easy parking.

Q. How did you first decide to open your own business?

A. We moved to Novi five years ago and were surprised that there were no specialty wine shops in the neighborhood. Wine is available so many places now, but the world of wine can be confusing and sometimes a little intimidating without some assistance. When we were new wine drinkers, we had no idea how to select wines! Eric selected based on price and Joy selected based on the label art. And we drank a lot of mediocre wines as we developed our taste for wine. We've since come to appreciate the diversity in wine, and that with a little trial

and error you can find a wine to please almost any palette — even for people who don't usually like wine. Even better, we've found that good wine doesn't have to be expensive. We've really enjoyed trying out new wines, finding the hidden gems that aren't available at the grocery stores. Our mission is to share our wine knowledge with our customers.

Q. How did you decide to locate in the Novi community?

A. We have lived in Novi for five years, and as noted above, felt that the market was perfect for a wine shop. It is important to us to be involved in the community where we live, and the wine shop has allowed us to make lots of friends in the extended communities of Novi, Northville and Milford.

Q. Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

A. We recently received our liquor license. It was the first week, the ink barely dry on our license, and we were still in the process of placing our first liquor order on the shelf when a customer came in requesting Uzcanka Slivovitzum, which I had never heard of. It turns out to be a Serbian brandy. The customer was thrilled that I took the time to track down the distributor and place her special order for three bottles — and I got to learn more about brandy in the process.

SPECIAL HAPPENINGS

Gina Agosta Haircolor • Design & Spa
Gina Agosta Haircolor • Design & Spa is hosting an open house 1-4 p.m. Sunday, April 26. Learn about new spring trends to update your look through live stage demonstrations. Enter to win our grand prize of free services for a year. Enjoy complimentary services and retail specials. Call (248) 477-2266 or visit www.agosta.com for more information.

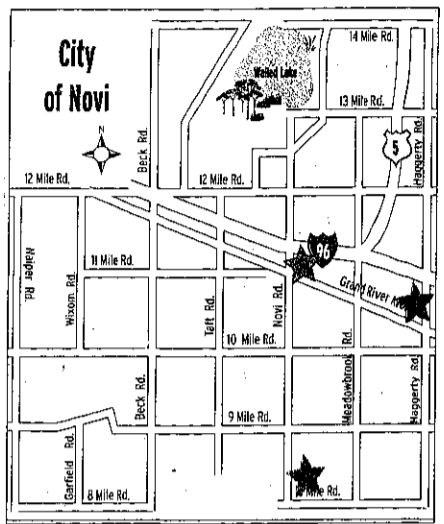
Guernsey Farms Dairy
Saturday, April 25 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Guernsey Farms Dairy will open its doors to the public for a tour of its dairy products production plant. The tour is free, and guests are asked to bring a non-perishable food item or make a monetary donation to the Novi Food Pantries. The family friendly event will feature free samples of all Guernsey Farms Dairy products. There will be music, entertainment, prizes and more. For more information, call Guernsey at (248) 349-1466 or visit our Web site at www.guernseylfarmsdairy.com.

Art Van Furniture
Through its Caring For Our Home program, Art Van Furniture will once again celebrate Arbor Day by donating 3,000 spruce trees to area schools and organizations for planting. The groups will plant the trees as part of regional beautification projects and educational programs. Also, stop by any Art Van store to receive a free packet of vegetable seeds. While supplies last.

Rock Financial Showplace
The Easter Family Brunch returns to the Diamond Banquet Center in the Rock Financial Showplace 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday. The annual event will offer a delicious buffet menu for adults, and a specially tailored sideboard for children. The Easter Bunny will also make an appearance. Adults \$27, Seniors \$25, Children 12 and under \$13, Toddlers 3 and under free. Free parking and cash bar after noon. Walk-ins are welcome. Call (248) 348-5600.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOA Insurance & Financial Agency
Novi-based TOA Insurance & Financial Agency, LLC joined the Trusted Choice®



brand movement, a national consumer brand that educates consumers about the benefits of using independent insurance agencies and brokerage firms for their insurance and financial services needs. Trusted Choice® agencies offer consumers a broad selection of insurance policies and financial services products, customized insurance coverages as well as advocacy support. Visit TDA online at www.tdanow.com or call (877) 832-6690.

Botsford Hospital
Botsford Hospital sent out its first tweet on the social media Web site, Twitter. The first tweet was about a community open house at Botsford's new cancer center on Saturday, April 25. How can you follow Botsford Hospital? Sign on to the Web site, www.twitter.com, and you can start following Botsford Hospital. The Botsford Center for Health Improvement has also joined the social media site, Facebook. Botsford's Center for Health Improvement is located on Grand River Avenue, west of Haggerty Road in Novi.

EXPANSIONS

Thru-U.com
Thru-U.com has opened a Novi office and plans to expand its staff. The company, based in Ireland, creates online technical and safety training for engineers, technicians and operators. Thru-U.com opened its office in Novi last fall and currently employs one person there; however, it plans to expand by at least two people this year.

GIVING BACK

Red Robin
Red Robin Novi, owned by the Ansar Restaurant Group, recently participated in a contest to raise money for team members in need. All Red Robin locations in Michigan were challenged by their Regional Managers to collect donations for the Red Robin Giving Fund. The Novi location won the contest, raising over \$1,000 in two weeks. As a reward, all Red Robin Regional managers will spend April 21, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., serving tables for charity. All tips the regional managers collect will be donated to the Giving Fund.

CHAMBER CHAT

• The Novi Business and Taste Expo will take place from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, at the Hotel Baronette, 27790 Novi Road. The first small business expo presented by the Novi Chamber of Commerce and the City of Novi. Join us for this exciting networking opportunity. About 60 local businesses will have vendor tables and share information about their services and how they can benefit you both personally and professionally. Featured vendors will include Hampton Inn Detroit/Novi, Red Level Networks, Skyline Exhibits & Services, Famous Dave's, EverClean Restoration & Cleaning Services, Harbor Oxygen, Abir Faraj, DDS, Financial Planning & Investments and Dan Wood Plumbing & Heating. Cash bar and complimentary appetizers provided by: Biggy Coffee, Virginia Barbeque, Famous Dave's, California Pizza Kitchen, Nestle Toll House Café and Hooters. Relationships mat-

ter! Keynote Speaker Tara Michener, presents "LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter - Making Sense of Marketing on the Internet." The cost is \$5 at the door. Doors open at 2:45 p.m. Pre-registered guests only will be entered to win a \$250 gift card to Twelve Oaks. Hourly door prize drawings for other prizes. The event is sponsored by Northwood University, City of Novi, Novi Chamber of Commerce, Twelve Oaks, Old Maid Cleaning Service, Mercantile Bank of Michigan and EverClean Restoration & Cleaning Services.

• A Business to Business Breakfast will take place from 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, April 15, at Comerica Bank, 47440 Grand River Ave. Join us for networking and a light breakfast. \$5 at the door.

• The Novi Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Relational Church will hold a Job Fair from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. Call (248) 767-8626 for

more information.

• The Novi Chamber of Commerce presents a new Diversity Round Table with the mission to celebrate diversity among Novi businesses at noon on the fourth Wednesday of each month. A Novi Chamber of Commerce member restaurant will host each meeting. Network with local business owners, share your experiences and teach/learn about the business practices of other cultures. The first meeting will take place noon April 22 at Mirchi Indian Cuisine, 43317 Grand River Ave. Register at www.novichamber.com or by calling the Novi Chamber of Commerce (248) 349-3743.

• The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, educational programs, an enhanced Web site, and involvement with local charities. For membership information, visit www.novichamber.com or call (248) 349-3743.

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