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NOVI NUTSHELL Birthday celebration!

The Orchard Hills Elementary School community 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.

Spring concert

The Novi Choralaires will perform its annual spring concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Novi High School's Fuerst Auditorium. This year's performance, titled "Sing!" will feature Novi Middle School vocal students in a dynamic, multi-media performance that will appeal to all ages. Under the direction of Janet Wassiak and accompanied by Trena DeGraw, the Choralaires are a chorus of men and women from Novi and the surrounding areas. For more information, visit www.novichoralaires.org.



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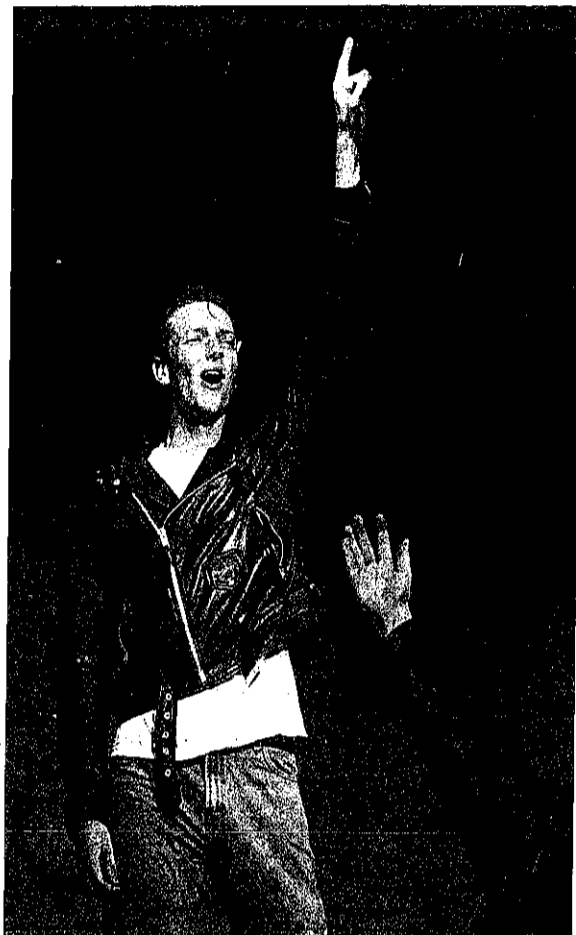
The Novi Public Library will be closed Sunday, May 10. Take the time and visit mom on this Mother's Day Sunday. The library will also be closed May 24 and 25 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

School board

The Novi Community School District Board of Education regular meeting will take place 7 p.m. tonight inside the Instructional Technology Center, 25345 Taft Road. Members will be discussing cuts and enhancements to the 2009-10 budget.

Road work

Ramps from both directions of Novi Road to eastbound I-96 are closed through late October. Crews will resurface nearly four miles of I-96 in the City, resulting in the ramp shutdowns.



Tim Markham (Danny) rehearses with other members of the Novi Theatres' troupe as they get ready to perform "Grease," which begins May 7 inside the Novi Civic Center.

Novi Theatres to stage 'Grease'

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Theatres is singing and dancing its way back to Rydell High, class of 1959, in its spring musical production of "Grease."

"We've been doing a spring musical the last three years, but this is the first time we've done 'Grease' in Novi," said Lauren Sorrentino, the Novi Theatres interim performing arts coordinator.

Director Jan Cartwright said the production, which portrays life as a teenager in the '50s, has adult themes, but will be enjoyable for the whole family.

"It's a pretty classic story, we're just trying to bring a lot more energy to it," she said.

The cast consists of 30 members from Novi and its surrounding communities.

"This is the most 20-year-olds we've ever had in a show," Sorrentino said.

Novi resident Tim Markham, 17, who is playing the lead role of Danny Zuko, has mixed emotions about the mostly 20-something cast.

"I'm enjoying it, but the girls being

GREASE

7:30 p.m. Friday, May 8
2 p.m. Saturday, May 9
7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16
2 p.m. Sunday, May 17

All productions take place at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.cityofnovi.org.

older than me is a little intimidating," he said, noting Lyndsey Towne, who is playing the female lead of Sandy, is 24.

Opposite from Markham who's played the lead in numerous productions during his nine years in theater, Sandy will be Towne's first lead role.

"It's exciting and overwhelming," she said, noting she's been singing her whole life, but became involved with theater within the last year. "I think the best part about this role is starting off as sweet and innocent Sandy, and then at the end,

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No Signature Park for Novi

BY KELLY MURAD & VICTORIA MITCHELL
STAFF WRITERS

Novi voters spoke loud and clear Tuesday, saying they do not want a 73-acre Signature Park proposed for the southwest corner of 11 Mile and Beck roads.

In the May 5 special election, 3,411 registered voters opposed a .5 mill increase of the parks, recreation and forestry levy. Voters casting "yes" votes totaled 1,512.

All totals are unofficial City of Novi results. "This is a classic example of a decision that should be made by the voters," Novi Mayor David Landry said. "If they choose to vote no, then we're not going to pursue it."

The 25-year limited millage, estimating \$75 a year for a resident with a \$300,000

value home, was proposed for building, operating and maintaining the park.

Talks of a Signature Park began with a land swap agreement between the City and the Novi Community School District last November, to address the indoor and outdoor recreation needs of the community.

"This is a one-time opportunity (with the school district)," Landry said.

Conceptual plans included trails, a multi-generational recreation center (theater, gymnasiums, wellness area, multi-use activity space), sprayground/outdoor ice skating area, community festival area and outdoor sports fields (cricket, soccer, football).

Landry said now that the proposal has failed, the land will revert back to the school district, and the City's needs will go unmet.

"As far as the indoor recre-

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Capello pleads guilty to indecent exposure

BY CAL STONE & KELLY MURAD
EDITOR & STAFF WRITER

A local prosecutor yesterday issued a warrant for the arrest of Kim Capello, Oakland County commissioner and former Novi mayor pro tem, for indecent exposure involving an incident that occurred on April 18, according to Tom Lindberg, Novi's deputy police chief.

Capello, 56, was arraigned in the 52-1 District Court and pleaded guilty in front of Judge Dennis Powers. Judges Brian MacKenzie and Robert Bondy had disqualified themselves from the case.

Although Lindberg declined to give specific details, he did say that a 911 call came in

around 2:05 a.m., indicating that people were indecent near Pennsylvania Avenue in the area of Main Street.

A 37-year-old woman was also involved, and a warrant is to be issued for her arrest.

"Indecent exposure could be anything from urinating in public to lewd indecency," Lindberg said. "This was a very appropriate charge for the circumstance."

Indecent exposure is a misdemeanor carrying penalties up to 93 days in jail and a \$500 fine. Capello is scheduled to be sentenced June 3.

In November, Capello was elected Oakland County Commissioner, 9th District, which serves the cities of Novi and Northville as well as Novi Township. His term expires Dec. 31, 2010. His committee assignments as commissioner include: General Government,

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District budget cuts expected at tonight's board meeting

This is the third story in a series focusing on the Novi Community Schools district's 2009-10 budget.

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL
STAFF WRITER

Board of Education members are expected to vote tonight on the elimination of \$2.4 million dollars from the Novi Community Schools district's 2009-10 budget.

The reductions would balance the upcoming budget, while maintaining the district's fund equity, or rainy day account, at 12 percent.

Board members are also tasked with approving \$1.1 million in additional revenue.

But one item board members

NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

7 p.m. Thursday, May 7
Instructional Technology Center
25345 Taft Road

will not be considering tonight is a Novi teacher pay freeze.

"It's a tough economic time, and I hate to see people losing jobs if there is a possibility that everybody could bear some part of the burden ... by administrators stepping forth and offering some type of concessions to show leadership, and then I'm also strongly encouraging our

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NEIGHBORS

Novi native Gupta is set to speak at U-M

BY MEDHA SATYANARAYANA
FREE PRESS STAFF WRITER

Dr. Sanjay Gupta said he rarely writes speeches ahead of time, instead going with the feeling of the moment. But when the neurosurgeon, CNN medical reporter and one-time U.S. surgeon general candidate returns to the University of Michigan Medical School to School to give the commencement address May 8, he at least knows what the theme will be.

Gupta, a Novi native who completed his medical degree from U-M in 1993. "As someone who straddles both fields - medicine and media - I get a look at the insides of medicine, but I also get to look at it from an outsider's perspective to some extent."



Sanjay Gupta

NOVI BIRTH

Brooklyn Grace Tardella
David and Leigh Tardella of Cumming, Ga. announce the birth of their daughter Brooklyn Grace Tardella, born January 14, 2009 at Northside Hospital in Atlanta.



Brooklyn Grace Tardella

NOVI BIRTH

Molly Christianne McGuire
Andy and Christina (Tardella) McGuire of Novi, announce the birth of their daughter Molly Christianne McGuire, born February 13, 2009 at Providence Park Hospital.



Molly Christianne McGuire

'Loser' final four has South Lyon feel, CC grad

BY NATHAN MULLER
STAFF WRITER

Confidence was something Detroit Catholic Central in Novi alumn Michael Morelli admittedly lacked eight months ago when he became a contestant on "The Biggest Loser: Couples."

He was 18 years old at the time and weighed 388 pounds. He stood out in a crowd for all the wrong reasons. And he did not know how to lose weight.

Now when the live finale of the reality show airs on May 12, Morelli will look like a completely different person and his weight will be closer to 200 pounds than 400. He also might be in the running for the \$250,000 grand prize awarded to "The Biggest Loser."

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ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM NOVI CITY COUNCIL

• Council unanimously approved the Administrative Board of Appeals decision to change the name of Market Street, to Main Street. A building owner in the Main Street area petitioned the City to change the name, citing difficulty by patrons in locating businesses within the building, which fronts on both streets. The building owner requested a variance, because the ordinance requires two streets that are at right angles from each other to have separate names. The variance request was granted.

• City administration was seeking direction from Council regarding the best use of the City's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. The City of Novi is eligible to receive \$533,100 through the EECBG Program, which is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. City staff outlined some possible projects that support the goal of immediate investment in the economy, and obligate funds within 18 months from the effective date of the award. Council supported the proposed projects and suggested the inclusion of a non-motorized master plan, as well as further information prioritizing the energy efficiency projects based on amount of immediate and long term payback.

• Mayor David Landry presented Kathleen Kovach, deputy executive director of the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority with a certificate, proclaiming May as mental health month. For more information on the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority visit www.occmha.org.

• City Council interviewed applicants for appointment to Novi Youth Council and Boards and Commissions at the April 27 meeting. Marianne Caddy, Ekene Mzie, Janani Naidu, Rubini Naidu, Matthew Nicholas, Suzana Pratt, Rachel Staudt, Vishnu Venugopal, Alison Widner and (Lily) Xiac Zhang were appointed to serve on the Novi Youth Council. Eugene Song was appointed to the Historical Commission; Emily Bank and Shital Chauhan were appointed to the Library Board; and Katelyn Kerbrat to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Council has to re-vote at the next regular meeting to appoint two of the remaining 22 youth representatives to the Housing and Community Development Committee.

• A public hearing on the City of Novi's proposed 2009-10 budget is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, May 18 at the regular Novi City Council meeting. For more information or to view the City Council agenda visit www.cityofnovi.org.

Notes were taken from the May 4 Novi City Council regular meeting. All council members were present. Next regular meeting: 7 p.m. May 18 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

NOVI BRIEFLY

Lawn Watering Ordinance revisions

As part of Novi's ongoing efforts to reduce water usage during peak hours, City Council approved an amendment to the Lawn Watering Ordinance, which will help lower the water rate the City pays to its provider, Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. The ordinance now requires, in addition to alternate day watering, that automatic, programmable underground sprinkler systems only operate during non-peak hours of 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. Lawn irrigation is the main contributor to peak-hour demand, and if laws

Novi Chorales and middle school students join for concert

The Novi Chorales will perform its annual spring concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Novi High School's Fuest Auditorium.

Beautyfication Commission Perennial Exchange

The Beautyfication Commission is holding its perennial exchange 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, May 16 at ITC Community Sports Park, at Eight Mile and Napier roads. Anyone interested in attending the free event can divide their perennials, such as day lilies and hostas, and bring them to exchange for other plants. This is a great way to grow

HD customers can enjoy Speed HD on channel 215, Travel HD on channel 228, the Weather Channel on 223, MLB HD on channel 263 and Starz HD on channel 213.

The channel location for Smithsonian HD has yet to be determined. Bright House Networks of Michigan launched new channels to the Movie Lovers Pack - Retroplex and Indieplex. Retroplex (channel 407) shows iconic movies that defined an era from the 60s to the 80s. On Indieplex (channel 408) you can catch unconventional movies that broke the mold.

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Bright House Networks subscribers now have access to additional free High Definition programming including Speed Channel, Travel Channel and the Weather channel; MLB HD; Starz HD with a paid subscription, as well as Starz on demand; and Smithsonian HD, which will be added to the HDTV Pack at the end of May.

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LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresville.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 single place.org.

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LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road
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Worship Services
TIME: 8:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday
Renew Life Ministries
TIME/DATE: 7:15 p.m. every Monday
DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective.
CONTACT: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oxpointe.org
Charmed Influence
TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday
DETAILS: Studying the book "Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage."
CONTACT: Joy Ruby at joy@oxpointe.org or call the church.

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LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or fumcnorthville.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 8:15 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.

NOVI UNITED METHODIST
LOCATION: 4651 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit unmnovi.com
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:15 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.-4 p.m., Saturday, June 13
DETAILS: Annual Junied Art/Craft Show. Go to www.unmnovi.com to view some last years 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, wire lamps, children's books, face painting, frames, mud masks and UMW bake sale.
CONTACT: For an application to this priced show, e-mail your request to Pam Davis.

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DETAILS: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDT-AM 560, The WHUZ Word Station.
Single Point Ministries - 45 and older
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Sunday for fellowship and Bible study.
Single Focus Ministries - 35-50 years
TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deepen your personal relationship with Christ.
Single Purpose Connections - 20-30 years
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 widowed over age 50, fellowship, friendships and more. Contact the number below for more information.
CONTACT: (248) 374-5920
Bible Studies and Prayer Nights
Learner's Bible Study
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A01
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
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 "At Home in Mitford" by Jan Karan.
Lighthouse Cafe.
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.
Eucharist Game Night.
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., May 9.
CONTACT: For more information contact Ward Church (248) 374-5920.
Ballroom Dance Lessons.
TIME/DATE: 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m., May 9, May 23
LOCATION: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road.
DETAILS: Wear comfortable, non-stick shoes. Minimal admission fee.
CONTACT: For questions, contact Monica at mjmc07@yahoo.com or the Single Adult Ministries office at (248) 374-5920.
Softball League Sign-up.
TIME/DATE: 6:15-7:30 p.m., Thursday evenings, May 7-August 6
DETAILS: For single guys and gals; all skill levels welcome. \$30 due at sign up.
CONTACT: Sign up at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville (248) 374-5920.
Memorial Day Picnic
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m., May 25
LOCATION: Fines Park Northville, East Pavilion
TIME/DATE: noon-5 p.m., May 25
DETAILS: Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks provided. Cost, \$5 at the picnic and your favorite dish to share. Children and grandchildren are welcomed. \$3 for ages 12 and under.

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Mass Schedule
TIME/DATE: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday; Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday
Mothers Group
TIME/DATE: 9:30-11 a.m. first and third Wednesday every month, through May 20
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CONTACT: Becky at (248) 305-5924 or Jeanine at (248) 380-6361

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CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Parables Bible Class
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vice, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service
Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30 - 11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5, 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study
Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family, 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast
Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do

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CONTACT: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891
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LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistschurchofnovi.org
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Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month; 11:30 a.m. Traditional

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CONTACT: (248) 348-9030

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CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665
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OBITUARIES



DANIEL P. BROWNE

Age 55, of Northville, passed away suddenly April 29, 2009. He was born November 2, 1953 in Detroit, Michigan. He was united in marriage to Barbara A. Moroski on December 11, 1976. Daniel, an Iron Worker with Iron Workers Local 25 in Detroit, was a resident of Northville for 23 years, and considered Part Austin his 2nd home for 15 years. He was a member of the Northville Historical Society and the Stone Gang at Mill Race. He was also a member of the Port Austin Road Lighthouse Association, and was affiliated with the Northville Art House. Dan enjoyed golfing, bowling, ski skiing, and was obsessed with Sudoku. He was known as "Mr. Fix-it" since he could fix anything. He was a true nature lover, he loved being outdoors and was an avid bird watcher. He enjoyed cooking and if you offered help in a kitchen you would be kindly asked to leave. He is survived by his loving wife Barbara A. Moroski-Browne, his children Adrienne (Anah) Kersay, D. Garrett Browne, and Laura Browne; his parents Daniel (Barbara) Browne and JoAnne (Paul) Sepulveda; his siblings John Browne, Paul (Carol) Sepulveda, J. Gabriela Sepulveda, and Karla (Cletus) Sepulveda; his grandson Austin and grandbaby Nicole Z on the way, and his nephews Anthony and Carter. A funeral service was held Tuesday at Casteline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Father Ron Browne from St. Gerard's Catholic Church in Farmington Hills officiated the service. He was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Northville Historical Society, Mill Race Village Gatepost Store Fund, 215 Griswold Ave., Northville, MI 48167.

SHIRLEY M. BROWN

Age 72, of Highland, April 28, 2009. Beloved mother of Highland, K.C. Hall of Florida, and the late Brenda K. and Ricky Clancy, Dear grandmother of Jodi, Derek (Tashira), Yara, and Justin. Sister, Kristin, Janine and the late Sara, Grand-grandmother of Kasen, Austin, and the late Samantha. Also leaves many loving brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and a host of friends. Memorial Service Saturday, May 16, 3 p.m. at Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main St., Fenton, Fr. Leo Luko officiating. Luncheon following the service. Memorials may be made to the family. For further information call (810) 629-2533.

CHARLES E. CALKINS

Age 62, and a lifelong resident of the Milford area died on April 28, 2009, after suffering a heart attack at his home. He is survived by his beloved wife, Anne, sons, Chuck and Aaron; sister, Jeanette (John) Davis; sisters-in-law, Susan (Charles) Sutter, Jean Sobbs and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Gordon and Clara Calkins. A Memorial Gathering will be held at his home on Saturday, May 9, 2009, at twelve o'clock. For further information please phone 248-584-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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3/31/81 - 5/7/07
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RICHARD "RICK" MCBRIDE DUFF

Age 62, of Phoenix, Arizona, formerly of Milford, passed away April 26, 2009. He was born April 4, 1947 in Detroit, Michigan. Richard is survived by his mother, Mildred Duff; sister Robert "Bob" (Betty) Duff; sister-in-law, Carol Duff and niece and nephews, Cyndi Duff, Connie Waters, Ryan Duff and Craig Duff. Services were held at Lynch & Sons in Milford, on May 2nd, with interment in Glen Eden Cemetery.

GLENN W. HARDESTY

Age 81, a long time resident of Salem Twp., passed away April 30, 2009. Funeral Services were held last Monday at Casteline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon. Contributions to American Cancer Society appreciated.

BARBARA JACOB

Age 73, passed away March 18, 2009. Memorial Service scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2009 at the Milford Senior Center, 1050 Atlantic, Milford, MI 48381, 1-4 p.m.

RICHARD GUY MCKEEVER

Age 48, died April 30, 2009. Celebration of Life on May 9, 5 - 9 p.m. at 3660 Five Mile Rd., South Lyon. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.chillifuneral.com

DORIS WATERS STOVER RUSSELL

Age 88, Died May 1, 2009. Beloved wife of Robert W. Russell and the late Barton Stover. Dear mother of Cecile Green, Thomas (Sally) Stover, Nancy (Joe) Malloure and Daniel Stover. Loving grandmother of Amanda and Brady Green, Jeffrey, Jason, mother, Carol (David) Dyer, Cory of Alton, MI, sisters, Teresa (Deborah Herendeen) Cory of Wrennawac, IN, Sandra Cory of Kalamazoo, TX, brother, Steve (Francis, Jill) Brady Cory of Alton, MI, grandmothers, Irene Cory, neices and nephews, Corrie Renee (Shawn) Hauptli, Cala Cory, Ashley, Ryan, Jared, four great-nieces and many dear friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Larry Cory, and grandfather, Ralph "Poppy" Cory. Sharon worked as an office manager with CSX Railroads. Wixom Distribution Center for over twenty years and was a member of the Grand River Trail D.A.R. A gathering was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford and a Funeral Service was held at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church in Mount Pleasant, Indiana on Wednesday, May 6, 2009, with burial in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Memorials may be made in her name to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, www.CF.org. For further information please phone 248-654-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

GLADYS V. SCOTT

Age 92, of Northville, passed away peacefully on February 22, 2009 in Novi. She was born May 6, 1916 in Detroit, MI, the daughter of Chester V. Mallison and Florence Alice Meyers. She was the oldest child of three. Her brothers, Robert and Chester preceded her in death. She held a Masters Degree from the University of Michigan and a Bachelors degree from Wayne State University. She was a member of the Teachers Society - Alpha Delta Kappa, and the Northville Genealogical Society. She was also a member of many patriotic societies, including the Daughters of the American Revolution, Founders and Patriots of the Union, The Guild of St. Margaret of Scotland, the Fountains Society, The Colonial Order of the Crown, National Huguenot Society, The Huguenot Society of Michigan, National Society of Women Descendants of the American and Honorable Army Company, National Society of New England Women, National Society of Daughters of Colonial Wars, Inc., Daughters of the American Colonies, National Society Descendants of Early Quakers, Daughters of the Cross of Honor, Daughters of the Union, Sons and Daughters of the Pivots, and the Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century. She served as Regent on many of these societies and was always well liked by all of the members. She was a dear friend of the late Robert Schram, a member of the same societies. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Schram, on October 24, 1955 in Detroit. Her funeral was held in her death. Gladys taught school at Randolph Elementary school in Livonia for many years. She loved working on her genealogy and has accumulated records on her family that dates back to the early settlers of our country. Her contributions of forty eight books to the Northville Public Library's genealogical room are a fitting memorial. Gladys will be dearly missed. A time of gathering will be held Saturday, May 9, 2009 from 11 am until 1 pm, with the service beginning at 1 pm at Casteline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville.

CHELY K. FANT (NEE EDICK)

Age 54. Entered into eternal life on May 4, 2009. Beloved wife of Tom Douglas. Her brothers, Ernie and Nancy Edick, Predeceased by her mother, Valera. Cheryl is survived by her three step-children: Amy (John) Avery, Jeff Fink, and Kelly (Toby) Brownawell and grandchildren, Jesse, Luke, Ava and Johnny. Sister of Karen (Rod) Niemi, Kevin Edick, and Ernie (Marilyn) Edick. Arrangements by the Henry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Interment, Lake Forest Cemetery, Grand Haven, Michigan. www.harrywillfuneralhome.com

HENRY FONDE

May 3, 2009. Age 85 of South Lyon. Beloved husband of the late Edith. Loving father of Karen (Joel Threllet) Fonde, Chuck (Linda) Fonde, Steven (Fanny) Polter, Proud grandfather of Adam, Abe, Ben, Megan, Rachel, Hayley, Beck, Chelsea, Danielle, Reginald, and the late Aaron. Grand-grandfather of Grace & Henry. Graduate of U of M School of Engineering and Masters in Education. Head football coach at Ann Arbor High School & Assistant football coach at U of M. Owner and operator of the Stretch & Sew Fabric Store in Farmington Hills for many years. Visitation Thursday 4-9 p.m. at Plymouth Funeral Home, 4640 W. Ann Arbor Road (between Ford & Beck), Plymouth. Memorial Service Friday 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 206 E. Main, Northville. Memorial contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation or the Alzheimer's Association. To leave a message of condolence, log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

JOHN T. "JACK" FRANKS

Age 76, long time resident of Northville, passed away 4/30/2009. Memorial Service today, 5/7/2009 at 11 am with Time of Gathering beginning 10 am at Casteline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. In lieu of flowers contributions to American Heart Assoc.

CHARLES A. TESCHER

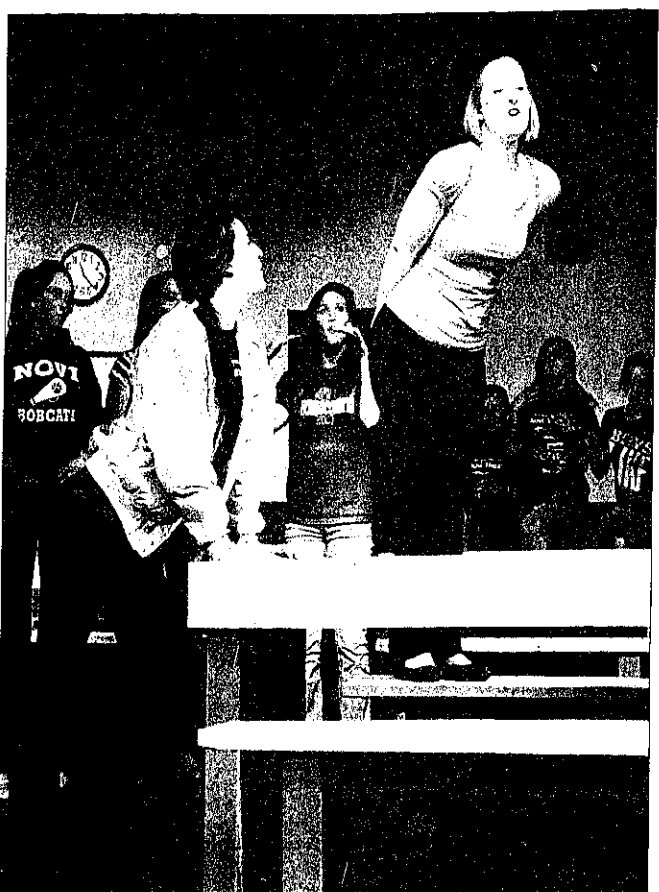
Age 72, of Highland, died peacefully surrounded by his family on Sunday, May 3, 2009. Survived by his beloved wife, Penny; loving children, Karen Popeta, Jennifer (John) McCormack, Laura, (Scott) Shoemaker, Mark (Katelyn), Steven (Franca Wendy), Julie, (Michael) Moeck, 13 grandnephews, stisters, Joyce (Clerly) Geornastic, Marilyn Coe & Gordon, Jeanette (John) Zang, brothers, Markin (Dorbin), James and Robert Tescher, several nieces, nephews and dear friends. A Funeral Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, Thursday, May 7th at 4 p.m., with Chaplain Charles Krueger officiating. Friends may visit on Thursday from 12-4 p.m. For further information please phone 248-584-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

KEIKO FUKU

Age 58, of Novi, passed away May 2, 2009. A Funeral Service was held last Wednesday at Detroit Japanese Christian Fellowship of Novi. Contributions to the Detroit JCF appreciated. Arrangements by Casteline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville.

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member; Human Resources, vice chairman; Planning & Building; member; Zoning, member; Risk Management and Safety; member; and Criminal Justice Coordinating, member.

According to the county's Web site, Capello is a practicing attorney of 33 years who shares a small office in Novi

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national needs for basketball, volleyball and a theater, you need more land to construct a building," he said. "Before approaching the school district, the city considered other land, but the cost to purchase additional land would be cost prohibitive."

Overall, turnout for the May 5 election was extremely low. About 55,000 residents live in

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McCotter: Rushed process led to Chrysler bankruptcy

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, recently said the process that led Chrysler to file for bankruptcy last Thursday didn't give the company enough time or support to work out the details. Chrysler was given 30 days by the Obama Administration Auto Task Force to win concessions from the United Auto Workers, arrange for a merger with Italian automaker Fiat and get bondholders to take reduced payments on their obligations.

"As they worked their way through it, there was no time left," McCotter said. "There wasn't a sufficient plan laid out for what this would look like."

McCotter and others were especially critical of hedge funds that refused the Chrysler offer of reduced payments after the company's major bondholders had agreed.

Last Thursday, McCotter released a press statement, "Our entire community's thoughts, hearts, hands and prayers go out to the Chrysler workers and retirees who now face more cruel uncertainty regarding their futures. Chrysler, the UAW and our entire community have toiled, sacrificed and suffered to comply with President Obama's Auto Task Force's demands and deadlines to avoid bankruptcy. These noble, Herculean efforts by workers, retirees and management have now been frustrated by hedge funds. The fate of Chrysler now rests in court proceedings of an unpredictable duration and ultimate determination."

McCotter said given more time, Chrysler may have been able to leverage more influence on the hedge funds.

Obama said last Thursday he expected the bankruptcy Chapter 11 reorganization to move quickly, 30 to 60 days, and make Chrysler a stronger company.

"I hope he's right, we do," McCotter said.

He said bankruptcy proceedings are unpredictable, especially with a company as complicated as Chrysler, or General Motors, which faces its own deadline in a month.

Under the current plan, the United Auto Workers would be the majority owner of

Chrysler, with Fiat as a minority owner, providing design and management expertise. McCotter said this arrangement evolved only after the Auto Task Force told Chrysler to work out an arrangement with Fiat.

"We don't know if this is how it will work. I don't know of anything existing with this structure," McCotter said.

General Motors will work to meet the goals set by the task force, McCotter said. He has expressed concern about AIG-backed bondholders profiting off a forced GM bankruptcy. On April 1, McCotter sent a

letter to Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner "demanding" to know if any GM bondholders have credit default swaps contracts with AIG, if so who and in what amount and how much would GM's bondholders gain from their credit default swaps should GM be forced into bankruptcy.

He said he still hasn't received an answer. McCotter has been critical of both the Bush and Obama administrations for the demands placed on the auto companies in comparison to the comparatively restriction-free bailout of the bank industry.

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OUR VIEWS

School board faces difficult decision tonight

Tonight, members of the Novi Community Schools Board of Education will face a very difficult decision as they eliminate \$2.4 million dollars from the Novi Community School District's 2009-10 budget.

The reductions would balance the upcoming budget, while maintaining the district's fund equity, or rainy day account, at 12 percent.

Board members are also tasked with generating \$1.1 million in revenue.

These are difficult decisions. Most likely, jobs will be lost, programs cut and children affected.

No one wants to make these decisions within a district that ranks tops in the state. But tonight, these decisions will be made.

We feel confident the decisions announced will be made with careful thought, attention and in consideration of the large volumes of district stakeholders voicing their opinions to the board throughout the past few weeks.

It is a valuable action that the district board has provided many opportunities to not only explain what the district's economic profile is at this time, but also listen to what every person had to say even if that meant staying up into the wee hours.

And we have confidence all district officials will do their best to maintain Novi as an educational standard in the state despite our current economic times.

Join the discussion

Do you think there has been an overreaction to the threat of swine flu in this area?

Go to hometownlife.com to give us your feedback.

BLOGS

Auto Show coming to Novi?

Posted 4/29/2009 10:17 PM EDT on hometownlife.com
photography2's wrote:
I was listening to WJR am this morning and the Frank Beckman Show.

Frank had on Oakland Co. Executive L. Brooks Paterson and put to him a rumor he'd heard. Beckman said that he'd heard that last week Paterson and about "a dozen other guys", (some with the Metro Detroit Auto Dealers Assoc.) met at Novi's Rock Financial Showplace to discuss the possibility of using Oakland Co. tax revenue (gasoline taxes were mentioned) to expand the "Rock" to 1,000,000 sq. feet and then host future North American International Auto Shows.

Perhaps this is old news, and L. Brooks would only confirm that a meeting took place but wouldn't say what specifically was discussed. He seemed to not be averse to the thought of moving the show to Oakland County and at the same time seemed frustrated in dealing with the Detroit City Council and wrangling with them (and Monica Conyers) over the future of Cobo Hall where the current show is held.

Obviously, if the NAIAS moves to Novi and the Rock Financial Showplace expands to 1,000,000 sq. feet it would be HUGE news for the area.

Stay tuned to the novinews.com for more updates.

FROM THE WEB

Here is what you had to say online after reading the Novi News: GoatsFarm wrote in response to Novi Letters to the Editor:

Thank You Lou... For the Internet challenged the Top "Investors" that say the Park is a NEED are: Spalding, DeDecker and Associates (Firm specializes in Civil Engineering of municipal projects) Neumann / Smith Architecture Northern Capital Corporation D'Clémente- Siegel Design

This is according to documents filed in the government offices of Oakland County.

To these firms, the Signature Park is a Want, not a Need.



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COMMUNITY VOICE

In honor of Mother's Day, we asked Novi teens what they appreciate most about their mothers. We asked this question at Novi High School.



"When I came into my stepmom's life at 8 years old, she treated me like her daughter."

- Michelle Zerlich, Novi



"She always listens to me and never lets me down."

- Danielle Bain, Novi



"I can tell her things I can't tell anyone else, and she'll give me solutions to problems."

- Hayley Wilk, Novi



"She'll do anything to help me. She's like supermom."

- Leah Shaheen, Novi

LETTERS

What happened?

As the City of Novi publicizes a ballot proposal for a tax increase to build a new Signature Park, the city's finance director's projections appear to show that by 2015, the new Library under construction may be operating with a \$1 million deficit that may increase to over \$2 million by 2016.

Meanwhile, the city seems to be using \$3 million of "Rainy Day funds" to balance the 09/10 budget, with \$2 million as I understand, needed for operations. Next year, the city estimates that taxable value will decline by another 2.9 percent, with an estimated range of \$400,000 to \$1 million less revenue. It seems that according to the city assessor's statements in January, those figures could double if his estimates are wrong and Oakland County's higher figures are right.

So how long is the remaining \$5.6 million of "Rainy Day funds" going to last, when the city has designated to spend over \$7 million in two years?

This is not a game of Monopoly using fake money. Local government spends hard-earned taxpayer dollars. Fiscal responsibility means having the discipline to prioritize essential services and "hog" for the best, but planning for the worst.

For many years, including when I served on the Novi City Council, the city took pride in having the sixth lowest tax rate in Oakland county, and strived to be a city that could pay for itself without tax increases. What happened?

Laura J. Lorenzo
Novi

Community pull, a great success

With about 50 Novi High School students and community members the Garlic Mustard Pull at Lakeshore Park on April 26 was a fantastic event. I want to commend the students and community members who took time to tackle this horrible invasive species and "Think Local not just Global" for Earth Day. For those of you who do not know about this noble cause, Garlic Mustard is an invasive species originally brought over from Europe as a herbaceous evergreen food source for the winter. It has since developed into one of the most significant threats to Michigan's ecosystem today. Without any natural predators, Garlic Mustard quickly takes over forests and kills native plants. Without immediate intervention, our Michigan landscape could change forever. Luckily, this plant can be controlled by community members without the need for costly or potentially dangerous pesticides simply by pulling. Novi High School students and the community members who joined them on April 26 did an amazing job pulling this invasive species. In particular, I would like to thank the students who stepped up to help organize the event and act as experts for the community: Andrew Phillips, Abby Want, Pallavi Vadapalli, Ben Farley, Stephanie Chen, Kristen Kilger, Liz Bosco and Anirudh Vinnakota. These students volunteered their time to learn about the threat Garlic Mustard poses to Michigan, walk the Lakeshore trails to determine the extent of the problem and teach Deerfield Elementary School first- and second-grade students about the threat. These stu-



What a pull!

Area residents, including many high school students, families and other individuals, help make the first Novi garlic mustard pull at Lakeshore Park a success. Organizers were pleased with the turnout and hope residents will help with the cause throughout the year.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?
We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.
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Fax: (248) 437-3386.
E-mail: vmitchell@gannett.com.
Deadline: Letters must be received by 10 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.
Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at hometownlife.com.



Many garlic mustard plants were pulled last Sunday during the first community pull at Lakeshore Park. The invasive species is taking over Novi's parks.



Residents help pull the invasive species, garlic mustard from Lakeshore Park in Novi.

dents also acted as pull "experts" to help community members and other students properly identify the Garlic Mustard and effectively pull it. Their commitment to the environment and Novi is admirable. We should all take the initiative, get involved in our community and be part of "No Child Left Inside." Their leadership skills and personal concern for the earth, and more importantly, Novi are a model for the entire community. I would also like to thank Margaret Schmidt (a.k.a. the Farm Lady) for being a true community activist. Without her bringing

this opportunity to get involved, the project would not have gotten off the ground. She is an amazing asset to this community. For those community members who did not have a chance to join us, please learn about the serious threat Garlic Mustard poses to our local ecosystem. Watch the thirteen minute video <http://www.in-sitivedeo.com/vff/garlicmustard.html>, get involved in a "pull" and reconnect with nature.

Kris DeAngelo
Novi High School biology teacher

Changing careers - assessing yourself

With all the turmoil in the Automotive Industry over the last several years, a lot of people who have been laid off or are fearful of being laid off are considering changing careers. Unless you have a clear idea of what this next stage in your worklife might be, you may be uncertain about how to choose a new career direction.

To start with, you can examine your past work to identify the knowledge, skills and abilities (KSAs) you've been using. It may help to have a comprehensive checklist of these KSAs that you can read through and check off. Many career and job search guides include these, and you can find a Skills Profiler on America's Career Infonet at <http://www.acinet.org/skills/default.asp?modeid=20> but you can also build a list by breaking your work into individual tasks and then examine each one and ask yourself these questions:

1. What did I have to know to be able to do this task?
2. What skills did I use?
3. What other abilities did I bring to this task?

For example, let's say you were an accounting clerk. One of your tasks was to enter customer payments into a database. In order to do that task, you had to:

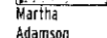
1. Know how to operate a specific database - let's say SAP Accounts Receivable module.
2. Use data entry skills to input the payment. Use proofreading skills to double check the entry.
3. Demonstrate attention to detail, organization, and timeliness in getting this task accomplished.

Once you have determined your knowledge, skills, and abilities as demonstrated on the job, you might also look at the KSAs you use in your daily life and hobbies. Then, go back and mark those that you really enjoy using and would like to use in future work. Don't worry too much yet about how skilled or accomplished you are in the KSAs. One of your long term career goals might be to improve your competency with certain of your KSAs.

You may be surprised to find that you have a large number of KSAs that you were not using in current or past work that you would enjoy focusing on in the future. You may also see that you have been using KSAs that you would rather not use in future jobs. Make a list of the KSAs that you want to focus on in the future.

YOUR NEXT JOB

Again, America's Career Infonet has a function that allows you to search occupations that utilize your preferred skills. You can then examine the suggested occupations to determine which you are interested in pursuing. You can also learn more about suggested occupations through networking. To this type of networking, you would ask people you know to help you meet someone who is involved in the occupation of interest to you. You can then conduct an "information interview" with this "contact" to learn about the occupation from an insider. This is always a good step to take to confirm what you read about an occupation and make sure the day to day reality of the job matches the description. Find out all you can - education or training needed, how a typical day plays out, what you can expect in compensation, positives and negatives of the occupation, and judge how you think it fits your needs and desires.



Martha Adams

Another useful assessment is called the Self Directed Search. You can find the official assessment online at <http://www.self-directed-search.com/> and take it for a small fee - \$9.95. This assessment measures your interest and preference for 6 major categories of people environments in work - Realistic (people who like to use athletic or mechanical abilities.) Investigative (people who enjoy observing, studying, analyzing.) Artistic (people who like to use artistic, intuitive or innovative skills in unstructured environments.) Social (people who like to train, enlighten, help or inform other people.) Enterprising (people who enjoy leading, persuading, performing, or managing) and Conventional (people who like working with data, numbers, detail and carrying out instructions.) After taking this assessment, you will create a three letter code for yourself, for example, mine is IAS. I enjoy using my intuitive abilities in an unstructured work environment, analyzing problems and coming up with solutions, which benefit other people.

The SDS has been cross linked with all the occupations in the Dictionary of

WORKSHOP

Martha Adams will be presenting a workshop, Job Searching in Tough Times, at the Northville District Library from 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, May 14. It is free, but interested attendees should call (248) 349-3020 to register. The library is at 212 W. Cady Street in downtown Northville.

Occupational Titles (over 12,000 jobs). Once you have your three letter code, the assessment will give you a list of suggested occupational titles which match your code. You can use O'Net online <http://online.onetcenter.org/> to look up these occupations to learn more about them.

Assessing your current work/life balance is another step you may wish to take. My book, Job Search Navigator, has assessments which ask you to look at several important areas of your life - Values, Health & Habits, Family, Extended Family & Friends, Career, Vocations & Avocations, Geographic Location, Personal Growth & Development, Leisure & Recreation, Money Matters, and your personal Wish List. Using the information you gather and goals you set, we have you develop a Personal Mission Statement to guide your decision-making.

Your local community college, Michigan Works! office or your alma mater may also offer individualized assessments and counseling to help you make decisions about changing careers. Your network contacts can often provide invaluable information or connections to people in the occupations you are considering to either gather information or eventually to connect to opportunities in those fields. Taking the time to assess yourself is time well spent in helping you make a change to a career you will really enjoy and succeed in.

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K.I.S.S. your business e-mails

With text messaging and sending e-mail correspondences via Blackberry becoming common practice today in business, it is more important than ever to keep in mind the acronym K.I.S.S. - Keep it Simple Strategist.



Linda Hagan, Ph.D.

The best business messages are simple, clear, concise, direct, and use precise language so the reader doesn't misunderstand the message. Recently on my spring trip vacation, I noticed how many of us were checking e-mail while at the beach or pool. We just can't get away from our jobs anymore, especially with so much at stake in this economy.

I overheard some business people talking at poolside that they wished their employees would think about the subject lines and get to the point quickly in their e-mail messages. One executive commented, "If the message is important and requires my action, make that clear in the subject line. I'll open that message first before the 50 others I get daily."

Keeping e-mails short and direct will help your reader better understand your message. Keep sentences and paragraphs short. Research shows that sentences with eight words or less typically allow for 100% comprehension. Yet, as the number of words increases, the comprehension rate goes down significantly. Short messages also are more visually appealing. Use bullet points whenever possible.

Business communicators should write in a direct style, stating the main point and action needed right at the beginning, followed by supporting information. More organizations today are following the military's communication style and expect employees to use only the direct pattern.

Keep your language simple. I should write for an 8th to 10th grade level audience. Don't confuse business writing with college English composition writing. No need for a thesaurus. Use simple, clear, precise words. In addition, avoid jargon and clichés that could be misunderstood or misinterpreted. This is especially important when working with a culturally diverse workforce. "I'll give you a buzz later," can mean different things, especially for anyone who attended college in the '70s and '80s. Think about your reader and your purpose for writing. What is your message? What do you want the reader to know or do? How do you think the reader will react and respond to your message? Remember to keep your business writing simple, clear, concise, and direct. See you at poolside!

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Unknown Jeep causes destruction

1 An unknown Jeep damaged trees, shrubs and street signs in the area of 12 Mile Road and Cabot Drive, west of Haggerty Road, between midnight and 7 a.m. April 26, causing a traffic hazard, reports said.

When police arrived, the suspect vehicle had left the scene, but investigation of the tracks and pieces of the vehicle's front grill and bumper determined it was a Jeep.

According to reports, tracks were found westbound 12 Mile Road, onto the center median knocking over six trees and two street signs.

The vehicle then crossed over to the north shoulder, knocking over one additional tree, and onto the Citizen's Bank property, where about 10 shrubs were damaged.

Police identified tracks leading back to westbound 12 Mile Road, but from there it is unknown where the vehicle traveled to, reports said.

Car keyed in high school lot

2 According to recent police reports, a Dodge Ram was keyed while parked in the lot of Novi High School, at Taft and 10 Mile roads, between 6:50 a.m. and 2:10 p.m. April 27.

scratches, no more than three feet long, on the driver-side, rear quarter panel of the truck.

Jaguar wheels suspected stolen

3 An officer patrolling the lot of a Jaguar of Novi, at Haggerty and 10 Mile roads, observed a vehicle missing its wheels and rims, reports said.

The Jaguar vehicle was parked in the west lot and found sitting on landscaping blocks.

The officer checked remaining vehicles, but did not notice anything else out of the ordinary. No evidence was found, reports said.

Vehicle resting on tree stumps

Four black tires and silver rims were discovered missing from a green Dodge Stratus at about 3:30 a.m. April 14, reports said.

The vehicle, which was parked on Lakeview Court in The Springs apartment complex near Pontiac Trail and West Park Drive, was found resting on tree stumps.

According to the complainant, nothing was missing from inside the vehicle.

The officer found eight lug nuts scattered in the grass, but several were still missing. No other vehicles were found missing tires in the complex or Portsmouth apartments, which is west of The Springs.

The complainant's father noticed the damage to the vehicle, but his son is unsure of who would have done it, reports said. The officer observed two large

Damaged vehicles

4 Between April 17-21, unknown suspect(s) entered the storage yard of Midwest Golf & Turf, located on Trans-X Drive, near Novi Road and Grand River Avenue and damaged three vehicles, reports said.

A Dodge Transvan had the head and tail lights broken, and masking tape was wrapped around the vehicle. It did not appear the suspect(s) tried to gain entry to the vehicle, reports said.

Two Cushman motorized utility carts also had the headlights smashed and a Club Car beverage cart was put in neutral and rolled down a hill, but did not sustain any damages, reports said.

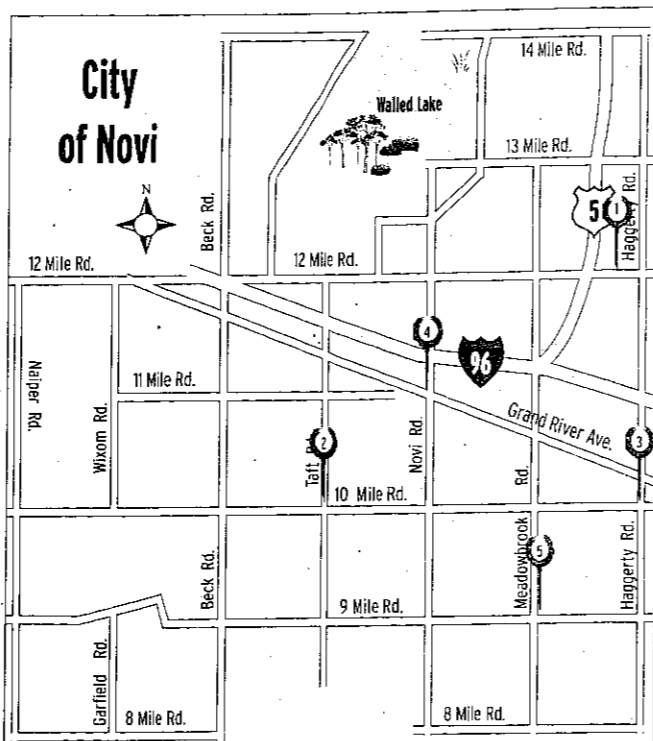
The gates to the storage yard were locked, but police believe the suspect(s) gained entry through the southeast corner of the fence where it is raised above the ground.

Skipping stones

5 An unknown suspect(s) threw rocks at a residence on Picadilly Circle, near Nine Mile and Meadowbrook roads, at about 1 a.m. April 26, reports said.

According to the complainant, it was the second time that weekend an unknown suspect threw rocks at his residence.

An officer observed a small red landscaping rock lying on the floor of the enclosed porch on the south-side of the property, reports said. The rock was



thrown through the screen.

Found cell phone

A woman found a cellular phone in the front yard of her residence on 10 Mile Road, at

about 4 p.m. April 17, reports said.

The black and silver phone was found about three feet away from the road, near a ditch. The woman said she found it while

raking the yard.

According to reports, the woman turned the phone over to police, and it is being held at the Novi Police Department, located at 45125 W. 10 Mile Road.



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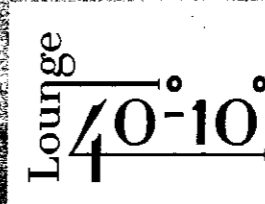
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'Read and Be Well'

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL
STAFF WRITER

For Mary Cooper, writing is at the heart of well-being. And her philosophy is spreading, as participation in her Read and Be Well program has grown tremendously in one year.

"We more than doubled," Cooper said. "So really the first 300 inspired many."

Read and Be Well is a kindergarten-sixth grade initiative where participating students write, illustrate and publish children's books for area health facilities.

Cooper, the Novi school district's K-sixth writing specialist, partnered with Providence Park Hospital last year, donating 500 books created by Novi students.

THANKS GIVEN

"I want to thank you for bringing a ray of sunshine into Providence Park through your work and the work of a lot of special children," said former Providence Park Hospital president Rob Casalou, during last year's donation ceremony. This year, 1,200 students participated in the program, creat-

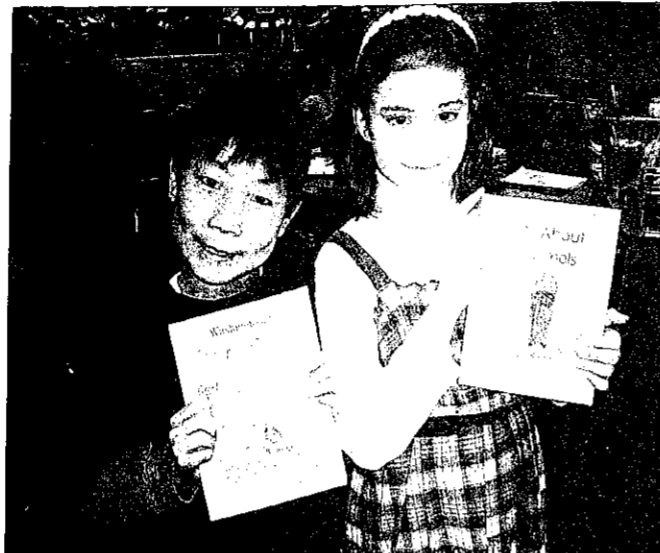


The students in Mrs. Ukrop's Parkview Elementary School class work on their Read and Be Well books for donation to area health facilities.

ing 1,200 books for donation to Providence Park Hospital in Southfield, HAVEN, the Ronald McDonald House in Ann Arbor, Detroit Mercy Hospital, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Dixon School in Detroit, Joy-Southfield Center, Mott Children's Hospital and the Novi Public Library. Books crossed many genres including poetry, nonfiction, realistic fiction and fantasy,

and all children did their own illustrations. Most are stories the students have been working on throughout the year, and authors come from all of the district's elementary schools and Novi Meadows.

The classroom teachers, 62, guide the students through the creative process, while Cooper serves as the program facilitator. She is one of the district's literacy specialists,



Novi students Kengo Enshoji, left, and Kirsten Anderson display books they wrote and illustrated for the district's Read and Be Well program.

and trains district educators on writing.

LESSONS LEARNED

Cooper said the Read and Be Well program not only teaches young writers a valuable literacy lesson, but serves as an empowering experience for the students.

"It is so powerful to make it a public document," Cooper said. "I think it's helped to heighten the value of writing in their minds."

Novi kids care and that is so evident, she said.

Cooper said she's heard such a tremendous response from Providence that not only are

the children in the pediatric unit comforted by the books, but the adults love them, too.

"You don't have to wait to be an adult to make a difference in the world," Cooper said.

She said the Read and Be Well program was inspired two years ago by Bill Dunbar, the Novi Community Schools district-St. John Health-Providence partnership coordinator and science department chair, and is funded through a Novi Educational Foundation grant.

Cooper said, pending tonight's Board of Education budget cuts decision where literacy specialists are on the

reduction list, she will absolutely apply for another grant to carry the project through to the 2009-10 school year.

"I'm so optimistic when I see what these kids give at such an early age," she said.

READ AND BE WELL DONATION CEREMONIES

- 7 p.m. May 7 at the Novi District Library
 - 7 p.m. May 21 at the Novi Middle School
- The public is invited to these free events.

Luck of the Irish

Catholic Central Dads' Club is pleased to announce the winners of this year's Ireland Raffle.

Catholic Central Dads' Club raises money each year by holding the Ireland Raffle. First place includes a one week stay at the Fitzpatrick Castle, round trip airfare for two, and ground transportation. Second place is \$1,500.

Jeff Szuma, Catholic Central Dads' Club President, along with Greg Cowley and Mike Cowley of John Cowley and Sons Irish Pub in Farmington Hills presented the awards.

First place went to Carol Sutton of Redford. "I cannot believe I won. I never win anything. I always wanted to go to Ireland to visit my family and now will be able to," Sutton said.

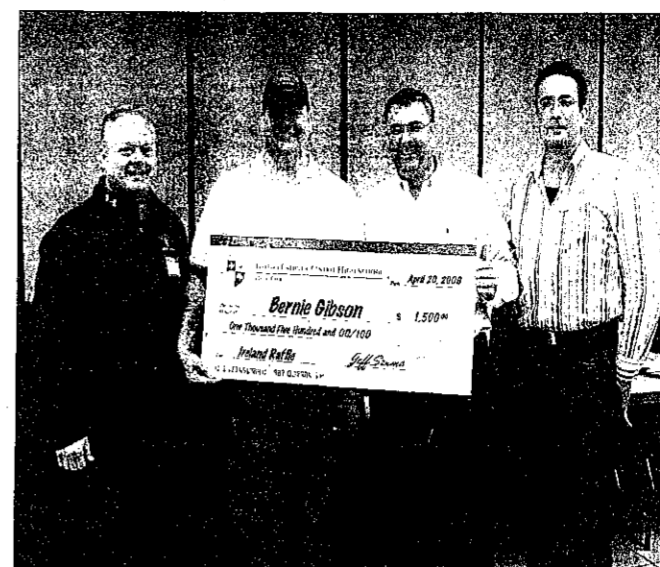
Second place went to Bernie Gibson of Dearborn. "I just got engaged and this will help a lot," Gibson said.

The Catholic Central Dads' Club would like to thank the Cowley family for their support by generously donating the use of the Fitzpatrick's Castle in Dublin Ireland for the past seven years.

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Jeff Szuma (left), Bernie Gibson, Greg Cowley and Mike Cowley celebrate Gibson's Detroit Catholic Central's Dads' Club win.



Jeff Szuma (left), Carol Sutton, Greg Cowley and Mike Cowley celebrate Sutton's win with the Detroit Catholic Central Dad's Club.

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cally, develop student initiative, attain self-discipline, act responsibly and cultivate a positive self-image.

CLASS NOTES

Orchard Hills birthday

The Orchard Hills Elementary School community 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. Soft Hop and refreshments. R.S.V.P. by calling (248) 449-1400 or by e-mailing Becky Hurst at bhurst@novi.k12.mi.us.

NHS Band Boosters

The Novi High School Band Boosters is sponsoring its annual Novi High School Spring Bottle and Car Drive Saturday, May 9, beginning at 9 a.m. Band students will be walking door-to-door in Novi neighborhoods to collect returnable beverage bottles and cans to raise money for the band program. Residents may leave returnables in bags on their front porches, sidewalks and driveways for pick-up. Residents may also drop off donations at Busch's Supermarket located on 10 Mile Road, just west of Meadowbrook Road. The students and Band Boosters appreciate the support of the local community.

Big Winner

Novi Meadows sixth-grader, Nicholas Fadanelli, won the Mick Morris Myth Solver - I Met a Myth Writing Contest! Fadanelli had to write a short story about how he actually met a myth (using his imagination). He was then judged on his usage of dialog, interaction and action between his myth and himself. Fadanelli wrote an electrifying story (over 10 pages long) about how he met the Michigan Dog Man. Authors Darrin and Karen Brege will be coming to the school tomorrow to present Nicholas with his award. He will receive a complete set of Mick Morris books and one for the school library.

Camp Invention

Invest now kids and The Discover Program present Camp Invention coming to Novi Middle School 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. July 20-24. The

summer camp will include the themes of Viking Treasure Trek: The Quest Begins, Comic Book Science: FlyJack and Jill, LandSled X-Treme, I Can Invent: Fantasy Inventions & Complicated Machines II and Recess Remix. The popular program is once again being directed by Novi Middle School science teacher Seth Furlow. The base price is \$220, but if you register three or more siblings, receive \$40 off the base price. Daily snacks and a Camp Invention T-shirt will be provided. For more information, call (248) 449-1600 or e-mail sfurlow@novi.k12.mis.us.

Novi Athletic Boosters

The next Novi Athletic Booster meeting will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 13 in room 160 at Novi High School. All supporters of Novi Wildcat student athletes are welcome. During the meeting, officers will be elected for the upcoming year. The Novi Athletic Boosters raise funds to support Novi Wildcat student athletes at the Novi High and Novi Middle schools. Proceeds are used to purchase uniforms, equipment strength training and conditioning so that more students can participate in Novi athletics at a higher level.

Summer Child C.A.R.E.

Looking for a positive, enriching, educational summer full of adventure and fun? Join the Novi Community Education summer C.A.R.E. program for preschool to middle-school aged children.

Activities are age appropriate for the development of the students, and will include: field trips, crafts, science experiments, sports, games and more. Lunch and snacks are included in the daily fee. Summer Care is 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 24 through Aug. 26 at the district's Instructional Technology Center on Taft Road. Registration packets with fees and scheduling information can be found at www.novi.k12.mi.us or call (248) 449-1713. All students need to be registered and scheduled by May 15 for the month of June.

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Job Well Done!

Novi High School student, Casey Blickenstaff poses with Novi's Co-op Coordinator, Barb Chitt after last Friday's year-end breakfast celebrating students and the local employers participating in the work program.

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LOCAL EVENTS

Grease! TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 8, 2 p.m. Saturday, May 9, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16, 2 p.m. Sunday, May 17

Community Open House TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 16

BUSINESS

The Wealth of Women DATE: May 13 LOCATION: DoubleTree Hotel, 4200 Crescent Blvd., southeast of I-96

Novi Rotary Club TIME/DATE: Noon every Thursday

American Business Women's Association Meetings TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. second Wednesday of every month

96 of Novi Road, near Bally's DETAILS: Local chapter provides many advantages to today's working women

Novi Public Library LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile Road HOURS: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday

Novi Senior Activities Center LOCATION: Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Complex, 25075 Meadowbrook Road

Novi Community Education CONTACT: To register, call (248) 449-1206 or visit novi.k12.mi.us/district/communityeducation/



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Discussing Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 13

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EPOCH EVENTS
NOVI — Epoch Events Catering at the Diamond Center at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi will serve Mother's Day Brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stations include a made to order omelet and waffle bar with a variety of toppings, garlic roasted asparagus, chile-lime honey tangercine chicken with mashed redskins, herb grilled salmon, along with breakfast meats, fresh fruits and salads. Dessert will include an assortment of fresh sweets. Adults, \$27.00; seniors age 55 and older, \$25; kids 4-12, \$12; 3 and under, free. Reservations required. Call (248) 348-5600, Ext. 200.

VOLARE
WIXOM — Volare Ristorante will serve Mother's Day Brunch 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. The Grand Buffet includes Mozzarella Caprese, Prosciutto and Melon; Grilled Vegetables, Smoked Salmon, Antipasto Station, Homemade Pastas, Herb-crusted Prime Rib, Rack of Lamb, Chicken Marsala, a Poached Salmon, Omelets and Cracked Eggs made to order, 25 varieties of cakes and pastries made fresh,

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GAUCHO
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TANGLEWOOD
SOUTH LYON — Tanglewood The Lion restaurant, located at 63503 W. Ten Mile Road, will start Mother's Day Brunch at 9 a.m. May 10. Price is \$16.95, adults; \$9.95, kids 12 and under. Reservations are required. Call (248) 486-6277.

TRIBUTE
FARMINGTON HILLS — Tribute will serve its final brunch of the season this

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ERNESTO'S
PLYMOUTH — Ernesto's Italian Garden is serving Mother's Day Brunch 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Ernesto's is located at 41651 Plymouth Road. Call (734) 453-2092 or visit www.ernestos.com for complete menu and details.

1 UNDER
LIVONIA — Mother's Day Brunch at 1 Under Banquet Facility and Catering will seat

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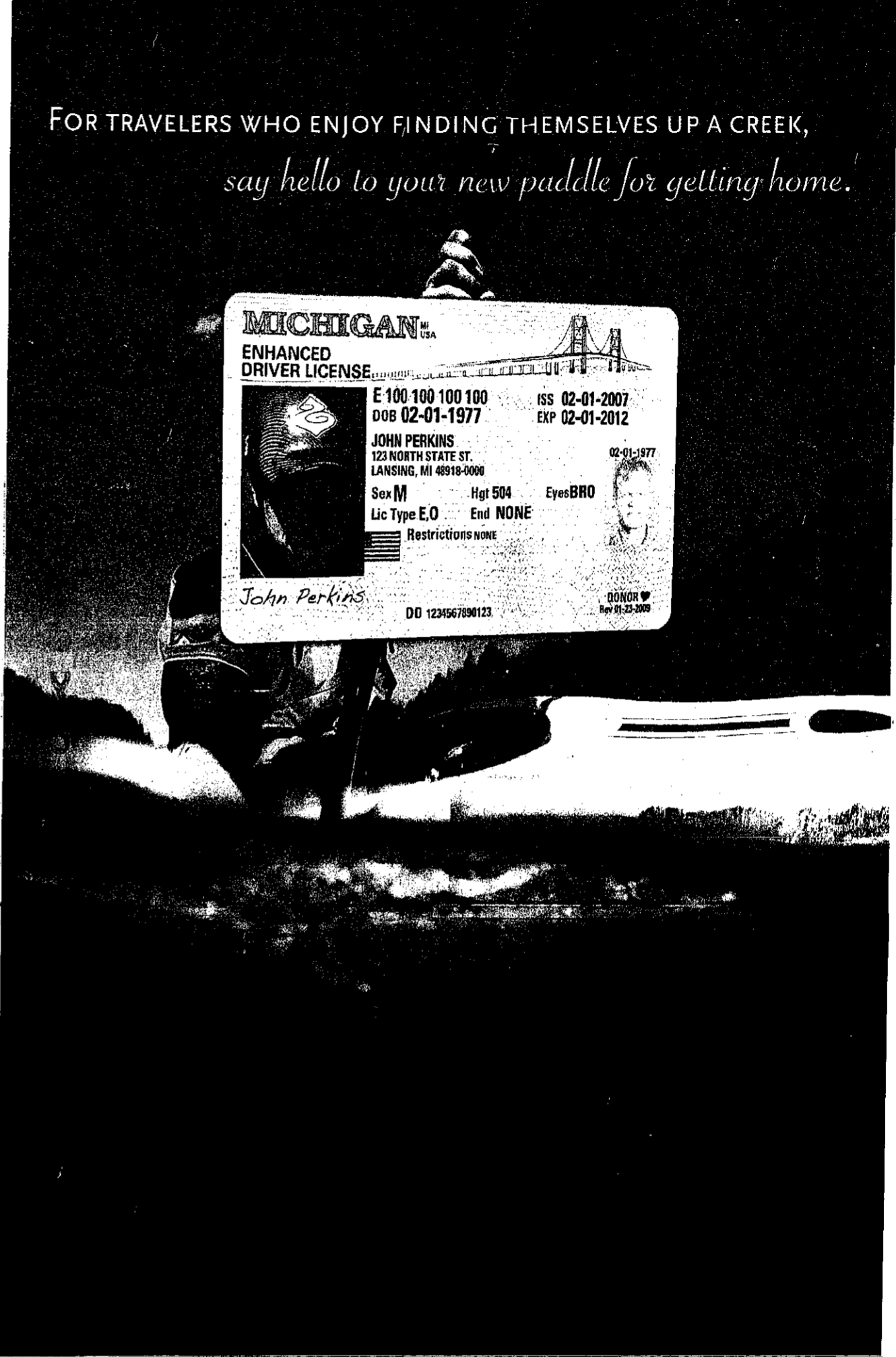
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Oxner is named swimmer of the year - B4

GAME WRAPS

NOVI GIRLS WIN SUNSHINE INVITE

The Wildcats girls won the freshman/sophomore invite at South Lyon. Novi scored 140 points to better Milford's 109.33.

Cats winning events included Jasmin Ward (32.90) starting a 1-2 finish with D'Maya Davis in the 100 dash, the 800 relay team (1:53.25), the 400 relay (52.79), Katie Murphy in the 400 (1:05.24), Kelly McCloskey in the 300 hurdles (4:48.41) and Abby Chandler in the 3,200 (12:20.56).

NOVI BOYS SECOND AT SUNSHINE INVITE

Milford won with 143 points, with Novi second at 107. Winning for the Wildcats were Michael Pasquale in the shot put (37-5), Derek Kim (16.25) and Lance Caputo-Lilla (16:44) going 1-2 in the 10 hurdles and DeAndre Fordham-Jones in the 100 (11:42).

NOVI TENNIS LOSES FIRST KLA A MATCH

The Wildcats suffered their first loss in KLA A play, 5-4 to Northville on April 29.

Novi (7-1-1, 7-1) swept singles play, and Northville won all five doubles matches.

No. 1 Amanda Border (6-2, 6-2), No. 2 Sara Carlson (6-3, 7-6 (5)), No. 3 Abby Wang (6-3, 6-2) and No. 4 Jennifer Felcher (7-6 (6), 6-3) each won in straight sets.

"They're a good team with a lot of depth," Novi head coach Jim Hanson said. "It was very windy, and I thought both teams handled the conditions."

Novi knocked off Salem 7-2 earlier in the week, despite missing top singles player Border because of illness.

The Cats won 1-3 singles, 1-3 doubles and No. 5 doubles.

KLA A KENSINGTON TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The KLA A Kensington Conference tennis tournament is set for Saturday at the Plymouth-Canton high school courts. Play for the seeded tournament begins around 8:30 a.m.

Novi win streak hits 10 with shutouts

BY TOM MORELLI
SPECIAL TO NOVI NEWS

It didn't take long for the Wildcats to pull ahead early against South Lyon as midfielder Morgan Haffey scored from the top of the box in the sixth minute off a set-up from sophomores Nikki Greenhalgh and Nicki Caruso.

The Lions looked to even-up the score in the 25th minute when senior Megan Morad obtained possession at mid-field. After sprinting past a series of defenders, Morad's path to the goal was broken up in one of South Lyon's two scoring opportunities.

This was one of the few highlights for the Lions' offense, who were unable to register a shot on net against the perennially-powerful Wildcats.

"We had two opportunities in the first half and we have to finish one, if not both," said South Lyon head coach Tracee Senter. "So we just have to be crisp. Against these better teams, we're only going to get three or four quality chances a game, and we've got to finish if we're going to have a chance to get into these games."

Novi added an insurance goal just before halftime in the 32nd minute after Greenhalgh broke free from a crowd of

players off a corner-kick and knocked the ball past goalkeeper Caitlyn Kort.

The second-half proved to be just as strenuous as the first for the Lions, who continued to struggle against a potent Wildcat attack.

Caruso pounded one in from the left side to make it a 3-0 game just two minutes into the half off a crossing pattern from teammate Taylor Hoover.

Haffey finished off the scoring binge for Novi in the 61st minute with her second goal of the night, which came courtesy of forward Courtney Milton.

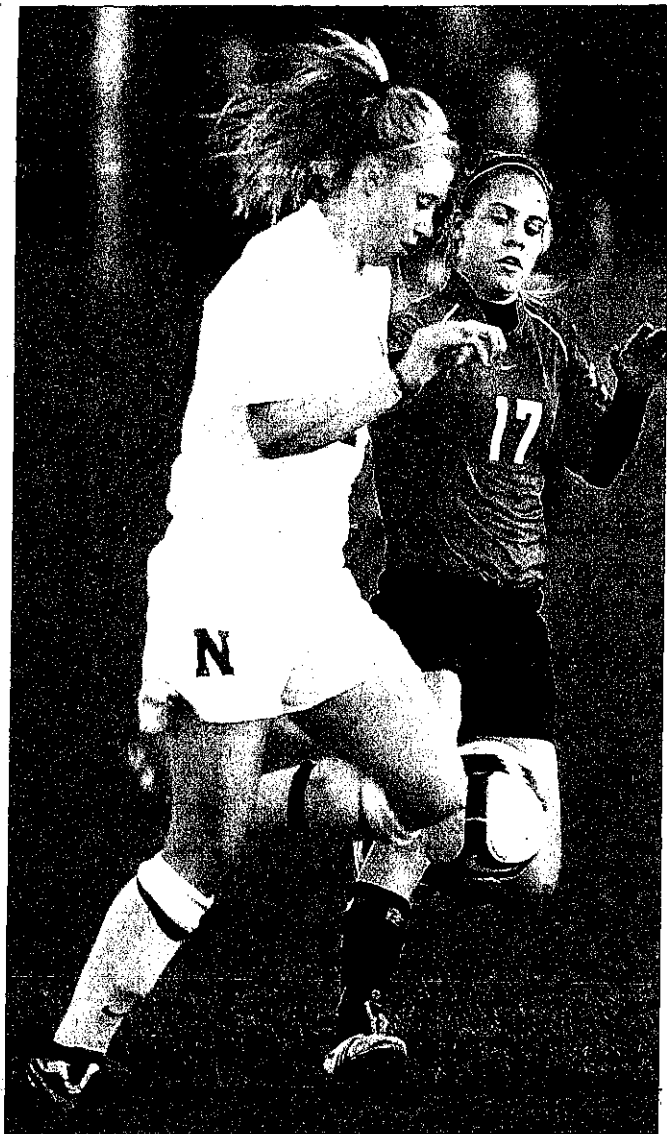
The South Lyon girls soccer team fell to 2-8-2 overall and 1-4 in the KLA A Central Division.

NOVI 1, NORTHVILLE 0

Monday: Haffey scored on a 25-yard shot 10 minutes into the second half with the assist going to Molli Krick. Erin Zerio made eight saves in goal to earn the shutout.

"Morgan's goal was a great, heads-up play," said Novi head coach Brian O'Leary. "Also, Erin Zerio played great in goal, coming off her line and grabbing many crosses."

The win advances Novi to 6-1-0 in league play and into first place. The Cats are 10-2-1 overall.



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Wildcat Taylor Pyden tries to get past a Mustang defender.

Novi softball finds its stride

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Softball head coaches Bob Lulek (Novi) and Katie Duncan (South Lyon East) said they were looking for the same thing after Monday's game — consistency.

Novi ripped off five runs in the bottom of the second inning and went on to win 9-4 at home.

Things may be headed in the right direction for the Wildcats, as they improve to 7-8 with their fifth win in a row.

"Overall, the kids are playing well and I'm happy," said Novi head coach Bob Lulek. "We knew we were (starting) with four tough games in a row, and we didn't do very well. But we just beat a good Stevenson team, a good Churchill team and a good South Lyon team."

"I'm pleased with the way we are responding."

The Cougars (3-12) have shown they can play with the big boys but struggle to show it on a regular basis or throughout an entire game.

"We just talked about the mental side of the game," said Cougar head coach Katie Duncan after the loss. "We're working on a lot of teamwork and fundamentals."



JOHN HEIDER | NOVI NEWS

Ashley McNamara pitches against South Lyon East.

"We don't have that senior leadership ... so we're relying on our juniors to really get that leadership going. They're stepping up."

South Lyon East was first on the board when Abigail Hunson scored during a three-hit first inning off Novi starter Rebecca Richter.

But the lead lasted until the bottom of the second when Novi bats struck for five hits and five runs off Nicole Tedd.

Kristin Blond singled home a run, Allyson Hrit stole home as part of a double steal and Richter, Colleen Kolis and Meaghan Robinson each recorded an RBI.

East tacked on single runs in

Please see **SOFTBALL, B4**

Up and down week for Novi baseball

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The Wildcats suffered a rough ending to a week that started strong. Novi started the week with three wins, only to finish with three losses.

NOVI 12, LIVONIA STEVENSON 6

Nick Regnier and Kevin Zak knocked in runs during the third inning for a 5-1 lead. Novi put the game away with six runs in the fourth.

Regnier finished with three RBI and earned the win with five innings of work on the mound.

Cats serving up multiple hits included Zak, Zach Danks, Masaru Nagami, Garrett Green and Chris Slack.

NOVI 6, SOUTH LYON 5

Regnier knocked in three more runs and finished with two hits and two sacrifice flies to lead the offense. Walker pitched six innings to earn his second win. Green added two hits and Zak and Slack each had run-scoring hits. Adam Paulk earned the save.

NOVI SPLITS WITH CHRUCHILL

The Wildcats won the opener 6-4 but fell in the nightcap 3-0.

Regnier won the opener to go to 3-0 on the season and drove in a pair of runs to help his cause. Bobby Mitchell and Zak had two hits and Masaru Nagami scored three runs for the Wildcats. Alex



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Wildcat Jake Walker keeps his eye on the ball.

Karas picked up the save in relief.

In game two, the Wildcats only managed four hits and were unable to push any runs across the plate. Mike Leppek pitched a complete game, striking out nine Churchill batters in a losing effort.

LAKE ORION SWEEPS NOVI

Lake Orion swept the Wildcats, 11-7 and 16-9. In the first game, Garrett Green hit a two-run home run and Nick Regnier added an RBI.

In the second game, Brad Brasil collected five RBI and had two hits, including homerun. Regnier hit two home runs in the game.

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The Wildcats play a little small-ball against South Lyon East.

Oxner swims into top spot

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

South Lyon head coach John Burch knew he had a talented swimmer in junior Adam Oxner, but it was never how good at the Division 1 State finals.

Oxner finished just a half second behind Michael Swain from Ann Arbor-Huron to finish runner-up in the 100-yard breaststroke, touching the wall in 58.74.

He also was part of the 200 medley relay team that placed 10th and qualified in the 200 individual medley (finished 21st).

Other awards along the way included winning the Oakland County title in the 100 breaststroke, finishing third in the same event at the KIAA Kensington Conference meet and winning several individual dual races along the way.

ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM
Making the first team this year was no easy feat. Every swimmer to receive the honor scored points at the Division 1 or 2 State meet.

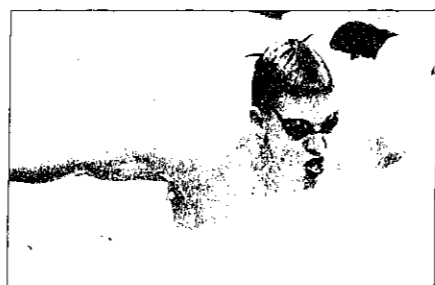
JAKE CAMPBELL, LAKELAND
Campbell was the long swimmer from the area schools to have multiple All-State swims in individual events. Campbell finished fourth in the boys' 100 individual medley (1:55) and in the 100 breaststroke (53.31) for Division 2. He was also the KIAA champion in both events.

JUSTIN AMARA-PARENT, LAKELAND
Amara-Parent capped off his season by edging out two fellow teammates in diving for a 12th-place finish at State with 331.5 points.

JOSH MATUSKY, LAKELAND
Matusky finished in 14th at State in diving with 312.45 points.

JOEY SHERMAN, LAKELAND
Sherman was the 13th-place finisher in diving (307.5), giving Lakeland three divers in the top 15 at State.

BRADY SMALL, CC
Small wrapped up his season



South Lyon's Adam Oxner swims the 200 meter individual medley at the KIAA divisional meet.

by scoring in multiple events at the State meet. He was part of the All-State 400 relay team which finished seventh, placed ninth in the 200 freestyle (1:46.01) and was on the 200 free relay team that placed 10th (1:30.70). He was also the Catholic League champion in 200 free.

JOE BRINKMAN, CC
Brinkman was also part of the All-State 400 relay team. He also finished first in the Catholic League in the 500 free and 23rd at the State meet (4:54.70). He also placed 17th in the 200 IM at State (2:31.37) and was part of the 15th-place 200 free relay.

DEREK TUROWSKI, CC
Turowski also scored in three events at the State meet. He was part of the 400 freestyle relay team, on the 200 free relay and team, on the 200 free relay (22.16). He won both the 50 and 100 freestyle at the Catholic League meet. Turowski finished 18th in the 100 free at State (48.68).

TONY THIBODEAU, CC
Thibodeau helped the 400 freestyle relay team achieve All-State status with a seventh-place finish and was part of the 15th-place 200 free relay team.

COLIN BONATHAN, CC
Bonathan was part of the 200 freestyle relay team that placed 10th at State.

KEEGAN FOSTER, CC
Foster scored 321.70 points

ALL-AREA SWIMMING

Swimmer of the Year Adam Oxner, South Lyon United First Team Jake Campbell, Lakeland Justin Amara-Parent, Lakeland Josh Matusky, Lakeland Joey Sherman, Lakeland Kevin Bain, Northville Will Price, Northville Ben Schoenke, Northville John Lubisco, Northville Nate Lunn, Northville Joon Chung, Novi Brady Small, Catholic Central Keegan Foster, Catholic Central Derek Turowski, Catholic Central Tony Thibodeau, Catholic Central Colin Bonathan, Catholic Central Chet Jankowski, South Lyon United Andy Stone, South Lyon United Honorable Mention Scott Jessup, Milford Tony Cipponeri, Lakeland Brandon Hartley, Lakeland Leighton Christie, Lakeland Chad Augustine, Lakeland Matthew Folick, Lakeland Ryan Keeney, South Lyon United Daryl Bischoff, South Lyon United Jay G Timm, South Lyon United Dan Gronza, South Lyon United

to capture 15th place at State and finished runner-up at the Catholic League meet.

CHET JANKOWSKI, SOUTH LYON UNITED
Jankowski capped off his season with a fifth-place finish in the 100 backstroke at the State meet to earn All-State honors (4:54.69). He was also part of the medley relay team that placed 10th and qualified for state in the 100 butterfly, finishing 30th.

Stone qualified for State in two events. He placed 10th in the 100 breaststroke (1:01.23) and wound up 20th in the 200 individual medley.

KEVIN BAIN, NORTHVILLE
Bain saves some of his best diving of the year for the State meet. He finished with 411.70 points to capture third place and earning All-State honors.

WILL PRICE, NORTHVILLE
Price also scored team points in diving at State. He placed 12th with 338.35 points.

BEN SCHOENKE, NORTHVILLE
Schoenke swam to a seventh-place finish in the 100 butterfly at State (52.70).

NATE LUNN, NORTHVILLE
Lunn captured 12th place in the 200 freestyle at State (1:46.48).

Note: Northville and Novi coaches did not respond to requests for submissions.

SOFTBALL

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The fourth, fifth and sixth innings. Kelsey Hines drew a bases loaded walk off reliever Katie Enright in the fourth. The Cougars used the double steal to tack on another in the fifth with Taylor Jones scoring. The final Cougar run came in the sixth with Olivia Rielvasky knocking in a run with a double off closer Ashley McNamara.

Novi tacked on its final runs with one in the third, two in the fourth and the last run in the sixth, all coming off reliever Hines.

Hrit scored on a throwing error in the third. Hrit knocked in both runs with a bases loaded single in the fourth and she accounted for the last run with a run-scoring blopper to left center.

Duncan is seeing improvement throughout the year, but she knows that losing can weigh on her and her team.

"They're starting to trust each other more with plays," she said. "I see more trust.

We do a lot of team bonding stuff.

"We're going to look at the positives from each game and work with those. But I don't want them to get comfortable with losing."

NOVI 9, SOUTH LYON 3
Luukk said it was the best game his team played all year. The batters knocked out 14 hits, thanks to two hits each for Kofis, Maddy Sinkavich, Enright, Jenna Elhage, Richter and both the Hrit girls, Alyson and Stephanie.

Novi poured in seven runs in the fourth to take control. Novi outplayed South Lyon in the fourth to win with 331.5 points.

WILDCATS SWEEP CHURCHILL
Friday: The Cats earned a pair of wins against Churchill, winning 4-0 in the opener and 6-3 in the night-cap.

Richter went the distance for the shutout in game one, and Enright led the offense with three hits.

McNamara got the win in relief in the second game.

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City of Novi
The annual Mother's Day celebration at the Diamond Center has become one of the venue's most popular events of the year. Presented by award-winning Epoch Catering, the sumptuous brunch is a perfect way to let mom know she is very special to you. The delicious menu features a made-to-order omelet and waffle station, garlic roasted sirloin, chipotle honey teriyaki chicken with mashed potatoes, assorted salads and more. The event will take place 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, May 10 at the Rock Financial Showplace, 46000 Grand River Ave. Adults: \$27, Seniors: \$25, Children 4-12: \$12, Toddlers under 3: Free. Parking is free and cash bar after noon. Reservations recommended. Walk-ins welcome. Call (248) 349-5600 for reservations or visit www.rockfinancialshowplace.com.

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CHAMBER CHAT

A Novi Chamber Business to Business Breakfast will take place 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, May 12 at Advanced Vein Therapies, 46325 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite 335. Join us for a light breakfast and networking. \$5 at the door.

An additional Novi Chamber Business to Business Breakfast will take place 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, May 20 at Sports Club of Novi, 42500 Arena Drive. Join us for a light breakfast and networking. \$5 at the door.

An After-Five Networking & Grand Opening will take place 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 21 at Fusion Health & Fitness Club, 44125 W. 12 Mile Road. Join us for appetizers, wine and beer. \$15 pre-registration, \$20 at the door.

New Summer BBQ Rib Contest seeks contestants, exhibitors and judges. The West Oakland Rib Cook Off and Family Fest, will take place Sunday, Aug. 9 at the Rock Financial Showplace. Director of sales, at (248) 349-5600.

The Novi Chamber of Commerce is offering the upcoming sponsorship opportunities: No. VI Dinner Tour 5-10 p.m. Tuesday, June 16; Membership Luncheon sponsors and speakers; and for the annual golf outing, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18. Contact the chamber office for details.

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 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.



Public Relations firm owner Tearra Martin hands out a business card at last week's Taste of Novi business expo event at the Hotel Baronne.

Investing lessons from the vineyards

As an investor, you can get plenty of advice from financial experts on the evening news or cable financial shows. But you may actually be able to learn some deeper truths about investing by observing other professionals — such as wine makers.

At first glance, you might not see what these "guardians of the grape" can teach you about building an investment portfolio. After all, they're shaping Sangiovese while they're seeking stocks, they're bottling Burgundy while they're buying bonds, and they're monitoring mutual funds.

Where's the connection?

Start by considering the life cycle of wine and the concept of "vintage." For example, a particular wine is labeled a 2005 vintage if it is made from grapes that were predominantly grown and harvested in 2005. Yet given the requirements of wine production, this 2005 vintage may not actually hit the markets until 2008 — and some aficionados may think the wine won't taste its best until 2010.

If you translated this type of scenario to the financial world, you could say that the 2008 investment "vintage" was not promising, given that the value of almost all investments — even the quality ones — fell last year. But if you were to hold these quality investments for the long term — as you should, because investing is a long-term activity — you might find that the 2008 vintage investments may eventually become productive vehicles that can help you achieve your financial goals.

So, what lessons can you learn from wine makers? Here are a few suggestions:

- Be patient. Wine makers put a lot of time, effort and money into planting today's grapes — for which they will not see one penny of profit for many years. Yet they have the discipline to wait patiently until the products of their labors come to fruition. Are all their wines successful? No — and all your investments may not be, either. But given enough time, quality investments can usually help you work toward your financial goals.
- Have faith in your strategy. Wine drinkers' tastes can change from year to year. Yet wine makers don't rip out their vineyards and replant them with today's "hot" varietal. Instead, they cultivate the grapes they've planted, make the best wine they can and maintain their belief that their products will find a mar-

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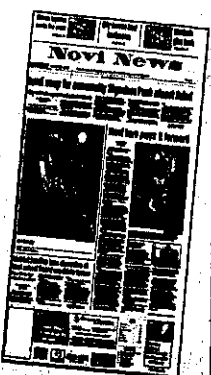
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Raney's Gardens Plants & supplies for gorgeous gardens

BY MIKE HOGAN
SPECIAL WRITER

Any gardener, novice or expert, knows that starting a garden is not a simple task. There are many things to consider, like what to plant, when to begin, when to fertilize, etc.

Luckily, the growers at Raney's Gardens are more than capable to help with your gardening needs.

"Helping our customers to garden successfully is our goal at Raney's," said owner and horticulturalist Mike Raney. "We offer courteous and friendly service while providing accurate technical knowledge about our plants and supplies."

Raney's staff consists of master gardeners with many years of gardening experience to help the community with their horticultural needs.

"Most plants that we offer are grown at our own facility, so we

can provide our customers with fresh, high-quality plants that are re-stocked regularly from our 60 greenhouses," said Raney.

A family business

Raney's Gardens opened in South Lyon in 1950, and has been family-owned ever since.

"My parents, Ray and Irene, sold vegetables grown on our farm to local South Lyon residents for years, and then began selling their vegetable seedlings to area farmers to produce their own crops," Raney said.

Eventually, the Raney's began to grow garden plants in addition to fresh produce.

"We've been helping local residents beautify the South Lyon area since our beginning," Raney said proudly. "I enjoy the fact that the South Lyon area has the small-town, friendly atmosphere that

other communities are lacking. Raney's, as well as other local businesses, provide the community with a vast offering of goods and services."

Part of the community

South Lyon resident Debbie Cook has been a customer of Raney's for almost 30 years.

"I've lived in South Lyon since 1981, and back then they were really the only business in town," Cook said. "It was a local place, it was close by, and I could just buzz over there and get whatever I needed. I just continued to support them. They've been here many years. They're a family-owned business. It's the right thing to do."

Cook often comes to Raney's for more than just purchasing plants.

"I like the personal help they give you," Cook said. "I go in there if I have a plant that's not doing well, and they can tell me what's wrong with it, and what I need to do."

Cook also enjoys the personalized service that Raney's offers.

"They're community-oriented," she said. "I buy everything there. I buy my soil, my pots, fertilizer, whatever I need."

Across the country

Raney's doesn't just serve the South Lyon community. People come from all over the country to get their gardening needs from Raney's.

"I have one customer that purchases 10 flats of tomatoes every year and distributes them to his family members in Tennessee," Raney said. "There's a large produce farm from Upper Michigan that drives for hours to shop our

vegetable selection. I've even helped a regular customer to select potted roses to be shipped to her brother who grows them in Alaska. You could say that Raney's plants are grown nationwide!"

"Quality Plants" has been Raney's slogan for many years, but their services extend far beyond just plants. Their holiday displays bring in

crowds every year.

"I go in there at Christmas time.

They're like my inspiration," Cook said. "Before I

even start decorating my own tree,

I go there and spend time walking around. They

have such beautiful Christmas trees

that they decorate."

Growing green

The plants aren't the only thing growing at the gardens. Raney's has recently expanded their vegetable department.

"We have a broader focus on organics and earth-friendly products to help families successfully grow their vegetables in an environmentally safe way," said Raney. "People can save more on their groceries by growing their own food."

Raney's is committed to serving the South Lyon area by providing everything they need to garden successfully. Whether it's plants, supplies, seeds, or just some expertise, Raney's is ready to help make gardening not just enriching, but enjoyable.

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