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NOVI NUTSHELL Artist Reception



The public is invited to attend an Artist's Reception featuring artist and photographer Janis Madias 5:30-7:30 p.m. tonight in the Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery located in the Assarian Cancer Center on the Providence Park campus at 47601 Grand River Avenue. Madias is featured in the showing titled *Traveling Patterns*, which will be displayed at the gallery through the end of June. For more information, contact James Tester at (248)-465-5455 or by e-mail to James.Tester@stjohn.org.

Crawford Coffee

State Rep. Hugh D. Crawford will host a community coffee 9-11 a.m. Saturday, May 23 at the Honey Tree Restaurant, 41600 W. 10 Mile Road. Residents of the district are invited to discuss state issues, and an appointment is not necessary.

Open House

The City of Novi Department of Public Services is hosting an open house from noon to 2 p.m. Friday at the DPW facility, 26300 Delwal Drive in honor of National Public Works Week May 17-23.

Driver Workshop

The Novi Police Department, in partnership with the Traffic Improvement Association, will host a Mature Driver Workshop from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 1-3, at the Novi Police Training Center, located at 45125 10 Mile Road. The workshop is open to all Novi residents, age 55 or older. For more information, contact detective Kristie Gruenwald at (248) 347-0548 or kgruenwald@cityofnovi.org.

Outdoor cafes

Spring is here and restaurants throughout Metro Detroit are opening umbrellas and moving tables to the great outdoors. We want to let our readers know where they can dine alfresco, but we need your help. If you own a restaurant and you've recently opened or re-opened your patio, or if you plan to introduce outdoor dining for the first time this year, send a quick e-mail to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. We plan to feature outdoor cafes in an upcoming edition of the Novi News.

Novi Parks hosts Memorial Day events

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

Local veterans will be honored Monday at the annual Novi Parks Memorial Day Parade and celebration.

"We have just over 30 veterans registered (for the parade), which is average, but we usually have a ton more show up at the ceremony itself," said Recreation Supervisor Derek Smith, of the Novi Parks department. "After the ceremony we have a luncheon for the veterans and their families. We'd love for them to come out so we can honor them."

The national holiday is observed the last Monday in May to remember those who have lost their lives while serving in the military, as well as honoring the surviving veterans, and supporting those currently serving

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND CELEBRATION

- 10 a.m. to noon Monday, May 25
- Parade route runs westbound 10 Mile Road, from Karim Boulevard to the Novi Civic Center
- Ceremony held at Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
- Visit www.cityofnovi.org for more information.

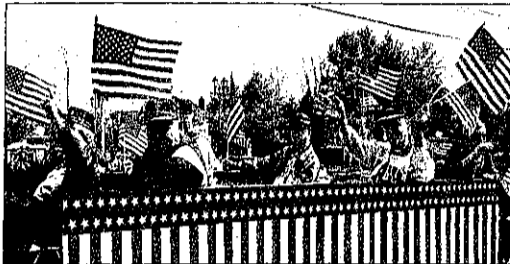


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Veterans wave to the crowd during last year's 2008 Novi Memorial Day Parade.

active duty.

The event kicks off at 10 a.m. with a parade beginning at 10 Mile Road and Karim Boulevard, just west of Haggerty Road. The route runs about two miles along westbound 10 Mile Road, ending at the Novi Civic Center with a ceremonial presenta-

tion and celebration.

Along with veterans, parade participants include local and regional politicians, the Novi high school and middle school bands, dance and

martial art centers, Scout troops and Harmony Acres parade horses.

"We have close to 60 different

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Graduation Day for CC

Members of Detroit Central Catholic in Novi Class of 2009 stand to be recognized during their commencement ceremony at HHI Auditorium on Sunday, May 17.

Shakir Yaldou and Marjorie Morgan dance the night away at the Manor of Novi's senior prom.



KELLY MURAD

Manor of Novi celebrates seniors

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

In honor of National Nursing Home Week May 10-16, The Manor of Novi celebrated about 40 years in the community by hosting a senior prom for its 125 residents last Thursday.

"It's something different for them," said Tammy Ruston, director of activities for the Novi rehabilitation and long-term nursing care facility. "It's a breath of fresh air breaking

the monotony of their everyday."

The majority of the residents are at The Manor of Novi long-term, and range in age from 65 and older.

Although Ruston has organized a number of events for the residents, including dances, Mother's Day celebrations and trips to Tiger's games and the casino, this was the first official senior prom.

Invitations were sent out and families were welcome to attend

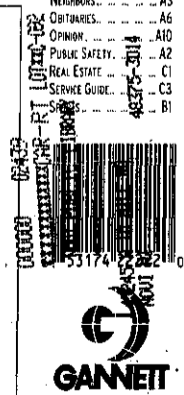
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Novi council unanimously approves 2009-10 city budget

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

Novi City Council unanimously approved the proposed 2009-10 budget, by a 6-0 vote during Monday's regular meeting.

Councilwoman Kathy Crawford was excused absent.

"I am very comfortable with this budget," said Novi Mayor David Landry. "I think it's financially sound."

A public hearing was held at the beginning of the regularly scheduled City Council meeting, but no residents participated.

The \$30 million budget proj-

ects a decrease in the City's two main sources of revenue — property taxes and state shared revenue — but maintains a 10.54 millage rate and 17.6 percent in undesignated money in the general fund.

Although some council members previously voiced concern about the current economic climate, Pearson said administration has been conservative, responsive and responsible with the city's finances.

"Given the economy and given some other unknowns, we made the decision to budget for about \$600,000 worth of items, but hold off on executing them until the last half of next fiscal year," he said.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Golf clubs suspected stolen

A set of golf clubs is suspected to have been stolen from a vehicle parked in front of a residence on Northhills Drive, near Nine Mile and Taft roads, between 6 p.m. May 9 and 10 a.m. May 10, reports said.

According to the complainant, she noticed the clubs were missing from the trunk of the Ford Fusion while on her way to a golf outing.

There were no signs of forced entry and the complainant believes the doors were unlocked and the unknown suspect was able to release the trunk from the dash inside the vehicle.

Nothing else was missing from the vehicle, reports said.

Tires missing

The owner of a black Ford Flex discovered four wheels and tires missing from the vehicle at about 9 a.m. May 10, reports said.

The vehicle, which was a company car, was parked overnight in the driveway of a residence on Bethany Way, near 10 Mile and Meadowbrook roads. According to the complainant, a neighbor came over to inform him of the incident, which he said occurred sometime after 10:20 p.m.

The vehicle was found resting on landscaping blocks, two of which appeared to have been removed from the complainant's landscaped retaining wall, reports said.

The lug nuts were recovered from the driveway and lawn area, and the vehicle was locked with nothing missing from the inside.

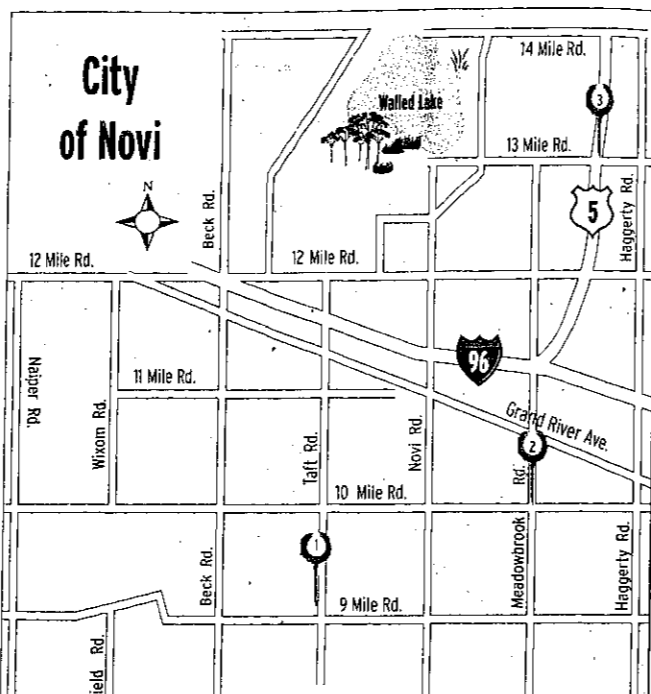
The complainant said the aluminum wheels and tires are worth about \$1,500.

License suspended

An officer arrested a woman for driving while license suspended at about 10:30 a.m. May 11, reports said.

While in the area of Michigan 5 and 13 Mile Road, an officer observed a Kia Optima driving 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, reports said. The officer initiated a traffic stop southbound M-5, north of 13 Mile Road.

The driver was issued a citation for driving while license suspended, speeding and not having proof of insurance, reports said.



Novi police promote Zinser to sergeant

Detective Erick Zinser of the Novi Police Department, was promoted to the rank of sergeant Monday, May 18.

An 11-year veteran of the force, Sgt. Zinser previously served as a detective in the general services division. As part of his duties, he was responsible for teaching DARE and Crime Prevention as well as having general investigative assignments.

Sgt. Zinser began his career with the Novi Police Department in 1998 after serving seven years with the Mackinac Island Police where he attained the rank of lieutenant. He graduated from Ferris State University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

During his time with the Novi Police Department, Sgt. Zinser has held numerous assignments, including serving as a field training officer and range instructor. He is a highly regarded member of the department with six unit citations and three merit citations.

"It is my honor to promote Sgt. Zinser to a key leadership position within our organization," said Novi Chief of Police David E. Molloy. "We are very fortunate to have him as a member of our team and a part of the Novi community."

"He continually demonstrates a strong commitment to teamwork and is dedicated to the mission, vision and values of the Novi Police Department. I have every confidence he will embrace his responsibilities as a command officer and look forward to working with him in his new assignment."



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NEIGHBORS

Weight lifted

Morellis' grand prize worth more than money

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Michael Morelli will never forget where he came from. He doesn't want to.

The unhealthy meals, the fast food runs, the failed diets, the excuses. All that and more added up to a 388-pound teenager on the verge of death.

Five more years. That was the number a doctor told him he was going to live if he didn't change his lifestyle, and he had to act fast.

"Hearing that was enough to motivate me," he said.

He looked at his father Ron, 55, for guidance, but he too has battled weight gain his entire life and was not the role model he wanted to be for his sons, the other being Max, 17. He had numerous health problems and his body was slowly breaking down.

Combined the two weighed 818 pounds and were running out of options. Then in September, they took what might have been their final chance at saving their lives. They were selected to be contestants on the NBC reality television show "The Biggest Loser: Couples."



A noticeably skinnier Ron and Michael Morelli stand with Alison Sweeney during last Tuesday's live finale of "The Biggest Loser: Couples."

"It was never about that title. It was about changing my life and getting a new lease on life and I did that," he said.

He finished the show weighing 181 pounds - 207 pounds lighter than when he started, but still just mere percentage points short of earning the title. That honor went to Helen Phillips, and Morelli is not the least bit disappointed in second place.

"When I saw Helen I thought, 'What did she do to get that small,'" he said. "I did my absolute best and there is no way I could have sweated out five more pounds or anything like that."

Now that the show has ended, Michael is excited about doing something he never thought he would be happy to do again - gain weight. "I feel like I'm too

skinny right now," he said. He is also looking forward to going to the gym, eating and not having to worry about the next weigh-in; playing sports; and being able to see what his athletic potential is.

Michael wants to return to Michigan State to pursue his degree in athletic training, a switch from human biology because of the show, and inspiring others.

"The mental change is way more important. You have to want it, and when times are tough you have to look at that goal and find a way to dig deep," he said. "People don't need the rack to lose weight and be healthy. They need support and need to get their minds right. If you are waiting for that 'Biggest Loser' moment it's not going to happen."

"The only call to action I can give is to look at me and my dad. We are the same person. If you looked like me, you would be my dad with all those problems."

Ron called himself a "victim of the fork," and blamed himself for why his sons were so large. He topped the scales at 527 pounds, had his jaw wired shut, gastric bypass

surgery and tried almost every diet to no avail.

A lifestyle change was needed and the "Biggest Loser" helped him achieve that. He started the show at 430 pounds and finished it at 238 pounds. It was an especially amazing feat for a man who could only walk and swim because he battled knee and shoulder injuries as well as a bleeding ulcer all season.

However, memories of those bad times no longer haunt him, they inspire him.

"They serve as a reminder of the place you never want to be again," he said. "You never want to lose those images."

He said that even though it took him 50 years to figure it out, it "feels great" and now he and Michael are focused on helping Max and others who battle problems with their weight.

"You don't need those magic things. You just have to be moving and eat healthy," he said.

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MILESTONES



Peurach-Spear

NOVI ENGAGEMENT

Robert and Joanne Peurach of Novi are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Matthew Robert Peurach, to Alexandra Marie Spear, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Scott Spear of Bethesda, Md.



Briggs Rainford Warren

NOVI BIRTH

Joel and Colleen Warren of Novi announce the birth of their son, Briggs Rainford Warren.

Briggs was born on January 6, 2009, at 10:11 a.m. Briggs weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches in length at birth.

Briggs was welcomed home by his older brother, two year old Cash Thomas. His grandparents are Tom and Carol Carr and Forest and Suzanne Warren, both of Commerce. Great-grandparents are Bill and Sue Young of Novi, Alice Carr of Redford, and Catherine Hastings of Grand Blanc.

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EDUCATION

CLASS NOTES

NHS Honors Night

The Novi High School Honor's Night Banquet will take place 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 27th at the Rock Financial Showplace. The high school's commencement ceremony will take place 7 p.m. Saturday, June 13 at Eastern Michigan University.

National Merit Scholars

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of 2,500 distinguished high school seniors who won National Merit \$2,500 Scholarships. The Merit Scholar designees were chosen from a talent pool of about 15,000 outstanding finalists in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program. Included from Novi High School are Subramonia Mahadevan, whose probable career field is operations engineering/international

relations and Sudharshan Mohanram, whose probable career field is biomedical science.

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; Flyback and Jill, LandSled X-Treme, I Can Invent: Fantasy Inventions & Complicated Machines II and Recess Remix. The popular program is once again 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.mi.us.

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.



Novi High School's WOVI radio station staff members Tyler Smith, Chloe Ketchum and Colin Bart recently won awards in a state-wide broadcasting competition for their on-air work.

Broadcasting students win big

Students in the Novi High School Broadcasting program recently brought home top-level state awards from the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association (MIPA) Journalism competition. The school's Television News class received the highest award for their overall video broadcasting program, the prestigious Spartan Award. This award comes after a thorough and rigorous evaluation of the entire academic program and selected samples of student journalistic work. Judges praised the program for its professional approach and high production quality. This is the first time the department has entered the Spartan competition.

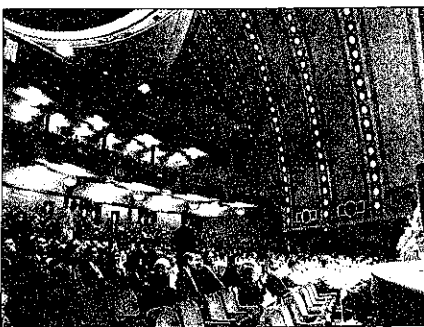
Senior student broadcaster Sara Snyder was honored as the All-MIPA Video Broadcast Journalist for the year. This award recognizes her overall achievement in reporting and producing top-quality projects over her high school career. The award includes a scholarship. Snyder was also named to the MIPA All-State Journalist Staff. This was her second major award this year. Snyder earlier received a scholarship from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters Foundation which recognized her outstanding scholarship in Broadcasting. She plans to attend George Washington University in Washington, D.C., to study political communication. The television class was honored with second place in the Best Newscast category for a live newscast. The entry featured an in-depth report on the April 23 Board of Education meeting that discussed potential budget cuts in the school district. Mike Ryniak, Sam Snyder and Mike Roy also received a first-place award for a news report that was produced on-site at the competition. Senior student broadcaster Sara Snyder was honored as the All-MIPA Video Broadcast Journalist for the year. This award recognizes her overall achievement in reporting and producing top-quality projects over her high school career. The award includes a scholarship. Snyder was also named to the MIPA All-State Journalist Staff. This was her second major award this year. Snyder earlier received a scholarship



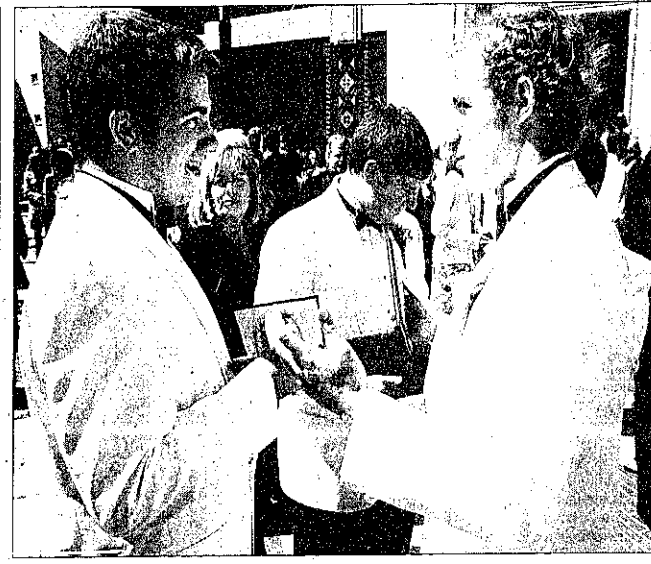
A couple of Detroit Central Catholic in Novi graduates talk outside Hill Auditorium last Sunday after their commencement exercises.

Congratulations

Detroit Catholic Central student Timothy Dezeliski receives his diploma during commencement ceremonies Sunday, May 17 at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor.



Ann Arbor's Hill Auditorium is packed on Sunday, May 17 with family, friends, faculty and graduates of Detroit Catholic Central High School.



Tyler Bondy, 2009 graduate of Detroit Central Catholic.



Detroit Catholic Central's Edwin David gives the Class of 2009 Salutatory Address.



2009 Detroit Catholic Central High School Stephen LaRouere gives his school's Valedictory Address.



Robert Sanders receives his diploma from Detroit Catholic Central High School on Sunday, May 17.



With a smile and a handshake Kevin Nelson receives his diploma on Sunday from Detroit Catholic Central.



Detroit Catholic Central High School 2009 graduate Brett Gossett.

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ON CAMPUS

GRADUATION

Grand Valley State University More than 800 students earned degrees from Grand Valley State University in December. Graduating from Novi was Kimberly N. Phillips with a bachelor of science.

Adrian College

The most recent group of graduates joined the ranks of alumni at spring commencement on Sunday, May 3, included in the ceremonies from Novi was Mark Anthony Everline, graduating cum laude with a bachelor of business administration in marketing.

University of Nebraska

About 2,400 students received degrees at the University of Nebraska commencement exercises May 8 and 9. Included in the ceremonies from Novi was Kate Elsa McClymont, earning a bachelor of arts, with distinction and university honors from the college of arts and sciences.

HONORS

Northwood University

Michael A. Beard, a junior from Novi, was named to the President's List for winter term at Northwood University. To achieve President's List recognition, students must earn a 3.85 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

Hope College

Amanda Sutton, a Hope College freshman from Novi, received the Stephenson First-Year Writing Prize during the annual Honors Convocation held on Thursday, April 23. Christina Lis, daughter of Gregory and Gail Lis, Novi is a candidate for a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry from Hope College.

University of Nebraska, Lincoln

Kate Elsa McClymont of Novi received the Superior Scholar honor as a senior graduating in the 2008-09 academic year. Central Michigan University senior Chad Thurman of Novi was selected to exhibit his work during the university's annual Posters at the Capitol event. Thurman's project, "Modifications

of Activated Carbon for Removal of Mercury from the Flue Gas of Coal Burning Power Plants," suggests a new type of activated carbon that will increase the current rate of 90 percent mercury removal from the chimneys of coal fired power plants. Thurman, a Novi High School graduate, is the son of Charlie and Kathy Thurman. He is majoring in biomedical sciences.

Walsh College

The Michigan Accountancy Foundation (MAF), a non-profit organization that promotes excellence in accounting education, selected 32 Michigan college students as recipients of its annual MAF Fifth/Graduate Year Scholarship. Recipients of the Scholarship will receive \$4,000 each for a combined total of \$128,000 to help fund their fifth/graduate year of college. Several of the students received special named scholarships, including Novi resident Ryan Clark, the Eleanor Kline Single Parent Winner.

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Local writers' conference coming to Novi

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

Local writers are invited to attend a free, one-day conference at Michigan State University's Tollgate Education Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 30.

Writers will have the opportunity to be informed and inspired by experienced editors and published authors in a conference center overlooking the pond and gardens of Tollgate, said coordinator of the event, Kathy Mutch.

WRITE NOW!

When: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 30
Where: Michigan State University Tollgate Education Center
2815 Meadowbrook Road
Registration: Attendance is free but reservations required, call (248) 224-4211

Presenters include editor Steven A. Dolgin, of *The MacGuffin*, editor Kim

Kovell, of *Metro Parent Group*, editor Laurence W. Thomas, of *3rd Wednesday*, author Patti Shenberger, and poet Dawn McDuffie, who is the keynote speaker of the event.

Sponsored by the Novi Public Library and the Novi Library Writers Group, the event is free, but space is limited so reservations are required. An optional box lunch is available for \$10.

The Novi Library Writers Group meets monthly at the library to discuss and critique each other's work. Members of the group are working on various writing forms such as novels, short stories, screenplays, poems, fiction and non-fiction.

Second vote on auto show may be in sight

BY ZACHARY GORCHOW
AND KATHLEEN GRAY
FREE PRESS STAFF WRITERS

State Senate Republicans today proposed legislation that would give the Detroit City Council another shot at a plan to fund an expansion and renovation of Cobo Center while transferring control over the aging facility from the city to a regional authority.

Michigan cannot afford to lose the auto show, whose organizers have grown frustrated with lack of space and other problems at Cobo, said Matt Marsden, spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester.

The four bills were introduced today in the Senate, which is controlled by Republicans. As written, the bills would call for a \$288-million renovation and expansion of Cobo to add 166,000 square feet to the facility.

Auto show organizers Doug Fox and Rod Alberts said last week that the 2010 North American International Auto Show is set for Cobo, but it's getting to a point when they have to start looking at other alternatives if plans aren't made to the aging convention center in Detroit.

The council voted 5-3 in February to reject a similar plan. But even with Ken Cockrel Jr.'s return to the council president post from the mayor's office, supporters of the deal

will need to vote another vote in order to avoid another rejection. Legislators could have opted to give the council no role in the decision — or given Mayor Dave Bing the opportunity to veto their rejection of the legislation. But the bills do not contain those provisions.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM NOVI CITY COUNCIL

Mayor David Landry, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed the week of May 17-23 as National Public Works Week. Novi City Engineer Rob Hayes announced the City's Department of Public Services will be having an open house from noon to 2 p.m. Friday at the DPW facility, located at 26300 Delwal Drive.

The City budgeted \$50,000 for this in the 2008-09 budget, and the remainder of the funds will be used toward electrical connectivity and landscaping, which is not included in the contract. The targeted completion date of the project is June 30.

The request was denied by a 5-1 vote, because council members said the restaurant doesn't fit the requirements of the ordinance, which states the quota licenses should be granted to businesses who demonstrate uniqueness, offer something not already available in Novi and can prove their commitment to the community.

Arts Coordinator with Novi Theatres, Sorrentino has a degree in theatre education and English, and has served as the interim Performing Arts Coordinator.

Notes were taken from the May 18 Novi City Council regular meeting. Councilwoman Kathy Crawford was excused absent. Next regular meeting: 7 p.m. June 1 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

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OCC board seeks audit committee volunteer

The Oakland Community College Board of Trustees is seeking a community volunteer to serve on the board's audit committee.

Other duties include: • Recommendations to the board regarding the appointment of any public accounting firm employed by the college.

With five campuses located throughout Oakland County, OCC is Michigan's largest community college and the 28th largest in the nation. OCC's budget for fiscal year 2008-09 is \$161.8 million.

BUDGET

Councilman Andrew Mutch addressed concerns regarding the projections in expenditures exceeding revenues by about \$2 million.

For more information or to view the approved budget, visit the City's Web site at www.cityofnovi.org.



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Coffee with Crawford

State Rep. Hugh D. Crawford invites all area residents to meet with him from 9-11 a.m. Saturday at the Honey Tree Restaurant, 41600 W. 10 Mile Road.

Michigan 50's Festival Carnival

The Michigan 50's Festival Carnival will take place next weekend at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk.

Java and jazz

The Tony Lannen Jazz Quartet is returning to Biggby Coffee at Grand River Avenue and Novi Road 9-11 p.m. Thursday, May 28 for Java and Jazz Jam.

Novi police to host Mature Driver Workshop

The Novi Police Department, in partnership with the Traffic Improvement Association, will host a Mature Driver Workshop from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 1-3.

Family Self Defense Center receives national honors

Family Self Defense Center, a partner of Novi Parks, received national honors by the Ishiharu Karate Hall of Fame Board.

CITY OF NOVI Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider:

Case No. 09-018 27225 Wixom Road
Catholic Central High School is requesting a variance to allow one (1) additional 24 square foot, 54 inch high identification ground sign located at the entrance to the property of 27225 Wixom Road.

Case No. 09-019 43170 Grand River Avenue
Allied Signs Inc. is requesting a variance to allow installation of one (1) additional 22 square foot wall sign on the west elevation of the multi tenant building located at 43170 Grand River Avenue for the PEI WEI DINER. The property is zoned R-3 and located north of Grand River and east of Novi Road.

Case No. 09-020 40788 Ledene Lane
The petitioner is requesting a variance from the minimum rear yard requirement to allow construction of a sunroom on the rear of an existing residence. Property is zoned R-3 and located north of Eight Mile Road and west of Haggerty Road.

Case No. 09-021 14050 Twelve Mile Road
NorthStar Signs Inc. is requesting a variance to install a 20 square foot real estate leasing sign located at 14050 Twelve Mile Road in the Stoneridge Office Plaza. The property is zoned OS-1 and is north of Twelve Mile Road and west of Novi Road.

Case No. 09-022 22875 Venture Drive
NorthStar Signs Inc. is requesting a variance to install a 20 square foot real estate leasing sign located at 22875 Venture Drive in the Hickory Corporate Park. The property is zoned I-1 and is located north of Nine Mile Road and west of Meadowbrook Road.

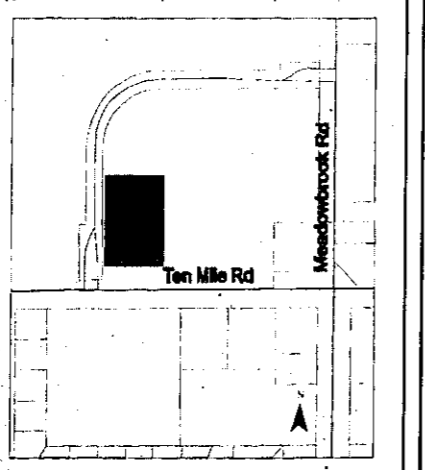
Case No. 09-023 1181 West Lake Road
The petitioner is requesting a variance change to allow demolition and reconstruction of a new home at 1181 West Lake Drive. The request will not change the dimension of the existing variances that were granted at the September 9, 2008 ZBA meeting (22849-09-1) but will result in total removal of the existing residence and foundations as opposed to the construction of additions to the existing home. The proposed new home would require 4 of the 5 variances granted previously. The variance for the garage will not change. Property is zoned R-4 and is located east of West Lake Drive and north of North Haven Street.

REQUIRED REAR YARD SETBACK	35 FEET
PROPOSED REAR YARD SETBACK	27 FEET
VARIANCE REQUESTED	8 FEET
REQUIRED MINIMUM SIDE YARD SETBACK	10 FEET
PROPOSED MINIMUM SIDE YARD SETBACK	9 FEET
VARIANCE REQUESTED	1 FOOT
REQUIRED AGGREGATE SIDE YARD SETBACK	35 FEET
PROPOSED AGGREGATE SIDE YARD SETBACK	19 FEET
VARIANCE REQUESTED	6 FEET
MAXIMUM TOTAL LOT COVERAGE	25%
PROPOSED TOTAL LOT COVERAGE	32%
VARIANCE REQUESTED	7

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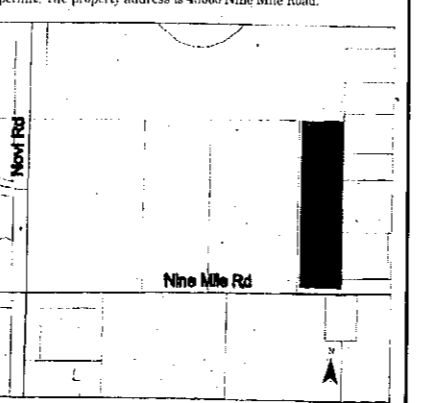


All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 10, 2009.

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 10, 2009.

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LOCAL EVENTS

Author Valerie Hosts Book Signing Event
TIME/DATE: 2-4 p.m. May 23
LOCATION: Borders Express, 27280 Novi Road, Novi

Java and Jazz Jam
TIME/DATE: 9-11 p.m. May 28, June 25, July 30, Aug. 27
LOCATION: Bigby Coffee, 43346 Grand River, Novi

Emergency Food Assistance Program Distribution
TIME/DATE: 12:30-3 p.m. Tuesday, June 9
LOCATION: Novi Senior Center at Meadowbrook Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Road

American Business Women's Association Meetings
TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. second Wednesday of every month
LOCATION: DoubleTree Hotel/Novi 42700 Crescent Blvd.

LIBRARY LINES

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

BUSINESS

Novi Rotary Club
TIME/DATE: Noon every Thursday
LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church, 4517 W. 10 Mile Road

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Novi Senior Activities Center
LOCATION: Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Complex, 25075 Meadowbrook Road.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0414

Fox Run
LOCATION: 41000 W. 13 Mile Road
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NOVI SENIORS
Novi Senior Activities Center
LOCATION: Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Complex, 25075 Meadowbrook Road.

SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT
Novi City Council Meeting
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. first and third Monday of month
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

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

Novi Youth Assistance Center
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. first Tuesday of each month
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

Novi Chamber of Commerce
LOCATION: 41875 W. 10 Mile Road, #201, Novi
CONTACT: For more information, call (248) 349-3743 or www.novichamber.com

Elementary Italian
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, April 20-June 15 (omit May 25)

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Honorary Reading
Franklin Road Christian School students Andrew Montoro, left, Lauren O'Leary, Samuel Tracey, Elizabeth Cregg, Brittany Ramos and Maureen Mcweeney celebrate the 58th Annual National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 7 as guests at the Michigan's State Capital Event in Lansing.

Beginnings Japanese

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21-June 9
LOCATION: Novi Middle School
DETAILS: This is a great introductory class for those who want to learn basic Japanese vocabulary and sentence structure.

Spanish I
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21-May 26
LOCATION: Novi Middle School
DETAILS: This class will focus on helping students learn how to pronounce words, exchange greetings and names, ask questions, and reading and writing while learning about the culture and people of Spain.

Introduction to Chinese
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, April 20-June 15 (omit May 25)
LOCATION: Novi Middle School

DETAILS: This is a basic and systematic introduction to the Chinese language and its culture. You will master the basic skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing through practicing vocabulary and sentence pattern drills.

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All Aboard the No. 11 Dinner Tour
TIME/DATE: 5:00 p.m., June 16, 2009
DETAILS: Registration now open for this fun night out in Novi. Join an appetizer buffet and a cash bar at local Novi restaurants.

ONGOING
American Legion Post 19 Monthly Meeting
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday every month
LOCATION: Rock Financial Center, East

DETAILS: 4600 Grand River Avenue
ENTRANCE: \$5.00. Come and follow veterans, join our monthly meetings. Attendance is needed to grow our Post. If you are not a member, consider joining.

SHOCC's Studio Tours
LOCATION: 3300 Nine Mile Road, Farmington Hills
DETAILS: Come in for an up-close look at the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Studio and local cable television studio.

Gardeners of Northville and Novi Hortening Meeting
LOCATION: Gardeners of Northville & Novi Social Time & Garden Lecture on Pruning Plants.
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. second Monday of month, Sept.-May

LOCATION: Northville Art House at 215 W. Cady Street, Northville
DETAILS: "Gardeners Know All the Dirt" with Jane and Alan Geisler, at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St., Northville. Social at 6:30 p.m. and program at 7 p.m. Public welcome.

Line Dancing
DATE: Mondays and Fridays
TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Beginners: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Intermediate
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

Novi Toastmasters
TIME/DATE: 7-8:45 p.m. first and third Tuesday of each month
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

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Eldercare Planning Workshop
TIME/DATE: Registration at 8 a.m., Program 8:30 a.m.-noon Tuesday, June 9
LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace, 4600 Grand River Avenue, Novi

HEALTH
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Wildcats capture regional title

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

A little rain and some colder temperatures may have dampened Friday's regional track race for some, but not for Novi head coach Marsha Reid.

The Wildcats ran away with the regional title with 110 points, well ahead of second-place Brighton with 71.

Reid wasn't sure if it was the first in school history for the girls track team, but she was definitely fired up.

"I was very excited about the win at the regional," she said. "Our athletes did a nice job of competing and contributing to the total-team effort."

More importantly than winning the regional title was getting as many athletes as possible advanced to the State finals (May 30 at East Kentwood for Division 1). Athletes had to finish in the top two or make a state-cut or distance to advance.

Novi advanced athletes in nine events.

Winning times were turned in by Jasmine Ward in the 100 meters (12.59), Kelly McCloskey in the 300 Hurdles (47.27) and the 400 relay team of Brittany Davis, Brianna Pieprzak, Jasmine Ward and D'Mya Davis (50.48).

Second-place finishes went to Emily Hall in the 800 (2:19.85), Brittany Davis in the 200 (26.61), Elle Robinson in the 3,200 (11:22.34), Heather

Armiak in the high jump (5-1), Katiyn Shelar in the pole vault (10-2) and the 4x200 relay of Brittany Davis, D'Mya Davis, Pieprzak and McCloskey (1:47.86).

The 4x200 relay team broke the school record by nearly two seconds.

The 4x800 team of Hall, Abby Chandler, Robinson and Brooke McMahon also qualified with a fifth-place finish, but getting under the cut-time with a 9:48.49.

"We have more girls competing at the state level this year than in previous years," said Reid. "We are hoping for some success and competitive experiences for our young athletes."

"The success of this program would not be possible without the commitment and balance between myself and the assistant coaches. We are very proud of our girls and hope to represent the region well at the State meet."

BLASZCZYK, KUHN LEAD NOVI BOYS

Novi's Mike Blaszczyk turned in the top performance for the 3,200 meters, winning in 9:33.44. He will be returning to State.

"From the start, we knew as long as he stayed healthy he would be right in the mix at this time of the year, and we also knew there would be the

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HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi's Jasmine Ward won the regional title in the 100 meters, crossing the line in 12.59.

GAME WRAPS

CC 9-4, BROTHER RICE 2-2

The Shamrocks swept a doubleheader from top-ranked Brother Rice on Saturday.

Brett Gossett allowed four hits and struck out 14 during the opener.

CC scored three runs in the first, which Gossett made stand up the rest of the way. The Shamrocks added two in the second, a run in the fourth, two in the fifth and a run in the sixth.

Corey Smith went 4-for-4 with a home run, two runs and two RBI to lead the Shamrocks. Steve Harding and John Jakubik pounded out two hits each.

In the second game, Jack Nelson took the hill and also allowed just four hits for the win.

The Shamrocks led 2-1 in the sixth when a squeeze play by Jakubik led to a pair of runs to pad the lead. The Warriors would get one in the seventh, but left the bases loaded as Nelson closed out the victory.

CC improves to 14-15, 8-11, while Brother Rice falls to 22-7, 13-7.

STEVENSON 5, NOVI 0

Wildcat softball struggled to get the bats going against the Spartans.

Stevenson scored all its runs in the final two innings.

NOVI 3-9, WAYNE 0-7

The Wildcats (11-12) bounced back with a sweep of a doubleheader against the Zebras. Rebecca Richter earned the win in the opener and Ashley McNamara got the win in the night-cap.

Meaghan Robinson and Maddy Sinkovich (2 RBI) knocked out four hits each between the two games.

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

Golf - this morning at Dunham Hills Golf Course

Baseball - 4 p.m.

May 26 at North Farmington

Softball - 6 p.m. May 26 at N. Farmington

Track - State finals

May 30 at East Kentwood High School

Soccer - 7 p.m. May 26 at Novi Meadows

Stadium against Hartland

Tennis - May 29-30 at Midland

Community Center

Lacrosse - With win 5/20, Novi plays 7 p.m.

May 27 at Walled Lake Northern.

Novi golf faces districts today

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Novi golf coach Brad Huss hopes the Oakland County meet was a hint that his team is peaking at the right time.

The Wildcats put four rounds of 80 or less together to finish fifth, and just three strokes out of third place.

Farmington ran away with the title with a 295, followed by Brother Rice (300), Milford (305), Catholic Central (307) and Novi (308).

Tyler Manning shot a 74 to finish tied for fifth overall individually.

Chuck Mallo (76) and Nick Hanson (78) each fired personal bests, and Brent Womack shot an 80 to close out the scoring.

DISTRICT GOLF TODAY

The Wildcats will try to be one of six teams to qualify out of districts starting this morning at Dunham Hills Golf Course in Hartland.

In the field are Milford and Catholic Central, two teams that finished above the Cats at the Oakland County meet.

"The good news is Northville is not with us but DCC, Brighton, and Milford are," said Huss. "We can compete with all of these teams on our good days."

Manning has the only experience at such a meet, but Huss hopes that will play to the team's benefit.

"They will be loose and play their game without too much pressure," said Huss. "I am excited about our chances but it's dicey because of the lack of experience in this event, but it is the reason we have the great schedule that we do - to prepare ourselves to compete at a high level with the best teams and players in the state."

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Novi High School golfer Brent Womack and the rest of the Wildcats will try to advance out of districts today at Dunham Hills Golf Course.

Shamrocks run to regional title

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central used a well-balanced team to capture a regional title Friday at Milford.

The Shamrocks tallied 130.5 points, to better second-place Pinckney with 120. Host Milford was third with 62.

While winning the regional is a great accomplishment, getting as many kids advanced to the State meet is the top priority. Only the top-two placers or any athlete bettering the State-cut times or distances move on.

The Shamrocks will have plenty of State exposure with athletes advancing in eight events.

Regional champions included Scott Sansovich in the 110 hurdles (14.36), Spencer Hall in the 400 (49.12) and all four relays.

The 4x100 (43.57), 4x200 (1:30.2), 4x400 (3:22.29) and the 4x800 (8:00.56) show the type of depth the Shamrocks possess. Also moving on are Jake Spuiler in the 100 dash (11.3) and Jeff Sherman in the shot put (50-3.5), both with second-place finishes.

The State finals are May 30 at East Kentwood High School.

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GIRLS TRACK

2009 MHSAA GIRLS REGIONAL 8-1 AT MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL... TEAM SCORING - Novi 110; Brighton 71; Northville 69.50; Waterford Mott 69.50; Pinckney 62.50; Walled Lake Western 61; Walled Lake Central 42; Hartland 39; Howell 35; South Lyon 28; Milford 24.50; Lakeland 20; Walled Lake Northern 19.50; Waterford Kettering 10.50.

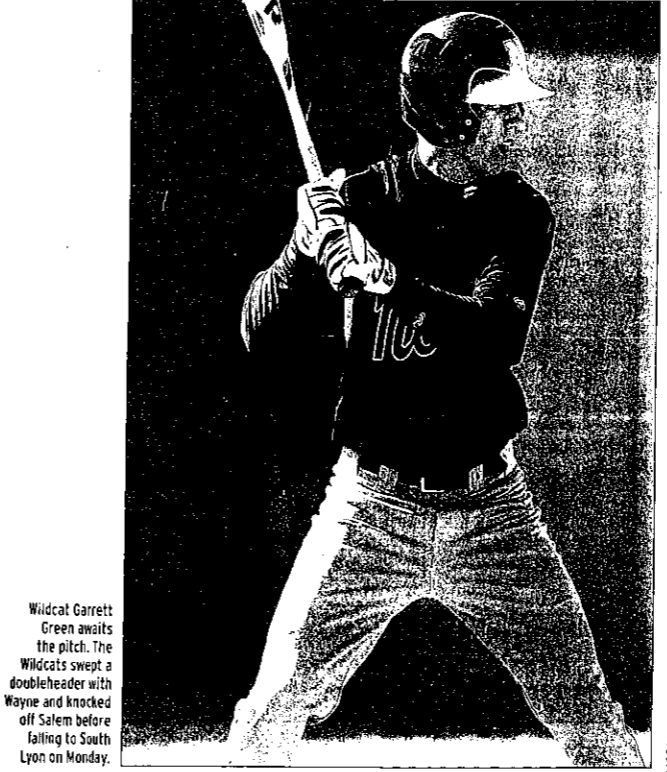
1600 METER RUN - 1. Shannon Oaska, Waterford Mott, 4:55.06 (NEW MEET RECORD); 2. Lindsay Clark, Walled Lake Western, 5:07.74; 3. Elroy Green, Brighton, 5:09.78; 4. Erika Jensen, Pinckney, 5:09.98.

3200 METER RUN - 1. Shannon Oaska, Waterford Mott, 10:45.14; 2. Ellen Robinson, Novi, 11:22.34; 3. Elizabeth Kingshot, Brighton, 11:25.22; 4. Julia Valencia, Walled Lake Western, 11:28.49.

400 METER RELAY - 1. Novi, 59.48; 2. Howell, 50.99; 3. Walled Lake Northern, 50.99; 4. Pinckney, 51.71.

Novi undefeated in 14 straight as playoffs loom

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER... Novi is undefeated in 14 straight games as playoffs loom. The team has a strong record and is looking to advance to the state finals.



Wildcat Garrett Green awaits the pitch. The Wildcats swept a doubleheader with Wayne and knocked off Salem before falling to South Lyon on Monday.

Cats playing well heading into playoffs

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER... The Wildcat baseball team is playing well heading into the playoffs. They have a strong record and are looking to advance to the state finals.

Novi tennis wins KLAA, advances to State

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER... Novi tennis won the KLAA conference title and advanced to the state finals. The team has a strong record and is looking to win the state championship.

2009 MHSAA BOYS REGIONAL 8-1 AT MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL... TEAM SCORING - Novi-Detroit Catholic Central 130.50; Pinckney 120; Milford 62; Northville 50; Walled Lake Central 48; Walled Lake Western 45; Brighton 44; Lakeland 34.50; Novi 32; Waterford Mott 27; Waterford Kettering 23; Howell 22; Hartland 19; Walled Lake Northern 6.

3000 METER RUN - 1. Matt Wines, Pinckney, 9:18.62; 2. Chris Lutz, Pinckney, 9:23.19; 3. Joe Gomez, Hartland, 9:23.89; 4. Ryan Chute, Waterford Mott, 9:24.57.

400 METER RELAY - 1. Catholic Central, 43:57.2; Pinckney, 43:75.3; Walled Lake Central, 44:23.4; Novi, 44:60.

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Sumner Friday Night Concerts. Free admission 7:00 to 9:00pm. Town Square Downtown Northville. List of bands and dates including NTHS Jazz Band, Lady Sunshine & the X Band, Shawn Riley Band, Cia Warner, Randy Brock Group, Mass Transit, The Kris K Band, Soul Academy, Fifty Amp Fuse, The Millionaires, Redhill, Oak Pointe, and Steve King and the Ditties.

Flower Sale. Northville Flower Sale May 22-23, 2009. Friday 9am - 6pm & Saturday 9am - 5pm. Downtown Northville. Over 20 top-rated greenhouses and garden shops will pave the streets of downtown Northville with colorful flowers and garden items at the 22nd Annual Flower Sale.

NOVI 1, STEVENSON D Morgan Haffey scored the lone goal, assisted by Nikki Greenhalgh. Zerito made seven saves for the shutout.

NOVI 2, SOUTH LYON O The win guaranteed at least a tie of the Central Division title with Northville. Goals came from Greenhalgh (3), Haffey (2), Mary Reid (2) and Katie Rodzinski. Assists went to Tyler Hoover, Haffey (3), Taylor Nyden, Kelli Timar and Greenhalgh (2). Zerito and Gaby Garudier shared the shutout in goal.

NOVI 2-3, WAYNE MEMORIAL 1-2 Adam Paulk started game one and turned in a gem. He allowed just four hits and a walk for the complete-game victory.

NOVI 10, PLYMOUTH SALEM 1-2 The Wildcats exploded for 11 runs in the first inning. Garrett Green brought home three RBIs, and Alex Karas allowed just one hit on the mound and an unearned run for the five-inning win.

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NOVI 10, PLYMOUTH SALEM 1-2 The Lions scored four in the second, three in the third and two more in the fourth to gain a 10-5 lead that would prove to be enough.

NOVI 13, LIVONIA CHURCHILL 2 (OT) Katie Caruso scored in overtime to get the win for Novi. Megan Burns (from Hoover) and Greenhalgh (from Haffey) scored first-half goals. Churchill scored both goals in the second half to set up overtime.

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Title Cats. The AAU Novi Cats went 4-2 this past weekend in an Ypsilanti tournament and scraped out the title with a one-point picture from left on bottom, Coach Kevin Hankerson, Sean Garcia, Tony Asimado, Connor Rice, RJ Moran, Mitchell Mcweeney, Top Two Adam Tarrant, Bobby Fox, Colton Heisius, Neji Zerito, Kamerson Hankerson, Trendon Hankerson and coach Mike Mcweeney.

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Favorite nets 2 quick goals vs. Athens

STORY SUBMITTED

In the first 2 minutes of play, Novi Lacrosse scored four goals as Novi went on to win 15-4 against Troy Athens.

It was senior night for the Wildcats and senior Paul Favorite was out for revenge.

Favorite and the rest of the seniors at Novi Stadium last Thursday night were ready to avenge a 2008 loss to the Troy team, which ended Novi's season last year.

Favorite won the first face-off and sprinted to the net to score in 15 seconds. This goal led to another face-off which was a repeat of the first. After 29 seconds the scoreboard read: Novi 2 Troy Athens 0.

Joe Burris and Taylor Howell added the other goals in the first two minutes and the Cats never looked back.

Favorite, Howell, and Sean Murphy all had three goals and an assist. Matt Mandeville and Tom Machisik each had two goals. Joe Burris and Nick Gardner had one goal apiece while Nathan Hayes had two assists and Zach Mohr had one.

Goalie Dan Burris had a 76 percent save average for the night, clearly a deciding factor in the contest. Jack Petroskey and Mohr picked up five ground balls each. Andrew Donatto was back on the field in defense.

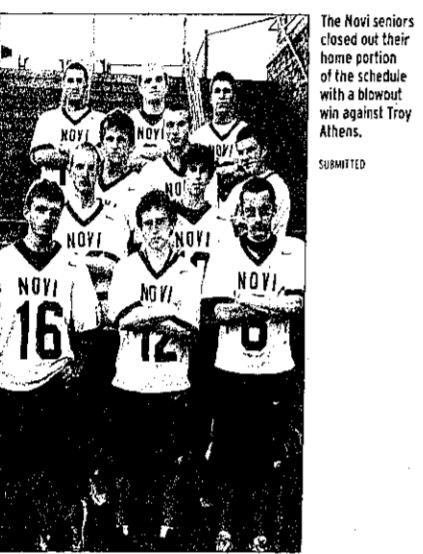
The graduating Class of 2009 Novi Lacrosse includes Erik Aepelbacher, Petroskey, Spencer Rie, Machisik, Nathan Hayes, Murphy, Andrew Donatto, Arch Kura, Gardner, Mandeville and Favorite.

DELASALLE 9, NOVI 8, OT
Novi Lacrosse battled past a pair of 3 minute non-releasable penalties, which cost them a total of four goals, but still came up short, 9-8 in the match with the purple DelaSalle team.



HAL GOLDFEY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi's Paul Favorite eyes his next move against South Lyon.



STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Novi seniors closed out their home portion of the schedule with a blowout win against Troy Athens.

CC SHAMROCK BASKETBALL CAMP

Catholic Central basketball head coach Bill Dyer is hosting a basketball camp. The first camp is June 22-25 with incoming 5th-7th graders 9 a.m. to noon, and incoming 8th and 9th graders 1-4 p.m.

The second game is July 13-16 with 8th and 9th 9 a.m. to noon, and 1-4 p.m. for 6th-7th. Camps are limited to the first 90 registered, with each session costing \$75.

For more information, contact coach Dyer at dyer01@southreedford.net.

NOVI WILDCATS BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP

Novi varsity head coach Cory Heitsch will run a basketball camp June 22-26 at the middle school for boys entering grades 2-9. The camp will be split into

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1206. COACH SCHLUTER'S BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP

Former Novi head basketball coach Pat Schluter will host his yearly basketball camps this year at St. James Catholic Church.

The first game is June 22-26. Boys entering grades 4-6 is from 8:30 a.m.-noon, and grades 7-8 is 1-4:30 p.m.

A youth boys and girls camp is set for July 20-23. Kids entering K-1 is 8:30-10 a.m. and grades 2-3 10:30 a.m.-noon.

A shooting camp is also July 20-23. Kids entering grades 2-5 is 12:30-3 p.m. and kids entering grades 6-9 is 2:15-3:45 p.m.

For camp information, call coach Pat Schluter at (248) 388-6514 or pick up a camp brochure at St. James Catholic Church in Novi.

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By Jim Evanoff
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Jim Evanoff is the GAM Chairman of the Course Rating Department.

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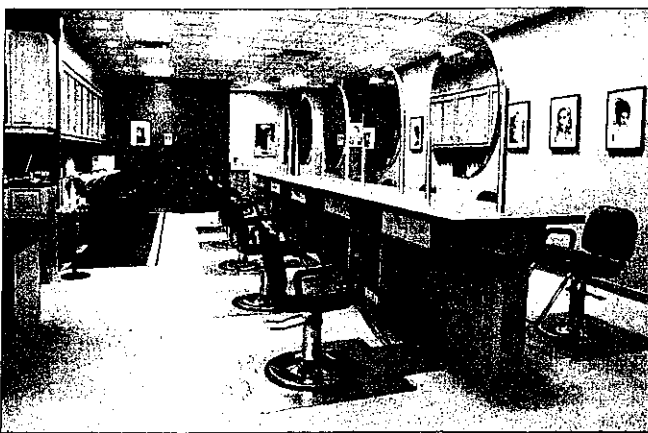
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Q. Your hometown?

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Q. Business opened when?

A. April of 1995.

Q. Number of employees?

A. 60.

Q. What is your business specialty?

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Q. Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.

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

A. I was aware that Novi was a growing and vibrant city located near all major freeways so it was the perfect fit.

SPECIAL HAPPENINGS

Gorman's Home Furnishings
Gorman's Home Furnishings and Interior Design announced that the style leader in home furnishings and design will host an unprecedented sale on the entire Hooker Furniture collection this Memorial Day weekend.

This is the first year the regional chain will be open on Memorial Day, with all four of their southeast Michigan locations open noon-5 p.m. All of the Hooker Furniture items - including all accents, bedrooms, home office, dining rooms and entertainment centers - will be offered at 50 percent off. For more information on the Hooker Furniture sales event, call the Novi location at (248) 344-0880 or visit www.gormans.com.

JMG Dentistry

Dr. Justin Geller, of Novi-based JMG Dentistry, launched Project Smile, a contest awarding a complete smile makeover to one participant. Metro Detroiters, age 21 and over, are encouraged to provide Geller with a recent photo of their smile and a 150-word essay describing how a smile makeover would change their life.

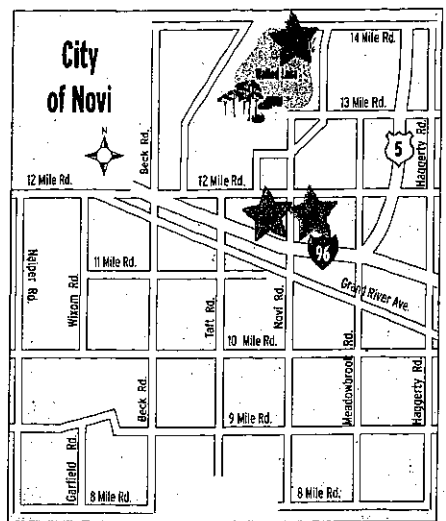
Contest submissions will be accepted through June 1 via www.jmgdentistry.com, or by mail at JMG Dentistry, Attn: Project Smile, 31202 Novi Road, Novi, MI 48377. Five finalists will be chosen. For more information call (248) 835-3871.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Art Van Furniture

This year marks 50 years of business for Art Van Furniture, and throughout the years, the company has remained committed to supporting communities across Michigan. Most recently, Art Van promised to provide nine complete room makeovers, and furnishings and accessories for 41 additional bedrooms, for the Suite Dreams Project. The announce-

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ment was made Friday, May 8, at the Suite Dreams ninth annual Hats Off Luncheon at The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. The mission of Suite Dreams is to create healing environments in the homes of children with serious medical conditions. The Suite Dreams Projects utilizes the assistance of designers, artisans, and volunteers to create these unique environments, complete with healing elements specific to the needs of each sick child.

Signature Associates

Signature Associates has negotiated the lease of 10,416 square feet of industrial space located at 46085 Grand River Avenue in Novi. Jim Montgomery and Larry Kelly of Signature Associates represented the landlord, Sheridan & Judith Anderson. The tenant is Redford Lock Company. The firm also negotiated the lease of 32,224 square feet of industrial space located at 46039 Grand River in Novi. David Giltner and Jim Montgomery of Signature

Associates represented the landlord, GRB Novi LLC. The tenant is Total Soccer. Total Soccer will be using the building for floor hockey leagues. Signature Associates is the region's leading commercial real estate firm.

SOON TO OPEN

Buckle

Twelve Oaks Mall is proud to announce that Buckle will be the newest addition to an already diverse lineup of more than 200 stores and services when it opens in the fall of 2009. Offering a unique mix of high-quality, on-trend apparel, accessories and footwear, Buckle caters to style-conscious young men and women who seek to express their individuality through fashion. Reflecting Buckle's focus on helping guests find their favorite jeans, the store carries a wide selection of fits, styles and finishes from leading denim brands, including their exclusive brand BKE.

| CHAMBER CHAT |

Registration is now open for the No. VI Novi Chamber Dinner Tour taking place 5-10 p.m. June 16. Join us for a fun night out, and enjoy a buffet style meal, cash bar and networking at local Novi restaurants and pubs. Restaurants on the tour include: Andiamo, Bar Louie, California Pizza Kitchen, The Grapevine, Post Bar, Hooters and Carrabba's Italian Grill. The \$30 early bird registration fee includes appetizer style buffets at the restaurants on the tour and an event T-shirt (to be worn the day of the event). Registrations after June 1 are \$35. Please specify T-shirt size under "comments" when registering online. Note men's or women's size. T-shirts need to be picked-up from the Chamber two-three days before the event.

• An After Five Networking & Grand Opening will take place 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 28 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, 46100 Grand River Ave. The all-day event will feature as many as fifty BBQ Rib Teams, live music, local restaurant tastings, family activities including a furry creature petting zoo and much more. Experience West Oakland, a committee of the Novi Chamber of Commerce, was recently granted a sanction from the Memphis Barbeque Network for the inaugural event, which will offer BBQ competitors the chance to compete for Prize Packages totaling \$10,000. A panel of 40 professional and amateur judges will determine the contest results. The Grand Prize Winner will be invited to compete in the "Memphis in May" Barbeque Network Finals, May 2010. For additional information about the West Oakland Rib Cook Off and Family Fest, contact Mary Jane Scott, Rock Financial Showplace director of sales, at (248) 348-

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.

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Glenn Dong

Cooper-Standard Automotive recently named Glenn Dong to vice president and corporate treasurer, responsible for directing the management of the Global Treasury operations unit, including cash management, debt funding, foreign exchange and risk management. In this role, Dong, who brings extensive banking and capital markets experience, will report to Allen Campbell, chief financial officer for the company.

Prior to joining Cooper-Standard, Dong served as vice president and treasurer at International Automotive Components Group North America, Inc. in Dearborn, where he was responsible for the company's treasury activities. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hunter College in New York and a master's degree in business administration from St. John's University Graduate School of Business in Queens, N.Y.

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