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50's Festival

The Michigan 50's Festival Carnival will take place this weekend at Twelve Mile Crossing Fountain Walk. The carnival is a fund-raising event for the Michigan 50's Festival, and will feature rides, food and fun. Wrist bands are \$20 per day.

Doctor Dinner

Join Providence Park Hospital for a dinner, health presentation and Q & A from 6:30-8:30 p.m. today for the monthly Dinner with a Doctor series. There is no charge to attend, and this month's topic is back pain presented by Dr. Peter Bono. For more information, call (866) 501-DOCS(3627).

Java and Jazz

The Tony Lannen Jazz Quartet has entertained a growing crowd of jazz lovers 9-11 p.m. on the last



Thursday of every month at the Novi Biggy Coffee and will continue through the summer months,

including tonight. There is a \$5 music donation requested and musicians may bring their instruments and join the jam. For more information, call (248) 596-0100.

Friday Frenzy

Novi students, grades five-eight are invited to Friday Night Frenzy 7-10 p.m. tomorrow at the Novi Civic Center. Enjoy a night full of music, games, pizza and fun. The cost is \$5 online, or \$10 in person. For more information visit www.cityofnovi.org.

Golf Outing

The Novi Educational Foundation is sponsoring its 14th Annual Charity Golf Scramble 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 24 at Salem Hills Golf Club. Golf and dinner is \$130, or dinner only is \$35. Both contest and hole sponsorships are still available.

Tour Novi

The Novi Community Relations staff invites new residents to attend Tour Novi 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 3. The hour-long tour provides residents an opportunity to learn about the community and what it has to offer. For more information, call (248) 735-5628.



Part of the Novi High School teachers team, "Team Awesome," will be participating in the June 6-7 Relay for Life event. From left: John Dudek, Kristen Shupick, Erin Schuck, Lori Ulch, Katie Tolbert, Marci Abel and Lori Garner.

School staff among Novi's 47 Relay for Life teams

RELAY FOR LIFE

June 6-7 from 10 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Novi Middle School
49000 11 Mile Road
For more information, visit www.relayforlife.org/novi.

What started as one man, in one town, with one mission, 25 years ago, now consists of more than 3.5 million people, in more than 5,000 communities across the country, all fighting for the same cause.
The Novi community will

be supporting that cause from 10 a.m. to 10 a.m. June 6-7, by participating in the American Cancer Society's annual signature event, Relay for Life.
"Relay for Life is an excellent opportunity for the community to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer," said Deena Gardner, American Cancer Society community representa-

tive. "It's a great event. A powerful 24 hours."
The 24-hour relay event is in honor of the fact cancer never sleeps.
More than 700 participants, and 47 teams will gather together at Novi Middle School, located at 11 Mile and Wixom roads, for the overnight event to celebrate the lives of those who have battled

cancer; remember loved ones lost; and fight back against the disease.
There is no limit to the size of each team, the idea is simply to have one representative from each team on the track at all times.
"It doesn't matter how big or

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How to win friends and influence people in Novi

Teens excel with Dale Carnegie Training

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL
STAFF WRITER

With a new Novi location, enhanced programs and a commitment to bringing out the best in everyone, Dale Carnegie Training is far from the program your grandparents used to know.

In fact, Dale Carnegie Training offered by the Ralph Nichols Group Inc. has incorporated teens into its well-known programs, providing a jump start for individuals seeking better communication skills, stronger relationships and a better sense of well-being.

Novi High School senior Erik

"It gives you an edge in life."

ERIK APPELBACHER, Novi High School student

Aepelbacher took the program last summer with prompting from his mother, but quickly became self-motivated after experiencing the class benefits.

"I was looking at getting prepared for college as soon as possible, but grew as a person and became more organized," Aepelbacher said.

The Novi teen said he learned

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PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi High School student Erik Aepelbacher talks about how he benefitted from completing the Dale Carnegie Training course. Photographed with him are Kathy Tosoian, director of youth development; and Mark Will, vice president strategic alliances.

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Fuerst Park construction under way

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

Construction continues on the Civic Center campus as the City of Novi held the official ground-breaking ceremony for Fuerst Park last Tuesday.

The new Novi Public Library is currently under construction on the campus, which is located on the southeast corner of Taft and 10 Mile roads.

"We are standing on this piece of property and there's been individual puzzle pieces that have come together and emerged," said library Director Julie Parkas, identifying that the campus encompasses the Novi Police Department, Civic Center, high school and library. "This Fuerst Park is that last piece."

The 6.5-acre property, formally known as the Fuerst

Farm, will include an amphitheater; the old Town Hall; a gateway plaza, which will serve as an entryway to the campus; Wi-Fi access; and natural elements such as pathways, landscaping and seating to create an informal, passive park.

"It's a park for all ages," said Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director Randy Auler. The 150-200-person amphitheater will include three-tier, terraced seating and be used for events such as small concerts, storybook reading and puppet shows, among others, Auler said.

The project has been divided into phases with the majority of the work scheduled for Phase 1, Phase 1A and Phase 1B, all slated for completion this summer.

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At last we meet!

Jane Bishop holds the photo of her Orchard Hills Elementary School yearbook, Rebecca Swank during last week's party at the Novi Senior Center where the pals meet each other for the first time. The program is in its 20th year and involves many residents at Meadowbrook Commons and City of Novi personnel including police, fire and administration.



Orchard Hills Elementary School students sing patriotic songs to an assembly at the Novi Senior Center on the day they met their secret pen-pals.

Novi resident featured in upcoming PBS documentary

Novi resident and Madonna University history professor Roger Crownover will help bring history to life in the PBS documentary "Voices of a Never Ending Dawn."

The film is a collaborative effort with Madonna University graduate student Phil Naud.

The two-hour documentary depicts the story of the World War I Polar Bears - a group of 5,500 soldiers, mostly from Michigan - aptly named because of their ability to survive and battle in Russian snow and sub-zero temperatures. During the war, the Polar Bears fought alongside and against the Russians, who were divided by communism.

VOICES OF A NEVER ENDING DAWN

Public Viewing: 2 p.m. Sunday, June 14. The film will air on PBS in the near future.

Crownover, who researched the Polar Bears for his master's and doctorate thesis, as well as a history textbook he authored, was interviewed for the film. He provides storytelling and expert fact and opinion throughout.

The interview was filmed at Madonna University's library.

"When I teach about the Polar Bears, people are always amazed that they knew nothing about this important part of our history," Crownover said. "These brave soldiers surely have not been given the recognition they deserve."

According to Crownover, even after WWI ended in 1919, the Polar Bears fought on in Russia for many more months. About 240 Michigan soldiers lost their lives.

"The surviving Polar Bears would meet every Memorial Day at White Chapel Cemetery near the grave sites of their fellow soldiers, where a polar bear monument stands in their honor," Crownover said.

Currently pursuing a master's degree in history, Naud portrayed both American and Russian soldiers in the documentary that was filmed near East Jordan.

"It was a great honor to be a part of this film," Naud said. "The story of these men is all but forgotten by most Michiganders, however, the Polar Bears made a great contribution to World War I, the Cold War, and our history."

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EDUCATION

Charity Week Success

The Class of 2009 recently held its first lunch-time fund-raiser, Spirit Week, sponsored by the student council. The event was a great success and the students raised \$788 to be split between the American Cancer Society, Support Our Troops, American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association and Habitat for Humanity.



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NEF Golf Outing

The Novi Educational Foundation is sponsoring its 14th Annual Charity Golf Scramble 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 24 at Salem Hills Golf Club. Golf and dinner is \$130, or dinner only is \$35. Both contest and hole sponsorships are still available. The NEF is a non-profit organization devoted to expanding educational opportunities by supporting student enrichment programs, staff development, classroom equipment and teacher minigrants.

Award Winning

Shubhangi (Norie) Arora recently competed at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Reno, NV with her project,

"Identification of Genes in C. albicans that Contribute to Antifungal Resistance." Norie earned a first-place award, which is given to the top one or two projects in each category. For her first place finish,

CLASS NOTES

ish, she won a \$3,000 cash award and an asteroid will be named in her honor. Arora also received a \$250 award from the American Society for Microbiology. She qualified for the International Fair by winning a Grand Award at the Detroit Science and Engineering Fair in March.

Auto Show Results

Novi High School hosted another successful auto show Friday, May 15. The event winners were: Mike Pistolesi, Better Car; Graham Morrison, Duality's Car; Erik Laird, Late Model Truck; Jason Freeman, Modified; and Wes Smith, People's Choice Award.

NHS Graduation

The Novi High School commencement ceremony will take place 7 p.m. Saturday, June 13 at Eastern Michigan University.

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 Hill, 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.

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GRADUATION

Manhattan College
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Michigan State University
Michigan State University's Senior Class Council recently recognized 20 students as outstanding seniors for Spring 2009. Outstanding senior awards were presented to graduating seniors who demonstrated exemplary academic and extracurricular suc-

cess, and a strong sense of leadership, commitment and dedication to MSU. Eric Tingwell, of Novi, was selected as an outstanding senior. Tingwell is a mechanical engineering and journalism major in the College of Engineering and the College of Communication Arts and Sciences and a member of the Honors College. He won the General Chemistry Award in 2006 and was a two-year recipient of the General Motors Scholarship for academic performance. He was a member of the MSU Triathlon Team and the MSU Baja Society of Automotive Engineers. He worked on the Solar Refrigerator Project where he was one of four students who has modeled, designed, prototyped and tested a solar-powered refrigerator to

help vaccines cool in rural developing countries. He will travel to Guatemala this summer to conduct research on their local manufacturing.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Central Michigan University
Central Michigan University freshman Alyssa Franchi of Novi recently participated in Orchestra, a dance production commissioned by CMU's University Theatre. Franchi, a Novi High School graduate and daughter of Karen and Tony Franchi of Novi, served as a dancer for the production. The respected dance company features 30 to 40 talented CMU students in professionally choreographed jazz, ballet, contemporary and ethnic dances. Orchestra Dance Theatre mem-

bership is awarded through audition at the beginning of the fall semester. The company holds memberships and competes in the American College Dance Festival Association and the National Dance Association.

DEAN'S LIST

Adrian College
Mark Anthony Eberline of Novi was named to the Spring 2009 Dean's List at Adrian College. To achieve this honor a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and carry at least 12 credit hours.

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The Board may not adopt its proposed 2009/10 budget until after the public hearings. A copy of the proposed budget, including the proposed property tax millage, rate is available for public inspection during normal business hours after June 2, 2009, at the Business Office, 501 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 18.236

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 18.236, to amend Ordinance No. 87-18 as amended, the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance, at Article 34, Amendments to Ordinance, Section 3402, Planned Rezoning Overlay (PRO) at Section 3402.B. Definitions and at Section 3402.D.3.

The ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, May 18, 2009 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after its publication. A complete copy of the ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 09-104.07

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 09-104.07 to amend Chapter 21, "Nuisances" of the City of Novi Code, to shorten the notice requirements for allowing the City to abate certain nuisances from fifteen to ten days, and to add a new Section 21-38 providing for a voluntary graffiti abatement program.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, May 18, 2009 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

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Weekend carnival raises funds for 50's Fest 2010

BY KELLY MURAD STAFF WRITER

Organizers of the Michigan 50's Festival are presenting a spring carnival today through Sunday, located at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk.

Michigan 50's Festival," said Pat Webb, secretary of the festival's board of directors. "We're having several fund-raisers throughout the year to build our funds back up so we can put on another festival in 2010."

The Michigan 50's Festival was previously an annual event

in Novi, but due to depressed financial times it was cancelled this year.

"We just felt with the economy it was unfair to go to the business community and ask for sponsorship dollars," said Webb, explaining the Michigan 50's Festival is a privately funded organization.

"It's an easy way for us to raise funds because it doesn't cost us anything. The 50's Fest just gets a percentage of the carnival's sales."

The event, brought to Novi by McDonald's Amusements, Inc., takes place from 4-11 p.m. Thursday and Friday, noon to 11 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 9

p.m. Sunday. Kids of all ages can enjoy traditional carnival rides, food and fun. Wrist bands are \$20 per day, but discount coupons are available.

"There will be \$3 off coupons distributed throughout the community," Webb said. "They can

also get coupons from any of the merchants at Fountain Walk." Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk is located off Interstate 96, near 12 Mile and Novi roads.

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County road projects receive stimulus funding

The Funding Committee of the Oakland County Federal Aid Task Force met May 19, to award more than \$12 million in available federal road funds that will be spent in 2013.

The list of projects includes resurfacing a stretch of Eight Mile Road in Novi from Napier to Beck roads. The Novi portion is a \$1.39 million project.

A portion of Eight Mile Road in Northville will also be resurfaced from Heck to Tall roads, totaling \$1.08 million.

The funds awarded at the May 19 meeting are from the Surface Transportation Program (STP), which is federal dollars awarded to each

region based on a formula. The Road Commission and the cities and villages in the county compete for the available dollars.

In total, 11 projects, including 10 major resurfacing projects and one reconstruction project, were selected.

Eighty-six projects were submitted by RCOC and the cities and villages to vie for the \$12.1 million in available funds. Those 86 projects would require nearly \$76 million of federal funding.

"While this \$12 million worth of projects will just take a small dent out of the road needs in Oakland County, every little bit helps," observed

RCOC Managing Director Brent Bair.

For this round of funding, only major resurfacing and reconstruction projects were submitted for consideration.

In order to receive federal road construction dollars, projects must be approved, rated and ranked by the committee.

The projects are ranked using an objective point system that gives the most points to those projects that will do the most to improve motorist safety and reduce traffic congestion.

Then, only the projects that receive the most points receive funding. Every year, numer-

ous worthy projects remain unfunded because of a lack of funds.

"This is a funding formula that selects projects based on merit," Bair said.

The 13-member committee includes representatives of Oakland's cities, villages and townships, as well as two members from the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC), one representative from SMART and one from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). It meets every year to identify the road projects that will receive the available federal and state road funds four years in the future.

NOVI BRIEFLY

Friday Night Frenzy

Novi students, grades five-eight are invited to Friday Night Frenzy from 7-10 p.m. tomorrow at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. Bring your friends and enjoy a night full of music, games, pizza and fun. Challenge your friends to a game of Guitar Hero, play Nintendo Wii or enter the inflatable jousting pit. The cost is \$5 online, or \$10 in person. Snacks, gifts and giveaways included.

For more information visit www.cityofnovi.org.

Find Your Healthy Spirit

Dr. Daniel Dubay, M.D. is hosting a free class from 7-8 p.m. tonight at the Novi Public Library on how to achieve a joyful spirit and why it's necessary for people's health and happiness. Dubay will present practical information, while practicing the K.I.S.S. (Keep It Simple Silly) principle. For more information visit www.novilibrary.org.

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LOCAL EVENTS

Michigan 50's Festival Carnival
TIME/DATE: 4-11 p.m. Thursday, May 28...

Education Center, 2815 Meadowbrook Road
DETAILS: Courses for all gardeners interested in learning how to grow...

Emergency Food Assistance Program Distribution
TIME/DATE: 12:30-3 p.m. Tuesday, June 9

Java and Jazz Jam
TIME/DATE: 9-11 p.m. May 28, June 25, July 30, Aug. 27

LOCATION: Novi Senior Center at Meadowbrook Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Road
DETAILS: Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA) will be distributing free food through The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEAP)...

Unless people who are income eligible may register by bringing proof of current address, proof of family size and photo I.D. For income eligibility requirements or additional information call OLHSA's Human Services Department in Pontiac at (248) 209-2686 / (248) 209-2655 or 1-800-482-9250. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

BUSINESS

Novi Rotary Club
TIME/DATE: Noon every Thursday
LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church, 4571 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check web site for

Evening in the Gardens
TIME/DATE: 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 2

speaker information: novirovatory.org
American Business Women's Association Meetings
TIME/DATE: 9:15 p.m. second Wednesday of every month

LIBRARY LINES
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

Museum Adventure Pass
DETAILS: Card holders can check out free passes for two to four people to many area museums, cultural centers and historical sites. See detroitadventurepass.org for more information.

Council Chambers
DETAILS: General meeting of the entire Library Board Broadcast live on cable Channel 13

Hindi Language Story Time
TIME/DATE: 10:30-11 a.m. Monday, June 1

Japanese Language Story Time
TIME/DATE: 10:30-11 a.m. Monday, June 1

Michigan Staycations
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 3

Novi Public Library
LOCATION: 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom
HOURS: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday

Wixom Public Library
LOCATION: 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom
HOURS: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday

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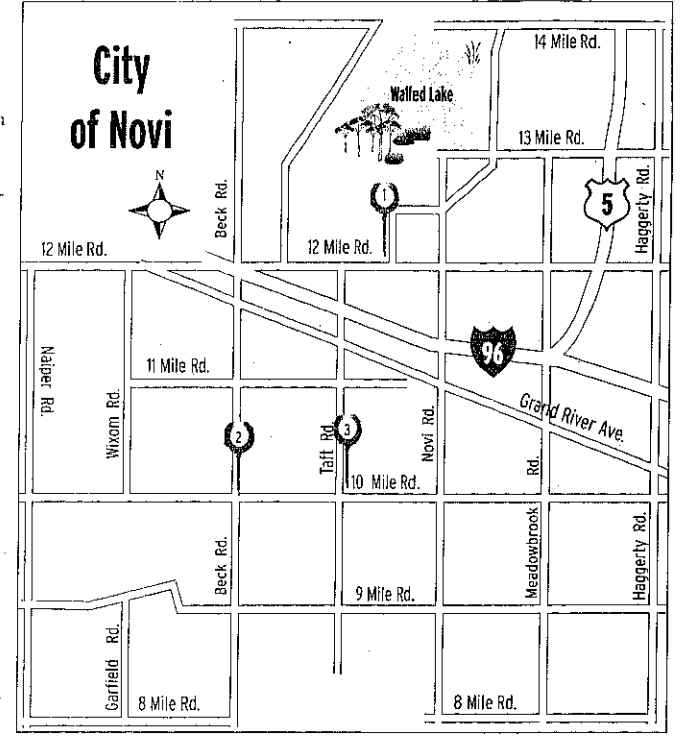
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Both the iPod and charger were sitting on the center console before they went

missing. According to the report, the items totaled about \$300.

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Grand vacations for grandparents, grandkids

Dear Savvy Senior: My husband and I are interested in taking our two grandkids on vacation this summer and are looking for some good ideas. Do you know of any travel companies that offer special vacation packages for grandparents traveling with their grandkids?

Unsavvy Traveler
 Dear Traveler
 Taking the grandkids on vacation is what the travel industry calls intergenerational travel, and it's become increasingly popular in recent years. Here's what you should know.

GROWING TREND
 According to the Yankelovich Partners National Leisure Travel Monitor, nearly 30 percent of traveling grandparents have taken at least one trip with a grandchild over the past year. Vacationing with your grandkids is a great way to have fun and strengthen your relationships, especially if you live far away and don't get a chance to see them often.

TRAVEL COMPANIES
 Today there are a number of travel organizations and companies that offer specialized vacation packages for grandparents and grandchildren. This is a nice way to go because they plan everything for you, with most activities for the two generations together, but some just for adults so you can get an occasional breather. Available in all price ranges, these tours are typically designed for children between

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the ages seven, up to 17 or 18, and are usually scheduled in the summer, or sometimes during winter breaks, when the kids are out of school. Here are some top tour companies that will take you and your grandkids on a fun, well-planned vacation.

Elderhostel: For an educational and relatively low-cost vacation, Elderhostel, the world's largest educational travel organization for adults 55 and over, offers a wide variety of trips for grandparents and grandchildren too. Visit www.elderhostel.org (or call 800-454-5768) and click on "Grandparent Travel" for a list of more than 300 vacation plans throughout the U.S. and abroad. Most of the U.S. trips are around five days and costing anywhere from \$500 to \$1,000 per person, while the international trips typically last one to two weeks costing between \$150 and \$350 per person per day. These prices do not include transportation to the destination.

Sierra Club: If you're the outdoorsy type, the Sierra Club (www.sierraclub.org/outings; 415-377-3522) offers a variety of affordable "family outings" and "local outings" near you to choose from. They also offer an annual week-long "Just for Grandparents and Grandkids" outing in July in Tahoe National Forest, Calif. Cost: \$545 per adult and \$445 per child.

Grandtravel: This is the first company to send grandparents and grandchildren (ages seven to 17) off on vacation together. Grandtravel (www.grandtravel.com; 800-247-7651) offers seven to 13-day luxury tours scheduled in July and August with destinations to Washington D.C. and Williamsburg, Alaska, Italy, London and Paris, and New

Zealand. These trips are educational. They range from two to 10 days and are usually scheduled in the summer, or sometimes during winter breaks, when the kids are out of school. Here are some top tour companies that will take you and your grandkids on a fun, well-planned vacation.

Generations Touring Company: This is another deluxe tour operator that specializes in intergenerational travel. They offer a variety of week-long tours to destinations like the Grand Canyon, Peru, and the Galapagos Islands in Ecuador. And for sports fans, they have a "Baseball's Sacred Grounds" summer tour which includes visits to Boston's historic Fenway Park, New York's new Yankee Stadium, and a trip to Cooperstown to tour the Baseball Hall of Fame. Costs for all tours range between \$2,100 and \$4,000 per person. www.generations touring company.com, 888-415-9100.

CONSIDER CRUISING

Another popular option to consider is to take your grandkids on a cruise. This offers a safe and secure environment that's pretty affordable with plenty of facilities, activities and dining options to keep everyone happy. Disney, Carnival, Holland, Royal Caribbean, Princess and Norwegian cruise lines all offer appealing options for intergenerational travelers. To find out what's available for intergenerational travel, visit www.cruising.org to find an agent who specializes in cruises) or visit www.cruisesforfamilies.com; 877-386-9243.

Send your senior questions to Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit www.savvysenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.



Senior skills

Om Kathuria teaches Betty Parzych, left, and Sally Potter some basic online computer skills during a recent class at the Northville Community Senior Center. The center offers computer classes from time-to-time for seniors. For more information, call (248) 349-1300.

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 Message by appointment: 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday

Thursday
 9:15 a.m.: Line Dance
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 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Income taxes by appointment
 Noon: Lunch
 12:15 p.m.: Contract Bridge
 Friday
 9 a.m.: Stretch & Strength
 10 a.m.: Body Recall
 Noon: Lunch
 12:30 p.m.: Dugli, Bridge
 1 p.m.: Bingo
 Monday
 9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength
 10 a.m.: Body Recall
 Noon: Lunch
 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
 6:15 p.m.: Pilates Mat Work
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Tuesday
 8:30 a.m.: Tantra Bread
 9:45 a.m.: Line Dance
 Noon: Lunch
 1 p.m.: Bingo
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Novi City Council Meeting
 TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. first and third Monday of month
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
 CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting
 TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. first Tuesday of each month
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 CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

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

German Intro - Level 1
 TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28-June 16
 LOCATION: Novi Middle School
 DETAILS: An introductory German class for those who have never had German before and would like to start to learn this language and culture at any age and any speed. Learn basic expressions and topics to get you around in Germany for

travel, fun, and social communication. Understand the culture and its differences in social and business settings. This class will focus on speaking the language, but you will also learn grammar, reading, and writing to help provide for well-rounded language proficiency. The fee is \$79 (information about book purchase will be given at first class)

Elementary Italian
 TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, April 20-June 15
 LOCATION: Novi Middle School
 DETAILS: This class will introduce students to the Italian language and culture. Students will learn basic Italian grammar and sentence structure, while acquiring useful vocabulary for travel and conversation. No previous Italian experience required. Please bring a three-ring binder. The fee is \$100.

Beginning Japanese
 TIME/DATE: 6:30 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. The class is designed to provide a foundation for those who wish to continue the study of the Japanese lan-

guage either in a classroom or on their own. We will also work on pronunciation, reading and writing, while learning about the culture and people of Japan. The fee is \$78 (information about book purchase will be given at first class)

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
 LOCATION: 41875 11 Mile Road, #201, Novi
 CONTACT: For more information, call (248) 349-3743 or www.novichamber.com
 June Networking Luncheon
 TIME/DATE: 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, June 3
 LOCATION: Crown Plaza Hotel, 27000 Sheraton Dr.
 DETAILS: Join us to hear Michael Jeffreys of the YESI Network present his motivational ideas. \$20 pre-registration; \$30 at the door
 All Aboard the No.VI Dinner Tour
 TIME/DATE: 5:00 p.m. June 16.

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Wildcats open district with win

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Novi used a five-run run to help the Wildcats fend off host North Farmington in the pre-district opener Tuesday night. Adam Paulk started and earned the win with 4.1 innings of work, allowing three runs. He gave way to Alex Karas who slammed the door shut with 2.2 innings, allowing one unearned run.

The game changed when Novi had six-straight batters reach safely during the second. Jake Walker started the rally with a one-out walk. Zach Danks followed with a single, and the bases were loaded with a Bobby Mitchell walk. Alex Engebretson drew a walk to force in a run, and Masaru Nogami brought home a pair of runs with a single. Chris Slack knocked in another run with a single, and Garrett Green hit a fly ball to bring in the fifth run and a 6-0 lead.

The Raiders has plenty of chances, but they couldn't cash in the big inning. They left the bases loaded in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings, though the lead was temporarily cut to 6-3 with two runs in the top of the fifth.



Wildcat Masaru Nogami scores a run for Novi at South Lyon East.

The Cats answered with a bunt that resulted in a run. Following a leadoff double by Nick Regnier, Dan Kilger laid down a bunt and beat the throw, but the ball got past the first baseman and up the line, scoring Regnier.

Danks hit a sac fly to bring home Kilger for the final Novi run.

North Farmington scored an unearned run in the seventh, but Karas got an east come-backer to end the game.

Novi improves to 20-12 and faces rival Northville 10:30 a.m. Saturday at North Farmington.



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Please see **BASEBALL, B2**

Wildcat Jake Walker pitches during Novi's visit to South Lyon East.

GAME WRAPS

CATHOLIC CENTRAL 8, SOUTH LYON 1

The Shamrock baseball team breezed past the Lions in the district opener Tuesday night.

CC advances to face Walled Lake Western 1 p.m. Saturday at Walled Lake Central. The district finals will follow.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL 10, GROSSE POINTE SOUTH 6

The Shamrocks scored in all but two innings to finish off the regular season with a victory.

CC scored two in the first, one in the second, four in the fourth, two in the fifth and one in the sixth.

Steve Harding went 2-for-3 with a double and three RBI, and Ryan Keller finished 2-for-2 with a double and two RBI to lead the Shamrock bats.

CC heads into the post-season 15-16.

NOVI 2, HARTLAND 1

Novi soccer played a precursor to the opening game of districts.

The Wildcats got the lone goal of the first half on a tally by Morgan Haffey. Mary Reid scored in the second half off an assist by Megan Burns for a 2-0 lead. Hartland got one past keeper Gabby Gauruder, but she still earned the win in net.

The Wildcats played Hartland on Tuesday to open district play.

The Cats finish the regular season 15-2-2 after starting 0-2-1.

Novi played Hartland on Tuesday. The winner advances to a 7 p.m. contest tonight against Pinckney at Novi's home field (Novi Meadows Stadium). The finals are 7 p.m. Friday at the same location.

MILFORD 8, NOVI 7

Novi softball pulled off a six-run seventh inning to tie the game, only to have Milford score the winning run in the bottom half of the inning.

DISTRICT SOFTBALL

The Wildcats played Tuesday at host North Farmington. The winner faces Northville 10:30 a.m. Saturday at North Farmington with the finals later in the day.

STATE TENNIS

The Wildcats are headed to the State finals Friday and Saturday at the Midland Community Tennis Center.

NOVI LACROSSE

The Wildcats played last night against Walled Lake Northern. With a win would advance to Friday's 7 p.m. regional finals at Walled Lake Northern.

Log onto www.hometownlife.com for results for all sports.

Novi, CC golfers qualify out of districts

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central and Novi made it out of districts and into regional action, which begins today at the Farmington Hills Golf Course.

Catholic Central finished second with 311. The Wildcats placed sixth with a 328, grabbing the final qualifying spot out of districts. Hartland won the district with 307.

Leading the Shamrocks were Steve LaRoure with a 75, J.J. Szmazdzinski with a 76 and Joe Fransted with a 79. Owen Franks recorded an 81 to close out the scoring.

For Novi, Tyler Manning was low with a 77. He was followed by Chuck Mallo with an 81, Nick Hanson with an 83 and Steve Rajkovic with an 87.

Things get harder to make it out of regionals. Only the top three teams and top three individuals not on an advancing team move onto the June 5-6 State finals at MSU.

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Wildcats varsity golfer Chuck Mallo shot an 81 at districts to help Novi move on.

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Novi's Tyler Manning shot a 77 to lead the Wildcats out of districts and into regional action. Novi plays today at Farmington Hills Golf Course for a shot at the State finals.

Novi girls track team continues to impress

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi girls track team continues to run to success.

The Wildcats won the Central Division by a large margin and finished third at the prestigious Oakland County meet.

Novi scored 191 points, well ahead of second-place Northville with 136 to win the Central Division meet.

Wins came from the 3,200 relay team of Abby Chandler, Molly Sutika, Dayna Denoyer and Brooke McMahan (10:07.51), Jasmine Ward in the 100 dash (12.99), the 800 relay team (1:51.89), the 400 relay team (51.14) and Elle Robinson in the 3,200 (12:02.52).

Novi dominated the 3,200 with Abby Chandler placing second, Alyssa Murray taking fifth and Sarah Berman earning sixth.

OAKLAND COUNTY

The Wildcats stayed hot with 54 points at the Oakland County meet, just four points back of champion Waterford Mott and three behind second-place Southfield.

Novi did not win any events, but the Cats used balance to land top-three placers in several events.

The Wildcats will hope to keep momentum going at Saturday's State finals at East Kentwood High School.



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Wildcat Lauren Ferche competes in the long jump. The Novi girls won the Central Division title and placed third at the Oakland County meet last week.

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CC track celebrates 2 big wins

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The Shamrocks celebrated a Catholic League A/B title and a first-place finish at the Oakland County meet in the span of a few days. On May 19 at Ladywood High School, CC won 10 of 16 events to earn 158.75 points, well ahead of Brother Rice's 83.75, Orchard Lake St. Mary's placed third (63). The Shamrocks posted

wins in the 400, 1,600 and 3,200 relays to put up big points en route to the victory. Scott Sansovich posted victories in both hurdle events and was part of the winning 1,600 relay to help lead the team to victory.

CC WINS OAKLAND COUNTY
The Shamrocks continued a strong run with 78 points at the 50-team meet Friday at Farmington High School.

Southfield was second with 62, followed by Milford with 58.

Highlights included a Sansovich victory in the 110 hurdles (14.26), a win by the 800 relay (Jake Spiller, Billy Riga, Joshua Kyles and Brendan Curran, 1:29.5) and a win by the 1,600 relay team of Sansovich, Curran, Spiller and Spencer Hall (3:22.26).

Second-place finishers included the 3,200 relay

team (7:54.54) and by Hall in the 400 (49.79). Third-place finishes came from Dylan Young in the 400 (1:01.01), Sansovich in the 300 hurdles (39.22) and Ricardo Galindo in the 3,200 (9:30.75).

The Shamrocks will try to keep the momentum going at Saturday's State finals at East Kentwood.

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Novi's Daniel Burris keeps a close eye on the ball in net.

Novi lacrosse tames the Dragons, 17-5

Novi's powerful attack netted 11 goals Thursday as the Novi Lacrosse team defeated the Lake Orion Dragons 17-5 in the first round of regional playoffs.

Seniors Tom Machisak and Matt Maundeville had five and three goals, respectively, while Maundeville contributed four assists. Sophomore Taylor Howell also sniped three into the net.

The other six goal scorers were Nathan Hayes, Paul Favorite, Sean Murphy, Joe

Burris, Alex Ghannam and Curtis Herzog. Zach Mohr scooped up seven ground balls while Aeryk Kuna nabbed four.

Goalie Dan Burris had nine saves and Alex Kinnaman had four saves in net.

The Wildcats faced Walled Lake Northern last night. Check www.hometownlife.com for results.

Should Novi win, the Cats will play in the regional finals Friday night at Walled Lake Northern against the winner of U-D Jesuit and Bloomfield

SPORTS SHORTS

CC SHAMROCK BASKETBALL CAMP

Catholic Central basketball head coach Billy Dyer is hosting a basketball camp this year at St. James Catholic Church. 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 graders 9 a.m.-noon; and 1-4 p.m. Camps are limited to the first 90 registered, with each session costing \$75. For more information, contact coach Dyer at dyerj01@southford.net.

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 is 10:30 a.m.-noon. A shooting camp is also July 20-23. Kids entering grades 2-5 is 12:30-2 p.m. and kids entering grades 6-9 is 2:45-5 p.m. For camp information, call coach Pat Schluter at (248) 388-6574 or pick up a camp brochure at St. James Catholic Church. 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 2-9, 2-5 and 5-9. Grades 2-5 will be from 8:30-noon and grades 6-9 will run from 1:00-4:30. The camp will emphasize all phases of the game and includes trophies and a T-shirt and outdoor basketball. Cost of the camp is \$140. To register, call (248) 449-1206.

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BASEBALL

NOVI 6, HOWELL 5

Novi finished the regular season with a walk-off 6-5 win against Howell. Alex Engelbreter hit the winning double, driving home Nick Regnier for the winning run in the bottom of the seventh.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 9, NOVI 7

Churchill scored seven runs in the top of the seventh to up 9-3. Regnier hit a grand slam in the bottom of the seventh, but it wouldn't be enough for the Wildcats. Masaru Nogami, Regnier and Dan Kilger had two hits each. Regnier pitched a complete game, but fell victim to six defensive errors.

NOVI 18, LIVONIA STEVENSON 0 (3 INNINGS)

The Cats scored five in the first, seven in the second and six more in the third during the mercy. Highlights included Kilger (2-3, 3 RBI), Chris Slack (2-3, 3 RBI), Garrett Green (2-3, 3 runs) and Jake Walker (2-3, 3 runs). Adam Paulk threw three innings of scoreless ball for the shutout.

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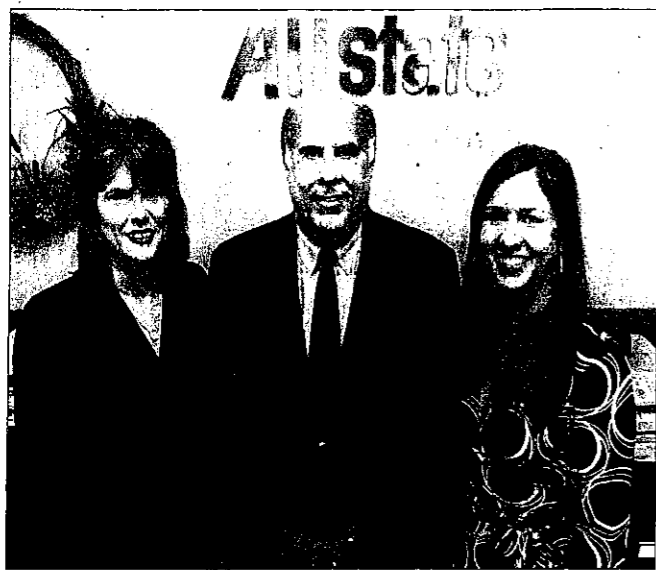
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• The Novi Chamber of Commerce is offering the upcoming sponsorship opportunities: No. VI Dinner Tour 5-10 p.m. Tuesday, June 16; Membership luncheon sponsors and speakers; and for the annual golf outing, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18. Contact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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SolidSignal.com
SolidSignal.com, an online electronics retailer based in Novi, was named one of the Top 500 Internet retailers in America by Internet Retailer magazine for the second consecutive year. Internet Retailer's definitive ranking and analysis of America's 500 largest e-retailers is based on annual 2008 Internet sales, researched by Internet Retailer and confirmed by retailers. The report includes company financial, operational and performance data, as well as vendors in key categories. Solid Signal's fiscal sales in 2008 rose to \$14.6 million, a 104 percent increase from 2007 total sales of \$7.15 million. With 50 employees, SolidSignal.com specializes in distributing the latest in high-tech equipment and product research to professional media installers and the tech-savvy consumer.

Art Van Furniture
In honor of its 50th anniversary, Art Van Furniture has committed to supporting Michigan-based children, health and human services programs by providing \$1 million to fund 50 grants ranging from \$5,000-\$10,000.
Art Van will design the grants as Challenge Gifts in order to encourage others to donate and maximize fundraising opportunities. To be eligible for a grant, an organization must be recognized as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) and not be a private foundation. Interested organizations must submit a grant application through the Art Van Web site at www.artvan.com. Grant applications are due by midnight on June 30, and the winners will be announced July 31. For online application form questions, call (569) 963-2050.



SPECIAL HAPPENINGS

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, 3200 Novi Road, Novi, MI 48377. Five finalists will be chosen. For more information call (248) 835-3871.

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.

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Chuck Gaidica
Detroit TV personality Chuck Gaidica will be the special guest speaker at Oak Pointe Church on Father's Day, June 21. Gaidica is well known around Michigan for his contagious smile, weather reports and his hosting of special events. He will be speaking about the importance that faith plays in his life and, particularly, how the Bible makes a difference in his daily life. The Oak Pointe Church Father's Day service will take place 6:15 p.m. Saturday, June 20 and 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday, June 21.

Regional Marketplace

Beaumont Family Medicine

Brandy Eberhardt, D.O. and Micah N. Scharer, D.O.
dedicated to keeping families healthy

BY MIKE HOGAN
SPECIAL WRITER

As a growing community, South Lyon has been seeing a lot of new faces. Residents now have access to local builders, artists, business owners, and now, doctors.
Dr. Brandy Eberhardt and Dr. Micah N. Scharer are a Beaumont Family Medicine practice that recently joined the South Lyon community. Although they're new to the area, they bring years of experience and a much-needed outlook on family medicine.

Entire Family Care

"There's a need for doctors in the area and the surrounding areas," Dr. Eberhardt said. "People might be used to going east for their appointments, but they might not realize there's someone closer to home."
As part of Beaumont Family Medicine, Drs. Eberhardt and Scharer have been seeing patients locally since January. They're now able to provide many health services that were previously hard to find in South Lyon.

"We do a fair amount of women's health and sports medicine," Dr. Scharer said. "We also do a fair amount of procedures right here in the office. I like to say we'll see anyone and everyone, newborn to geriatric."
The doctors' brand new office has a separate procedure room and a separate pediatric room. They carry all immunizations and keep all records electronically and securely. With all these resources, Drs. Eberhardt and Scharer are able to treat the entire family, however big or small. The doctors think their patients

will grow based on relationships. "Sometimes the mom comes in, brings the kids, and then the dad trails behind," Dr. Scharer said.
The doctors think their patients



The doctors and staff at Beaumont Family Medicine in South Lyon provide services for every member of the family, from infant to geriatric.



(From left) Dr. Eberhardt and Dr. Scharer provide excellent care for the whole family, both independently and as a team.

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Face to Face
Drs. Eberhardt and Scharer are committed to personalized care. Their office is open extended hours so patients can drop by before or after work.
"Patients get a chance to talk to us," Dr. Eberhardt said. "Whether it's Dr. Scharer or myself, they'll always see the same person."
By seeing Dr. Eberhardt

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Any good pet owner will tell you that their pet is a bona fide member of the family.

Like any family member, they get their own food, have their own medicine and sometimes, they even have their own room. Good pet owners will also tell you that the safety of their four-legged family members is just as important as any person in the house. When it comes to pet safety, the staff at Invisible Fence® is eager to provide the very best.

ASPCA certified

Invisible Fence is approved by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), which exists in part to protect pets and provide reliable guidance on pet safety. Responsible pet owners are always looking to the ASPCA for advice.

"The ASPCA seal isn't something that's just given away," said Brad Scott of Invisible Fence in Wixom. "You have to earn it, and we've earned it."

Not only does the Invisible Fence system carry the seal of approval from the ASPCA, it also has support from local veterinarians and more than a million pet owners nationally.

When the system is purchased, a professional from Invisible Fence will meet your pet and customize settings to fit the age, size and temperament of your pet. This customization ensures that the system will effectively protect your pet.

The Invisible Fence system is designed to work for dogs and cats of any size. The system's Computer Collar can be effective enough for large pets, but light enough to be worn by small pets.

"We have more than 180 different settings," Scott said. "That means on one system, we can program each collar to work 180 different ways, based on the pet."

With so many different settings, multiple pets can be used in the same system, so long as they each have their own Computer Collar.

Always Reliable

An Invisible Fence professional will do more than just install the system. He or she will also help train your pet to guarantee the animal will stay inside the yard using behavioral techniques.

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"The system runs on an independent battery source," Scott said. "It can run for up to 48 hours. There isn't even a delay, it starts immediately."

The professionals at Invisible Fence are trained to install a system through almost any obstacle, including concrete, gravel and even water. They can assist you in designing your customized system, including along an existing fence.

Inside and outside

Invisible Fence has also developed a system designed to work inside the home to keep any room pet-free.

"The system works like an orb that extends up to six feet in any direction," Scott said.

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While the indoor system works to keep pets away, the outdoor system will ensure that your pet stays in a

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No Competition

For years, Invisible Fence has left any and all competitors in the dust. No other company has been able to match the technology, training, endorsements and service provided by Invisible Fence.

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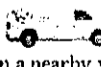
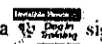
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