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Bunny hops to Twelve Oaks

The bunny trail leads to Twelve Oaks this spring as the Easter Bunny hops into the Central Park Garden in the Lower Level Center Court through Saturday, April 3. Photos of the children with the Easter Bunny will be available for purchase. Each child who visits will receive a free gift. Photo operation hours will be Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Easter Bunny does take brief carrot breaks during the day. For a complete list of photo packages and prices, visit www.shoptwel-

Support the **Choralaires**

The Novi Choralaires are having their annual Patron Drive now through April 10.

It is their most important fundraiser of the year and will allow them to continue to provide quality musical entertainment to residents of the greater Novi area.

The non-profit group is asking business and individuals to consider supporting the Novi Choralaires during their annual Patron Drive with a financial donation in one of the following categories:

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If you wish to make a contribution, please contact Patron Drive Chairperson Margie Shaul at (248) 349-1841.

Eggs-citing!

There will be over 8,000 eggs for children to hunt at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 3 at the Easter Eggstravaganza at First Church of the Nazarene (east side of Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road). Enjoy an "Eggciting" show by Big Blast Ministries; photos with the Easter Bunny; games, crafts; prizes, hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks. Save time by registering online (dfcnazarene.org) until March 31. After, please plan to register at the door.

Life after layoffs: Former custodians still looking for work



Former Novi Community School District custodian Al Potts talks about how his life has changed since being laid off near Christmas as the district looked to save money. To his right are fellow former custodians Tammy Nance and Jan Wilson.

STAFF WRITER

It has been three months since the 39 custodial workers in the Novi Community School District lost their jobs to a private company.

Of that group, only one is employed -- Tom Marcus chose to join GCA Services Group because he needed to support his family and did not want to leave the students he formed close relationships with behind.

The other 38 are still picking up the pieces.

Roughly 33 of them are collecting unemployment, one was forced to leave his home and the state, and the majority hold a grudge against

district officials they believed had it out for them from the beginning.

"To throw us out the way they did broke our hearts," said Laura Barduca, who worked for the district for 17 years. "We went over and above the job description, and deep in our hearts we never believed they were going to

"They kept giving us a little hope, and it makes me mad they are accepting lower quality of work.'

A typical day for the former employees consists of looking for jobs and trying to stay busy to keep their minds off the struggles. Several of them hadn't looked for jobs in years and didn't even know where

Brad Spencer spent 24 years with the district and even months later still gets emotional when talking about his time there.

"It was an end to a big part of my life," he said fighting back tears. "Things will never be the same."

Spencer now considers himself a burden on society because prior to the layoffs he was a taxpayer and now he takes taxpayer money. His wife is working two jobs to keep the family afloat while he searches for employment and contemplates going back to school.

Al Potts, who worked there

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A worker cleans some of the light fixtures of the new Novi Public Library on March 9.

Out with the old, in with the new

Library closing its doors April 1

BY NATHAN MUELLER

The Novi Public Library will officially lock its doors for the final time two weeks

from today. And while staff members understand it will be an inconvenience for the more than 800 people who visit the library each day, the twomonth closure is needed to ensure the new facility opens on time.

"We know it will be tough but the end result will be worth it," said assistant director Mary Ellen Mulcrone.

The end result, which is expected to open on June 1, is a two-story, \$10-million state-of-the-art facility that will give patrons more options and improved service.

Director Julie Farkas said people will not be disappointed when they step foot inside the new building, which features new amenities such as a drive-thru window for picking up and dropping off books, the Read-A-Latte Café, additional group space and study rooms and more.

"I'm just so excited for this community," she said.

During the two-month transition period, library users can head to four other local libraries that have agreed to take on Novi's

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EVERYTHING MUST GO

The Novi Public Library will be auctioning off several items from the old library that will not be taken over to the new facility when it

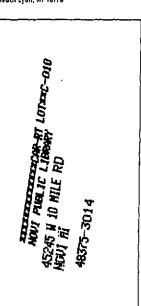
Doors open at 4 p.m. and the auction begins at 6 p.m. on April 14 at the library. Some of the items being auctioned include computers, book shelves, magazine racks, desks, chairs, work stations, show cases, work cubicles, file cabinets and more.

For a full list of items and terms and conditions of sales, e-mail snewton@midwestautoauction.com.

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Dion finalist for superintendent position in Washington state

Decision expected first week in April

. By Nathan Mueller

Novi Superintendent Peter Dion is one of two finalists for the top job at Federal Way School District in Washington state. Dion, who headed to

Washington to start the interview process Monday morning. is in his fifth year in Novi. He is competing for the job with another Michigan candidate, Waterford School District Superintendent Robert Neu.

Novi Board of Education President Ann Glubzinski said she understands Dion's desire to continue to develop his career,



but his departure could be tough as Novi - like all other districts throughout the state - faces financial uncertainties.

"Pete has a lot invested in our district, and it's a critical time for our district," she said. "To be adding to that work a superintendent search, it is going to put some extra work on the board.

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10 years, said his partial second income keeps him afloat, but if it weren't for that and the little savings he has, he would have lost everything. "It's pretty tough right now,"

The former employees believe Superintendent Peter Dion and Assistant Superintendent Gail Credit had their minds made up from the beginning and that GCA Services Group should have been competing against the custodian union and not the other way around.

The custodians came close to matching the private group dollar for dollar, but in the end it was not enough for the board of education to save their jobs. Phil Light, who spent 17 years with the district and was the union steward, said that with roughly 33 peo-

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Former custodian Phil Light, left, listens as his fellow former custodians talk about how their lives have been impacted after being laid off by the school district in December. To his right is Todd Golding.

the savings the school district thought it was going to see will

have worked for \$3 an hour and it wouldn't have made a

"I feel horrible for everyone involved but we did the best we could," he said. "I think we Light recently registered could have told them we would

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to go back to school and get a it was their passion. They took pride in their work and degree in the environmental enjoyed seeing the smiles on science field. He, like many of the children's faces every day. his former co-workers, chose not to join GCA Services It is especially hard when they hear from teachers and Group because they make others in the district that they more on unemployment than are missed and that the new they would have made working company isn't as good. for the private company.

"When we offered to match He called the entire process of negotiations "the most difand they turned us down, it said to me they didn't want us ficult thing he had to encounthere," Potts said. "It's pretty ter," and thanks Assistant Superintendent Bob Schram and Director of Maintenance Tammy Nance went through Jeff Sotzen "because of the the layoff process once with support they attempted to give the district in 2007, but this

"It was an uphill battle," he

George House, a custodian with the district for 18 years who retired in 2006, said it upsets him that these once dedicated employees now face home foreclosures, loss of medical benefits and more because of the cuts.

"It may be argued that it had to be done, but I don't think so," he said. "Other schools have similar or even worse financial problems but they creatively found other ways to cut costs by working together." Cleaning the schools was not just a job to these people,

my heart." By The Novi News 101 Lafayette South Lyon, Michigan 48178 Periodical

time it's different because it's

permanent. She waited in line

at a job fair recently for three

hours with no luck and spends

her days crying and pacing the

However, she has managed

to find a silver lining. The

bond these former employees

formed during their time at

the schools has no price tag.

Sure, they all hope to be

employed and successful, but

the friendships and memories

"Even for a short ride I have .

they have cannot be taken

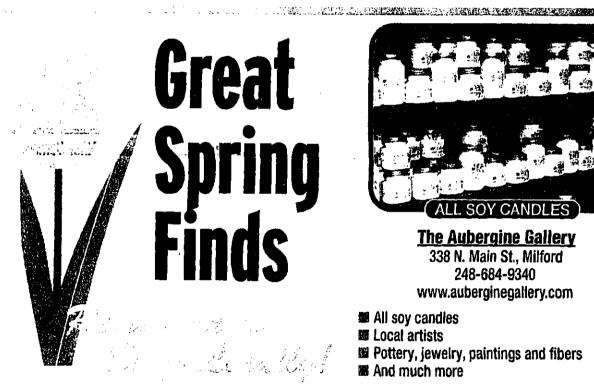
gained a wonderful family."

she said. "And I left richer in"

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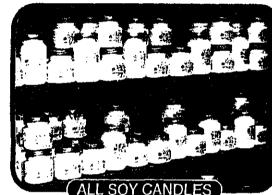
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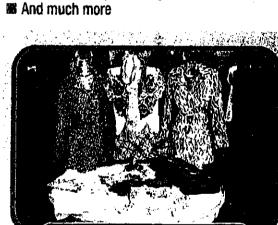
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in Michigan right now?" But because of Novi's success in recent years, Glubzinski also sees it as an

Dion spent time as a superintendent in Birch Run and Grosse Ile before coming to Novi in 2005. Glubzinski said Dion told her he was approached in February by a

She said the financial situation in Michigan could be one of the reasons behind his interest in the job as well as a proposal by Gov. Jennifer Granholm that encourages school employees to retire but takes away their vision and dental insurance as well as requiring them to contribute more toward their retirement. If Dion does leave, it could make finding a replacement

FROM PAGE AT

the job.

the right individual that can

continue to move our district

consulting firm for Federal

Way and told her on Saturday

he was one of two finalists for

"Would there be people from out of state wanting to come here?" she said. "How attractive is it to be a superintendent

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could find a good selection of the first week in April. individuals interested in helping us progress.'

attractive job. "This is obviously a very high achieving district, and I think there would be interest from several individuals to be a superintendent here," she said. "I would be optimistic we tricts. An offer is expected by

Dion and Neu were sched-

uled to complete their interviews this week, with public sessions Wednesday and Thursday. Officials from Federal Way also are expected to make visits to the two dis-

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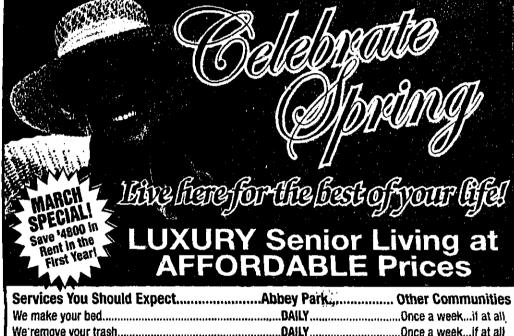
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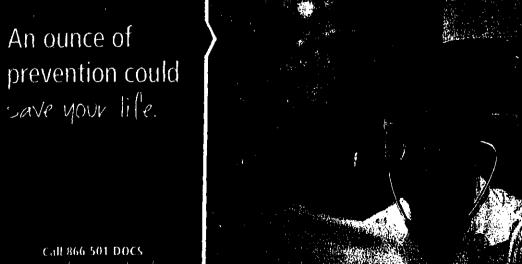
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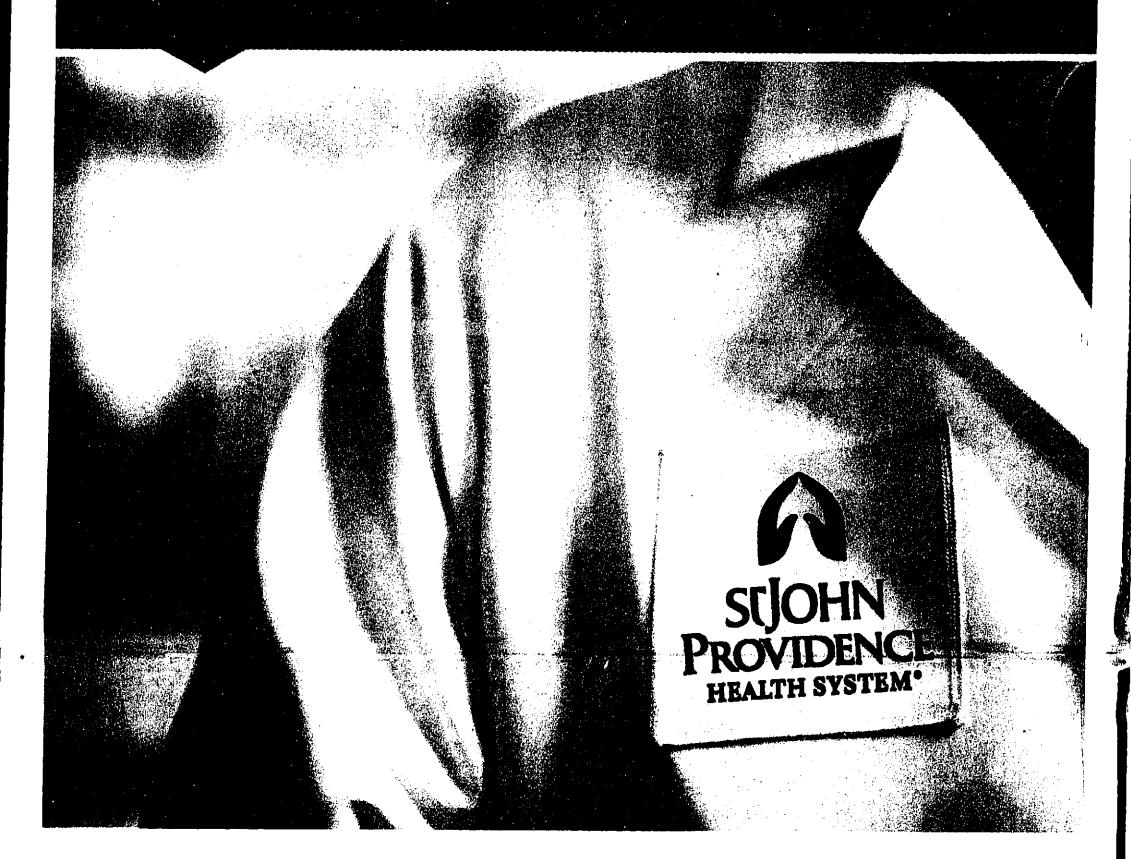


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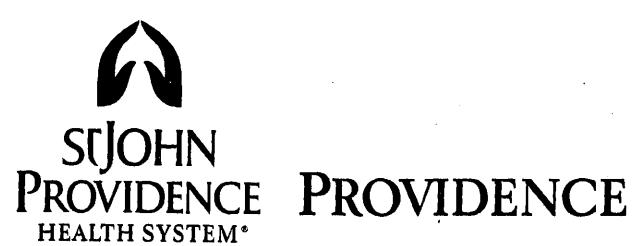
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EDUCATION

Students get dose of reality Novi choirs shine in

Career Day helps students think about future

BY NATHAN MUELLER

Eighth graders at Novi Middle School got a glimpse into the future last week during Career Day.

And what they found out was

that life as an adult is much harder than they thought. The students learned a lot about what their parents go through on a daily basis by attending the Reality Store, an event similar to the board game Life. Each student chose their career, received an income and family and then had to manage the daily necesance, food and more. They also presentation during the school's Career Day. had to face a "reality check" which either hurt their finances or made them better. When the students looked ·

"I was \$200 in debt," said Brooke Laney, whose profession was a teacher. "I didn't know that was going to happen." But the bleak outlook wasn't

at how much money they had

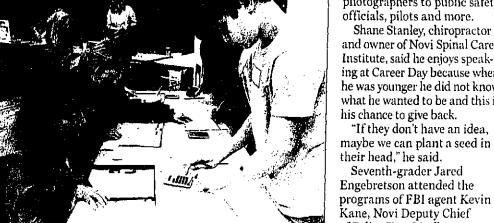
at the end, many were disap-

enough to make her change her future plans. Laney still wants to be a third grade teacher some day, and said she would get a job on the side if she needed to. Pily Jenkins, one of the

many volunteers at Career Day, said the goal is to give the students a realistic preview of what life is like. Many of the students want the fanciest homes and cars, but in the end they cannot afford it.



sities of life such as cars, insur- FBI special agent Kevin Kane talks to Novi Middle School students while giving them some souvenirs after his



Blake Buzzi begins to learn how to manage his fictious adult salary with the help of volunteer Lynne Burkhardt during Novi Middle School's Career Day.

significant others and give up their kids, but at the Reality Store, much like real life, there is no turning back. "It's an eye-opener for the

For seventh graders, Career Day gave them a chance to pick speakers from various industries that peaked their

photographers to public safety officials, pilots and more. Shane Stanley, chiropractor and owner of Novi Spinal Care Institute, said he enjoys speaking at Career Day because when he was younger he did not know what he wanted to be and this is his chance to give back.

"If they don't have an idea,

their head," he said. Seventh-grader Jared Engebretson attended the programs of FBI agent Kevin Kane, Novi Deputy Chief of Police Tom Lindberg and orthodontist Robert

He said after listening to them speak he was leaning more toward FBI and police than becoming a doctor. "I know now that you have to interest. Speakers ranged from be in extreme physical shape,"

district competition

Novi High School choral teacher Don Daniels expects nothing less than perfection when he takes his choral groups to competition each year. The Varsity Choir, Concert Choir and the Novi Singers didn't disappoint Wednesday, March 3, as all three choirs, featuring 87 Novi students, earned top honors at Michigan State Vocal Music Association district competition at Waterford Kettering High School. "Competition season is always my favorite time of year," said Daniels, a 10year Novi educator. "It gives

my students the chance to prepare musical selections, perform together on stage and then have their work evaluated by highly qualified judges. My choirs always rise to the chal-

Novi Singers, the school's elite, mixed choir, performed a Sephardic Jewish folk song, Adijio Kerida by Joshua Jacobson and the Latin American composition, "Salmo 150" by Ernani

Concert Choir, a select female ensemble, per-

formed a Jewish folk song arrangement by Samuel Rosenbaum, "Dance With Me," and "I Will Be Earth," by Gwyneth Walker. Varsity Choir, the beginning mixed ensemble, took the stage last, performing "Let the Praise Go" Round" by Boyce and a folk song arrangement of "Shenandoah" by Jeff Funk. During district competition, choirs complete a circuit of tasks, performing on stage before a panel of judges, participating in a workshop with a contest judge who offers suggests for improving the performance and, finally, attending a session where their sightreading skills are evaluated. Choirs are scored on their performances and sightreading and are assigned a rankings for each criteria of I, II or III, plus an overall

All three Novi choirs received "I's" for their overall scores this year. Because of their superior scores, the choirs will have the opportunity to participate in MSVMA State Choral Festival competition at Rochester High School

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Photographer and supervisor of the IT Department at the Art Institute Michigan Dave Werthelmer displays some of his series of birch tree photos that a different skill — photograare on display with other faculty and staff work in the Novi Civic Center lobby. phy. It was something he was

Art Institute faculty, staff showcase their work

Display will be in civic center until May 2 photographs with family and friends. But for the first time,

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

David Wertheimer's fascination with photography began when he was a struggling artist in elementary school. It bothered him that all his friends could draw, but he had

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He has continued his photography work off and on since then, mostly sharing his

to him.

introduced to early in his life

by his father and it came easy

"I was frustrated because I

couldn't (draw)," he said. "But

I could capture images and frame shots. I have a pretty May 2 and features sculptures, paintings, photography, computer illustrations and fashion and jewelry designs.

Wertheimer, a 20-year Novi resident and supervisor of the IT department at the Art Institute, is displaying his photographs of birch trees. He said they stood out to him one day when the sun was low and the white of the birch trees blended perfectly with the blue

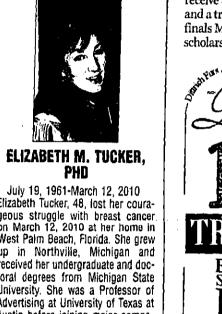
"I thought it would be nice to capture this and share with people a closer, more intimate look at the birch bark," he said. It also was the first time he has showed his work to the public, an idea that made him

nervous at first. "You always wonder how you

NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

Geographic Bee semifinalist 10:45 a.m. Sunday School Tanner Vincent, an eighth grader at Novi Middle School, is one of

the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2010 Michigan Geographic and a trip to Washington, D.C. to represent Michigan in the national finals May 25-26. The national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship and lifetime membership in the Society.



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really is a thrill to know people enjoy looking at it and appreciate those pictures," he said. in early March his work and The city has worked closely the work of several other faculty and staff members at the with the Art Institute of

Art Institute of Michigan is on Michigan since it located in display for the public to see. Novi a few years ago, using students for design work and The pieces are on display displaying pieces. at the Novi Civic Center until Elizabeth Fomin, academic director of web and graphic design programs at the school

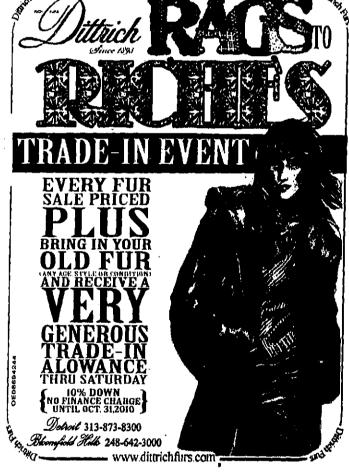
> and an artist with work on display, said they have received a lot of positive feedback from the public and it's nice to be able to showcase local talent. "It's a great honor," she said. Wertheimer said creating

great work is easy considering the environment he works in. "Working at the Art Institute, the inspiration is endless," he said. The Novi Parks, Recreation

and Cultural Services department is in the process of having similar art displays with Novi High School, local artists and other art organizations in

are going to be accepted, but it nmueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255

Bee, sponsored by Google and Plum Creek. Bees were held in schools with fourth-through eighth-grade students throughout the state to determine each school's winner. Those students then took a qualifying test, which they submitted to the National Geographic Society. In each of the 50 states, as well as the District of Columbia, the Department of Defense Dependents Schools, and the U.S. territories, the Society invited the students with the top 100 scores to compete at the state level. The Michigan Bee will be held at the Bernhard Center at Western Michigan University on Friday, April 9. The state winner will receive \$100, the "National Geographic Collegiate Atlas off the World,"





NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail Crosspointe Meadows Church to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 685-Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 2892; or by mail to Church Events/Northville-13 Mile Road Novi, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, Mt 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows. be included in Thursday's newspaper.

online at hometownlife.com

Church of the Holy Family Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.

Mass Schedule TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday,

9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. appointment

Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight

Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages

Details: Nursery and older children programs

available. Worship blends traditional and con-

temporary elements resulting in a multi-sen-

Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.

sory worship experience.

Mile Road

Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene

Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service

Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do Women of the Word Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m.

Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast

Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of

Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible

Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult be available in the morning for children Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, through age 5. Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday- Children's program, Youth Worship Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road

a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholy childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m. Men's Evening Bible Study Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family

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erend George Charnley, Pas Parish Office: 347-7778

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national study materials. Childcare will

Study welcomes you to their study of the munity-novi.org Book of Exodus. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenomi-

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville Location: 217 N. Wing Contact: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month Palm Sunday Time/Date: 10:45 a.m., March 28 **Details:** A musical for all ages: "Power of the Cross". All are welcome. Easter Sunday

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. April 4 **Details:** Easter breakfast at 9:30; egg hunt at 10:30 a.m.; all are welcome.

Please see CHURCH, A13

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Livonia

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCI Services held at: Saint Andrews Episcopal Church 16360 Hubbard Road - Livonia idult Sunday School 9:30 - 10:15 p.m.; Worship 10:30 p.m. Childrens Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

White Lake

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ir Savior Lutheran School - Pre-school 8th grade 13607 West Highland Rd. (M-59) (248) 887-4300 Sunday Services 8:30 & 11:00 am sy School & Bible Class (0.00 am

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Obituaries, Memorials & Remembrances 1-800-579-7355 • fax 313-496-4968 email: oeobits@hometownlife.com View Passages Online: www.hometownlife.com MARILYN ANDERSON ANN CONNORS March 22, 2010, Age 73. Visitation March 20, 2010 age 91. Loving Thursday 2-8pm at O'Brien/Sullivan mother of Patricia Hansen and Kiki Born 1/10/38, passed away at home Friday, March 19 at St. Fabian

RUBY LEE (BEAUCHAMP)

BÉACH

Highland Township,
Michigan, died March 20,
2010, following a brief illness. She

had just celebrated her 88th birthday

earlier in the week.Mrs. Beach was

born March 15, 1922, at Hyacinth,

Virginia, the daughter of Wilton Avery

and Sarah (Brann) Beauchamp, At

the start of World War II she moved

to Washington, D.C., where she

worked for the U.S. Navy as a clerk in

the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts.

A former resident of

Online condolences

Zanglin and Lou Zanglin.

PEARL ETTA

She married November 11, 1944. Ensign Eugene H. Beach; a native of Highland Township, Michigan, serv-Daughter of Joseph Harry Head and ing at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory Susan Mable (Blowling) Head was (NOL) at the Washington Navy Yard. born on February 3, 1938, in New Following the war the couple lived in Haven, Kentucky, passed away Highland for several years while March 19, 2010, she was 72. Pearl Eugene pursued post-graduate stud- was one of nine and is survived by ies at the University of Michigan. In her brothers William Earl Head and March 22, 2010. A Memorial Service 1953 they moved to Silver Spring fol- John Martin Head, and sister Theresa was held on March 24 at PHILLIPS lowing Dr. Beach's return to work at Leora Tate. In 1957, Pearl married NOL's new facility in White Oak, Marvin J. Gardner of Northville, guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com Maryland. Mrs. Beach belonged to Michigan. Pearl and Marvin lived in Woodside United Methodist Church South Lyon, Michigan, where they in Silver Spring for more than 55 raised six children. Pearl's husband years and was active in its Women's Marvin, died in 1981. She is survived Society. She was likewise a proud by her children: Tara (Brian) Tepatti of Florida, David (Sue) Gardner of American Revolution, the Scotts, MI, Jana Daroczy of Brighton, Northumberland County (Virginia) Mt, Toni (Robert) Sinke of Howell, Historical Society, the Northern Neck Mt. Jay (Nedra) Gardner of Brighton, (Virginia) Historical Society and MI, and Date (Julie) Gardner of Colonial Williamsburg. With her hus- South Lyon, MI. She is also survived band she enjoyed collecting antiques, by twelve Grandchildren and three travel, visits with family and friends Great Grandchildren. Pearl was never in Michigan, and weekly bingo games alone, her son, Dale and wife Julie, with other seniors at a local and their two children lived with her. McDonald's Restaurant, Mrs. Beach Pearl took pleasure traveling and was preceded in death by her husband, who died December 9, 2007. spending time in Port Hope. Family Age 82, of Northville/South Lyon, was everything to Pearl. She loved to passed away peacefully on March 20. She leaves surviving one son, spend time with her children and 2010. She was born October 25,

Eugene H. (Lori) Beach, Jr., of their families. Pearl enjoyed playing 1927 in Rochester, MI to Edward and Highland, Michigan, and three grand-pinochle with her friends and will be Mabel (Kidd) Karschnick. Geraldine children: Joshua D. S. (Laura) Beach missed by her pinochle club. was united in marriage to Fredrick A. of Jordan, Minnesota; Erin Beach Services were held at St. Joseph Walker in 1951 until his death on Michigan. She also eagerly awaited 2010 at 11:00 A.M. Pearl's final rest- 1976; they spent 14 loving years the birth of a great-grandchild this ing place will be with her husband, together until his death on July 31,

Friends may gather 10 AM until time Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

BERNADINE "BERNIE"

passed away, March 15, 2010, peace-grandchildren; and 3 great grandchilfully at home having battled cancer. dren. She was preceded in death by She was the daughter of Walter and her parents, her husband Fredrick Elizabeth Raczkowski, and was mar- Walker, her husband Robert Sears, ried to Jim Kitchen on November 6, her son Richard Walker, and several March 21, 2010, Age 79. Husband of of her children to graduation and was lice was held last Tuesday, March 23, Visiting 10 AM until Funeral at 11 AM one of the founding leaders in the 2010 at Casterline Funeral Home, March 26 at Novi United Methodist CHPAF home school group. Being a Inc. of South Lyon. Pastor Ron Church. Send online condolences tremendous people person she Wrightson with Life Church in www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com befriended many with her cheer- Canton officiated the service. leader personality. Her main desire in Geraldine was laid to rest in Oakland

Contributions appreciated to the do it. Surviving are her husband Jim, American Cancer Society. her children Elizabeth, Jeremiah, Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. Bethany Erber and Beth's husband **WILMA LEE (TAULBEE)** CLARK Age 66, passed away March 22, 2010

of service. Interment to follow at

Beach's late husband. In lieu of flow-

ers memorial contributions may be

made to the Highland Township

Historical Society, Highland

choice. For further information

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Directors, Milford at 248-684-6645

Age 74, of South Lyon, passed away

held Monday March 22 at St. Joseph

Catholic Church in South Lyon.

Church of Christ, in Campton, KY.

Arrangements by Phillips Funeral

Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook

www.phillipsfuneral.com

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Mary, Kentucky, to the late Morton and Effic Taulbee. Wilma is survived by her loving children: Rita L. Osterhout, Denise M. Jackson, and Charles W. Hibbard; 2 grandchildren; Manual, and Roger Taulbee; and 2 Childers. She is preceded in death by 2 brothers: Gene and Quentin Taulbee; and 3 sisters: Thelma Rose. West Branch, Mi 48661. Gladys Stamper, and Linda Webb. Services will be held at the Campton

at home surrounded by family. She was born on January 29, 1944 in www.keehnfuneralhome.com

MARION L. KOONS

Funeral Home website:

Age 89, of Roscommon, passed of 24. Also survived by 1 piece and away March 18, 2010. A funeral many loving friends, Loretta owned service was held last Sat., March 20 several businesses in her lifetime. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of She was a past president of the South Lyon. Donations appreciated Women's Auxiliary of Walled Lake to Heartland Hospice, PO Box 667, Eagles. Loretta will be remembered

(NEE ANDERSON)

Funeral Home, Novi. Funeral Friday, Connors. Beloved grandmother of in Lansing 3/15/10. Beloved Mother Church, Farmington Hills. Donations 11am at Holy Family Church. In lieu Kathleen (Mike) Ottenheimer and of John (Judy), Elizabeth, Ellen can be made to Hope Hospice, of flowers, donations may be made to Karen (Patrick) Doran and great- (Jeff) Riley and Carol. She also William Beaumont Hospice, or Angela Hospice. Online condolences grandmother of William, Kathleen leaves behind many Grandchildren CurePSP. Send online condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com and Jack. Sister of the late Joseph and Great-Grandchildren. Prior to www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com her move to Lansing, she was a long time resident of Salem Twp. She was www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com a baker/cook at Salem Elementary for 18 years, delightfully feeding the

MARGARET E KUPTZ

margaretkuptz@vahoo.com

to recieve details and rsvp DANIEL E. MACDERMAID Age 87, of Northville, passed away Mar. 17, 2010. A funeral service was

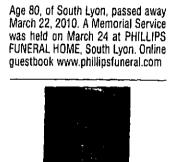
held Mar. 20 at Casterline Funeral

Home. Inc. Donations to McLaren

Hospice, Fenton Church of the

Nazarene Missions, or Crossroads

Community Church Go Factor. **ELSIE JANE MUIR** Age 80, of South Lyon, passed away



GERALDINE H. WALKER SEARS (Bryan) Sandford of Ames, lowa; and Ashley Emma Beach of Highland.

Michigan, on Tuesday, March 23, Michigan, On Tuesday, Michigan, On coming August. Funeral Services will Marvin, at Washtenong Memorial 1990. Geraldine was very passionate be held at Highland United Methodist

Marvin, at washienoug memorial about rug hooking and baking cakes. Tather, william w. nucker, and sister, Corrine K. Tucker, and sister, Church, 680 West Livingston Road, missed by everyone. Arrangements Her entire family had amazing cakes on Saturday, March 27th at 11 AM. by Phillips Funeral Home, South for birthdays, weddings, and special younger years, but most of her cake-baking accomplishments were self-taught. She also only of the contributions taught. She also enjoyed cooking and crossword nuzzles She is sur-

events. She worked at a bakery in her and crossword puzzles. She is survived by her children, Clayton (Sally) Township Library, or your charity of Age 49, of South Lyon, Michigan, her sister, Eleanor Sherman; 4 Walker and Eva (Russ) Blackman;

life was to know the will of God and Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.

Andrew. Visitation and Funeral Age 87 of Walled Lake died March Services were held at Cornerstone 19, 2010. Beloved mother of Kenneth Presbyterian Church on Hilton Road (Dorothy) Rathje, Mark (Myra) Rathje in Brighton on Friday, March 19. Mabel (Raymond) LeClair, Ardith Details can be found at the Keehn (James) Elliott, William (Carol) Rathje, Carol (the late George) Navior, Brian (Margaret) Rathje, Gail (James) O'Berski, Lisa Sheldon and the late Elinor Miller. Loving grandmother of 23. Dear great grandmother of 52 and great great grandmother for her love of crafting. Funeral was from Lynch & Sons Funeral Home 340 N. Pontiac Trail Walled Lake (3 Blks. S. of Maple Rd) Monday 11am.

Interment Commèrce Memorial

Cemetery, Condolences at www.

LynchFAMiLYFuneralDirectors.com

THOMAS SNYDER

Age 74, March 12, 2010, Funeral was

WALTER J. TRADER

students until her retirement in March 21, 2010, Age 77. Funeral was www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

1994. She was a longtime supporter March 24 at St. James Catholic of the annual Salem Flag Day festiv- Church. Donations may be made to ities and the South Lyon/Salem MI Parkinson Foundation, 30400 Library. A Memorial Luncheon will Telegraph Rd. #150, Bingham Farms, be held on April 10th. Please email: MI 48025. Online condolences

> Elizabeth Tucker, 48, lost her courageous struggle with breast cancer on March 12, 2010 at her home in West Palm Beach, Florida, She grew up in Northville, Michigan and received her undergraduate and doctoral degrees from Michigan State University. She was a Professor of Advertising at University of Texas a Austin before joining major companies in the private sector, BBD&O, Forrester Research & Fidelity Investments in Boston. She is survived by her beloved sisters. Karen and Leigh Tucker, brother-in-law, Jay Garbose, cousin Kathy Benua, and best friends, Jenny Orr, David Richard and Ken Collins. She also leaves behind a close-knit group of lifelong girlfriends from Northville.

from around the world who will miss Heisenberg Equation into her home Lorraine M. Tucker. A Private Memorial will be held for Elizabeth

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1981. Bernie home schooled all three brothers and sisters. A funeral serv- Florence Marie & father of Debra.

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Avenue, Novi

Novi mom seeking donations for Marines' homecoming

Battalion expected to return from Afghanistan in May or June

STAFF WRITER

Sharon Sahlberg is counting down the days until her son, Ryan, comes home. The first lieutenant in the United States Marines, and Novi High School graduate, has been with the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment in Afghanistan since early October and is expected to return home in

May or June. Their current living situa-

long-lost instrument

was her first clue to finding

After finding the shipping

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many clues that lead to actu-

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original matching bench with

Dunn had the harp restored

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at her client's special occasions.

her long-lost harp.

Walled Lake harpist Diane

Dunn, of Heart & Harp, LLC,

professional harpist who spe-

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for special occasions. She is a

many upscale venues includ-

ing the Royal Park Hotel in

In August of 2009, three

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through her website (www.

heartandharp.net) and con-

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they found an empty old harp

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long-lost harp that she last

played in 1970. Dune is a

tion in the desert is less than ideal, and Sharon and several other families and friends of the more than 800 Marines in the battalion are collecting gifts and essential items to give them when they return. "I didn't know he didn't have

a roof over his head and that he sleeps on the ground," she said. "It's pretty primitive as they explained it. And he tells me he is hungry, so that kills a mother when he says that." Ryan, who enlisted in 2003 after finishing school

at The Citadel, spent time in Iraq before heading to Afghanistan. In Iraq, he spent the majority of his time on base, while in Afghanistan he is spending more time in the Sharon said she thinks

he will be "anxious to come home" because of all they have to endure physically and mentally while there. It also will be a relief for her because currently the two get few chances to talk and when

they do it is very emotional.

"It's fine when I'm talking to him until I have to end the conversation," she said. Donations for Ryan and the other Marines in the battalion

can be made by April 10 by

calling Sharon at (248) 719-0053 or via e-mail at ssahlberg@live.com. Information about the battalion can be found at http://www.iimefpublic.usmc. mil/public/iimefpublic.nsf/ unitsites/2bn2mar.

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First Lt. Ryan Sahlberg has been in Afghanistan with the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines Regiment since October. The battalion is expected to return home in May or June, and their families are collecting gifts and personal items to

Young adults with a solution

Wonder if your children are taking drugs or abusing alcohol? Want to learn what signs to look for? Want to know what to do if you suspect signs of drug or alcohol abuse. Get advice of where

Novi Police Chief David Molloy and Kim T. Capello will host a roundtable discussion for parents with questions about drugs, alcohol and their children at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 6 in the multi-purpose room of St. James Catholic Church in Novi. Learn about Alcoholics Anonymous. Learn what drugs are available to our young adults on the street, at home and how your kids are obtaining them. A short introduction will be followed by a question-and-answer round-table session led by young adults who have experienced addictive problems and are

Ribbon cutting

Join the Novi the Novi Chamber of Commerce and City of Novi in celebrating the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for Healthy Hearing Center from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, March 25 at 23895 Novi Road, Suite #100. Meet Lisa Berch MA, CCC-A, audiologist/owner of Healthy Hearing Center, along with the mayor and Novi Chamber members. Tour the center vided. Call (248) 348-HEAR for more information.

Harpist reunited with The Oakland County Clerk and several local city and township clerks will be participating in this year's national "PASSPORT DAY in the USA" - opening their doors on Saturday, March 27,

Locally, two Clerk Offices will be open on March 27:

· Wixom, 49045 Pontiac Trail, Wixom, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For the first time ever, the Oakland County Clerk's Office will be offering expanded services during the March 27 Passport Day, including business/assumed names registrations, on-thespot copies of birth, death and marriage certificates, property records, marriage license applications, notary services and concealed pistol license applications. To assist residents, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office will also be open for several hours on March 27 for fingerprinting service, which is required

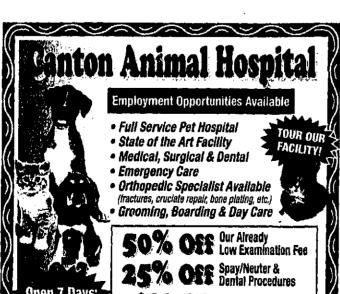
at Lyon & Healy in Chicago for CPL applications. where it was originally made Passport regulations have been tightened in the last several in 1961. Now, after almost 40 years, it is back with her in her ing the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean ent a passport book, passport card or other travel documents beloved harp back in my possession," Dunn said. "We were approved by the U.S. government. The cost of a passport for a great team years ago and are applicants age 16 and older is \$100. For applicants under the age now a great team once again." In addition to her lost-andparticipating communities. Applicants should call their local found semi-grand harp, Dunn also has a concert grand harp and a Celtic harp that she plays

ArtsNovi update

would like to participate are being sought. If you are interested

ArtsNovi is also working on the Twelve Mile Crossing @ Fountain Walk Summer Sidewalk Series, to be held every p.m. Contact via the above if interested in participating. Band and artists postings will be at www.2stonesevents.com.

The group is starting up the ArtsNovi Round Table again. Anyone interested in talking about upcoming events, supporting bringing more art, dance, theater and music to Novi, or just chatting about art in general - please join on the fourth Monday



to turn for help if you suspect your child has a problem.

and schedule a free hearing screening; refreshments will be pro-

• Walled Lake, 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake, 9 a.m.

years. Today, U.S. citizens must present a valid passport when entering or re-entering the United States by air. Citizens enterand Bermuda at land borders and sea ports of entry must presof 16, the cost is \$85. Photos, which are required, are available for \$10 at the Oakland County Clerk's Office and at most of the community to inquire whether photo service is available. For full passport requirements, visit the U.S. Department of State's website at www.travel.state.gov. Additional information is available on the Oakland County Clerk's website at www.oakgov.com/cler-

The Great Lakes Art Fair is April 23-25, and artists who (or know someone) in being a part of the ArtsNovi booth, please call (586) 484-8797 or e-mail to artsnovi@yahoo.com. For general info on the art fair go to www.greatlakesartfair.

Saturday this summer. Two to four artists display their work and there is live music in the center area at Fountain Walk from 4-7



734-397-7779

of every month (March 22 this month) 5:30-7 p.m. at Bonefish Grill in Novi. Email if you plan on attending for a headcount, but show up anytime as this is a very informal meeting.

Two Comfy Couch concerts

Newport Furnishings, on Grand River Avenue, will host a pair of concerts in April. The Concert Series is sponsored by MichiganFolkLive.com and Newport Furnishings and is held on the comfortable furniture in Newport Furnishing's Wixom

First off is Bill Bynum at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 3. Although a Detroit native, Bill's musical roots are in the south. His parents migrated from Black Oak, Arkansas to work in Detroit's steel industry in the 1940s, bringing—like many others—their love for bluegrass and country music. Bill grew up listening to artists like Johnny Cash and Buck Owens on Detroit's country radio station, "The Big D." Detroit rock drove Bill's early musical career. But in 1999, Bill turned on the radio and heard "Yours Forever Blue" by Steve Earle and the Del McCoury Band. From that moment on he found himself with a "nonstop desire to hear and play those songs." Soon he was writing them too. Bill is a first-prize winner in the Metro Detroit Songwriting Showcase with his song "Lovin' You." He has collaborated with bluegrass legend Pete Goble, an International Bluegrass Music Association Lifetime Achievement Award winner.

At 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, Grievous Angel will perform. The group has been delighting fans at festivals, concert venues and juke joints throughout Michigan for years now, delivering their own rollicking brand of American roots music. Revving up at the fabled crossroads where folk, rockabilly, blues, and alt-country were born, they burn rubber through the backwoods and bayous of the American south.

For more information, email stevenjohnson@michiganfolklive.com or call (248) 910-4941.

Novi receives federal grant to increase energy efficiency The City of Novi is a recipient of the Energy Efficiency and ...

Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) in the amount of \$533,100 from the Department of Energy. Funding for this program was made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act signed into law February 17, 2009. The majority of the EECBG grant funds will be used to implement energyreducing projects at City facilities. The projects will provide an estimated annual cost savings of \$97,000.

The City of Novi has long been a proponent of sustainability and eco-friendly initiatives. Recently, Novi launched "green pages" on cityofnovi.org. These pages highlight eco-conscious tips for homes and businesses as well as ways for citizens to engage in environmentally friendly practices. To further share the message of energy conservation, a portion of the EECEG grant funds will be used to install a display in the Civic Center that will showcase the building's energy savings and energy program updates. In addition, on Monday City Council considered a First Reading to amend Novi's ordinances with respect to solar panels and wind turbines.

EECBG grant funds will be used to identify a program to link current and future pathways, sidewalks and trails within the city. In 2006, the Pathway and Sidewalk Prioritization Analysis was created to increase connectivity within the City, encouraging more foot traffic and therefore reducing the carbon footprint. Novi is the only community to be named a Promoting Active Communities Gold Level award winner three times consecutively (2007-2009) by the Governor's Council on Physical

Run, it's an emergency!

The City of Novi and the Novi Police and Fire Departments, in partnership with Providence Park Hospital and Running Fit, announce the first annual Emergency Run. This 5k (3.1 mile) run/1-mile walk event will take place Saturday, May 8 on the Providence Park Hospital Campus (Grand River and Beck roads). In addition to the race, a health, wellness and recreation fair will be open to all community members and offer informational booths, displays, interactive offerings, a children's section, and refreshments.

Registration and the fair begin at 8 a.m. with the start of the run/walk beginning at 9 a.m. The pre-registration fee for the run is \$25 and the walk is \$10. Registration at the event is \$30. Those who pre-register are guaranteed an event T-shirt. Awards and opportunities to win door-prizes are included. Registration forms are available for download at cityofnovi.

org and at the Novi Civic Center, Novi Police Department, Providence Park Hospital and Running Fit-Novi. Proceeds from the event will benefit health and safety initiatives for the Novi

For more information regarding the Emergency Run, contact Robin Working at (248) 735-5628 or visit cityofnovi.org.

Camp Invention 2010 Creativity and brainstorming are the building blocks to your child's future. Camp Invention® emphasizes those skills and more, and Novi Middle School is proud to be among the select

schools in Michigan that will serve as a host site during the week of June 28-July 2. Children will create exciting new games and transform ordinary household items into extraordinary inventions during this weeklong summer adventure for those currently

the STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Registration for this camp is limited to 110 children, so register early. Contact Seth Furlow, Camp Director, at (248) 449-1600 or sfurlow@novi.k12.mi.us for more information. You may also visit Camp Invention's Web site at www.campinvention.org to find out more.

CALENDAR

More: For a complete listing of networking environment for prolocal and regional events, see the fessionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to townlife.com. each other. Members learn how

online at hometownlife.com

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

LOCAL EVENTS **Novi Community Schools**

Kindergarten Parent Orientation Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Location: All elementary school

Details: Contact the school principal for more information: Deerfield, Richard Nius, (248) 449-1700; Orchard Hills, Paul LePlae, 449-1400; Novi Woods, Pamela Quitquit, 449-1230; Parkview, Jenifer Michos, 449-1220; Village Oaks, Sue

(27890 Novi Road)

Valet service will be available.

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. on third

Showplace, Grand River Avenue

between Taft and Beck roads

maintain and grow the Post.

Strikulis (248) 378-7841 or dstriku-

lis@twmi.rr.com or Service Officer --

he Michigan Economic Growth

Authority (MEGA) credits and film

production subsidies are ineffective

and actually cost the state jobs, accord-

ing to a recently released report com-

missioned by the Michigan Education

I have had concerns about the effective

ness of these programs all along. That is

the reason I have been fighting for trans-

parency/disclosure in the MEGA and film

refundable credits. In May 2009, AEG

issued their first report on the credits, in

which they focused on the information

barrier that inhibits policymakers from

evaluating the programs. Importantly,

evaluation on incentives. The Anderson

report is an attempt to put forth such a

While I was recently successful in

program, clearly much work remains on

full disclosure in our tax credits because

the House has yet to take a vote on my

refundable film credit transparency bill.

As a watchdog looking out for taxpay-

independent report has done a vital cost-

benefit analysis of Michigan's business tax

Its results bring more credence to my

long-held belief that the state would have

done better under another form of eco-

nomic development. In fact, eliminating

credits and replacing them with a broad-

based business tax reduction would spur

more small businesses to retain and cre-

ate jobs for our workers and bring in more

tax dollars to our state and local govern-

To understand the cost-benefit of the

tax credits, the effects of each program

were measured against what might hap-

replaced by a broad-based tax cut of equal

credit had to be found to have a negative

pen if the program was scrapped and

value. To be labeled ineffective, a tax

Michigan's ineffective, refundable tax

ers, I am glad that for the first time an

bringing transparency to the MEGA

framework.

this new study reveals a lack of systematic

Association and conducted by the

Anderson Economic Group (AEG).

Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193 or

pnerick@aol.com.

BUSINESS

Metro Novi BNI

Location: On the Border

(north of 8 Mile), Novi

Location: Rock Financial

American Legion Post 19

Monthly Meeting

Burnham, 449-1300. Easter brunch Time/Date: 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, April 4

Location: Hotel Baronette in Novi 43455 West Oaks Dr., Novi Details: An Easter brunch for the **Details:** Featured speaker will entire family. Children will have the be Daniel J. Cherrin, president of opportunity to choose delectable North Coast Strategies discussitems from their own Bunny Buffet. ing reputation management; \$20 In addition to visiting the children's activity craft area and having their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. The cost of the buffet for adults is \$28.95 and \$14.95 for chil-

dren ages 8-14. There is no cost for Time/Date: 4-7:30 p.m. Wednesday,

27790 Novi Rd., Novi **Details:** Presenting Sponsor Lotus Bank; keynote speaker

able at the door. Details: Comrades and fellow vet-Novi Toastmasters Club erans, please join these monthly meetings; attendance is needed to

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday Road, Novi, Michigan 48375 Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides a

mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine Time/Date: 7-8:30 a.m. every their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and **Details:** BNI is a structured personal excellence. Guests are

welcome - and bring a friend. Visit www.novi.freetoathost.us. Contact: Paulette Alioa, V.P. of Public Relations at greenspace@ mi.rr.com or (248) 756-0907. Novi Rotary Club

41671 W. 10 Mile Road Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information; noviro-

Time/Date: 7:45-9 a.m. April 20 Location: DirectBuy Club of Farmington Hills, 33800 W. 9 Mile Road (just west of Farmington Road), Farmington

Departments, Public Schools and

many other prestigious organiza-

tions. Visit: http://www.leemead-

ows.biz/- to find out more about Dr.

Meadows. Cost is \$20; \$10 of each

ticket is a tax deductible donation

to Rotary Foundation. All proceeds

will benefit the \$200 million Polio

Contact: Seating is limited; please

make your reservations by calling

Ginger Barrons at (248) 348-0551

or email reliable@cdnet.net.

Novi Community Education

Web: www.novi.k12.mi.us/district/

Time/Date: Thursday, March 25:

6:30-8 p.m.; Saturday, March 27:

Location: Novi Middle School and

basics of bird identification. Lots

Details: Have fun learning the

Contact: (248) 449-1206

communityeducation

Birding for Beginners

8-10 a.m.

impact on job creation

and generation of new tax

According to the study,

three of the state's target-

ed business tax programs

including the film and

MEGA credits - had the

effect of reducing employ-

ment in Michigan by

25,000 jobs and resulting in \$85 million

in less tax revenue when compared to an

Considering that our unemployment

rate continues to be the nation's highest -

and has been for four consecutive years -

I agree with the study's statement that the

reported success of the tax credits "reveals

a systematic weakness in Michigan's busi-

Michigan job providers and working

meet. The state is trying to balance a \$1.4

billion deficit. And thousands of Michigan

residents are looking for work. This land-

lawmakers that the status quo isn't work-

In my last year as your senator, I will

continue to work diligently to enact sound

Senate Finance Committee moves

The property tax appeals process will

become more fair and smooth for proper-

ty owners if Senate Republican legislation

recently approved by the Senate Finance

Many Legislators have heard from

their constituents that the short current

deadline gives them little time to weigh

legislation gives property owners more

Senate Bill 395 would grant taxpay-

ers additional time to prepare to contest

making an appeal. This taxpayer-friendly

time to consider appealing and gather the

taxpayer-friendly legislation

economic policies that create long-term

iobs for Michigan workers.

Committee becomes law.

proper information.

mark study should be a wake-up call to

families are struggling to make ends

Challenge campaign.

EDUCATION

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 Location: 41875 11 Mile Road, #201,

providing bona fide referrals to

to create and refine an 'elevator

speech,' develop a broad network

of other business professionals in

the community and receive train-

ing/education on networking more

efficiently. Guests are invited to

Contact: For more information,

contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-

1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.

com; www.metronovibni.com.

Novi Chamber of Commerce

breakfast provided.

attend free of charge. Continental

Contact: For more information, call (248) 349-3743 or www.novichamber.com

Networking Luncheon Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Locatin: Carrabba's Italian Grill,

pre-registration by 4 p.m. Tuesday, 2nd Annual Business & Taste

children age 7 and under to attend. **Location**: The Baronette Renaissance Hotel Detroit-Novi,

 Lisa Barry, WNIC Radio; networking, complimentary appetizers and cash bar. Public welcome; \$5 pay-

Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile

of how-to help with topics including: field guides, birding by ear, optics and other gear, and birding locations in southeast Michigan and beyond. Two sessions in the classroom and two in the field. There is a \$6 fee to enter both Maybury State Park and Island Lake Recreation Area if you do not have an annual vehicle permit.

Nancy Cassis

alternative policy.

ness tax system."

Time/Date: Noon every Thursday Location: Novi Methodist Church.

Breakfast & Learn Charity Event Dirty Martini Lounge: Killer Flamingos 10 p.m. Thursday Late Night Comedy Series Time: 10 p.m. Friday; 11 p.m. Saturday

Details: March 19-20 - Dan Details: What would you discover i Swartout and Nicholas Anthony you became your own "Undercover Contact: Tickets are available at Boss"? Simple steps to increasing the theater's box office, by phone Employee/Volunteer participation & at 248-348-4448 (box office) 1-800your bottom line. Can your organi-745-3000 (Ticketmaster) or on-line zation run smoother in a challengat www.ticketmaster.com, For more ing economy? Author, Columnist, information on "Late Night Comedy and Noted Speaker Dr. Meadows Series" call the Andiamo Novi will answer these questions and Theatre at (248) 348-4448. The more. A Professor of Business Andiamo Novi Theatre is located at Management at Walsh College, he 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi. is gifted in his ability to entertain Liquor Store while educating. Dr. Meadows has provided training for our Police

Location: Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, 44325 Twelve Mile Contact: (248) 305.8135

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Contact: (248) 662-1100 The Grapevine of Novi Location: 43155 Market Street,

thegrapevineofnovi.com Live music Fridays and Saturdays: 8:30-midnight March 26 - Michael May & The Messarounds March 27 - Doug Deming

Location: 42875 Grand River Avenue, Novi Contact: (248) 465-9600 with DJ Joey "A" & mc Jevon Thursdays: DJ Tommy Holiday Fridays: Famous Friday with DJ

Mixx Lounge

their assessments by requiring property

March meeting by the board of review,

While this modest extension may be a

minor inconvenience to some assessors,

it may be a saving grace to a struggling

More than \$258,000 returned to

As a state senator, I have been able to

state during my Senate tenure

save more than \$258,580 in my office

and committee budgets by being fiscally

responsible. Since joining the Michigan

in savings from my office and staff bud-

get and \$11,639 from my Senate Finance

Committee allocation. This includes a

These savings could not have been

total of \$45,497 that I returned in 2009.

achieved without the input and coopera-

tion of my hard-working staff. We have,

once again, made smart spending deci-

sions to cut operating costs while main-

of the 15th Senate District.

state government.

As chair of the Senate Finance

taining quality service to the constituents

Committee, I strive to set an example of

fiscal responsibility by doing my part as

difficult times. Saving taxpayer dollars in

a legislator to reduce spending in these

my office and committee budgets dem-

cost of government. Having realized these

achieve similar cost savings throughout

Nancy Cassis is the state senator for Oakland

County's 15th District: Commerce Twp, Highland

Twp, Holly Twp, Lyon Twp, Milford Twp, Northville

city (part), Novi city, Novi Twp, Orchard Lake city

Rose Twp, South Lyon city, Walled Lake city, West

Bloomfield Twp, White Lake Twp and Wixom city.

Visit www.SenatorNancyCassis.com for the latest

information and updates on issues in Lansing, or

contact her toll free at 1-888-38-NANCY.

savings in my office budget, I will work to

onstrates a shared effort to reduce the

which is the appeal deadline.

tax assessment notices be sent to prop-

Andiamo Lounge: local entertain ers 8 p.m. Wednesdays; Old Vegas

Novi Public Library Assistant Director of Operations Mary Ellen Mulcrone points out some features of the new library as it nears the point of being ready for furniture and books. The Novi Library will be closed April and May with the new building set to open June 1.

com, will be available through

out the closure (except from

April 11-17), and a few library

programs will be offered off-

site at the Novi Civic Center.

Phone service also will be lim-

ited, but Mulcrone said they

keep up with calls.

book store.

will do their best to return and

The demolition process of

the old facility will start April

19. It is the future site of the

parking lot for the new build-

Farkas said volunteers are

the Friends of the Novi Library

"If you want a chance to get

into the new building and help

For more information about

the closing or to volunteer, call

nmuetler 4 gannett.com († 1248) 437-2011, ext. 255

out with working in the store

we can use you," she said.

(248)349-0720.

always needed, especially at

patrons. The busiest facility will likely be the Northville District Library, considering its proximity, but Wixom, Lyon Township and Salem-South

Lyon are other options. Those four libraries, plus Novi, make up the newly formed Neighborhood Library Association. Farkas said she started the group to get the libraries to share resources and provide more services and programming for users.

During the closure, people can still return materials to the old building until April 8. Starting April 9, the new building will be the site for

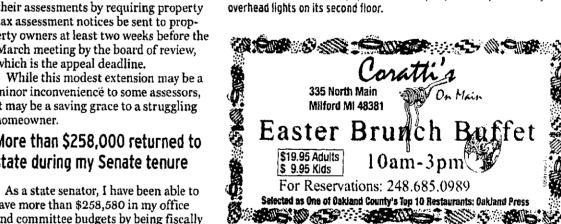
The Novi Public Library Web site, www.novilibrary.

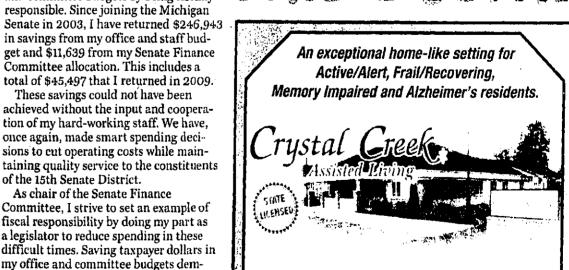
Contact: (248) 344-4644; www.

Wednesdays: WYLD" Wednesday

iMix & mc Jevon Hollywood Location: 43155 Main Street, Novi Contact: (248) 347-6499 or mixx-Thursday-Saturday: DJ

Report: Film and MEGA credits ineffective, cost jobs The new Novi Public Library sports some very airplane wing-ish looking





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Lawmakers miss mark on pay cuts

On March 15, a poll sponsored by the group Business Leaders for Michigan made news with its results that most voters polled wanted a 3 percent pay bump stopped for unionized state workers.

Last Thursday, the Michigan Senate tried again to stop the raise. The bid failed, again.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, (salary: \$105,650) has said he hasn't given up on getting the money from the state workers. Two-thirds of both the Senate and House must agree to stop the pay change before

It's a real shame that Bishop and the rest of the Legislature can't put the same laser-like focus on saving taxpayers other millions of dollars - money paid out via Michigan's No. 2-in-thenation legislative salaries.

Advocates of the plan to nullify the negotiated pay bump for approximately 35,000 state workers have made an issue of the Business Leaders for Michigan poll. The people have spoken, so to

But does Bishop or any other state legislator have a doubt what a poll on reducing legislative pay would say?

In 2000, base legislative pay - not counting legislators' personal office slush funds - was

In 2010, after Michigan had lost hundreds of thousands of jobs, base legislative pay is \$79,650. If legislative pay were reduced to its 2000 figure, that would save the state \$3.35 million per

year (\$22,669 cut times 148 legislative slots). True, the legislative pay cut isn't a huge bundle in a state that spends billions out of its general fund. But go back to this state-worker rollback. The Associated Press says its nullification would save \$48 million for the general fund.

That is a savings, but still a small one when compared to Michigan's \$1 billion-plus deficit for the upcoming 2010-11 budget year. If it's of vital necessity to get this \$48 million saved, why isn't it better to save another \$3 million?

Legislators will tell you they voted for a pay cut; and they did — for lawmakers taking office in January 2011. Some lawmakers will say they have made voluntary givebacks of salary.

Fine, but the Legislature isn't debating a program to allow state workers to voluntarily give back this 3 percent, or any other figure. State lawmakers want to force these state workers to give up the money.

Yet, for all their acumen, all their integrity, all their concern for the state treasury, they just cannot find a way to immediately cut the pay for every single member of the Legislature. The Business Leaders for Michigan should be

ONLINE **VOICES & VIEWS**

The following are excerpts from readers par-ticipating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voices, on the Web at hometown-

Teachers voice concerns with Focus on Our Future forums

Maybe the people of Novi should start sending there children to private schools or school of choice. I'm sure other districts would love to have Novi students. That would send a message to the administration. So maybe they will start being honest with the community.

We need vouchers! :-)

asking them why.

rebeleightone

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COMMUNITY VOICE

What are your plans for the two months Novi Library will be closed, starting April 1?



"I quess I'll be refamiliarizing myself with the Northville Library. We'll be counting the seconds until Novi reopens."

Jennifer Stefanek



library user, so we'll check out Wixom, Walled Lake, even Bloomfield Hills. We'll rotate around until Novi re-

Raquel Robinson



to another library until this one reopens.

Gabriel Young, 7



another library - maybe

J.J. Katz

LETTERS

The reality in our country In response to the lack of objectivity articulated by two local progressive-

minded letter writers, I would like to respond with a few points of fact. When the Republicans failed to main-

tain their majority in the 2006 elections, it was because they had lost the confidence of their conservative base. When the Republicans took over in the 1994 elections, the Gingrich congress brought a level of fiscal discipline that resulted in balancing the budget and creating a surplus. That attitude changed when Gingrich was ousted and Bush 43 was elected president. The Republicans proceeded to behave like liberals with the

checkbook and the legislation. What took the Republicans 12 years to accomplish (getting fired by the electorate), the Democrats will accomplish in a mere four years. This president, who promised us change in Washington's dirty ways, has demonstrated that he is no different then the rest of them, and possibly much worse. In his four years in office, he will propose and spend over \$14 trillion just through the standard

budgeting process. Add at least another \$6 trillion of deficit spending on top of that, all at a time we see Social Security and Medicare going broke. The post office is about to take away services because they are broke. Our new health care legislation collects taxes for four years before providing anyone with any services.

- our city governments, our school systems, our state government and Washington. You think health care is a crisis, just wait till the pensions all fail and need to be bailed out in full. How anyone in good conscience thinks this is the time to commit our children to a new program is beyond me. But that's the problem with me: I see reality for what it is, not what I pretend it to be.

Keep school schedule

The Novi High School policies are fine the way they are, especially the school schedule. Four blocks a day, each around 90 minutes on long days and 60 minutes on seminar days, is the bet schedule I have had in my life. Changing the school schedule to six blocks a day with no seminar days is wrong. Every day is hard enough as it is. Even

though the schedule will be automatic and will start next year, I think it should be changed back to normal after the consecutive year. Next year, when the schedule is in effect, teachers will have to cram what they need to teach into our educational minds. This means more work for students, considering the amount of homework and for teachers to cram their schoolwork into 45minute class periods.

The 2011-12 year should be back to normal after the new schedule to relieve the students and their hard work. I have already discussed this new schedule with many of my classmates, and they also feel that this schedule will turn out to be worse Brooks Decker than the normal school schedule we have now. We, the students, will not have any more seminar periods to get extra help on subjects we need. Please vote to change the schedule after the consecutive year to have the same school schedule we have now at Novi High.

My support for community college edu-

cation is personal as well as professional. I

am a product of Michigan's excellent com-

munity college system with degrees from

Michigan State and Wayne State built upon

the solid education I received at Henry Ford

have had the exciting and rewarding career

Michigan's community colleges carry

a heavy load and will continue to do so as

Michigan transforms itself from a "heavy

Community colleges are essential to

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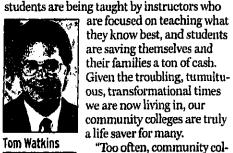
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Community College in Dearborn. I would not

Rvan Mach Novi High School student

Community college - a great value close by

Dangerfield of higher education. They just "don't get no respect" — respect that they deserve and continue earning every day. Community colleges are the grand entranceways to enhancing knowledge and skills, giving individuals a boost up life's economic ladder while strengthening our communities. At Schoolcraft Community the



leges are treated as an after-

thought — if they're thought of at all," President Obama said in a speech at Macomb County Community College last summer. The president proposed sinking \$12 billion into revamping our country's community college system. This ambitious and muchneeded plan would invest \$9 billion in grant money to boost academic programs and raise graduation rates, plus another \$2.5 billion to upgrade school infrastructure. It would also fund open-source e-learning courses so that schools don't have to build more classrooms to admit more students. (See my 2005 Wayne State University report on the value of e-learn-

ing: Exploring E-learning for Michigan: The New Education (R)evolution) http://www.inacol.org/research/docs/e-

learningreport.pdf>).
While this good news of financial help for community colleges was delivered in Michigan by the president of the United States, the soaring rhetoric has yet to translate into money. Legislative bills are still winding their way through committees in Congress. Locally, Schoolcraft Community College

makes a significant difference in helping prepare students and employees for our hypercompetitive, disruptive, and technologically driven global economy, where ideas and jobs can now move across the globe effortlessly. They are doing this important work with ever shrinking resources from Lansing.

Thirty years ago, on average, Michigan's community colleges received nearly 50 percent of their funding from state appropriations and another 25 percent each from property taxes and tuition. Today, the state's contribution is less than half that -20 percent - while the other 80 percent is derived from property taxes and tuition, according to Mike Hansen, president of the Michigan Community College

In the last Michigan budget cycle, community colleges were one of the only areas not reduced, and we'll be fortunate to repeat that again this year. Yet we all know that may be difficult when costs such as health care, utilities and pensions continue to rise and tax

revenue has flatlined. Community colleges are supported by state appropriations that have declined or been flat and property tax revenues that are threatened by serious declines in property values. Making up the difference for the loss of revenue from state and local property taxes by adopting huge tuition increases is unrealistic, especially in the depressed economy Michigan currently finds itself in.

Another reason for investing in our community colleges is how responsive they are to local needs by providing re-education for laid-off workers. These colleges are also agile in providing classes on demand by employers. It has been argued that our country's university system stands on tradition — change

for it is like turning an ocean liner. In contrast,

community colleges respond like a speedboat

in providing education to meet immediate

"put the world on wheels" to the state that provides the education and skills to all its citizens to compete as we reinvent ourselves. Today's students/workers need to be able to learn continuously, think critically and adapt to a changing economy We cannot and will not compete with developing nations on low-wage and low-skilled jobs. Our future depends on skilled, knowledgeable and flexible workers who can pivot rapidly and stay ahead of our global competitors. That workforce is being prepared today by a community college near

> At a time when national data suggest that one of every five students at our finest and more costly universities requires developmental and remedial assistance to graduate, the value of a quality, less-costly community college education comes into sharper focus. Schoolcraft Community College has carned the respect and deserves the support of the

Tom Watkins is an education and business consultant in the U.S. and China and served as Michigan's state superintendent of schools from 2001-2005. He can be reached at tdwatkins@aol.com.

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

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Bowl on Novi Road.

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vehicle when he went inside the busi-

5An in-dash stereo system was stolen from a Jeep Commander between 7

p.m. and 8 p.m. on March 17 while it was

parked in the parking lot at the Sheraton

The owner of the vehicle said one of the

Hotel on Haggerty Road.

ness and when he returned the driver's

The vehicle owner said he locked his

Car broken into at Lifetime

A Saturn Aura had its driver's side rear window broken out and several items were stolen from inside the car between noon and 12:45 p.m. on March 14 while it was parked in the parking lot at Lifetime Fitness on High Pointe Boulevard.

The victim said she placed her purse under the driver's seat covered by a newspaper and a gallon of milk and locked her vehicle before going inside. When she came back to her car there was glass inside it and her purse and its contents were gone. Located in the purse were her driver's license, several credit cards and other personal items.

Nothing else was missing from the car and this was one of two incidents that occurred in the immediate area during

Police have no suspects at this time.

Drunk driver caught with no lights on Novi police arrested a 38-year-old woman for drunk driving at 3 a.m. on March 14 at Novi Road and Grand River Avenue after observing the woman pull out of the Mobil Gas Station without the car lights on.

When the officer approached the vehicle, he could smell a strong odor of intoxicants and the woman admitted to

She failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .12 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers is .08 percent. The woman was transported to the Novi Police Department where she was

issued a citation for operating while intox-

icated and released when sober. GPS snatched from car

the followina:

A Garmin GPS was stolen from an Sunlocked car between the hours of 12:30 a.m. and 6 a.m. on March 12 while it was parked in the driveway of a home on Chestnut Tree.

The GPS, valued at \$200, was sitting and reported it to management. One of on the dash prior to the theft and noththe windows was smashed out of the SUV ing else was taken from the vehicle. Police and the navigation system was ripped out could not locate any evidence and have no suspects at this time.

In-dash unit jacked from vehicle A black Chrysler Sebring was broken into and the in-dash stereo and GPS system was removed from it between

of the dash. Police were unable to locate any evidence and have no suspects at this time.

Car found on bricks A Novi man woke up on March 17 to find his Ford Taurus sitting on

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pects at this Drunk driver stopped after 7 Novi police arrested a South Carolina

side window had been smashed and woman for drunk driving after she was observed speeding on M-5 south of Fourteen Mile Road at 1:52 a.m. on the system was removed from the Police have no suspects at this time. March 17. According to the police report, the Window smashed on SUV

9 Mile Rd.

woman was traveling 71 miles per hour in a 55 mph zone prior to being stopped. When the officer approached the vehicle he could smell a strong odor of intoxicants coming from inside and she admitted to having two beers at a friends' house in maintenance workers noticed the damage

She failed field sobriety tests and preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .11 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers is .08

The woman was transported to the Novi Police Department where she was issued a citation for operating while intoxicated and released when sober.

CEMS moved into two new locations

Residents should see enhanced service

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

The crews at Community EMS finally have a couple places to call home.

Usually reserved to parking in select parking lots throughout the city, CEMS employees recently moved into Fire Station No. 3 for a portion of the day and created the CEMS Satellite Station for full-time

CEMS crews will use station No. 3, located on the south side of Nine Mile Road east of Novi Road, from 6 p.m.-6 a.m. during the week and 24 hours on the weekends. The CEMS Satellite Station is the site of old station No. 4 near

Providence Park Hospital, and will occupied 24 hours a day. "(Moving CEMS into permanent locations) has been a top priority the last couple months," said Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Molloy. "It is definitely going to

by having them there." Novi City Council members unanimously approved the move in January, and drew praise from Mayor David Landry who was happy that

enhance the delivery of service

there would be better coverage in the area around Fire Station No. 3 because 73 percent of the calls out of that station are during the hours CEMS will be

The contract also stipulated that CEMS will pay the city \$600 per month rent for using the CEMS Satellite Station. Chuck Kearns, Community EMS vice president/chief oper ating officer, said the main

idea behind the move is to

reduce response times. "The south and west sides of the city of Novi that are a bit more rural have always gotten longer response times than the core of the city," he said. "We are hoping by using these two locations the big goal is to have faster responses to the citizens.

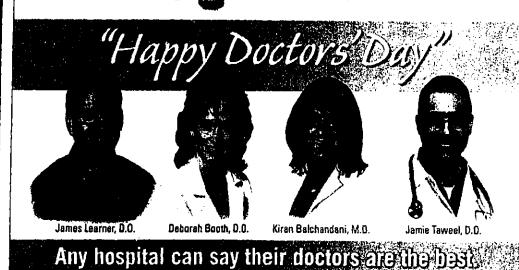
He also added that it is a big morale perk" for their

CEMS will continue to have a presence throughout the city despite now having a place to store the vehicles, Kearns said And anytime an ambulance is out on a call in an area another one will be moved into place to

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is sometimes portrayed, but

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connected with the business

cycle. The real path to self-

development is in identifying

those activities that connect

both knowledge and skill to

some kind of business prob-

lem. Hypotheticals make for

great legal, philosophical

and psychological debates

business solutions. Active

engagement in individual

self-development is a message

to the organization that you

are paying attention. Keep in

mind, from the organization's

point of view, insisting that

you learn something new is

the equivalent of being told to

wear a belt with your pants so

your underwear doesn't show.

You're supposed to already

but rarely lead to practical

Self-development shows firm you're paying attention

Pashe practical side of selfdevelopment is rarely viewed through the lens of business outcomes. It was, typically, angled as a nice-tolo, fuzzy-wuzzy activity that ranked just below the corporate Nerf Ball tournament. Occasionally, it was dusted off during the annual performance appraisal discussion as a checklist of unrelated tasks that lend further credence to it being taken as seriously as a Flava Flav critique of the Six

Wives of Henry the VIII. During the years of corporate benevolence, millions of dollars were allocated to the pursuit of knowledge enhancement, skill acquisition and self-improvement as part of the employee benefit package. The corporation took responsibility for making the resources available and it was the employee's option whether or not to seize the opportunity. As an unseen, intangible occurrence, self-development was a source of conversational awkwardness between managers and employees that, oftentimes, was relegated to the last topic discussed after you finished talking about the other 'important' stuff. The perceived softness of self-development is what triggered the nardened resistance from so

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lent reception by area residents.

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many business sectors. When the skills, bought and paid for by the organization, rarely resulted in any demon-

strable change Lee Meadows in behavior or outcome, what followed was the collective perception that it was a waste of time and it 'didn't take.

One of the arguments advanced by the 'experientialists' is that experience is the best teacher and that the best development occurs when you, actually, grab a tiger by the tail as opposed to chasing it through a video game. The flip side of the argument is found in the writings of the 'reflectionalists' who believe that reading, discussion and critical thinking is the path to true self-development. Far from thinking about self-develoverstressed, 9 a.m.-midnight employee, whose primary concerns are the hallucinations that come from lack of sleep. Somewhere in the middle of the debate, the pendulum swings between self-seeking advancement and reactive business necessity. Is it better to immerse oneself into a self-

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dise and reduce extra inven-

designed, inner-driven broadening of skills and knowledge? Or, is it better to wait until the organization identifies what you need to, quickly, learn and direct you toward that activity? At a time when external ven-

> ues stretch the once unshakeable foundations of business, all roads lead inward. The practical side of business demands a concrete, connected path to survival and growth. The monetary reward that comes from putting in long hours will stagnate when left unbalanced by personal attention to self-development. There is more than a compelling notion that has business leaders rethinking how they approach the design and delivery of business outcomes. When practical necessity dictates a different mindset from business leaders, it rightfully follows that employees are

expected to make the same

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to The Henry Ford

Novi-based ITC Holdings Corp., the nation's only independent electric transmission company, donated \$1 million to The Henry Ford to upgrade the institution's aging electrical infrastructure. The donation was announced by Patricia E. Mooradian, president of The Henry Ford, and Joseph L. Welch, chairman,

"We are so grateful that ITC has made this extraordinary gift to The Henry Ford," said Mooradian, in a press conference held today at The Henry Ford. "ITC is deeply committed to supserve and we are honored to receive their support on this important project. Updating The Henry Ford's electrical infrastructure,

The Henry Ford's current electrical infrastructure, installed during construction in the late 1920s, is quite basic by today's standards and limits the organization's ability to transform areas of the museum floor or excel in public programming. Planned new exhibitions and visitor amenities all require dramatically none of which is possible The Henry Ford."

without a massive electrical system upgrade. "As the nation's only fully independent electric

transmission company, ITC

supports infrastructure improvements to ensure reliable, safe electricity in our communities, businesses and cultural institutions," said Welch. "This gift reflects ITC's commitment to good corporate citizenship and will help The Henry Ford continue to educate and entertain visitors from Michigan and throughout the nation. At ITC, we take seriously our responsibility as a critical

link to electric reliability, sustainability, community

and energy independence.

A comprehensive analysis

of The Henry Ford's existing electrical infrastructure has been completed and a "needs assessment" recommended a new 13,000 volt high-voltage distribution system. This new system will address the anticipated electrical requirements for planned and future exhibitions, programming and visitor amenity installations throughout The Henry Ford campus for years to come, while provid-

ing better protection for the

less collections. "We're extremely proud and grateful to have ITC as one of our stakeholders fueling our transformation,' said Mooradian. "ITC is a company that fully embodies innovation, reliability and that 'can-do' spirit that and technological interface, we celebrate everyday at

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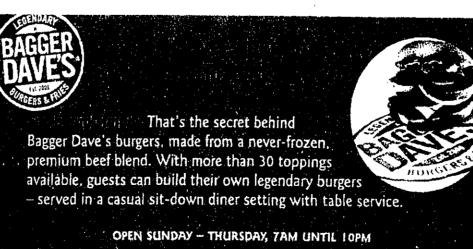
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Verma honored by Democrats

The Michigan-Indo-American Democratic Caucus and Indian community honored Novi's Ramesh Verma, treasurer of the Michigan Democratic party and former chairman of the MIADC (2005-08). In attendance at the event were U.S. Congressman Gary Peters, Senator Hansen Clarke, State Representatives Dian Slavens

and Lesia Liss, many judges and city councilmen. Mark Brewer, chairman of the Michigan Democratic Party, introduced Verma and spoke about his achievements as captain in the Indian Army, director of Design Construction at University of Michigan Hospitals, Ann Arbor, and as a Democrat in Michigan.

Verma was presented a plaque which says, "...for his leadership, commitment and dedication to the Indian of Michigan

accepted the award and said that he was honored and humbled to receive that recognition which has given him more responsibilities to perform more for the community. Further, he said that he could not have done it without the help of dedicated and loyal members of the board. He thanked his wife, Usha, for her help at home.

Verma did, and helped in, many fund-raisings which included Governor Granholm, Sen. Clarke, Sen. Kerry for President, Sen. Obama for President, and many other leg-

Verma is also highly regarded by the community who helped in the visas/immigration problems. He worked with legislators, the governor's office and the Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth concerning placing cremated human remains in the form of ashes into the waters of Michigan.

Legislation was signed

into law by the governor in

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November 2008. Verma is retired and has volunteered his services to the Democratic party and Indian community. He has been appointed by the governor as a commissioner both the Office of Services to the Aging and Asian Pacific for American Affairs. The Novi mayor appointed Verma a Library Board trustee, and he is now vice president.



Andrew and Diane Kovacs of Novi announce the engagement of their son, James Andrew Kovacs, of Chicago and Santa Clara, Calif., to Bridget Anne Blazek of Omaha, Neb. She is the daughter of George and Donna Blazek of

James is a graduate of Novi High School and the University of Michigan, where he received bachelor's degree in honor economics and psychology. He earned a juris doctor from Harvard

Law School, and he is currently employed as a senior attorney, Legal and Corporate Affairs, with Intel Corporation in California. Bridget is a graduate of Central High School in Omaha. She went to the College of the Holy Cross, Worcestor, Mass., where she graduated cum laude with a bachelor of arts in economics accounting. She is currently getting her juris doctor from Washington University in St. Louis,

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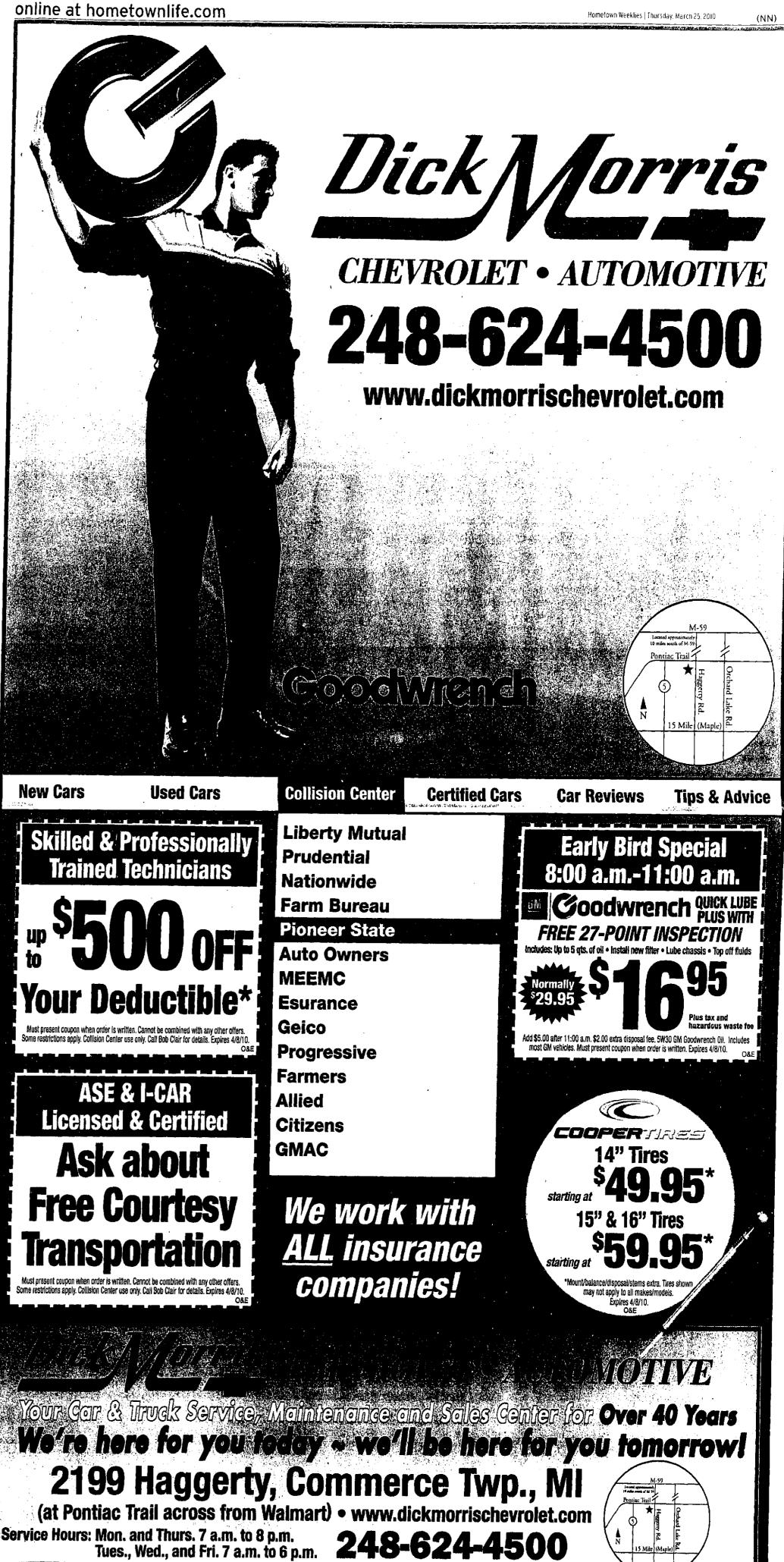
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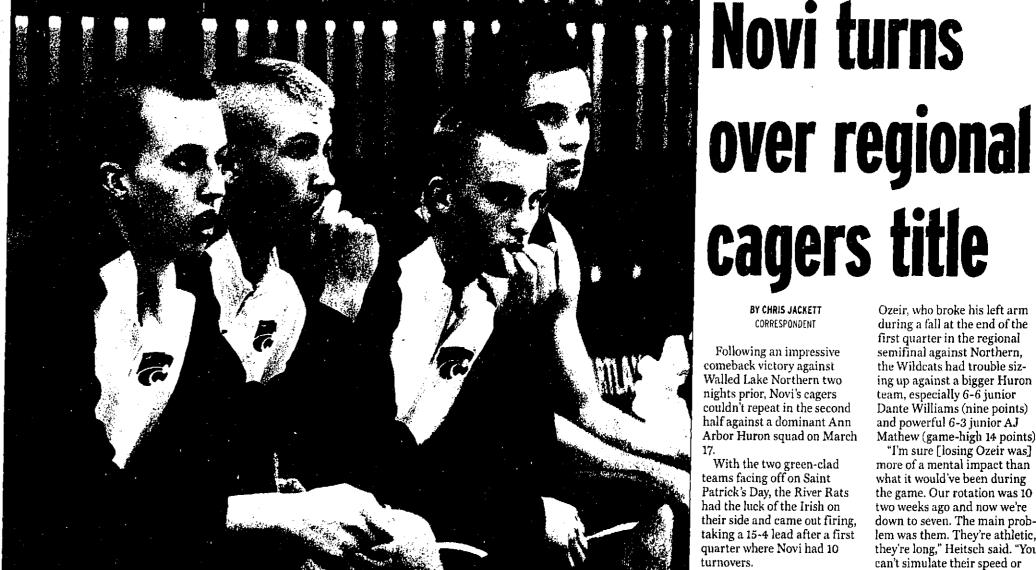
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Senior speed,



JOHN HEIDERISTAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

comeback victory against Walled Lake Northern two nights prior, Novi's cagers couldn't repeat in the second half against a dominant Ann Arbor Huron squad on March

With the two green-clad teams facing off on Saint Patrick's Day, the River Rats had the luck of the Irish on their side and came out firing, taking a 15-4 lead after a first quarter where Novi had 10 "That is a very good team,"

Novi coach Cory Heitsch said. They force you to make good decisions all the time." Without 6-8 junior Samer

Ozeir, who broke his left arm during a fall at the end of the first quarter in the regional semifinal against Northern, the Wildcats had trouble sizing up against a bigger Huron team, especially 6-6 junior Dante Williams (nine points) and powerful 6-3 junior AJ

Mathew (game-high 14 points). "I'm sure [losing Ozeir was] more of a mental impact than what it would've been during the game. Our rotation was 10 two weeks ago and now we're down to seven. The main problem was them. They're athletic, they're long," Heitsch said. "You can't simulate their speed or length in practice. We couldn't finish and, after that, we got

Please see CAGERS, B3

Wildcat players look on nervously as their teammates on the court have problems keeping up with the River Rats.

Sustainability. That will be the goal this spring for Novi's

A Novi Wildcat lays down a bunt against South Lyon East in '09.

Young softball squad

Wildcats return most of starting lineup should be a very interesting

> BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

With the full starting lineup (except first base) returning from last season's 14-17 squad, Bob Lulek's group of sophomores are now juniors and ready to take a step up in the KLAA Central Division soft-

ball standings.
The added year of experience should help the Wildcats, who struggled in pressure situations last year. "My biggest concern will be how we respond in close games. In the past, we would melt down when we fell behind. I feel we are more,

confident about the way we play, but only time will tell," said coach Lulek, who enters his fourth season at Novi after bringing over 11 years of experience from Livonia Ladywood. "I do believe, if we only time will tell. I do believe, if we can stay healthy, this season. This team has a different attitude. I like what I see.'

can stay healthy, this should be a very interesting season. This team has a different attitude. I like what I see." What Lulek should expect

COACH BOS LULEK

to see is strong senior leadership in the corners, as captains Stephanie Hrit and Allyson Hrit handle the respectively. Junior Maddy Sinkovich will play between the pair at center field. "Our program has not been

believe we now have some pretty good talent with senior top doubles team. Seniors Amanda Border The Wildcats will also sport a young infield that has yet to

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very strong in the past. I really

eadership," Lulęk said.

Sprinters hoping to pedal Wildcats to division title repeat in 2010

Novi racers geared up to host **WL Central today**

BY CHRIS JACKETT

girls track and field team,

who went 5-0 in the Central Division before winning the conference and regional titles. The Wildcats return a core of sprinters and a few of their relay and field athletes that were state qualifiers in 2009. Leading the short-distance races will be senior captains Brianne Pieprzak, Regina Barbosa and sophomores D'Mya Davis, Jasmine Ward and Kelly McCloskey. Ward was a regional champion in the 100-meter dash as a freshman, while McCloskey won the regional title in the 300-meter hurdles. McCloskey was also a state qualifier in the 4x200 relay, while Ward,

Davis and Pieprzak qualified in all the sprint relays. Davis also qualified in the 100-meter dash and Pieprzak in the 200meter dash. Barbosa special-

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Members of the girls track team begin warming up for their 2010 spring campaign on March 22.

Strong core could lead lady netters to state title

8 of 12 return from team that finished fourth in state

CORRESPONDENT

Swinging through last spring last year. with division, conference and regional titles, Novi's girls tennis squad returns eight of their top 12 players, including their top three singles players and

Sara Carlson, Lauren Felcher, Julia Thomas and sophomore Abby Wang will be the nucleus of a strong Wildcats team look- defending her individual con-

ing to build on last season's success. All but Wang earned MHSTeCA All-State honors "We have the potential to

be a very good team. A lot of the kids' games have shown improvement," said coach Jim Hanson, who is entering his 26th season at the Wildcats' helm. "Midland Dow won states last year and have most of their team back." Border will lead the way in

worked on their game since last season. I'm looking forward to having a good and fun year. I just want the girls to play up to their abilities and work hard in practice, and it's not the end of the world if they lose." COACH JIM HANSON

"I'm pleased with how the kids

ference and regional titles at one singles, aiming to improve on last season's 18-5 record. Carlson (21-4 at two singles in 2009) and Wang (22-7 at three singles in 2009) both

6 record and conference chamionship last year. Juniors Jenna Snyder, Meggie Riegel and senior Andrea Lollo all played doubles

last year, but will compete for the four singles and pair of two

finished within the top four in

Division I at their position last

"They're three very excellent

singles players. Sara and Abby

Felcher and Thomas will

return their experience at one

doubles that earned them a 19-

are very close," Hanson said.

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Manning tees up for Novi squad

Large field of golfers looking to fill vacant spots

There are 42 golfers looking to fill out Novi's roster this spring. Only about one-quarter of them will see varsity competition this season after cuts are made today.

All-State senior Tyler Manning, who also qualified for 2009 U.S. Junior Amateur, will lead a group of Wildcats into action as one of just a few Novi golfers who saw consistent action last

"He is one of the top 10 players in the state." said coach Brad Huss, who has led the team for 13 years.

Senior Steve Rajkovic will contribute this season, along with juniors Sam Palmer, Kyle Edwards, Alex Willson and sophomore John Walker, who are each expected have increased roles after earning varsity experience last year. "(Our biggest challenge will

be) to find the right chemis-

The Wildcat golf team will be the final spring sport to start competition, teeing their season off with four straight invitationals in one week. The first will be the Hartland Early Bird Invitational on April 13. After getting through invitationals at Farmington and Pinckney, the Wildcats will pull a doubleheader of sorts and visit 2009 division runners-up Livonia Stevenson 3:30 p.m. on April 19 after spending that morning at

learn how to perform when it counts and to step up in the big tournaments," Huss said. All will have to work together to fill the holes left by graduates Brent Womack, Nick Hansen and Chuck

the Brighton Invitational.

"Three of our best players and leaders of the team. try and for these returnees to Tough to replace all of them

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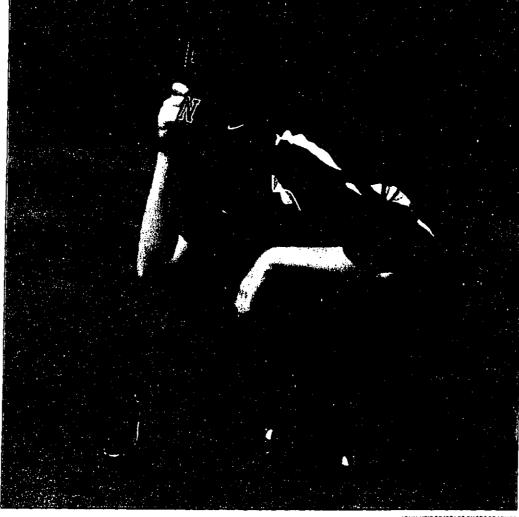
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"(Our biggest challenge will be) to find the right chemistry and for these returnees to learn how to perform when it counts and to step up in the big tournaments."

because they played varsity all year," Huss said. The coach planned to host three nine-hole rounds at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon - the Wildcats' home course - this week to determine his varsity roster.

"I'll know more after tryouts because I have some freshmen that looked good last week. I think we will be very good by the end of the season, but we need to get the early tournaments under our belt before that happens," Huss

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.



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ON TAP

Novi golfer Sam Palmer at a tournament last year.



izes in the 100-meter hurdles. "We have a lot of young kids that are returning. McCloskey is going to be strong in the hurdles. And the relay teams. Our relays are pretty in tact," said coach Marsha Reid, who enters her sixth season in charge, but 10th with the program. "A lot of our returning girls did a lot of conditioning over winter. I definitely think we have the tools to have a successful season again. Their expectations are high. That's what they're gunning for." Going the distance for the Wildcats will be junior Brooke

McMahan and sophomore Abby Chandler. Both will return as members of the qualifying 4x800 relay team, while competing in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter distance races as well. McMahan will also race in the 800-meter (half-mile) individual event. Freshman Jackie Mullins. who finished 12th in the state during the cross country season last fall, is also looking to

make an immediate impact in the distance races. Upperclassmen will be the

"A lot of our returning girls did a lot of conditioning over winter. I definitely think we have the tools to have a successful season again. Their expectations are high. That's

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difference in several Novi field Senior Kaitlyn Shelar is a three-time state qualifier in

the pole vault, where she has earned All-State, All-County and All-Region honors in the past. She will also compete in the long jump, but Reid considers Shelar the second best pole-vaulter in school history. "Kaitlyn Shelar is going in with a mission. She wants to break the school pole-vault record," Reid said.

four-year varsity athlete who have it or you don't." was also a member of last year's 4x100 state qualifying relay team, will join Shelar in long jump competition. Junior Alyssa Armiak will compete in the high jump for a second year, with the potential to keep an eye on Plymouth to match her older sister's state

qualifying performance from last year. "I think we have a couple

Before they tackle Northville or Salem, the team will have to gaps in the field events," Reid worry about Walled Lake Central, said, although she expects a few younger siblings to step up as the Vikings come to town 4 and fill some of the holes. p.m. today to start the season. In addition to Heather Novi's team will travel to South Armiak, Novi lost state quali-Lyon East 4 p.m. Tuesday to start fiers Brittany Davis, Emily Central Division play." Hall and Elle Robinson to graduation, who covered a "I don't think you can ignore

range of events. The team did gain some unexpected, but welcome, roster additions however, as two student-athletes switched

"Some girls who are seniors cross country coach. who were varsity soccer players. Courtney Milon was a cessful program, Reid credits three-year starter who tore her her coaching staff, such as ACL. Kelsey Masserant was a Keith Sisson (sprint) and boys middle school distance runner. assistant Seth Furlow (pole I think she'll contribute," Reid vault), who specialize in specific events. ship, they'll help my program. That's something you can't

nitely helps the program at necessarily coach. You either this point. The collaboration between the coaches is what's Northville is expected to be making us better each year," Reid said. "(I'm) excited to see the Wildcats' toughest competition in the division again, if we can sustain what we did making the final dual meet of last year. I do think there's a vital importance on May 11. lot of potential." But the team will also have

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.

Salem. Their distance from

cross country improved dra-

some good competition," said

Reid, who is also Novi's girls

In helping build up a suc-

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Abby Wang prepares to play at South Lyon East High in 2009.

TENNIS

doubles slots. "The plan was one of them, but all three of those girls could end up in doubles." Hanson said. "I'm looking

for combinations, girls who will compliment each other's The two biggest losses for the 'Cats are graduates Jennifer Felcher, who was 24-

4 at four singles in 2009, and Megan Wenzl, who teamed with Snyder to go 20-5 at two doubles last year. Looking to move up the lineup juniors Ashley Aljadah and Meng Meng Jie, who got

CAGERS

Led by senior guards

Brandon Rydzewski (four

points), the Wildcats made

the second quarter much

more competitive.

Jeremy Mims (10 points) and

"He just took over the team

the last few weeks," Heitsch

only kid coming back for us

said of Mims. "He was the

Novi closed the gap to

seven points with one min-

ute left in the half, but three

unanswered points to round

out the quarter with a 15-12

break. Novi had 19 first-half

turnovers, allowing nine dif-

ferent River Rats to score

before halftime.

advantage as the Wildcats

fell behind 30-16 at the

Huron steals led to seven

on the court at five doubles last year. Moving up from junior varsity are junior Tonaya Srinivasakrishnan,

sophomores Ori Nagasaka, Emily Kwederis and seniors Lindsey Johnson and Julianna Zuccato. Senior newcomer Shannon Maturi is also looking to fill one of the six roster spots at three through

"Development of the new players on the team is needed to add depth at tournament time," Hanson said. "I'm pleased with what I've seen so far. The new kids on the team are definitely going to have to

Novi's coach believes Northville - who were division co-champs and tied Novi for fourth in the state finals last year - are expected to contend again, along with a developing Plymouth Salem squad. At Regionals, Brighton and Milford will be tough.

do what you do all year or

you pack it in and go home,"

The District 17 champions

kept the shots falling in the

Hugan dunked the ball after

Mathew hit a three-pointer

to open the half and continue

a 12-0 run that reached back

With 69 seconds left in

the third quarter, 6-8 junior

hard on his shoulder after

fouling Mims. The Wildcats

were outscored 23-10 in the

turnovers under control and

Novi some breathing room,

as 6-6 junior Chris Milon

scored 10 points for the

Wildcats.

"You get to a point whether enal. Tonight, he struggled a

the injury to Buchsbaum gave

"Monday, he was phenom-

quarter, but had gotten their

Jesse Buchsbaum went down

second half, as junior Jeff

Heitsch said of his team's

breakdown.

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world if they lose." "Staying healthy and avoid-Chris Jackett is a freelance writer ing injuries is crucial when one or two spots in your and former Novi News staff writer.

you're just going to relax and little bit with the speed and

ON TAP The lady netters kick off their season Saturday at the Okemos quad meet before hosting Rochester 4 p.m. Tuesday. Rochester is a top 10 team in the state and they have the Division

lineup can change the competitive make-up of your team dramatically," Hanson said. "I'm pleased with how the kids worked on their game since last season. I'm looking forward to having a good and fun year. I just want the girls to play up to their abilities and work hard in practice, and it's not the end of the

strength of the game. He had

a really nice second half,"

Mims and Rydzewski

toward a comeback, but it

was too late, they were too

far behind and Ann Arbor

Huron (21-4) was too tal-

Both teams started pep-

pering their lineups with

reserves in the fourth quarter

as Novi outscored the River

but lost the MHSAA Sweet

Rats 12-10 in the quarter,

Sixteen matchup 63-38 to

Twelve different Huron

Nick Regnier (six points),

Justin Hopton (five points)

and Antwan Batwo (three

points) all played pivotal

players scored, compared to

six for the Wildcats, who gave

up 29 total turnovers. Seniors

end the season.

continued to will their team

Heitsch said of Milon.

Girls soccer kicks off with tough contests

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Promising 'Cats squad to test new defense, GK

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Seventeen players return from girls soccer squad that went 17-3-2 to bring division and district titles home to Novi last

Although the Wildcats only raduated five players, it included their goalkeeper and four defenders, leaving some defensive questions for coach Brian Leary this season.

"Our strengths this year will be that we have a large senior class and 17 returning players, so we have a lot of experience, O'Leary said. "Our biggest area of concern will be retooling our defense that was hit so hard by graduation."

Vying for the goalkeeping role vacated by graduating captain Erin Zerio will be senior Lauren Vance and junior Gabby Gauruder.

Seniors Katie Barry, Taylor Hoover, Alli Howard, Taylor Pyden, sophomore Katie Rudzinski and junior newcomer Marissa Nussio are expected to fill the defensive shoes left by graduates Megan Burns, Rachel Barndt, Chelsey Budlong and Katie Caruso.

Although the Wildcats gave up just 14 goals in 22 games last season, their defense will look to their senior leadership to match

that mark. The team's offense returns pretty much all of its firepower from last season. Senior forward Morgan Haffey (17 goals, eight assists last season) and junior forwards Nikki Greenhalgh (14 goals, 10 assists) and Nicki Caruso (seven goals, 10 assists) plan to continue wreaking havoc on opposing defenses with help from senior Mary Reid, junior Molli Krick and sophomore

newcomer Jessica Jarvis. The Wildcats will see their youngest players in action at midfield, as sophomore Kelli Timar, junior newcomers Naomi Kiura, Katie Seelenbinder and freshman Natalie Krygier will join seniors Courtney Laux and Jackie Spearman. Howard and Reid will also see time in the transition zone.

Senior Ellen Brinza will be a key player for Novi's midfield, returning to action after missing all of last season.

The regional final was

off the bench.



Wildcat Taylor Pyden tries to get past Mustang Jenni Borawski during a 2009

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be that we have a large senior

class and 17 returning players,

ON TAP

The girls will have to wait until April 29 to get a shot at Northville, but need to focus first on hosting Ann Arbor Pioneer at 7 p.m. tonight. Pioneer defeated Novi 1-0 early last spring. The team won't get much rest afterward, hosting Walled Lake Central at 7 p.m. tomorrow and visiting defending South Division champion Canton 7:30 p.m. Monday.

"We actually got a huge boost to our team after Ellen played on varsity her freshman and sophomore season," O'Leary said. "She missed her entire junior year with a knee injury and is now back." After a 2-1 overtime win

against Brighton for the district title, Novi's 2009 season ended with a 2-1 regional semifinal loss to Okemos. The Chieftains dropped a 2-O decision to eventual Division Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and I state champ Portage Central former Novi News staff writer.

so we have a lot of experience. Our biggest area of concern will be retooling our defense that was hit so hard by graduation. in their next game. The Wildcats hope to follow

in Portage Central's shoes and vie for a state title this spring, but has to get through a strong KLAA Central Division first. "Our division will be very

strong. Northville, Livonia Stevenson, Plymouth Salem and South Lyon will all have very good teams," O'Leary

The Wildcats went 8-1-1 in the division last season and shared the division title with Northville, who won the Kensington Conference title.

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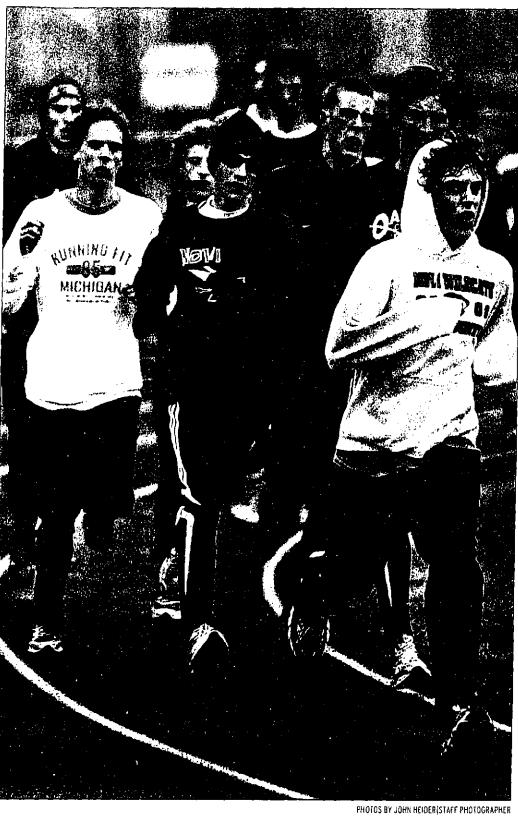
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Novi High School boys varsity track team members jog around the school's track in the rain on March 22.

Distance events are expected to pace Novi

Blaszczyk and Kuhn to lead resurgent 'Cats

CORRESPONDENT

Powered by their distance runners, Novi's boys track and field team is looking to build on last year's third-place finish at the divi-

Seniors Mike Blaszczyk, Geoff Giese, Alex Minghine and juniors Brett Giampa, Joe Schubring and Steve Pravato will anchor Novi n distance events such as the 1,600- and 3,200-meter races, while senior Dan Egner takes care of business in the 800- and 400meter events.

"We have a well-rounded distance core," said third-year coach

Blaszczyk and senior Brett Kuhn were both state qualifiers for the Wildcats in 2009. Blaszczyk was ninth in the 3,200-meter run and Kuhn was 22nd in the long jump. Kuhn will lead the sprint and field teams this year.

Joining Kuhn in the field events will be sophomore Kevin Pasquale (shot put), junior Andy Ye (discus) and senior Dave Groechel (pole "We are going to need some help in the field events, so we will see

who steps up," Payton said. The sprint and hurdle crews will is at and the guys we have out this return juniors DeAndre Fordham-year," Payton said. "We also have Johns, Mike Brant, Derek Kim PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDERISTAFF PHOTOGRAPHER and seniors Jim Pitcher and Mark Zheng, all who are looking to use



Novi High School varsity track team member Kevin Kacan shows a fellow discus thrower how to properly release the disc during indoor practice on

Novi will kick off their season by hosting defending KLAA North champion Walled Lake Central at 4 p.m. today. They'll run into their first division competition Tuesday at South Lyon East, who will be looking for a win after a 12th-place Kensington Conference finish last year.

the Wildcats toward a division title dominated by Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth Salem last season. "All in all, we have some contributors all over the board, freshman to seniors. I like where our team an excellent crop of young talent (sophomores) coming back that helped us win the freshmen county

"All in all, we have some contributors all over the board, freshman to seniors. I like where our team is at and the guys we have out this year. We also have an excellent crop of young talent (sophomores) coming back that helped us win the freshmen county meet last year."

Sophomores Derek Cingel

(hurdles, high jump), Lance Lilla (hurdles, sprints), Zach Masserant (mid-distance, sprints) and Mike Jocz (sprints) are expected to step up and have an impact on the

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and

Senior speed, strength to power 'Cat batters admitted Wilson. "There's no Junior attack Mitch Burgin

Novi baseball set eyes on division title

The Wildcats have been in the batting cages this winter and return a large portion of a team that went 20-13 last

Novi's baseball squad returns some of the best players in the area among a core of 11 seniors, five juniors and two sophomores.

With several studentathletes capable of covering pitching duties for the Wildcats, seniors Adam Paulk, Nick Regnier, Alex Karas, Brett Jewell, Garrett Jewell and junior Tyler Root will see time on the mound, while seniors Kevin Zak and Tim Hartland pitching in relief. Paulk and Karas will lead the pack as openers.

"Alex Karas will be a starting pitcher in league games. The Jewell brothers will pitch season. and play first base and outfield," said coach Rick Green, who has led Novi for 11 seasons. "Hartland will see relief time on the mound. Root will get some starts on the mound."

The group of potential pitchers will find three different options catching behind home plate, as seniors Alex Engebretson, Ricky Enright and junior Marshall Howard will split time at the position. The team will also get some strong play both at the plate and in the field from Zak and Regnier when they're not pitching. Green said Regnier is the team's best hitter and his speed makes him a fierce competitor both at the plate and as a center outfielder. Zak's arm strength has made him a solid shortstop and

ON TAP

The Wildcats get their first action of the season April 10 with a doubleheader against visiting Detroit Country Day, which starts a seven-game home stand for Novi. They'll get their first look at baseline rivals and defending Central Division champion Northville when the Mustangs come to town for an April 28 doubleheader.

"I believe our team has as good of a chance to win a league championship as anybody. We are senior loaded and have plenty of experience to do so." COACH RICK GREEN

strong batter, hitting .358 last

Novi's lineup brings back a lot of hitting experience, featuring seniors Masaru Nagomi, Chris Slack and junior Mike Kruse. Nagomi

"Masaru Nagomi, best outfielder in the KLAA and is a typical leadoff hitter with great speed and discipline at the plate," Green said. The coach adds that Kruse will likely bat third in the line-

power, followed by Regnier and then Slack, who will handle third base on defense for "Chris maybe the most

improved hitter on the team coming out of off-season training. Chris can make many

and Kruse bring great speed to the plate for Novi while also helping to cover the outfield space on defense.

up because of his extra base

Novi varsity baseball player Kevin Hartland begins to warm up with his teammates in the practice gym on March 22.

Brandon Inge type of plays at third with his great athletic ability," Green said, referring to the Detroit Tigers' All-Star third baseman. Novi's squad will also look for contributions from juniors Nick Bageris, Christopher

Valade and sophomores James Eloff and Logan

"Valade, Regnier, Bageris will play role positions," Green said. "Eloff will see some playing time on the

Key losses for the Wildcats were graduates Garrett said his strong core of seniors to do so," Green said. should make this a successful

"I believe our team has as

good of a chance to win a league championship as any-Green, a speedy defender, and body. We are senior loaded hitter Jake Walker. But Green and have plenty of experience

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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, April

Case No. 10-007 43525 West Oaks Dr The petitioner is requesting a variance to allow installation of one (1) additional 18 square foot wall sign on the south elevation of the building located at 43525 West Oaks Drive for Best Buy. The property is zoned RC and located west of Novi Road and north of I-

13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center

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SOFTBALL

peak in their abilities. Junior captain Meaghan Robinson will play shortstop next to junior Kimberly Powers at second base. Junior Colleen Kolis will play third base, while junior Kaitlyn Marra and sophomore Taylor Scott will split time at first base, where sophomore infielder Abby Robinson could also see time.

The Wildcats step up to the plate 4 p.m. April 12, when they host Wayne Memorial to start the

"We have slowly improved each year. My second year, I kept six freshmen on varsity and they are now juniors. With that experience. I think we will be pretty solid," Lulek

Marra and Scott will also have other duties. Marra will see some time as catcher, as will senior Kristin Blonde, who could also be a designated hitter. Scott will get time on the pitcher's mound, trading off with junior Rebecca

Novi's squad is still learning to play as a team, but good senior leadership is molding their young talent. The team's attitude is a positive sign as they work to improve upon last

season's fourth-place division finish. The squad will have to compete with defending conference champion Plymouth Salem and a strong Northville

"Our league is very good with a number of excellent coaches. My job will be to prepare my athletes so we can compete to the best of our ability," Lulck said.

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CC's Michael Sullivan tries to get a shot off from his back as the Shamrocks take on Brother Rice last year.

CC lacrosse has hands full in CHSI

Shamrocks looking to learn quickly this season Johnson shot 41.1 percent from the field and 39.1 percent from the field and 39.1 percent from

The Shamrocks know that

Trust will be the theme this season when the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks lacrosse team takes the field. It's a key issue for Dave Wilson's team, which will be looking to somehow fill the shoes of Chris Nemes, an All-American who is now at UD-

It isn't so much the playoffs that Wilson is eyeing with concern this year, but rather the league that produces the top teams in the playoffs. "I am concerned with surviving the Catholic League,"

CORRESPONDENT

The Detroit Catholic Central

baseball team will have a

lot of faces and names fans

of the varsity team may not

recognize this season. That's

because last year's senior-heavy squad graduated most

of the team's starters.

That doesn't mean the

Shamrocks will be any less

competitive than they have

been in years past. Head coach

Kevin Walters, who is entering

Last year's squad took plenty

his fifth season at the varsity

helm, will make sure of that.

of knocks, finishing 18-17 on

schedule, however, 28 games

finished in the final 32 in the

state playoffs. One of those

were played against teams that

the year. Out of the season

well. After going 11-11 last year repeat on his second-team Allin the regular season, they State selection from last year. marched all the way to the Fellow junior Mike Birney will state semifinals only to face be again playing midfield for familiar Catholic High School the Catholic Central squad. League foe and school rival Brother Rice. The Shamrocks bowed in that game, 11-5. There are plenty of players back this season who can

clearly recall that biting loss. Senior defender Alex Moore, a second-team All-State selection last year, is one of them. Joining him is third-team All-State selection senior Kevin Lerg, the team's goalie. Senior Jeff Janer will again be patrolling the midfield for the Shamrocks.

The key this year, said Wilson, who is in his fifth year as head coach for the Shamrocks, isn't defense or offense or goalie play. It's teamwork and it has to be found right away.

is back as well and hoping to

"Our squad needs to trust each other and become a family," Wilson said. "We will continue our teambuilding with events and unities."

Sam Eggleston is a free-lance writer

and former staff sports writer for the

Shamrocks baseball team sporting new faces

Jon Savakus, Matt Schaeffer, his seniors to step up and Blake Smith, Corey Smith and this year," he said.

Gluchowski and freshman

losses was to eventual state champion DeLaSalle. The team does have a few big names returning—some who are readily recognizable

from their contributions to a state championship with other Catholic Central Sports. Senior leaders this season are expected to be John Jakubik, Walters will be looking to

Marc Zughaib. Other seniors include Cole Borland and Sam Landry, while juniors are Bobby Dulzo, Joe Panfil, John Lawless, Greg Voutsos, Rob Golematis, PJ Nowak, Nathan Beck, Ryan Keller, Colin Talbot, Michael Tibbits, Mitchell Gatt and Bob Green. Underclassmen this year include sophomore Nolan

Liam Teevens. "The guys have been working hard, even though the majority of our players are multi-sport athletes," said Walters. "I hope that their success and leadership carries over to the baseball diamond." That success could mean big things for the Shamrocks.

Nearly half of this year's team includes players who won

another sport in the fall or

lead his team against some of the stiffest competition in the state—including league play in the always-competitive Catholic High School League. "The great senior leadership, and a phenomenal work ethic, should pay some big dividends The biggest obstacle the

she earns." Shamrocks will have this season is getting untested players expe- Jr. F) rience, and fast. When the CHSL play opens up, the Shamrocks will have their hands full-three 13.9 points, 9.8 rebounds, state championship teams have 2.2 assists, 2.3 steals and 1.8 emerged from the league in the past two years.

"There is no such thing as a 'gimme' in the CHSL Central Division," noted Walters. Sam Eggleston is a free-lance writer

and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News. still has room to get better,"

Record-breaking state meet for swim club

Spartan Aquatic Club, Novi had six swimmers compete at the Michigan Swimming 12 &

Under State Meet March 12-14. The Spartan swimmers all had a great weekend and the team finished 14th in the state with over 50 teams in attendance. The top six finishers for Spartan swimmers

were Morgan Jones, Camden Murphy, Matthew Lee, Larry Zhao, Luke Doyle and Rudy Aguilar. Camden Murphy (10) Novi: He broke every state record and finished first in the six events he swam (50-yard Freestyle, 50-yard butterfly, 100yard freestyle, 100-yard butterfly, 100 individual medley and 50-yard backstroke). He also broke the National Record for the boys 10 & under 50 yard butterfly with a time of 26.58. The record had been in place for 28 years. This record was recently set in January by a South Dakota swimmer, but was previously set in 1982. Camden was the first place high point winner at the meet and also swam on the boys relay team.

His additional records include from last year include boys 10 & under 50 LCM butterfly, 50 LCM freestyle and 100 LCM butterfly. Morgan Jones (11) Novi: She swam in six individual girls 11-12-year-old events at the State Meet. She finished in the top 16 in the state in four out of six of her individual events (500-yard freestyle, ninth; 200-yard freestyle, 12th; 200 individual

Morgan also is the current record holder for the girls 10 & under 400 LCM freestyle, July 2009. Larry Zhao (10) Northville: Larry swam in six individual events in the boys 10 & under at the meet and swam personal best times in all (50-yard backstroke, sixth; 100-yard butterfly eight; 100 individual medley, ninth: 200 individual medley, 10th; 500-yard freestyle, 12th).

medley, 13th; and 50-yard breast, 16th).



The Spartan Aquatic Club, Novi includes (1 to r) Larry Zhao, Morgan Jones, Camden Murphy, Matt Lee (missing are Luke Doyle and Rudy Aguilar).

Larry also was a member of the boys relay team. Matthew Lee (10) Northville: Matthew swam experience with Tony Magni in three individual events at this first state meet returning, lost several key (100-yard breast, 50-yard breast, both personal bests; and 100 individual medley) Matthew swam on the boys relay team.

Luke Dovle (8) Northville: Luke swam at his very first State Meet and is only 8 years old. He swam in the 50-yard butterfly and also on the boys relay teams. Rudy Aguilar (11) Commerce Township: Rudy

is a new member of Spartan Aquatic Club and swam unattached at the State Meet, finishing in the top 16 in five of his six individual events and posting personal best times for every event. Rudy placed ninth in the 200-yard freestyle; 10th in the 100-yard freestyle; 13th in the 50 butterfly; 15th in the 100-yard butterfly; and 16th in the 50-yard freestyle.

Spartans also had a relay team -- Murphy, Zhao, Lee and Doyle -- that competed in both the 200-yard freestyle relay and 200-yard med- for the Shamrocks include ley relay, finishing second in both events.

with second POY award

A senior captain and for-

ward for Novi's Wildcats, Caroline Johnson was Ms. Big Shot for the KLAA Central Division champions all year. She was second on the team in both points (13.1) and rebounds (5.0), but was Novi's clutch player regardless of where she was on the floor. Capable of playing all five positions, she earned 3.5 assists on offense and Rachel Crawford, Milford 2.0 steals and 1.6 blocks on

Courtney Harrison, South Lyon "Caroline has always been gifted basketball player, but I feel her biggest jump this year came with her leadership skills. I feel she was our leader on and off the court," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "She is a multi-talented player and she

will truly be missed." Taking most of her shots from distance or on the run, Jennifer Maslany the field and 39.1 percent from South Lyon East - Courtney three-point land, from which she hit 50 long-range shots this season. She also secured victories with 81.5-percent shoot-

ing from the free throw line, one of several reasons she was averaged 13.2 points, 8.6 recruited to play at Indiana University next year. She also and shot 32 percent from earned KLAA Kensington All-Conference honors. Johnson was also the Player

FIRST TEAM Kelsey Masserant (Novi

of the Year as a sophomore.

Leading the All-Area candidates with 15.3 points per game. Masserant teamed with ohnson to create a two-way, inside-out threat that very few teams could solve throughout the season. Dominating underneath the basket, she got 3.5 of her 7.8 rebounds per game on competitor who works hard to the offensive end and shot 56.3 make herself, and our team. percent from the field. She also better.' Kristin Short (South Lyon nade 1.8 steals per game and shot 65 percent from the char-

ity stripe while earning KLAA Averaging 12.5 points per Kensington All-Conference game, Short was the Lions' clutch player, shooting 31.3 "Kelsey is the epitome of percent from three-point land hard work. To go from being a and 70.6 percent from the role player as a sophomore to free throw line. She was also averaging over 15 points and well rounded in averaging 4.5 8 rebounds a game her senior rebounds, 3.5 assists and 4.4 steals while earning first-team year says everything you need to know about her," Novi coach All-KLAA honors. Bill Kelp said. "I couldn't be "She carried our team

more proud of her because she through a lot of adversity to deserves all the recognition a successful season. Between returning players coming Stephanie Lock (Lakeland back from injuries and the loss of experience to gradua-One of the area's most vertion, Kristin was the rock the team could depend on, whether satile players, Lock averaged than meant stepping up to play

another position, scoring or getblocks per game. She had six ting a stop defensively," South double-doubles on the season. Lyon Erica Short coach said. "Stephanie can impact a Amy Carlton (Lakeland game in so many ways, especially on offense. She's a dif-A perimeter threat on the ficult matchup on defense Eagles' squad, Carlton averbecause she can score inside aged 10.3 points, 4.4 rebounds, and outside, plus she knows 2.1 assists and 2.0 steals on the season. She also came up big how to set up her teammates for scoring looks. Plus, she from three-point land, shooting 39 percent from distance

Lakeland coach Mike Head Kate Grunewald (South

ALL-AREA GIRLS BASKETBALL able player on the court for us. Plaver of Year Her impact on the defensive

end cannot be measured in Caroline Johnson, Novi statistics alone; her intensity First Team alone wears down whoever Kelsey Masserant, Novi she is guarding," Lakeland Kristen Short, South Lyon coach Mike Head said. "On the Kate Grunewald, South Lyon East offensive end, she affects the Stephanie Lock, Lakeland game in a way that also doesn't Amy Carlton, Lakeland always show up in the box score. Whether she's handling Second Team pressure, leading our transi-Alyssa Armiak, Novi tion offense or hitting a clutch Katie Giacomini, Northville shot, Amy was critical to our Lindsey Bandyk, Milford success. Bottom line, she's one

Honorable Mention Lakeland - Ciara Schultz, Jillian Milford - Patience Santini, Lauren Smith, Claire Fuelling Northville - Tori Wright, Julia

Novi - Jessica Cingel, Brittany South Lyon - Gabrielle Williams,

All-Conference team. Leading a struggling on a strong, 18-4 Novi squad Cougars squad, Grunewald Armiak averaged 5.6 points per game with 42.7 percent rebounds, 1.1 assists, 2.2 steals shooting as perhaps Novi's best all-around full-court three-point land. She had six player. She also averaged 3.0 double-doubles while earnrebounds, 2.1 assists and 1.9 ing KLAA Kensington All-

steals while earning KLAA Conference honors and is now Kensington All-Conference considering college options. "Even though other teams Katie Giacomini knew she was a key threat, (Northville Jr. G) she was extremely consistent Averaging 7.4 points per throughout the year. Kate is a game, Giacomini led the very versatile player who was Mustangs in scoring. She also able to play all positions effeccame up with big shots, shoottively," South Lyon East coach ing 40.7 percent from three-Rob Leadley said. "She had six point range and 71.4 percent from the free throw line, good double-doubles, including a 21 and 20 performance against for All-Conference honors Wayne. Kate is a tenacious in the KLAA Kensington

Rachel Crawford (Milford

Sr. G) Playing post and perimeter Crawford was a leader both on and off the court for the Mavericks. She averaged 7.9 points and 4.0 rebounds to earn a Lakes All-Conference honorable mention.

of the finest student-athletes

Lindsey Bandyk (Milford

Leading the Mavericks in

points (10.8) and steals (1.4)

per game, Bandyk was one

of Milford's most consistent

players. She also averaged 2.8

ebounds per game and was

Alyssa Armiak (Novi Jr.

She was the best defender

named to the KLAA Lakes'

I have coached and probably

ever will."

SECOND TEAM

Courtney Harrison (South Lyon Jr. PG) As one of the better guards in the league, Harrison led her team onto the floor each night. She also averaged 6.1 points, 3.5 rebounds, 3.2 assists and 1.5 assists per game (with a

59:47 assists-to-turnover ratio) while earning All-KLAA firstteam honors. HONORABLE MENTION Lakeland - Ciara Schultz

> (So. G), Jillian Parsons (Jr. G) Milford - Patience Santini (Jr. C), Lauren Smith (Jr. C), Claire Fuelling (Jr. F) Northville - Tori Wright (Sr. G), Julia Ramey (Sr. F) Novi - Jessica Cingel (Sr. F), Brittany Berehulka (Fr. G) South Lyon - Gabrielle Williams (So. G), Jennifer Maslany (Sr. F) South Lyon East - Courtney

Emery (Sr.) Chris Jackett is a free-lance writer

Lyon East Sr. G) and former Novi News staff writer. Shamrocks look to repeat as CHSL track champs

participate in the 400-meter

dash, the 4x400 relay and the

4x800 relay. Jeff Sherman, a

and hitting 21 threes on the

season while taking care of

business as Lakeland's best

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

There's no doubt the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks track boys are going to have a challenge awaiting them this year as they set their goal of repeating their fortunes from

The squad, coached by athletes that scored for the Shamrocks at last year's state finals meet.

slow down the Catholic Central souad if they have a say. 'We do have some athletes from last year that should step up," noted Magni. And step up is exactly what they'll have to do if the Shamrocks want to repeat as Catholic High School League

But, that's not likely going to

champions and then advance into the post-season and win their regional as they did in 2009. The athletes Magni will be looking to score big points senior Spencer Hall, who will

Galindo will likely be a leader in the 3,200-meter run. senior, will be expected to turn Sam Eggleston is a free-lance writer in strong performances in the and former staff sports writer for the

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shot put, while senior Ricardo Northville Record and Novi News.



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4/10	TBA Country Day (DH 2)
4/12	Wayne Memorial
4/14	South Lyon (DH 1)
4/14	6 p.m. South Lyon (DH 2)
4/16	Milford (DH 1)
4/16	6 p.m. Milford (DH 2)
4/19	@ Canton
4/21	@ South Lyon East (DH 1)
4/21	6 p.m. @ South Lyon East (DH 2)
4/24	10 a.m. @ Saline (DH 1)
4/24	12 p.m. @ Saline (DH 2)
4/26	Plymouth
4/28	Northville (DH 1)
4/28	6 p.m. Northville (DH 2)
5/1	9 a.m. @ Berkley (DH 1)
5/1	11 a.m. @ Berkley (DH 2)
5/3	@ Livonia Franklin
5/5	Livonia Stevenson (DH 1)
5/5	6 p.m. Livonia Stevenson (DH 2)
5/6	West Bloomfield
5/6	6 p.m. @ Walled Lake Central
5/8	11 a.m. @ Lake Orion
5/10	Livonia Churchill
5/12	@ Plymouth Salem (DH 1)
5/12	6 p.m. @ Plymouth Salem (DH 2)
5/15	10 a.m. Lakeland
5/15	1 p.m. Gabriel Richard
5/17	@ Westland John Glenn
5/19	@ Conference Championship (South
5/22	11 a.m. Marysville (DH 1)
5/22	1 p.m. Marysville (DH 2)
5/26	Association Championship

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4/12	Wayne Memorial
4/14	South Lyon (DH 1)
4/14	6 p.m. South Lyon (DH 2)
4/19	@ Canton
4/21	@ South Lyon East (DH 1)
4/21	6 p.m. @ South Lyon East (DH 2)
4/24	TBA @ Stacey Shaleb Tournament
4/26	Plymouth
4/28	Northville (DH 1)
4/28	6 p.m. Northville (DH 2)
5/3	@ Livonia Franklin
5/5	Livonia Stevenson (DH 1)
5/5	6 p.m. Livonia Stevenson (DH.2)
5/8	TBA @ Fred Pieper Tournament (Royal Oak)
5/10	Livonia Churchill
5/12	@ Plymouth Salem (DH 1)
5/12	6 p.m. @ Plymouth Salem (DH 2)
5/15	TBA @ Madonna Classic
5/17	@ Westland John Glenn
5/19	@ Conference Championship (South)

@ Association Championship

GIRLS SOCCER

All games 7 p.m. unless noted

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3/25	Ann Arbor Pioneer
3/26	Walled Lake Central
3/29	7:30 p.m. @ Canton
4/14	Walled Lake Western
4/19	@ Livonia Stevenson
4/22	@ South Lyon
4/27	@ South Lyon East
4/29	Northville
5/3	Plymouth Salem .
5/6	Livonia Stevenson
5/8	11 a.m. @ Troy
5/11	South Lyon
5/13	South Lyon East
5/14	@ Walled Lake Northern
5/18	@ Northville
5/20	@ Plymouth Salem
5/24	@ Conference Championship (South)
5/26	@ Association Championship (South)

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3/27	9 a.m. @ Okemos Quad
3/30	Rochester
4/13	South Lyon East
4/14	West Bloomfield
4/15	@ South Lyon
4/17	9 a.m. @ Saline Invite
4/20	Plymouth Salem
4/22	@ Livonia Stevenson
4/24	8 a.m. @ Ann Arbor Pioneer Invite
4/27	@ Northville
5/4	KLAA Crossover (North)
5/6	@ KLAA Crossover (West)
5/8	8 a.m. @ Romeo Invite
5/1 1	@ KLAA Crossover (South)
5/15	TBA KLAA Conference Tournament
5/18	Post-KLAA Crossover (Lakes)
5/21 .	8 a.m. MHSAA Regional Tournament
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-	6:30 p.m. Northville
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4/23	@ North Farmington Raider Invite
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4/27	@ South Lyon
5/4	Livonia Stevenson
5/11	Northville
5/14	TBA Kensington Conference Championship
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5/25	KLAA Association Championships @
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4/15	8 a.m. Farmington Invite
4/17	TBA Pinckney Invite
4/19	9:30 a.m. @ Brighton Invite
4/19	@ Livonia Stevenson
4/20	9 a.m. @ HVS Invite (Milford)
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5/19	Plymouth Salem
5/25	9 a.m. @ Conference Championship
5/27	TBA @ MHSAA District Tournament

TBA @ MHSAA Regional Tournament

TBA @ MHSAA Final

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3/30	Livonia Churchili
4/6	@ Ann Arbor Pioneer (DH)
4/9	11 a.m. @ U of D (DH)
4/10	1 p.m. @ Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (D
4/14	@ Brother Rice (DH)
4/16	@ Walled Lake Northern
4/17	11 a.m. DeLaSalle (DH)
4/21	@ Divine Child (DH)
4/24	11 a.m. O.L. St. Mary's (DH)
4/28	U of D (DH)
5/1	2 p.m. Brother Rice (DH)
5/5	@ DeLaSalle (DH)
5/6	@ Saline (DH)
5/7	Divine Child (DH)
5/12	@ O.L. St. Mary's (DH)
5/17	@ Lake Orion (DH)
	CHSL Playoff
5/26	noon @ CHSL Championship
5/28	@ Grosse Pointe South
6/1	MHSAA Districts
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3/26	7 Farmington •
3/30	7 Okemos
4/6	7 @ U of D
4/10	4 Culver
4/11	3 @ Ann Arbor Pionee
4/14	7 @ Northville
4/15	8 @ Canton
4/17	4 East Grand Rapids
4/23	7 @ Dublin Jerome
4/26	7:30 O.L. St. Mary's
4/28	7:30 DeLaSalle
5/1	12:30 Brighton
5/4	6 @ Brother Rice
5/6	7 Cranbrook
5/11	CHSL
5/15	CHSL Final
5/18	7 Troy Athens
5/21	8 Toledo St. John's

TRACK	& FIELD	
All time	es p.m. unless noted	
3/27	11 a.m. @ 53rd Kermit N. Ar	mbrose Relays
4/9	поол @ Dakota	
4/10	11 a.m. @ Ann Arbor Piones	er Indoor Invite
4/12	4 Divine Child	
4/17	11 a.m. @ Dearborn Elk Rela	ays
4/19	4 DeLaSalle	
4/24	9 a.m. @ Ypsilanti Invite	
4/26	4 @ Brother Rice4/30	3 @ Jackson

4/30	3 @ Harrison 9th/10th Grade Relays
5/1	3 @ Observerland Relays
5/4	4 U of D
5/10	4 @ Orchard Lake St. Mary's
5/15	10 a.m. @ Ann Arbor Huron Invite
5/21	2 @ MHSAA Regional
5/23	10 a.m. Shamrock Freshmen invite
5/25	2 @ CHSL Championship
5/28	3 @ Oakland County Championship
5/29	10 a.m. @ Oakland County Freshmen
6/5	10 a.m. @ MHSAA Finals

Northville

All times 4 p.m. unless noted John Glenn

BASEBALL

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4/14	@ Stevenson (DH)
· 4/15	@ Saline (DH)
4/17	9 a.m. @ Grosse Pointe North (Invite)
4/17	2 p.m. @ Milan (Invite)
4/19	@ Wayne Memorial
4/21	Salem (DH)
4/24	10 a.m. @ Brighton (DH)
4/26	Canton (DH)
4/28	@ Novi (DH)
5/01	noon Southg@e Anderson (DH)
5/03	@ Plymouth
5/05	@ South Lyon East (DH)
5/07	W L Northern (DH)
5/10	Franklin
5/12	South Lyon (DH)
5/15	10 a.m. Gabriel Richard (Riverview)
5/15	1 p.m. Lakeland
5/1	@ Churchill
5/10	A Conference Cross-Over

3/U/	W L NORTHERN (DM)
5/10	Franklin
5/12	South Lyon (DH)
5/15	10 a.m. Gabriel Richard (Rive
5/15	1 p.m. Lakeland
5/1	@ Churchill
5/19	@ Conference Cross-Over
5/24	@ Roosevelt (DH)
5/26	@ Association Cross-Over
6/01	MHSAA Districts
6/01	5:30 p.m. MHSAA Districts
6/05	MHSAA Districts

SOFTBALL

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All games 4 p.m. unless noted		
3/31	W.L. Central (DH)	
4/12	John Glenn	
4/14	@ Stevenson (DH)	
4/17	TBA @ Farmington Hills Mercy (Invite)	
4/17	TBA @ Mercy (Invite)	
4/19	@ Wayne Memorial	
4/21	Salem (DH)	
4/24	8 a.m. @ Saline (Invite)	
4/26	Canton	
4/28	@ Novi (DH)	
5/03	@ Plymouth	
5/05	@ South Lyon East (DH)	
5/08	10 a.m. Allen Park (DH)	
5/10	Franklin (DH)	
5/12	South Lyon (DH)	
5/15	9:30 a.m. @ Oxford (Invite)	
5/17	@ Churchill	
5/19	@ Conference Cross-Over	

@ Association Cross-Over

5:30 p.m. MHSAA Districts

5 p.m. E.M.U. Invite @ Ypsilanti 3:45 p.m. @ South Lyon 10 a.m. @ Ypsilanti (Invite) 3:45 p.m. South Lyon East 10 a.m. @ Ypsilanti (Invite)

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GIRLS TRACK

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4/27	3:45 p.m. @ Stevenson
5/01	9:30 a.m. @ West Bloomfield (Invite)
5/04	3:45 p.m. Salem
5/07	noon @ Saline (Invite)
5/08	10 a.m. @ Stevenson (Invite)
5/11	3:45 p.m. @ Novi
5/14	TBA Conference Meet @ Novi
5/21	TBA @ MHSAA Regionals
5/25	TBA Association Championship @ Milford
6/05	TBA @ MHSAA State Finals

BOYS TRACK

3/31	5 p.m. @ Ypsilanti (EMU Invite)
4/13	3:45 p.m. @ South Lyon
4/17	10 a.m. @ Ypsilanti (Invite)
4/20	3:45 p.m. South Lyon East
4/24	10 a.m. @ Ypsilanti (Invite)
4/27	3:45 p.m. @ Stevenson
4/30	3:45 p.m. @ Harrison (Frosh/Soph Invite)
5/01	3:30 p.m. Observerland Relays @ Farmington
5/04 ·	3:45 p.m. Salem
5/07	noon @ Saline (Invite)
5/11	3:45 p.m. @ Novi
5/14	TBA Conference Meet @ Novi
5/21	TBA @ MHSAA Regionals
5/25	TBA Association Championship @ Milford

6/05 TBA @ MHSAA State Finals

BOYS	LACROSSE
`All time	s 7 p.m. unless noted
3/26	Howell
3/31	@ Hartland
4/14	Catholic Central
4/16	South Lyon East
4/19	@ W.L. Western

4/21	Plymouth
4/24	2 p.m. Powers Catholic
4/26	@ Stoney Creek
4/30	@ Rockford
5/03	Canton
5/05	@ Salem
5/08	noon @ Cranbrook Kingswood School
5/10	6:30 p.m. @ Novi
5/12	@ North Farmington
5/13	@ W L Northern
5/19	@ Association Cross-Over
5/21	@ Notre Dame Preparatory
5/24	TBA @ MHSAA Regionals

GIRLS LACROSSE

All game times p.m.

3/26	5:15 Grand Blanc
3/29	7 @ Troy Athens
3/31	7 @ Brighton
4/14	7 @ Hartland
4/16	7 @ Lahser
4/19	7 @ Milford
4/21	7:30 @ Plymouth
4/23	6:15 South Lyon
4/26	6:15 Harrison
4/28	7 @ Waterford Mott
5/01	TBA @ Ladywood (Invite)
5/05	6:15 Plymouth
5/07	7 @ South Lyon
5/10	6:15 Milford
5/12	6:15 Waterford Kettering
5/14	Saline
5/17	7 @ Farmington
5/19	6:15 Association Cross-Over
5/24	TBA @ MHSAA Regionals

3/24	TON @ MITSAN REGIONALS
BOYS 6	OLF
All time:	s are p.m. unless noted
4/18	noon @ University of Detroit Jesuit HS
(Invite)	
4/19	3 South Lyon East
4/21	3 Stevenson
4/26	9:30 a.m. @ East Lansing (Invite)
4/26	3 Salem
4/28	3:30 @ Novi
4/30	9 a.m. @ University Of Detroit Jesuit HS
(Invite)	
5/03	12:30 @ Seaholm (Invite)
5/04	3 South Lyon

5/05	3 @ South Lyon East
5/11	3 @ Stevenson
5/12	3 @ Salem
5/14	9 a.m. @ Wayne County Championship
5/18	3 @ South Lyon
5/20	3 Novi
5/21	7 a.m. @ East Lansing (Invite)
5/25	8 a.m. @ Conference Tournament
5/27	TBA @ MHSAA Districts
6/03	TBA @ MHSAA Regionals
6/11	TBA @ MHSAA State Finals
6/12	TBA @ MHSAA State Finals

GIRLS TENNIS

All matches 4 p.m. unless noted

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3/2	27 1	BA @ Canton (Invite)
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4/2	0 6	South Lyon
4/2	2 5	South Lyon East
4/2	4 1	BA @ Saline (Invite)
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4/2	8 N	forth Farmington
5/0	1 8	a.m. @ Ann Arbor Pioneer (Invite)
5/0	4 A	ssociation X-0 (North)
5/0	6 @	Association X-0 (West)
5/0	8 T	BA @ Okemos (Invite)
5/11	A	ssociation X-0 (South)
5/15	5 T	BA @ Conference Tournament
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5/21	TBA @ MHSAA Regionals
6/04	TBA @ MHSAA St@e Finals
6/05	TBA @ MHSAA St@e Finals

GIRLS SOCCER

All games 7 p.m. unless noted

3/29	@ Churchill
3/31	W.L. Western
4/13	Canton
4/15	@ W.L. Central
4/19	6 South Lyon East
4/22	Stevenson
4/23	Saline
4/27	Salem
4/29	@ Novi
5/03	South Lyon
5/06	6 @ South Lyon East
5/11	@ Stevenson
5/13	@ Salem
5/14	Ann Arbor Pioneer
5/18	Novi .
5/20	@ South Lyon
5/24	@ Conference Cross-Over
5/26	Association Cross-Over
6/01	@ MMCAA Districts

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5/26	Association Cross-Over
6/01	@ MHSAA Districts
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3/27	8:30 a.m. Tradesmen Cup Clinic & Tournament
4/15	5:30 p.m. Birmingham
4/21	5:30 p.m. Grand Blanc
4/29	5:30 p.m. Brighton
5/05	5:30 p.m. @ Livonia
5/07	All day Midwest Elkhart Festival Tournament
5/13	5:30 p.m. @ Dexter
5/19	6 p.m. @ Findlay, Ohio
5/22	9 a.m. @ Quarter/Semi Finals Playoffs
5/29	9 a.m. Division 1, 2, and 3 Championship Finals