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NOVI NUTSHELL

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.

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 community.

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

Learn about Constitution

Obtain a working knowledge of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Sundays, May 16-Aug. 8.

Reservations are limited (when Sunday is full, evenings during the week can be opened up.) Cost is \$35 per family for materials, and it must be received by May 6.

The program will be located at Novi Christian Community Center, one block south of Grand River on Taft Road in Novi.

For information, visit www.firstbaptistchurchofnovi.com/iotc.htm, e-mail church@chsnnovi.org or call (248) 349-3477.

Band Fest

The Novi Concert Band and the Ypsilanti Community Band will present a free combined-band concert of favorite wind ensemble music at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 2 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road at Taft Road, Novi. Both bands will perform a short concert and then join forces to play together in a grand finale, Michigan. Admission and parking are free.



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

St. James Catholic Church member Andrew Westick prepares the Fazzini family's home for new hardwood floors during the Rebuilding Together Oakland County volunteer effort on Saturday. The Fazzini's needed hardwood floors installed because Tim Fazzini has trouble maneuvering his wheelchair around on the carpet.

Volunteers lend a helping hand

Rebuilding Together overwhelms two Novi families

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Pat Skaja has spent a great deal of his life volunteering to help others.

So when the favor was returned to him last Saturday in the form of minor home repairs from Rebuilding Together Oakland County, the Novi resident didn't know how to react.

Confined to wheelchair after sustaining a spinal cord injury in 2008, Skaja said he was "overwhelmed" by the generosity shown to him and his family and vowed to return the favor.

"I am going to walk, there is no question about it," he said. "And this is encouragement to do that so I can get back to helping people again."

His daughter, Amy Smith, said she was taught by her parents that "you reap what you sow," and that was what was happening to her family.

"My dad volunteered quietly all his life and these people were coming back to bless him and give back to him," she said.

The efforts were headed up by St. James Catholic Church in Novi through the non-profit organization Rebuilding Together. Rebuilding Together helps low-income residents, senior citizens and those with disabilities with home repairs the last Saturday in April each year.

Two houses in Novi were chosen for projects.

At the Skaja's home, crews widened the bathroom doorway so Skaja's wheelchair could get through, painted walls, did landscaping, fixed a squeaky floor and much more.

Paul Albanelli, president of Albanelli Cement Contractors, donated the concrete to make a sidewalk that would allow Skaja to go from the front of his house to the back patio, and Chris Heff from Tree Man Tree Service had his workers take down a large tree in the backyard.

About 55 volunteers from St. James as well



The Fazzini family was one of two Novi families who benefitted from some help from members of St. James Catholic Church and Rebuilding Together last Saturday. Seen here are Mona and Tim Fazzini and their son Tim, 16. The other family was Pat and Mary Anne Skaja.

as members of the Skaja family worked at the house from 8 a.m. until after 5 p.m., and organizer Bob Harmer said more work will be done to make the shower wheelchair accessible.

Pat's wife, Mary Anne, was brought to tears by what she called "a gift from God," and couldn't believe how many people, many whom the Skaja's didn't know, turned out to help.

"To have this outpouring of love, it is over-

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Teachers find new way to eat pie

Charity Week raises money for five nonprofits

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Pies were flying Thursday at Novi High School as students got a chance to enact some revenge on their teachers to benefit a good cause.

And even though some teachers took several pies to the face, it was all in the name of entertainment and raising money for the Humane Society.

The fund-raiser was part of the high school's Charity Week, which raised \$2,122.70 to donate to five different charities.

CHARITY WEEK RESULTS

Monday

Autism Society of America (Class of 2013) - \$116.76

Tuesday

Boys and Girls Club of America (Class of 2012) - \$160.12

Wednesday

Make-A-Wish Foundation (Class of 2011) - \$102.00

Thursday

Humane Society (Class of 2010) - \$203.82

Friday

Teens Aiding the Cancer Community (All Student Councils) - \$340.00

Charity Basketball Game - \$1,100

Cold Stone Creamery also chipped in \$100 to Teens Aiding the Cancer Community.

"It was great," she said. "It was a lot of fun to see the interaction between the students and teachers."

Charity Week started last year after the students were inspired by getting involved

with another fund-raiser — Relay for Life.

The week kicked off Monday with the freshman class having a yellow day to raise money for the Autism Society of America. The sophomore class held a team/sports apparel day Tuesday to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of America and the juniors had blue day to help the Make-A-Wish Foundation on Wednesday.

The final day was sponsored by all the student councils and raised money for Teens Aiding the

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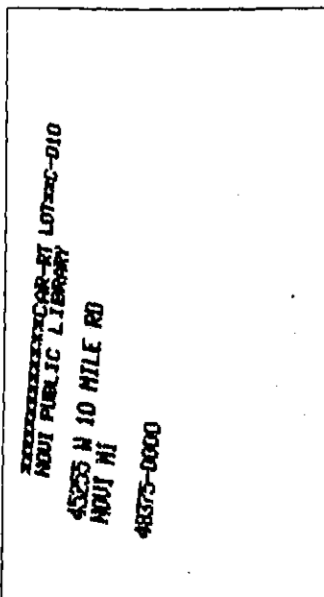


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Novi High School teacher Heather McKaig gets a pie in the face from smiling senior Hailey Spillane on April 22 as part of the school's fundraising effort for Charity Week. For a cash donation to the Michigan Humane Society, students got the chance to squish or toss a pie into the face of their favorite teacher or administrator - at least those brave enough to volunteer.

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Up in smoke

Enforcement of smoking ban starts Saturday

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Smoke-filled bars and restaurants will be a thing of the past starting Saturday as Michigan's Smoke-Free Air Law goes into effect.

Many questions still surround enforcement and punishment issues, but business owners in Novi plan to accept the changes, even if they don't agree with them.

Darrel Krause, manager at the Post Bar, said he was surprised there has been little opposition to the ban outside of Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, who initially threatened to sue the

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Cigarette smoker Scott Daubner lights up at Novi's The Post Bar last winter. The Post and other bars and restaurants in Novi will have to comply with the state's ban on smoking in bars and restaurants that takes effect Saturday.

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Ray Schovers begins to place new hardwood flooring in the Fazzini family's house as part of the Rebuilding Together project completed by the members of St. James Catholic Church.

REBUILDING

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whelming," she said. "It's beyond our wildest dreams."

The other Novi home belonged to Tim and Mona Fazzini. Tim, like Pat, is restricted to his wheelchair as he battles multiple sclerosis. The work at the Fazzini home included installing a new water heater, putting grout in the second floor bathroom, yard clean up, putting up a basketball hoop for their son and installing hardwood floors in the family room and living room.

Mona called the help a "miracle" and a "blessing," and when the volunteers left for the day "it felt like family was leaving."

"It touches us because we are not used to seeing strangers coming out and doing for us," she said. "It was very encouraging."

The hardwood floors are especially nice because the lift system used to move Tim from his wheelchair could not be moved on carpet. Now he will be able to sit in a regular chair with his family.

Kevin Carter, who lives across the street from the Fazzini's and was the organizer for the project, said the best part for him was showing Mona that a lot of people care about her.

"Sometimes she gets so overwhelmed, and I think the moral support is very important for the family," he said.

Carter also said the group had a hard time finding families to help so he encourages people in the community to apply for help next year since it accepts applications year-round.

People can contact Rebuilding Together at (248) 380-1537.



Volunteer Michael Gordon, of Novi's St. James Catholic Church, helps install a new water heater in the Fazzini family's home as part of Rebuilding Together.

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"The whole week has been fun seeing people show their school spirit, and it feels good to help others," he said.

Letson said she hopes that the underclassmen continue this tradition in the future.

"I really want this to continue and become as regular as Spirit Week for homecoming," she said.

Cancer Community by hosting a charity basketball game.

Sophomore Austin Reed said his class raised over \$160 by selling candy and fake tattoos, and throughout the day saw that his classmates realized "volunteering is special."

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SMOKING

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state before withdrawing those plans.

"I think as long as the playing field is level it should be fine," Krause said. "It will probably have a negative impact at first, but I don't think it will be something long term."

Brian Burke, owner of the Grapevine, made his business smoke-free inside when he opened in January 2008. He allowed smoking on his outdoor patio, and that will have to stop.

He said it is a change he will have to deal with and, like Krause, he expects patrons to fight the ban at first.

"I think what will happen is they will give up for a little bit and try to find somewhere that lets people smoke," he said.

Some of the stipulations with the new law require the businesses to post "no smoking" signs throughout the building and remove ashtrays and other smoking paraphernalia. People are allowed to leave the building to smoke and there are no distance requirements.

Business owners also are in charge of initial enforcement, asking people in violation of the law to stop, refusing service if they do not stop and eventually asking them to leave the establishment.

The county health department is the ultimate enforcer,



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

but information on how people can file a complaint has yet to be released. Health inspectors will be looking for violations during routine inspections, and a first violation could bring a \$100 civil fine, and up to \$500 could be fined for numerous violations.

Novi Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Molloy said the police department will not issue citations, but will show up at a business if a patron is "unruly."

"Really it is the responsibility of the owner to police their own area," he said.

The only places exempt from the ban are Detroit's three casinos, tobacco specialty shops and cigar bars. Hookah bars cannot serve food or drinks in the same areas where smoking occurs.

Krysten Leight, a bartender at the Post Bar, is a non-smoker but still thinks the ban should give owners a choice, especially when there is outdoor seating.

"But I am going to be happy that I can come home from work and not smell like smoke," she said.

Her co-worker Allison Debiasi is a smoker, but is not against prohibiting smoking indoors and does not think it will slow business.

"Hopefully, it will have an effect on me and stop me from smoking," she said.

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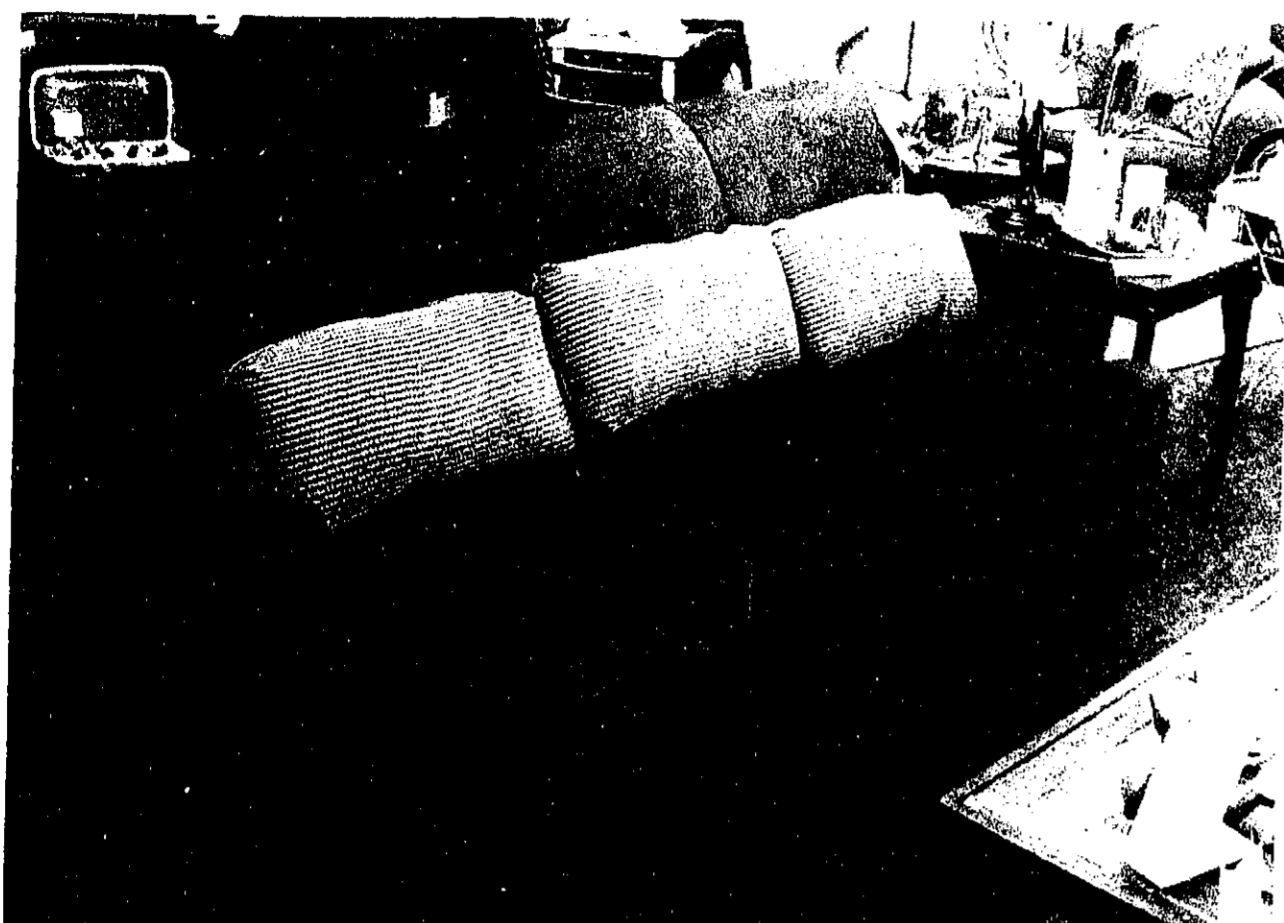
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End of an era

Lawrence retires after 36 years with school district

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Novi High School Principal John Lawrence is ready for life's next experience.

The 36-year veteran of the Novi Community Schools district, including the last seven as principal at the high school, has decided this school year will be his last.

He said he battled the decision for a couple months before realizing "it just feels right."

Lawrence started his career in 1974, student teaching at Novi Middle School. He was then hired as the industrial arts and math teacher there before moving to an assistant principal position at the high school after 23 years. He spent six years as the assistant principal before becoming the principal.

"Being in Novi has been a wonderful experience for me," he said. "There hasn't been a day where I don't look and think 'How did this come to be?' I pinch myself every day."

Sarah Letson, a senior at the high school, said when Lawrence announced he wouldn't be back, many underclassmen expressed concern about next year.

"It was a big shock to everyone when they heard," she said.

Superintendent Pete Dion called Lawrence the "best high school principal he has ever worked with" and that the next person is "going to have extremely large shoes to fill."

The kind words are flattering to the outgoing high school leader, but he refuses to take sole credit for the high school's success.

Lawrence points to committed staff members, parents, community members and

the students for making Novi High School one of the best public schools in the state.

And he is glad to have been along for the ride.

"In 1974, we were building a strong school district and set high expectations, and to be part of that growing process has been very dynamic," he said. "But what has never changed over the years is the (community's) commitment to a level of excellence."

It has been an eventful journey for Lawrence, who said

he never wanted to be a high school principal during his early years, and one that has flown by.

He said he doesn't see this as retiring, rather saying he is "shifting gears."

Part of that shift is going to include spending more time with his family and wife Sally, who also is retiring, and volunteering their time to help others.

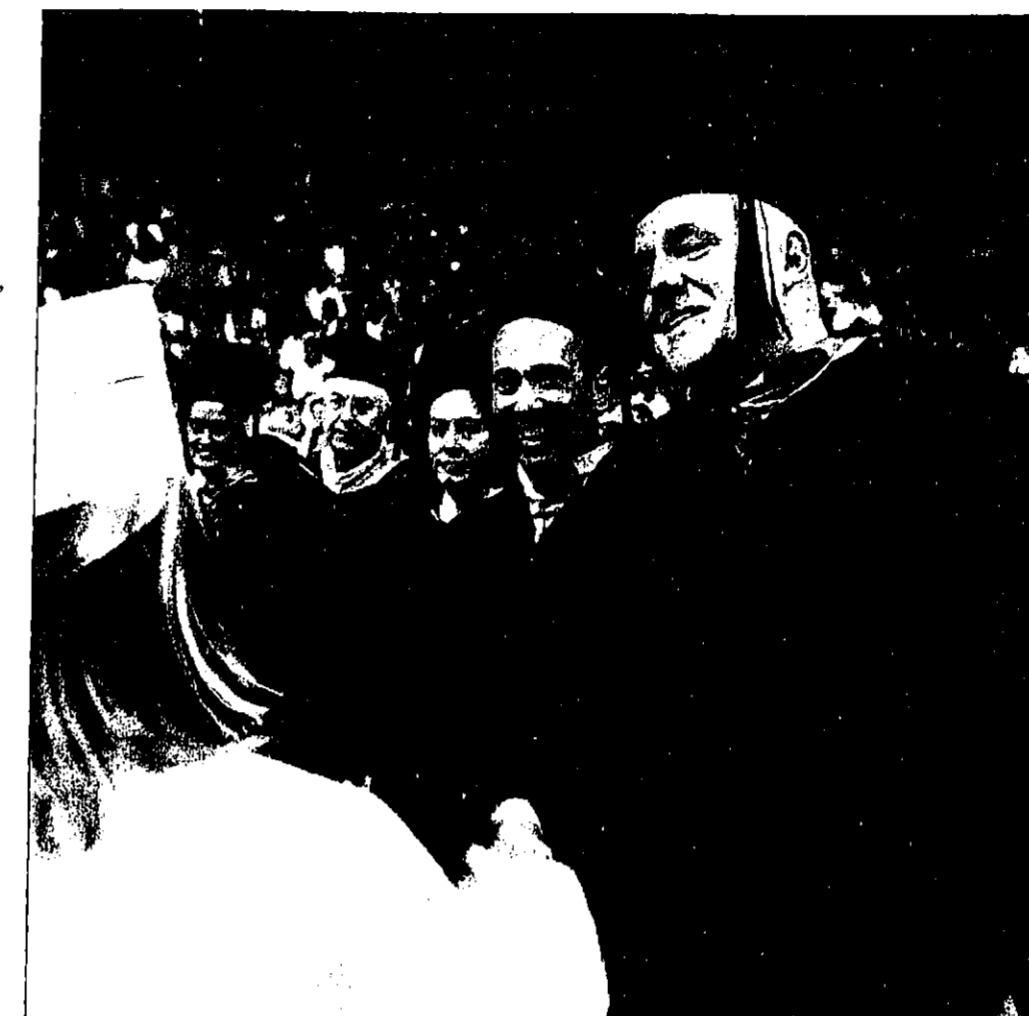
"It was time to pass the baton," he said. "This is a wonderful high school and it is

going to continue to be."

Dion said he is going to take a couple weeks before beginning the search for Lawrence's replacement, and he is going to be looking for a "leader not a manager."

"We want someone who is focused on kids, someone innovative and that will sustain the quality of our school district and lead us into the 21st century with a global perspective," he said.

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Novi High School Principal John Lawrence will shake hands with the high school graduates one final time this June as he will be retiring at the end of the school year after 36 years with the district.

NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

CC second in Quiz Bowl

More than 700 Michigan high school students from across the state gathered at Michigan State University on April 23-24 to participate in the competition former Senate Majority Leader Dan L. DeGrow began as an annual event 23 years ago.

State Quiz Bowl consists of three simultaneously run tournaments: Class A, Class B and Class C/D. The competition is double-elimination and is open to quiz teams who have won either a league championship or major tournament.

The Class A competition, won by Grosse Pointe North High School, was determined in two final matches. Second place went to Detroit Catholic Central High School, coached by Jason Jones, Ben Herman and Chris Gismondi. The team included Michael Yurko, Matthew Nicholas, George McIntyre, Mitchell Belanger, Ryan Dillon, David Ciccarelli, Matthew Messina, Robert Cernak, Connor Teevans, Christopher Wolfe, Nicholas Baumgartner, Kevin Wegienka, Brett Kusch, Bobby Dorigo-Jones, and Jimmy Haubert.

Novi High School Senior All Night Party

Putting on a Senior All Night Party requires many volunteers and many funds. Organizers still need people to help set up on June 4, work the night of the party June 5 - games, raffle, security, food - and to help tear down and clean up.

Decorations will be moved to the high school on Thursday, June 3 starting in the afternoon at the decorations site. Set-up will begin at 2 p.m. on Friday, June 4. To volunteer, click on the volunteer form at the Senior All Night Party website at www.novi.k12.mi.us/parentscomm/orgs/WebPages/SeniorParty.aspx.

Organizers are also in need of donations for the raffle. If you own a business that is willing to make a monetary donation or a raffle donation, please contact the party chairperson at the Web site listed above. Donations will also be accepted from individual families.

C.A.R.E. now open

Registration for Novi Community Education's Summer Child C.A.R.E. is now open for all Novi residents ages preschool through eighth grade. The program begins Thursday, June 24 and ends Wednesday, August 25.

Hours of operation are 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Students will be placed in age appropriate groups and will participate in crafts, sports, field trips, games and free play. This year's location will be at Village Oaks Elementary School.

Lunch and snack are included (except on field trips days). "Call of the Wild" is the theme of this year's program, and students can look forward to plenty of fun-filled activities.

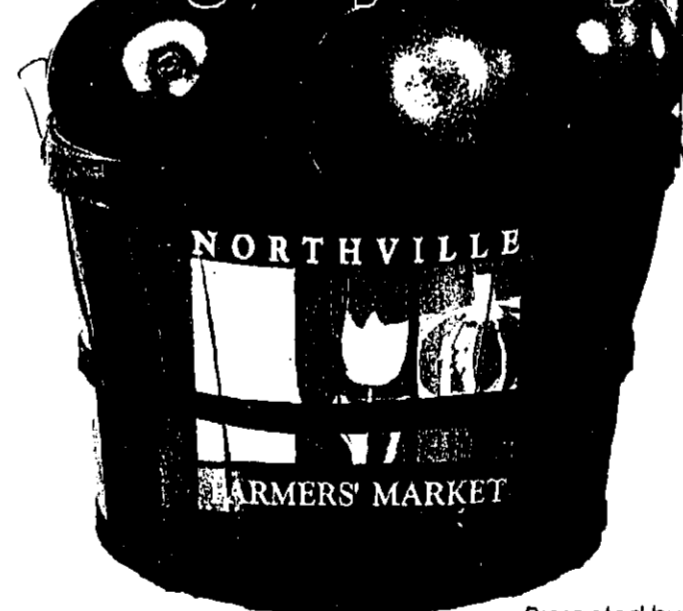
Registration and weekly session fees are available on the Novi School District Web site at www.novi.k12.mi.us under Community Education - C.A.R.E., or call (248) 449-1713 for more information.

NOVI ON CAMPUS

Shruti Agrawal of Novi was among 23 Michigan State University students honored April 16 by the MSU Board of Trustees for their academic achievements. Board of Trustees awards are granted at each commencement to graduating seniors having the highest cumulative grade point averages at the close of the semester prior to graduation. Agrawal is an accounting major in the Eli Broad College of Business. She is the daughter of Sunil and Sushma Agrawal. A member of the Honors College, she has a 4.0 GPA. Agrawal is a graduate of Northville High School.

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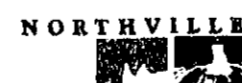


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AMISTEE CLEANS HOME AND BUSINESS DUCTS, B5

Novi student-athletes earn Academic All-State honors

Wildcat girls swim, girls cagers and boys cagers among smartest teams

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

When talking about student-athletes, the "student" part of the equation is often forgotten. For Novi High's teenagers, that's far from the truth as three different varsity squads recently earned Academic All-State team mentions.

The Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan and Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association both dished out their Academic All-State team awards last week and Novi's boys basketball, girls basketball and girls swim and dive squads all had their names show up on the lists.

"We are very proud of the academic achievements of our student-athletes," Novi Athletic Director Curt Ellis said. "Their work in the classroom is simply another demonstration of their championship personalities. Qualities such as determination, dedication, hard work and perseverance not only help our student-athletes achieve on the court and in the pool, but also in the classroom."

Novi's girls swim and dive team led the successful trio of Wildcat squads, receiving No. 1 Academic All-State honors from the MISCA for the second straight year. The team's combined 3.59 grade point average was the highest score of not only the girls swim squads in Division I, but of all three divisions for both genders.

"It's a heck of a legacy to establish," Novi swim coach Scott Teeters said. "These Novi swimmers budget or manage their time as good as any high school kid in the United States. The elementary school teachers and middle school teachers gave them the foundation to do it."

Other KLAAs swim teams that earned mentions were Northville at seventh in Division I with a 3.59 GPA, while Hartland was ninth with 3.51 and Westland John Glenn was 10th with 3.47. Walled Lake Northern's girls tied Okemos for the top spot in Division II with a 3.75 team GPA.

"The nice part about the state ranking academics is we're counting 40-some kids. It's kind of more of a team effort," Teeters said. "I've got to give this all up to the parents. Kids, parents, teachers, in that order. They came to the high school with a really good work ethic."

"I had nothing to do with it. Our girls go four mornings a week. I don't know how they do it. In the water, we tell them we're going to prepare them like it's college."

The girls basketball squad took BCAM honors for the seventh-straight year with the 10th highest team grade point average in

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Wildcat catcher Katie Marra.

PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDERSTAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Inconsistencies continue to haunt the Wildcats

Novi upsets South Division leader Plymouth 3-0

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

ON TAP

The Wildcats' softball squad is still looking for some consistent motivation, but a few more wins under the belt should help, as Novi won three of five games last week.

The week began with a doubleheader against South Lyon East. An improved Cougars squad stole a 3-2 decision from Novi in the first game.

"They have improved immensely over the last four

After hosting a baseline doubleheader against Northville (4-1, 1-1 Central) last night, Novi (4-5, 1-3 Central) will visit Livonia Franklin (5-3, 2-2 South) at 4 p.m. Monday. The team will then host Livonia Stevenson (2-4, 1-3 Central) in a doubleheader starting at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

"It'll be a tough week, a measuring stick," Novi coach Bob Lulek said.

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Novi's sluggers hit snag

Wildcats drop two of three after hitting 10-win mark

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

After dominating South Lyon East in a doubleheader by a combined 25-4 score, Novi struggled in their next three games, allowing 30 total runs.

The Wildcats hit the 10-win mark on the season with 15-4 and 10-0 mercy-rule victories over East (4-5, 1-3 Central) on April 21. Senior Nick Regnier pitched the six-inning win in the first game, while junior Tyler Root and senior Kevin Zak combined for the five-inning victory in the second.

Senior Masaru Nogami led the way on offense in the first game, going 3-for-4 with two RBIs and two doubles.

"He does everything he can to get on base," Novi coach Rick Green said. "Nogami, Nick Regnier and (sophomore Jim) Eloff have been the most consistent."

Senior Garrett Jewell and Eloff each had a triple while going 2-for-2, and junior Mike Kruse added a triple of his own to help Novi to the 15-4 victory. A single from Nogami, doubles by Zak, Regnier and senior

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Please see BASEBALL, B2

Wildcat netters sweep through central division competition

Defeat two teams in 87% of 250 games

ON TAP

One of the most competitive weeks of the season, the No. 2-ranked Wildcats 6-0 (4-0 Central) were scheduled to face off with No. 10 Northville (5-0, 4-0 Central) Tuesday for the KLAAs Central Division title before taking on No. 3 Saline (3-0) at 4 p.m. today. All three teams are in Division I.

"This week will be tough, it'll be a good indicator of where we stand," Novi coach Jim Hanson said.

Novi will follow the matches with a pair of KLAAs conference crossovers, hosting North Division competition 4 p.m. Tuesday and visiting a West Division team 4 p.m. next Thursday. The Wildcats will face the fellow division champs or runners-up in the cross-overs depending on how they did against Northville earlier this week.

Senior Juliana Zuccato had a similar setup at five doubles, earning two victories with different partners. She teamed with senior Shannon Maturri to defeat Salem 6-0, 6-0 and senior Lindsey Johnson for a 6-0, 6-2 win over Stevenson.

Johnson and Strini also paired for a 6-2, 6-2 exhibition victory over Salem at six doubles.

"We've just got to strive to continue to improve each match out, each practice," Hanson said.

Senior Amanda Border won her one singles flight 6-0, 6-1 April 20 against Salem and 6-0, 6-0 last Thursday at Stevenson. Sophomore Abby Wang took two singles with 6-0, 6-2 and 6-0, 6-0 victories.

Senior Sam Carlson only competed for the Tuesday meet, taking a three singles match 6-0, 6-0 against Salem.

Moving up a spot for the Stevenson meet, senior Lauren

scores are somewhat misleading," Hanson said. "Salem is definitely an improved team from last years, so that was a good win for us."

Novi's top three doubles teams were in tact and consistent throughout both meets.

Junior Jenna Snyder and senior Julia Thomas took care of business with 6-2, 6-1 and 6-0, 6-2 victories at one doubles, while senior Andrea Lollo and junior Meggie Riegel handled two

doubles with 6-3, 6-3 and 6-1, 6-1 wins. Junior Ashley Aljodah and sophomore Ori Nagasaki took the three doubles flights with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Salem and 6-0, 6-0 victory over Stevenson.

"We have to get contributions from both singles and doubles and we did that in these matches," Hanson said. "I'm pleased with how things are going."

Sophomore Emily Kweider won both of her four doubles meets, but took each with a different partner. Teaming with junior Meng Meng Jie, the pair defeated Salem 6-0, 6-3. She then teamed with junior Tanaya Strini to defeat Stevenson 6-2, 6-3.

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Wildcat Michael Kruse hustles around second on his way to third as he attempts to advance on a fly ball to the outfield.

WILDCATS FROM PAGE B1

years. They were hitting our pitches pretty hard," Novi coach Bob Lulek said.



A Novit Wildcat takes a swing during their April 27 home game.

Junior pitcher Rebecca Richter gave up eight hits in seven innings while striking out one and walking none, but Novi's batters had trouble getting runs home.

Senior Allyson Hrit, juniors Maddy Sinkovitch (one RBI), Katie Marra, Meaghan Robinson and Kim Powers each had one hit, while junior Colleen Kolls had a triple and Richter earned an RBI on a sacrifice fly.



Wildcat Maddy Sinkovitch runs around third on her way to scoring on April 26.

Wildcats soccer team shuts out competition

Squad prepares for baseline contest tonight



Wildcat Kelli Timar.

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

A pair of shutouts last week has Novi on top of the K.L.A.A. Central Division at 2-0-0 (4-1-1 overall).

Novi's defense made a stand in the final minutes, as sophomore goalkeeper Maddie Hausstein saved a header shot with four minutes remaining.

Junior Gabby Gauruder was flawless, making five saves for the victory.

The Lions (5-4-1) had two more shot attempts that went on the mark, but it was no match for Novi's 16 shots, 12 that made it on net.

The first three that made it into the net all came from junior Nicki Caruso, who completed the first-half hat trick with assists going to sophomore Kelli Timar, junior Melli Krick and freshman Natalie Kryger.

JUNIOR VARSITY

The Wildcats' junior varsity squad is off to a strong start, posting a 4-0-2 record over the first month of play.

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ON TAP

After setting up to take care of business at South Lyon East (2-4-1) last Tuesday, Novi (4-1-1) will host Northville (7-0-0) at 7 p.m. tonight.

ON TAP

Novi's baseball squad (11-2, 4-0 Central) had a big doubleheader scheduled against baseline rival and defending K.L.A.A. Central Division champion Northville (6-4, 3-1 Central) last night.

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BASEBALL FROM PAGE B1

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The pair of victories followed a 6-0 against Walled Lake Western on April 14.

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

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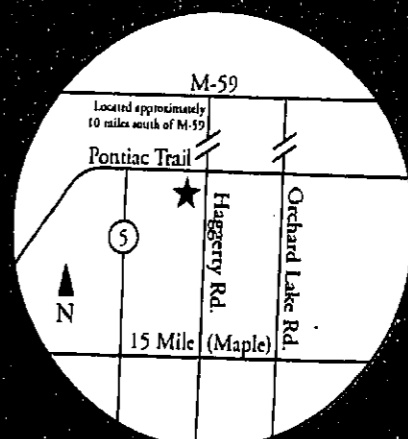
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