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Meeting change

Tonight's Novi Board of Education meeting place has been changed from the Educational Services Building to the Instructional Technology Center in the Forum. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. as scheduled.

Spring concert

The Novi Choralaires, Novi's community chorus, will be performing its annual Spring Concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 8 in the Novi Middle School Auditorium. Titled 'How Can I Keep From Singing,' this year's show will feature the Choralaires in a lively and inspirational performance that will appeal to all ages.

Tickets for 'How Can I Keep From Singing' are \$12 each or \$10 for groups of 10 or more. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Novi Parks Office, (Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile) and the Novi Senior Center (25075 Meadowbrook). Tickets may be purchased at the door. For information, call (248) 347-0400.

Abuse solutions

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

Novi Police Chief David Molloy and Kim T. Capello will host a round-table 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 in recovery.

School district staring at \$6.7 million cut

Layoffs looming next school year for 75 staff members

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Novi school district officials warned the public that drastic cuts were coming.

And last Thursday they got to see just how bad it is.

The proposed budget presented to the board of education is calling for a cut of \$6,797,283 to balance the budget for the 2010-11 school year. Included in that cut is the elimination of 75 current staff members.

"This is pretty daunting to everyone in this room," said Supt. Pete

Dion at the meeting. "In my 37 years as an educator I have never been faced with a budget like this. However, we need to take this and continue to provide a service for our kids."

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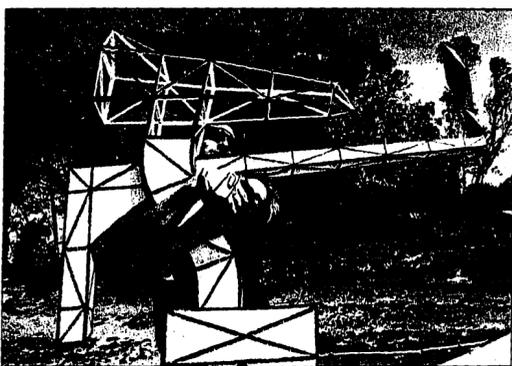
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PETE DION, superintendent



Art in the park

Sculpture artist Dave Vande Vusse (above) stands next to his work 'Lollypop Tree' that's just been installed at Novi's Fuerst Park. Vusse, of Manistee, trucked the quarter-inch thick sculpture April 30. It will be on display for Novi's Public Sculpture Exhibit for one year. Alan Knaggs (right), of the sculpture installation team Flatlanders, hoists 'The Surveyor' as it's prepared for display.



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Plug pulled on '50s Festival

Board cites lack of money as reason behind cancellation

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan '50s Festival Board of Directors thought taking one year off to raise money would do the trick.

It didn't work, and as a result, the festival that has been a staple in Novi for more than 20 years is going away for good.

"We postponed it last year with every intention of being able to do it this year," said vice president Bob McCann. "But it takes an awful lot of money to put on this event and it came down to the fact that the festival did not want to go into debt."

The festival has been sponsored by Bright House Networks for the past 15 years and was organized by a group of volunteers in the community. It usually took place in the summer and featured a carnival, live entertainment, crafters and more.

Novi Mayor David Landry, who sat on the board for a number of years, said he was sad to see it permanently dissolve but understands the reason why.

"It's a loss," he said. "And we are going to have to look for alternatives."

McCann said the decision to not have a festival was "more difficult than you can imagine," but was proud of the group of volunteers who made the festival what it was over the years.

The estimated cost to run the event was about \$150,000 annually, and the sponsorship money

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Novi teacher back in school after sentencing

Peronis pleaded guilty to two counts of larceny

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

A Novi Meadows teacher who pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor counts of larceny under \$200 last Wednesday at the 52-1 District Court in Novi was back to work Monday morning.

Thomas G. Peronis, 39, was sentenced to six months probation, 10 hours of community service within the next four months and is required to attend the misdemeanor offender program. He also was fined \$440.

Novi Community Schools District Superintendent Peter

Dion said the district is very disappointed by Peronis' actions, but referred to him as a "very good teacher for us" and a "popular teacher."

Peronis, who is undergoing counseling, was docked 20 days without pay and is under strict monitoring by the school district. He is said to be discussing the issue with his students and writing a letter to parents. Administrators and counselors also are meeting with students.

"You have to be honest with the students about what hap-

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Doctor looks to educate public

Free lecture May 15 touches on heart-related issues

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Cardiologist Vicky Savas has been doing lectures and expos since she starting training in her field 17 years ago. She feels the most effective way to treat patients is to get them involved and reach out to them in a way that makes them feel comfortable. So on May 15, Savas is hoping the Novi community takes her up on her offer and attends the "Sudden Cardiac Death and Congestive Heart Failure" lecture at St. John

Providence Park Hospital. The lecture runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the old medical office building classroom ABC, and is free. There will be a complimentary lunch catered by George's Senate Coney Island, free blood pressure and blood sugar checks, free health aids including cookbooks and education materials and door prizes. "I think there is a huge need in the community for education," she said. "I think the best patients are those who want to be involved in their care and

they cannot get involved if they are not knowledgeable about their health care issues." Savas, who has offices in Novi and Southfield, said the environment at the lecture is "laid back and fun," and she just wants people to come learn. People can register by calling (248) 356-5033, and registration is limited to the first 50 callers. "It may save their life, or the knowledge they gain could help someone else," she said. nmuellev@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255



Arthritis Awareness Month

May is Arthritis Awareness Month and to celebrate, the Providence Center for the Healing Arts is offering a special four-week Tai Chi session that meets Thursday afternoons at 4 p.m. May 6-27. Instructor Barbara Gordon will demonstrate basic movements and exercises designed to promote mobility, breathing and relaxation. Tai Chi is a gentle martial arts exercise which uses graceful and fluid body movements. The Arthritis Foundation endorses Tai Chi which has been shown to be a safe way to reduce pain and stiffness, and improve balance. This special class series will be held in the reflection space inside the Assarian Cancer Center located on the Providence Park Campus at 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi. This program is open to everyone. There is a \$5 suggested donation per class. Walk-ins are welcomed. For details and to discover other classes, please call (248) 465-5455 or visit www.stjohn.org/ProvidenceHealingArts. Pictured inside the Reflection space at the Assarian Cancer Center, volunteer Tai Chi instructor Jan Gubkin (left) leads students in the Tai Chi form during the Thursday 10 a.m. class.

Letter carriers to 'Stamp Out Hunger'

TEACHER
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BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The annual Stamp Out Hunger! food drive organized by the National Association of Letter Carriers cannot come soon enough for a pair of food banks in Novi. Jim Ernst, co-chair of the Novi Community Food Program, calls this drive the "most important" food program of the year because it generates more than 50 percent of the food they get. The drive takes place this Saturday and everyone in Novi is asked to participate. "We are ready for this," he said. "Our shelves are pretty bare at this point."



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The postal carriers of Novi will be conducting their annual Letter Carrier Food Drive on May 8. From left are: Bill Hendley, Sherri McIntosh, Jenni Boyle, Karrie Spencer, Stacy Kelly, Dwayne Cassell, Lisa Mattson and Danny Starks.

This is the 10th year the letter carriers in Novi will participate in the Stamp Out Hunger! effort, which is a national food drive that has been around 18 years. Last year, 73.4 million pounds of food was donated to food banks across the United States. In Novi, the other food bank to benefit from the drive is at St. James Catholic Church. Pam Coles, Christian services director, said the food helps them get through the lean summer months when children are home from school.

"It's an awesome thing," she said. The letter carriers in Novi collected 11,000 pounds of food last year from residents in the city and hope to up that number to 14,000 this year, said coordinator and letter carrier Jenni Boyle. Helping is simple for residents as they just need to put non-perishable food items out near their mailbox and the letter carriers will pick it up when they drop off the mail.

Boyle said being part of the drive is important to her because she has formed a relationship with many of the people she delivers to. "Being a letter carrier we see the foreclosure notices go out and we see a different perspective on what is happening in people's lives and how much more difficult things are than it appears," she said. "By being able to give food back to the

people we are working with it means a lot."

admitted to stealing more money on a prior occasion and sign a confession. Novi police said the total amount stolen was under \$20, and Peronis told police he made some bad choices and was stealing for some lunch money. The fifth-grade teacher has been with the district 14 years, teaching at Parkview Elementary and Novi Meadows. nmuellev@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255

FESTIVAL

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was not coming in. McCann said all of the remaining assets and money from the Michigan 50's Festival will be donated to local charities. Kim Peterson, general manager of Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, where the festival was supposed to be held, said they are working with Arts Novi to replace the Michigan 50's Festival. "We really would like to keep a community event here and we are working with some groups to make that possible," she said. "We are looking at some options and we are hopeful to have something here in the summer."

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Mothers, daughters offer messages of love



Susan Webber of Northville (left) and daughter, Kelli Regan, were photographed at Kelli's birthday dinner July 29, 2009, in downtown Brighton. Kelli lives in the Lansing area. She is a 2009 graduate of Northville High School. "We had a wonderful evening, we went to dinner and walked around town," wrote Kelli who sent in this favorite photo.



Ellie Steves of Northville (from left) and her four daughters, Linda Oulley of Plymouth, Sandi Rogers of Northville, Janet Goldberg of Northville and Nancy Spirit of Fountain Valley, California enjoy a celebration at Taverno on the Green in New York City. The photo was taken June 11, 2010. The restaurant closed Jan. 1, 2010. Located in Central Park on the Upper West Side, the restaurant was a frequent stop for actors, writers politicians and mother/daughter celebrations.

More photos in today's Hometown Life Woman inside

Sunday is Mother's Day and we asked mothers and daughters to share their favorite photographs and special greetings. Here's a few of the photos we received. For a story on the strong bonds between mothers and daughters and more photos, see Hometown Life Woman.



Three generations are represented in this photo submitted by Northville resident Catherine Rabahy. The photo was taken April 10, 2010, at Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif. (From left) Catherine Rabahy (grandma), her daughter, Danielle (Rabahy) Brandon, and her granddaughters, Charlotte Brandon, 17 months, are pictured at Disneyland. Danielle's husband, Cpt. Matthew Brandon, is a Marine stationed at Twentynine Palms, Calif. Grandma and Grandpa Rabahy traveled from Northville to California to visit Easter Week 2010.



Andrea Timreck of South Lyon submitted this favorite photo taken at her granddaughter's first birthday party September 2009. Pictured (from left) Bylie Kolbusz (holding her daughter, Mira Kolbusz) of Farmington Hills. Four generations of mothers and daughters spanning ages 1 to 85.



The girls in the Lowery family are special because as Tammie Lowery of Novi points out "all the girls' names in our family end with 'ie.'" "Here's a picture of my wonderful mother with her daughters and grandchildren. Pictured are Shirlee's daughters and grandchildren (from left) Bylie (granddaughter), Tammie (daughter), Emily (granddaughter) Tracie (daughter), Shirlee and grandsons, Ethan and Nolan.

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EDUCATION

2010-2011 BUDGET REDUCTION Recommendations to the Board of Education

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REVENUES

Self-Support or Raise Fees to Cover:

1. High School Clubs 100% 21,450
2. High School Parking Security Guards 100% 9,260
3. Athletics - Increase pay to participate and/or gate fees 50% 212,500
4. Increase Comm Ed, CARE, Preschool fees (or reduce expenses in equal amount) 110,432
5. IB Schools of Choice - High School (limit of 10) 86,340
6. K-4 Schools of Choice (limit to 50) 418,450
7. Community Donations/Voluntary Contributions - (calculated at \$365 each) 150,000
8. Provide Specials Teachers to Non-public Schools through Community Ed Staff 360,256
9. Pay for Busing - Clubs 8,500
10. Pay for Busing-Athletics (alternate - drive only to events or eliminate for some sports) 55,626
11. Pay for Busing - Band 11,195

Subtotal - Revenues **1,444,009**

NON - STAFF REDUCTIONS

12. Eliminate all non-grant travel and conference expense 100% (44,347)
13. Eliminate videotaping of board meetings 100% (16,660)
14. Reduce supplies, materials 25% (268,816)
15. Reduce dues/memberships 30% (17,011)
16. Reduce textbooks 25% (124,000)
17. Delay purchase of (2) buses 2 (150,000)

Subtotal - Non Staff Reductions **(620,834)**

STAFF - POSITIONS, PAY AND BENEFITS REDUCTIONS

Teachers / Counselors	Staff Members
18. Increase Class Size - PLUS 4 33.00 (2,159,586)	
19. Reduce Lit Spec/ELL Teachers by a net of 110. (Est. based on savings less para support costs) 11.00 (652,157)	
20. Eliminate Full Duty Kindergarten and Offer Alternatives 9.00 (342,000)	
21. Reduce Counselors 3.00 (196,326)	
22. Eliminate Novi Meadows Band (Offer fee-based program) 1.50 (98,163)	
23. Eliminate Strings Program (Grades 5 - 12) (Offer fee-based programs) 1.17 (76,567)	
24. Eliminate High School Life Management program 2.50 (163,605)	
25. Eliminate Media Specialists - Novi Meadows and Middle School 2.00 (130,884)	
26. Eliminate Special Education Teacher (equivalent of 1 FTE) 1.00 (65,442)	
27. Eliminate Comm. Volunteer Service - Co-op Teachers (note: also elim. co-op students below) 0.60 (39,265)	
28. Reconfigure K-6 specials Teachers 6.00 (392,652)	
29. Eliminate High School Department Heads (Schedule B) 0.50 (55,810)	
Administrators	
30. Eliminate Coordinator of Assessment/Grants 1.00 (135,393)	
31. Reduce/Share Transportation Director Position 0.50 (48,722)	
32. Eliminate Adult Ed Supervisor Position 1.00 (79,136)	
33. Eliminate Asst. Director of Maintenance 0.50 (29,960)	
Support	
34. Reduce Number of Bus Stops (40,000)	
35. Do Not Replace Retiring Maintenance Semi-skilled Position 1.00 (66,577)	
36. Reduce Secretary / Clerical/Data by 12 hours per day - ESB (60,043)	
37. Reduce Secretary / Clerical by 17 hours per day - Schools/Departments (58,762)	
38. Eliminate Co-op Student Programs (51,393)	
Health	
39. Health Care Expense - Reduction for Company Changes (est. at \$17,515/mo x 12 mo) (210,190)	

Subtotal - Staff and Position Reductions **(4,777,615,653)**

GRAND TOTAL **(7,217,496)**

Reduction for unemployment compensation liability (\$362 x 46 weeks) 35% (16,652) 72.10 (420,213)

NET SAVINGS **6,787,283**

Dion said the only way the district could save jobs and programs is by getting wage concessions from every employer, himself included. Bus drivers were excluded from his plea because they already took concessions, but the other union and non-group groups are being asked to do their part.

"I hope it happens," he said when asked Monday about the chances concessions happen. "I'm willing to do it. We all have to do it. It sure will save a lot of jobs."

Board Treasurer Dennis O'Connor was not as optimistic as Dion, saying at the meeting "obviously we cannot reduce wages because the teachers union does not want to come to the table, and they have made that very clear."

The cut of 75 teachers amounts to a \$5,152,653 savings for the district, with the majority of the layoffs occurring because the district plans on increasing class sizes by an average of four students, and thus 33 teachers will be let go.

Officials also are proposing to reduce literacy specialists and English Language Learner teachers by 11, eliminating full-day kindergarten and offering alternatives, laying off nine; reducing counselors by three; eliminating the high school life management program, laying off two-and-a-half among several other reductions.

The Novi Meadows Band and the Strings program also will be cut and replaced with fee-based programs.

Novi resident Heather Kirby, who has a child eligible for full-day kindergarten next year, was disappointed that the program was being cut. She said she does not have the money to pay for the alternatives offered for kindergarten, and is circulating a petition in an attempt to save the program.

"I feel that having all the curriculum in full-day and having more breaks for interaction and social growth is better for the child and my child specifically," she said.

High school teacher Chandra Madafferi expressed her concern about cutting the life management program because nearly 500 students

In an attempt to raise money, the district is asking high school clubs and the parking security guards to be self-supported, and the athletics pay-to-participate fee is being raised to an estimated \$350 per student at the high school level.

"I am in favor of more opportunities for students, but the new normal is that it is going to cost," Dion said. "We are not eliminating opportunities for kids, we are just providing them in a different way."

Trustee George Kortlandt was strongly against the idea, saying that the community expressed their stance against that idea in the recent survey.

"The people of Novi, the residents, the taxpayers do not want to open the borders to non-resident students," he said.

Secretary Bobbie Murphy was a big fan of the idea but said "it just makes sense to me we do it for a year and see how it goes" because next year it could be stopped if the board chose to do so.

Dion said ultimately the state "holds the purse strings" and all the district can do is cut. More could be added to the budget based on how much state funding the district receives, but officials are not banking on much.

"We are going to have to do things differently in order to provide the service or opportunities for parents and students," Dion said.

The board of education will discuss the recommendations at its regular meeting at 7 p.m. tonight in the Instructional Technology Center. It must formally approve the budget no later than June 30.

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NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

Novi High 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/parents/comm/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.

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Novi's Erin Hughes and Nathan Parkins were named to the Dean's List for the winter 2009-2010 quarter. To receive Dean's List commendation, full-time students must earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or above on a four-point scale.

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Novi's Donald Ebben (computer engineering) and John Hendrick (mechanical engineering) made the Dean's List at Kettering University for the Winter 2010 semester.

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Meadows teacher finds new way to excite students

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Novi Meadows math teacher Tom Michalski is always looking for new ways to challenge his students.

After his math review group was continuing to draw just six students a week, he knew he had to make a change.

It was then that Michalski's Math Boot Camp was born, engaging his students not just mentally but physically as well. The group now meets twice a week, splitting the time between reviewing math problems and training for a 5K run that took place last Wednesday.

"I am a runner and running has taught me a lot of things, mostly discipline and routine and their importance," he said. "Math is the same way. Just like running, sometimes you do not want to go but to be successful on race day you have to. And if you want to be successful on your math test you have to do your homework."



Novi Meadows students (from left) Molly Cook, Abbey Przekop, Kylie Douglas, Allie Lipson and Abby Welgosh completed a 5K run last Wednesday as part of teacher Tom Michalski's Michalski Math Boot Camp.

Michalski and her classmates to stick with it. She said her math grades have even improved as a result. "At my old school they kept moving on after one day and he actually stays on it until everyone is 100 percent sure they understand," she said. "He is probably the best teacher I will ever have."

Another student, Abbey Przekop, 12, said she too has noticed a change in her attitude toward math. "I've been struggling with it a lot but he makes it a lot more fun and easier," she said. "The running aspect of the boot camp also helped the students clear their minds and focus on a goal for a little less than two months, culminating with the Running Fit 5K. The

Novi Education Association agreed to sponsor the class for the run and bought them team T-shirts. Przekop won her age group, and said her favorite part was crossing the finish line. "It felt really good," she said. "It made me feel very good about myself."

Michalski made it a point during the race to slow down or speed up to while the final student was about a half-mile from the finish line the rest of the class ran to meet her and they all crossed the finish line together. "It was heartwarming and felt good to cross the finish line with my classmates because we worked so hard to accomplish this race," Przekop said.



All 21 students in Tom Michalski's math class at Novi Meadows took part in the Michalski Math Boot Camp that culminated with a 5K run last Wednesday.

While many parents thanked Michalski for starting the boot camp, he deflected the praise on to his students and called it the "most meaningful thing I have done in my career."

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LAWRENCE LEE BEAHM

Age 79 of Pontiac, MI, passed away peacefully April 28, 2010 surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by his children Vickie, Philip, Karen and Robert and his five grandchildren. Larry was very proud of his accomplishments as General Motors in Detroit, Brazil and Mexico. He retired to Tellico Village, Tennessee in 2000 where he lived his retirement to the fullest. The beauty and friendships he enjoyed in Tennessee made his last years very special. He will be greatly missed. In lieu of flowers, we suggest a donation be made to Kettering University, Alumni Affairs, 1700 University Avenue, Flint, MI 48904. Click Funeral Home in Lenox City, TN is in charge of arrangements. www.clickfuneralhome.com

CATHERINE LENA GAUL

Age 96 recently of Gaylor, MI, died Wednesday April 21, 2010, at Aspen Ridge Care Facility in Gaylor, MI. Catherine was born on May 14, 1913, the second daughter of John Henry and Nellie (Leary) Bush, in Milford, MI. She graduated from Milford High School in 1930 and married her high school sweetheart, Richard H. Gaul, July 24, 1936. They moved to Farmington, MI, in 1938, and Dick's job with Cadillac Motor in Detroit. Catherine graduated from the Detroit Conservatory of Music, June, 1941. While in Farmington, 1938-2008, she was a homemaker, mother, and piano teacher to many children. She enjoyed playing the piano and organ at home, church, and at silent movies early in her life. Her husband and family were her life and much time was spent with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Due to her gentle character and ready smile, she will be missed by all who knew her. She is predeceased in death by her husband, Dick and her sister, Zetta. Catherine is survived by her daughter, Marilyn (Robert) Killian of Boyne Falls, and son, Richard (Catherine) Gaul of Farmington Hills. Missing her are grandchildren Marcia Monchillo of Gaylor, and Robert Killian of Traverse City, as well as Shelli Conner of Fenton and Richard Gaul of Waterford, and great grandchildren Mason and Morgan Monchillo, Abigail and Ashley Killian, and Shawn and Josie Connolly. Cremation has taken place. A gathering of family will take place in Milford, May 7. There will be no funeral or visitation times. Her ashes will be buried at the Oak Grove Cemetery in Milford. Memorials her name may be directed to the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 21615 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills, 48334 or the Salvation Army.

JUNE LORETTA WASILKO

Age 82, passed away April 28, 2010. She was born on July 4, 1927, in Detroit. June is survived by her son Michael (Marci) Wasilko; grandchildren: Kari and Zachary; and great grandchildren: Gavin and Kari June. She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael Wasilko in 2005 and by her mother, Margaret Mathews. A memorial service was held at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, South Lyon. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home.

FRANK H. FIREK, SR.

67, of Northville, April 27th, 2010. High school sweetheart and beloved husband of Frances (Thornton) for 45 years; loving and devoted father of Frank Jr. (Amy), Todd and John; cherished grandfather of Frank Allen and Ashton LaBarge; dear brother of Hank (Liz), Robert (Cathy) and Alfred (Teri); and adopted uncle, cousin and friend to many. Frank was preceded in death by his father, Frank J. Firek, and his mother, Bernice (Makoski) of Farmington. Northville Club-Master, U.S. Air Force, The Fire Vision Council - a Reading Tutoring Program. Frank lived life to the fullest, loved unconditionally, made a difference in the world and wouldn't change a thing. A funeral service with Military Honors, was held on Tuesday, May 4th, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, (downtown Farmington) 248-474-2200. The Rev. Karen Boland, Renaissance Unit of Warren, officiated. Memorial tributes suggested to the Alzheimer's Association - Greater Michigan Chapter (www.alz.org/mi) or to the family for use in completing the movie, Franky Soaking. Alzheimer's™ - The Documentary. heeney-sundquist.com

HELEN M. HIENZ

Age 89, born in Detroit, Michigan on November 23, 1920 and passed away on April 10, 2010 in South Lyon, Michigan. Beloved wife of William S. for 71 years; loving mother of Gail (David) Zuk, William (Sandra) Hienz, & Robert (Janey); cherished grandmother of Jennifer Prout, Julie (Michael) Dunn, Jeff (Kathy) Hearn, Erick (Tara), Nick (Cathy), & Lee, and great-grandmother of 6; Dear sister of Barbara Jackson. Arrangements entrusted to the Union Lake Road Chapel of the Eton Black & Son Funeral Home, White Lake, Michigan.

FRANCIS H. ZOCH

Born to Mary & Henry Zoch on May 1, 1940 into a family steeped in love. He led a wonderful life filled with amazing people and events. He appreciated every facet of his experiences. His warmth, brilliance, generosity and talent made him a very special person. Frank earned advanced degrees in education. He enjoyed a rewarding career in teaching. He retired from Children's Village School in Waterford. He had myriad hobbies and interests. He was a very active member of the Multilakes Conservation Club. He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife of 44 years, Patricia Garrity Zoch, his mother, Mary Zoch, his brother, Joseph (Bonnie) Zoch, his sister, Roseanne (Larry) Ruehlin, his sister-in-law, Jude Garrity and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and uncles. He was so blessed to have loyal and loving family and friends. A funeral Mass was held at St. Mary Catholic Church in Milford on Tuesday, April 27th with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorials may be made in Frank's name to St. Benedict Church, 60 Church St., Highland Park, MI 48203. For further information please visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

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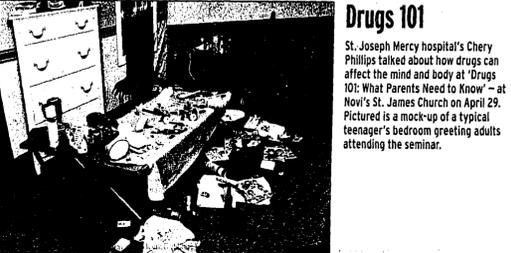
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St. Joseph Mercy hospital's Chery Phillips talked about how drugs can affect the mind and body at "Drugs 101: What Parents Need to Know" - at Novi's St. James Church on April 29. Pictured is a mock-up of a typical teenager's bedroom creating adults attending the seminar.

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Mass Schedule
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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.
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Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study
Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast
Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tee Kwon Do
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Dresner fashion show featured at Karmanos gala Saturday

Guests attending the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute's 28th Annual Dinner Gala on Saturday, May 8, at the Rock Financial Showplace, will view a fashion show designed by creative icon Linda Dresner.

The native Detroit, world-renowned fashion maven and breast cancer survivor has planned a fashion program that will have attendees feel as if they were in New York or Europe. Guest tables will serve as runways as more than 40 models will stroll showcasing the latest fashions, complete with hair designs and makeup.

In addition to the fashion show, the annual dinner gala will include a reception, dinner, a silent auction, and a raffle sponsored by Tiffany & Co.

Master of ceremonies will be radio legend and long-time Karmanos supporter Dick Purtan. Special tribute will be given to Gerold Epler, M.D., Ph.D., the new president and chief executive officer of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. Entertainment will be provided by the Bay Area Blues Society.

This is the second time that Dresner has created a fashion show for Karmanos;

DETAILS
What: Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute's 28th Annual Dinner
When: 6:30 p.m.-midnight Saturday, May 8
Where: Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi
Tickets: prices range from \$375 to \$750. Reservations will be accepted up to the event. For more information call, Karry Samulski at (313) 576-8106 or email samulskik@karmanos.org.



Dresner

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Honorary Co-Chairs are Michelle and Charles E. Becker, Becker Ventures; Danielle and Peter Karmanos, Jr., Compupware Corporation; Linda Dresner and Ed Levy, Jr., Edw. C. Levy Co.; Lil and Alex Erdeljan; Kellie and Mike Ferrantino; Sandy and Alan S. Schwartz; Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP; HOUR Detroit & Dbusiness Magazines; Frances and Kenneth Eisenberg, Kenwal Steel Corp.; Elizabeth and Michael Kojanian; Jacqueline and Mario Nanos, Residential Home Health; Tiffany & Co. and Kathleen and David Trott, of Trott & Trott.

the first time was in 2007. Dresner, a 13-year breast cancer survivor, has donated her time, talent and resources for this fashion show, something she does freely in thanks for the care she received at the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

The Annual Dinner supports and salutes the ongoing work of the dedicated team of physicians, researchers, staff and volunteers who continue to provide outstanding patient care and groundbreaking research at the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

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Going, going ...

Big holes have been punched into the sides of the old Novu Library as its metal fixtures are torn out to be recycled. The new library should open on June 1.

Make in a day at the market

BY NATHAN MUELLER
 STAFF WRITER

Main Street is going to start feeling a little more country as the first Novu Farmers' Market and International Street Fair kicks off this Sunday.

The open-air market will run every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until Oct. 31, and attendees will be treated to fresh produce, flowers, eggs, dairy products, baked goods, meats, jams and more. There also will be several artists on hand, crafts and face-painting.

For the kids and live music. "Along with encouraging new shoppers to the area to benefit our local businesses, our hope is that the market will do a great job in bringing neighbors together and help create a real sense of community," said market master Sandy McClure.

She also wants people to know that the food at the market was "picked either just that morning or the night before, providing (customers) with the freshest fruits and vegetables around."

The market idea came from the Novu Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Atrium of Novi and Bright House Networks.

The goal of the market is to create a direct producer-to-consumer marketplace and provide people with fresh products.

Not only can people purchase goods to take home, but Novi's newest restaurant the Toasted Oak Grill and Market will be serving breakfast and lunch. The market will take place

EVENT LINEUP

- May 9 - Sigi Garza, guitarist
- May 16 - Gia Warner, acoustic pop/rock artist
- May 23 - Tola Lewis, wind synthesizer
- May 30 - Petal Shop, Americana/acoustic/folk
- June 6 - T.B.D.
- June 13 - Gia Warner, acoustic pop/rock artist
- June 20 - Tola Lewis, wind synthesizer
- June 27 - Petal Shop, Americana/acoustic/folk
- Fantastic Faces by Diane every market, and guest chefs.

rain or shine and is located on Main Street near the Post Bar. For more information and a list of vendors, visit www.novufarmersmarket.com.

Also, groups that want to perform at the market can contact Linda Daly at (248) 349-3743.

More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novu Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com.

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@hometownlife.com; by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Novu 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

Emergency 5k run and 1-mile stroke walk
Time/Date: 9 a.m. Saturday, May 8
Location: Providence Park Hospital Campus in Novi (southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue)

Details: The City of Novi and Providence Park Hospital's first annual fun, healthy event designed for the whole family. Cost for the run is \$25; the walk is \$10 for adults and free for children 13 and under. Make checks payable to City of Novi. Come share a positive, healthy activity with doctors, nurses and associates from Providence Hospital and Providence Park Hospital as well as area police officers, firefighters and EMS personnel.

Contact: cityofnovi.org

Mother's Day Brunch
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, May 9
Location: Diamond Center at Rock Financial Showplace, Grand River Avenue (between Taft and Beck roads), Novi

Details: Presented by award-winning Epoch Catering. Menu includes a made-to-order omelet and waffle station, garlic roasted sirloin, chipotle honey tangerine chicken, and Portobello mushroom ravioli with truffle sauce. Plus, Epoch's famous dessert buffet, including many sugar-free treats. Cost is \$27 for adults; \$25 for seniors; \$12 for children ages 4-12; free for toddlers under 3. Free parking; cash bar after noon. Reservations required. **Contact:** (248) 348-5600 for reservations or visit www.rockfinancialshowplace.com.

Fourth Annual Southeast Michigan WALK4HEARING
Time/Date: 9 a.m. Saturday, May 15
Location: east boat dock at

Details: Sponsored by Hearing Loss Association of Michigan, member of the Hearing Loss Association of America with 14 chapters in state. Refreshments, entertainment, door prizes, information about hearing loss, and beautiful park available for picnic and other activities afterward. All are welcome to walk or just enjoy the other festivities. Minimum donation of \$10 suggested, but not required.

Contact: Go to walk4hearing.org and click on link for SE MI Walk or Audrey Pleasant at (313) 562-5937 or audreyppleasant@gmail.com.

Novi High School Class of 1990 20-Year Reunion
Time/Date: 7 p.m.-close Saturday, June 26
Location: Bar Louie, Novi (12 Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk)
Details: Reconnect with Class of 1990 alumni. Dinner and two drink tickets included; \$55 per person. **Contact:** liffobson@comcast.net to have an invite emailed to you.

American Legion Post 19 Monthly Meeting
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. on third Tuesdays
Location: Rock Financial Showplace, Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck roads
Details: Comrades and fellow veterans, please join these monthly meetings; attendance is needed to maintain and grow the Post.
Contact: Commander Dennis Strickulis (248) 378-7841 or dstrickulis@mlmi.com or Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193 or pnerick@aol.com.



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Dancin' the day away

Jim and Sachiko Parks dance to a live band on Tues., April 27 at the Novi Senior Center. The center hosts a dance on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Kensington Metropark Details: Sponsored by Hearing Loss Association of Michigan, member of the Hearing Loss Association of America with 14 chapters in state. Refreshments, entertainment, door prizes, information about hearing loss, and beautiful park available for picnic and other activities afterward. All are welcome to walk or just enjoy the other festivities. Minimum donation of \$10 suggested, but not required.

Novi Farmers' Market & International Street Fair
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. May 9-Oct. 31
Location: Main Street, between Grand River Avenue and Novi Road
Details: An open-air market featuring fresh and tasty produce, gorgeous plants and flowers, yummy baked goods, honey and jam, seasonal crafts and works of art. Presented by the Novu Chamber of Commerce, Bright House Networks and the Toasted Oak Grill.
Contact: www.novifarmersmarket.com

Zumba Class
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays
Location: The Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River Avenue, Novi.
Contact: (248) 473-3100
Details: Zumba is a fusion of Latin and international music combined with high-energy, simple to follow, low impact Latin dance moves to create a dynamic, fun and effective workout. These Zumba classes are targeted for beginner to intermediate level. Diane Quigley, a fitness specialist, physical therapist and certified Zumba instructor, teaches both classes. The class is \$2 for Botsford Center for Health Improvement members. Non-members may purchase a punch card for 10 sessions for \$99 or pay a drop-in guest fee of \$15. Registration is not required.

Novi Chamber of Commerce
 The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, educational programs, an enhanced Web site, and involvement with local charities.
Location: 41875 11 Mile Road, #201, Novi
Contact: For more information, call (248) 349-3743 or www.novichamber.com.

Business to Business Breakfast
Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, May 12
Location: ARIA Facial Care, 39475 Lewis Drive, Ste. 175, Novi
Details: Networking and a light breakfast; \$5 payable at door
Business to Business Breakfast
Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, May 18
Location: Grand Court of Novi, 45182 West Park Drive, Novi
Details: Networking and a delicious full breakfast; \$5 payable at door
Luncheon with Tom Izzo
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 26
Location: The Baronette Renaissance, 27790 Novi Road
Details: A special luncheon with featured speaker Tom Izzo, Michigan State University's head basketball coach; \$25 pre-registration required no later than 4 p.m. Monday, May 24.
Novu Toastmasters Club
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first

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Contact: (248) 305-8135
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Location: Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, 44325 Twelve Mile Road, Novi
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OUR VIEWS

Three types of changes in Novi

Change. It's one thing that's consistent. There are lots of changes happening around Novi, several of which we have mixed emotions on. Last week, we reported that John Lawrence will be retiring at the end of this school year after 36 years with the Novi Community Schools district. Over three and a half decades with the same employer. Nowadays, that's about as unheard of as it gets. ... in any profession. But Lawrence didn't just punch in and out during that time. He made a difference in the lives of students and an impact on his colleagues. He started out here as a teacher at the middle school, moved on to teach industrial arts and math, then served as assistant high school principal and for the last seven years has been principal at the high school — the "best" Superintendent Pete Dion says he has ever worked with.

Indeed, many people in this community would concur. Lawrence's exit is a change that we all knew was coming sooner or later. We wish him and his wife, Sally, all the best in their new adventures.

Another change, one that is a reflection of the current economy, is the demise of the Novi 50's Festival. From its homage to sock hops, hot rods and rock and roll in the late 1980s, the annual summer event has always been the epitome of Novi's "community spirit," as Mayor David Landry once said. Sadly, an event like this relies heavily on sponsorship dollars, something which has been hard to come by late. In fact, there was no 50's Festival last year for the same reason. This year, the board of directors decided it was time to permanently cancel the event. We understand the change, but it doesn't lessen the sadness.

"The list of businesses — who made it possible to present acts like Herman's Hermits, The Reflections, Sister Sledge, Three Dog Night and on and on — is lengthy and impressive. But, it's the individuals who volunteered their time year after year — and for much of the year, too — who really deserve the kudos here: from Lori Piers, Bob McCann, Pat Webb, Cindy Kopeczynski, Ed Harrell and Benny McCusker to the countless other "crusaders" who for over two decades gave way more time than you can possibly imagine to present a fun family festival in Novi.

The third change we'll let you know about is a positive one. It's the beginning of the Novi Farmers' Market and International Street Fair, which runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Sunday through October (beginning this Sunday). Novi residents have always had to head Northville or other surrounding communities to enjoy this type of market: fresh produce, dairy, baked goods, etc. Now they can come to downtown's Main Street, thanks to a partnership between the Novi Chamber of Commerce, Bright House Networks and the Artium of Novi. But, visitors to the market will also enjoy face-painting, live music, crafts and artists.

These three changes make us reflect on what we've been blessed with in the past and what we can look forward to the future in our ever-changing community.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Earth Day was April 22: What are you doing these days to help the Earth?

(Asked at Novi's April 24 Earth Day event at ITC Park.)



"We recycle water bottles, plastic bottles, caps, ink cartridges and juice boxes at my school, Deerfield Elementary."

MiDori Budd, 8 Novi



"We've only got one planet, so I'm going to go home and make a basket to recycle paper."

Tyler Bang, 12 Novi



"I recycle a lot; I'm really into it. At home I try to save water, turn off the lights and computer when I'm not using them."

Wendy Duval Novi



"I make a concerted effort to change my past behavior to leave less of a carbon impact. One way I do this is by using a permanent water bottle."

Mike Crisanti Lyon Township

Church child abuse scandal: never again

Detroit Archbishop Allen Vigneron recently said "the archdiocese is stepping up its initiative to protect children."

Certainly, with the child sexual abuse scandal in the Catholic Church sweeping the world, this is welcome news.

While the stepped-up effort to protect children is welcome, given the historical abuse, this is a bit like closing the barn door after the cows have escaped.

These actions are part of the Vatican effort to deal with the ever-widening child sexual abuse scandal.

There are unforgivable sins. Sexually abusing a child is one.

I attended Catholic grade school and graduated from a Catholic high school.

I was taught that honesty and integrity matter. I was taught that lying, cheating and covering up problems are wrong.

There are some in the church that want to keep this issue as a "unforgivable sin" when it is one of transparency, truth, accountability and right and wrong.

There are also those who argue that anyone who raises these issues is "anti-Catholic." I am not.

Priests who sexually abuse children are

not "confused souls" — they are criminals. People who shield and cover up for criminals are charged with obstruction of justice.

Clearly, not every allegation against priests has stood up to scrutiny, and it can be assumed a few of the accusers and their attorneys are fabricating stories of abuse in an attempt to heap scorn on the church and extract money.

Yet, the seemingly pervasive, systematic, deceitful actions in the eyes of many have stripped the church of their historic moral authority.

Let's be clear: The charges are lodged against some, not all, priests and bishops. There are many good men and women, both ordained and lay people, in the church.

Yet, the sex abuse scandal in the Catholic Church continues to roll on in numerous countries.

What the now pope knew (both as archbishop in Munich and later as a cardinal heading up the Vatican morals office) when he knew and what actions, if any, he took to stop the abuses is casting an ugly shadow over him and the Catholic Church as this scandal continues to swirl.

Many feel and victims have called for the pope to take responsibility for the systemic abuse of children that many feel may have touched the highest reaches of the church.

They believe the secrecy and culture of hiding the problem allowed priests to molest children at will for decades. The Vatican strongly disputes this assessment.

The priest's pedophile behavior, having sex with children, is not an isolated incident; it's wrong morally, spiritually

and legally. Yet, if there is such a thing as a "worse sin" or a greater crime, it is reserved for those higher up in the church hierarchy who concealed and covered up this evil!

THE COVER-UP: WORSE THAN THE CRIME? It is said that the issue of child molesting was hidden to protect the church!

Some, trying to spare the church further embarrassment or worse, are describing this scandal as a "repensible indiscretion of a few to cast a shadow on the church as a whole." Nonsense.

Be clear, this is a problem the church has brought on itself by looking the other way. It could and should have been stopped yet was allowed to fester, not by people outside the church but from within.

There is no amount of money or punishment that can restore the harm these priests and the Catholic Church have done to countless children and families. I only wish there were.

How can the institution of the church stand for anything when they did not stand up for the rights of children?

There are lessons in this sordid story for all organizations. The truth has a way of eventually coming out and the cover-up often becomes worse than the original problem. (Richard Nixon and Kwame Kilpatrick come to mind.)

It is good to see local church leaders taking action, even if it is after the damage has been done.

As a church and society, we must declare, "Never again!"

Tom Watkins is a freelance writer and a former state superintendent of Michigan's schools, 2000-05. This column is adopted from an essay on the church pedophile scandal and solutions for addressing the crisis and can be found at Dome Magazine - dome-magazine.com. Watkins can be reached at twatkins@aol.com.

Fox Run a-buzz for resident-staff spelling bee

Eleanor Newbold, Marge Ouellette and Frances Watson will tell you that spelling bees are not just for school kids.

The trio—residents at Fox Run in Novi—just out-spelled 17 fellow residents and all six staffers entered in the second-ever Spelling Bee at the continuing care retirement community.

After three hours, they were the final contestants on the stage in the Fox Run Auditorium facing the Spelling Bee reader and the audience of residents and staff.

Frances ultimately won by correctly spelling "bethel" after Eleanor went out on the word "emulsify" followed by Marge who went out on the word "hypothalamic."

The Spelling Bee was a big hit, according to Andrea Peragine, senior community services manager. "We had a big crowd that got very into the spirit and supported their friends and neighbors," she said. "They would murmur at the difficult words and gasp when contestants spelled the difficult words correctly."

"It was a lot different than the last one I was in back in grade school," said Eleanor, who enjoys puzzles and reading. "I was just lucky with the words I got," she said. "There were words other than that I could not have spelled correctly."

Fox Run staffers Danny McNeal and James Brewer also set out to do well and



Winners of the three-hour Spelling Bee for residents and staff at Fox Run are pictured here with the 'Spelling Bee' Mary Bea Keely (from left): Marge Ouellette, second place; Frances Watson, first place; and Eleanor Newbold, third place.

a list of words he found on the Internet and a list we got here," she said with a laugh. "I also was glad that friends attended to support me."

Frances says studying helped her, too. "When I went to school, we learned to spell and we learned phonics," she said, adding she relied on those skills during this event and the first Spelling Bee at Fox Run about seven years ago. "This time, I was just lucky with the words I got," she said.

"My wife and children were my coaches, reminding me about word origins and alternate pronunciations, and to go with my 'gut,'" said McNeal, who is director of finance and assistant executive director at Fox Run. "My son was quite interested in me doing well because I helped him study. We reviewed the practice words and he quizzed me on

my problem words." All the preparation came down to this, McNeal calls "the element of randomness." "I really thought that I was prepared because of my previous work with my son and daughter," he said. "I received the word 'wealk' which I had never heard before. Needless to say, I was out immediately and had to go home to face my children."

Brewer, chef de cuisine at Renaissance Gardens on the Fox Run campus, made it through the seventh round before the word "petting" got the better of him.

"I was my own coach and looked through a very old Webster's dictionary I have at home for words that I thought might trip me up," Brewer said. "I said I would trust my instincts and would spell the word on paper before spelling it out loud since that might trigger something if it didn't look right. I didn't have a clue how to spell 'petting' and I wasn't even close," he said with a wry grin.

Contestants received bee-shaped lapel pins. The judges were residents Bill Moran and Jean Bornstein and Director of Sales Fred Moschetta. The "Spelling Bee" was Mary Bea Keely, IFM, a former pastoral minister, manager at Fox Run, who wore a yellow and black striped bee costume and escorted contestants off-stage after an incorrect spelling.

one of 13 recipients of a Hartford Geriatric Fellowship from the University of Michigan in 2000. She is currently earning a doctorate of philosophy degree in social work from Michigan State University, and she is working part-time as a research specialist for the AAA I-B.

Bakk was director of Access and Benefits Assistance at the AAA I-B from 2003-07, responsible for overseeing both Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program, and the AAA I-B Information and Assistance Program.

Baxter-Dupuis, son of Bob and Diane Dupuis of Farmington Hills, graduated from Farmington High School in 2001 and from Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in finance in 2005. He currently lives in Farmington Hills and is employed as a senior associate at Mercer, a human resource consulting firm.

The couple will be married in August 2010 at the Diamond Center at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Doinidis-Apostoloski Ashleigh Doinidis of Northville and Brian Apostoloski of Novi announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Nicholas and Linda Doinidis of Northville, graduated from Northville High School in 2003 and the University of Michigan in 2007. She is completing her masters degree in secondary education from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

Her fiancé, son of Menka and Blaguj Apostoloski of Farmington Hills, graduated from Catholic Central High School in 1997 and Michigan State University in 2001. He is a consultant for Accenture.

An October 2010 wedding is planned in Plymouth.



Baxter-Dupuis Erica Stange-Baxter and Timothy Michael Dupuis announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of Scott and Sandy Baxter of Novi, graduated from Novi High School in 2003. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in marketing from Michigan State University in 2007. She currently lives in Novi and is employed as an account manager at CSV Sales, Inc.

Tim Stange, son of Bob and Diane Dupuis of Farmington Hills, graduated from Farmington High School in 2001 and from Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in finance in 2005. He currently lives in Farmington Hills and is employed as a senior associate at Mercer, a human resource consulting firm.

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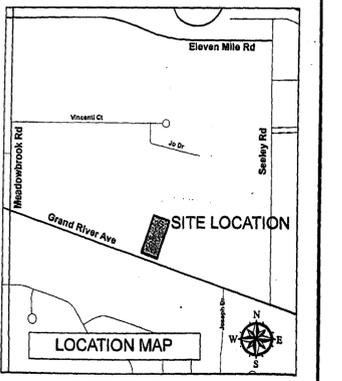
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Proposed Base Flood Elevation Determination for the City of Novi, Oakland County, MI and Case No. 10-05-0812P. The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) solicits technical information or comments on the proposed Base Flood Elevation (BFE) shown in the Flood Insurance Study and/or on the Flood Insurance Rate Map for your community. These proposed BFEs are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to adopt or show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. For a detailed listing of the proposed BFEs and information on the statutory period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at http://www.floodmaps.com/usa/submit_scripts/bfe_main.asp, or call the FEMA Map Assistance Center toll free at 1-877-FEMA-MAP.

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48240, to consider **LARD GLASS, SPECIAL FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN AND SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT APPROVAL, THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 24, ON THE NORTH SIDE OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE EAST OF MEADOWBROOK ROAD AND WEST OF SEEBLEY ROAD, IN THE EL LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.** The subject property is approximately 1.6 acres and the applicant is proposing to locate an automotive service business in the existing building at 40800 Grand River Ave.



IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 125.3103, A SINGLE STRUCTURE CONTAINING MORE THAN 4 DWELLING UNITS OR OTHER DISTINCT SPATIAL AREAS OWNED OR LEASED BY DIFFERENT PERSONS, IS REQUESTED TO POST THE NOTICE AT A PRIMARY ENTRANCE TO THE STRUCTURE (S).

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48240 by 4:00 P.M.

Novi Planning Commission David Greco, Secretary

NOVI NEWSMAKERS

Louanne Bakk, MSW, of Novi, a research specialist for the Area Agency on Aging 1-B (AAA-1-B), has been selected as a 2010 Hartford Doctoral Fellow in Geriatric Social Work. Bakk, a doctoral candidate at Michigan State University School of social work, is one of only four across the country to receive this distinguished honor.

As a Hartford Doctoral Fellow, Bakk will receive a grant of up to \$70,000 over two years to support her dissertation on "Gender and Racial Disparities in Cost-Related Medication Nonadherence: The Effect of Medicare Part D and Factors Impacting Compliance Among Older Women and Blacks." Amanda T. Woodward, Ph.D., is her dissertation chair.

This competitive process is funded annually by the John A. Hartford Foundation of New York City and administered by the Gerontological Society of America (GSA). The Hartford Doctoral Fellows Program also provides academic career development and leadership training for promising doctoral students. The Fellows attend the annual meetings of GSA, the Council of Social Work Education, and the Society for Social Work and Research, where special pre-conference institutes are offered.

Bakk holds both a master's in social work (MSW), and a Certificate in Aging, and was

The Medical Marijuana Clinic
PH: 734-667-5930 FAX: 734-667-5962
www.themedicalmarijuanaclinic.com
113 S. Main St. Plymouth, MI 48170

WALLED LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD NOTICE OF CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING

TO THE OWNERS OF ALL PROPERTIES ABUTTING AND/OR WITH DEEDED ACCESS TO WALLED LAKE, LOCATED WITHIN THE CITIES OF NOVI AND WALLED LAKE, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

Notice is hereby given that the Walled Lake Improvement Board, Cities of Novi and Walled Lake, County of Oakland, will meet at the Novi City Hall located at 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48240 on Thursday, May 20, 2010, 7:00 p.m., to continue its review, to hear any additional objections to, and to consider confirming a five-year Special Assessment Roll for the purpose of implementing a Lake Improvement Program to control weeds in Walled Lake for the year 2010 through 2014. Residential riparian parcels with up to 96 feet of lake frontage are proposed to be assessed at one unit of benefit for each year of the Project. Residential riparian parcels with more than 96 feet of lake frontage are proposed to be assessed at one and one-half unit of benefit for each year of the Project. Commercial riparian parcels are proposed to be assessed at three units of benefit for each year of the Project. Parcels having deeded access to the Lake are proposed to be assessed at 0.1 unit of benefit per property serviced for each year of the Project. The Special Assessment Roll will be on file at the City of Novi Clerk's Office, City of Walled Lake Clerk's Office and available on the internet at www.cityofnovi.org/lakeboard for public examination.

Any person may appeal and be heard at the said Hearing, which is called pursuant to the provisions of Section 309.13 of Part 309 of Public Act No. 451 of 1994, as amended, which provides that the special assessment must be protested at the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll before the Michigan Tax Tribunal may acquire jurisdiction of any special assessment dispute. Appearance and protest of the special assessment at the time and place of review is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, must appear in person to protest the Special Assessment or must protest the special assessment by letter filed with Brian Colburn, Walled Lake Improvement Board Secretary, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48240-3024, prior to the time of review, in which case personal appearance is not required. If the special assessment is protested as provided above, the owner or any party having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll has been published in a newspaper of general circulation.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PROVISIONS OF THE NOXIOUS WEED ORDINANCE

TO: All owners, occupants or possessors of subdivided lands or lots:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Chapter 21, Article II, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan, all noxious weeds, or other weeds, grass, brush, or deleterious, unhealthy growths exceeding a height of eight (8) inches, growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City of Novi, shall be cut down, destroyed or removed as the case may be, at least twice in each year, once during the last half of the month of May and again during the last half of July of each year and more often as may be necessary.

If the owner or occupant, or any person or persons, agent, firm, or corporation having control or management of any subdivided land upon which any building or buildings have been erected shall fail, refuse, or neglect to comply with the above mentioned provisions, the city shall cause the weeds, grass, brush, deleterious, unhealthy growths, rubbish, to be cut down, destroyed or removed. Provided, further, that any lands which are situated within the floodplains or any natural streams or watercourses, or any area between the lower or upper banks of such streams or watercourses shall be exempted from the provisions of such Code provisions. The expense incurred by the City in the cutting, destruction or removal of same together with a fifteen (15) percent administrative charge will be levied and collected against such property in the manner provided by law.

Failure to comply with the requirements set forth in Chapter 21, Article II, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan, may also result in the prosecution for same, and liability to the extent of the penalty therein provided.

Charles Boulard, Building Official City of Novi

Wealthy immigrants could help solve Detroit's woes

One of the hopeful things now going on in Michigan is the newly re-energized discussion over how to revive the City of Detroit.

Most sensible people know Michigan cannot prosper without its largest city prospering too. And plenty of new and good ideas about how to make this happen are circulating. Some have to do with fixing Detroit schools, either by reforming the public ones or creating many more charter schools.

Some come from the New Economy Initiative for Southeastern Michigan, a two-year-old philanthropic effort. Others feature mass transit and riverfront development. But all have this much in common: they are taking into account the decisive change in the political culture of the city, led by the city's new mayor, Dave Bing.

At a lunch in Detroit some weeks ago lawyers, journalists, foundation leaders and successful native Detroiters who now live out of town met in an effort to advance the process. [Full disclosure: I was a guest, and I agreed to keep identities confidential].

We began with considering some basic facts about Detroit. First, the city is physically big — 143 square

miles of land area, three times the size of San Francisco. Back in 1950, the city had nearly two million people. But today, population has shrunk to perhaps less than 800,000, we won't get exact figures till late this year.

But what we already know is that the consequence of population flight is lots and lots of vacant land within city limits. The vacant land in Detroit is larger than San Francisco!

There was talk about taking advantage of all that land to rethink what a city with lots of green space could look like.

Our group then turned to an important part of the history of America. Centuries ago, what characterized our country was vacant land. That gave rise to the idea of homesteading. Immigrants were encouraged to settle on a plot, work it, build a home. Both law and custom dictated that if a man could do that, the land title would be eventually transferred to the homesteader.

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Now I know suggesting making this nation more immigrant-friendly

is politically risky, but consider this: The New York Times reports that new analysis of census data shows an unexpectedly high proportion of working immigrants in metropolitan areas hold higher-paying white-collar jobs — professionals, technicians or administrators — than lower-paying blue-collar and service jobs.

Among U.S. metro areas, Detroit ranks third, with no fewer than 59 percent of immigrants holding higher-paying jobs.

The bottom line: That means there is no way a foreign-born immigrant with \$1 million in assets is going to take away Detroit residents' blue-collar jobs.

But if wealthy immigrants are welcomed to homestead and come and build businesses in Detroit, who's going to get the new jobs they create? Detroit residents, of course.

Consider this, too: More than half of all new businesses in Silicon Valley were started by foreign-born immigrants. For them, America is still the land of opportunity.

Immigration was what made America. Homesteading was what drove America's expansion west. Ambitious, motivated entrepreneurs

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April 23 bag sale
Faith and the Arts Show
Date: May 14-16
First Baptist Church
of Novi-Family Integrated Church
Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptist-church@novi.org
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month
First Presbyterian Church of Northville
Location: 200 E. Main St.
Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpres.org
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Walking in the Park
Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday
Location: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads)
Details: Group meet for lunch afterwards.
Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016
Single Place Ministries
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday.
Details: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org.

PROJECT FUNDWAY - A Fashion Show to benefit Village Banking
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 6
Location: First United Methodist Church of Northville 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville (Beck and Taft) in Fellowship Hall.
Details: The women of Bizarre Bazaar & Radical Joy present Project FUNDWAY. Fashion show and dessert buffet. Door prizes and store discounts. Fashions by Dress Barn. Hair styling and makeup by Pamela's Salon. Advance ticket sales only through April 25; \$15. All proceeds to benefit Village Banking.
Contact: Norma at (248) 207-3731. All proceeds to benefit Village Banking.
First United Methodist Church of Northville
A Stephen Ministry Church

Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Tall Rd.
Contact: (248) 349-1444 or www.funmc-northville.org
"He Will Be There... Because He's GOD!"
Time/Date: 5 and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 9
Location: sanctuary
Details: For the past 35 years the youth from many different faiths and many different schools have joined together to share their witness to their faith. Many thousands of folks have been touched by this musical outreach. Please join us for the final two performances of this year's musical, directed by Ms. Amy Heard, on Mothers' Day, **WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**
Times: (September-August) 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.; (July and August) 8:30 and 10 a.m.
Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, Rev. Jeff Sturgeon
Coffee Hour: Sunday at 10:15 a.m.
Healing Service: 4 p.m. First Monday of every month
Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesday for fourth-12th grades.
Radical Joy: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday for all women
Men's Club: 8 a.m. the second Saturday
Career Ministry: 7 p.m. first and third Monday

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 349-0565
Sundays
Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship
Lakes Baptist Church
Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake
Livonia Church of Christ
Location: 15431 Meridian Road, Livonia
Contact: For further information, please contact NSD Douglas K. Wells at (313) 964-6595.

Meadowbrook Congregational
Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads
Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7157; visit mbcoc.org or e-mail to office@mbococ.org.
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Sermon: Having a Plan
Church School: 10-11 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.
Merry Widows Luncheon
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month
Pilgrim Fellowship
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays

Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life
Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.
Contact: Rabbi Avrohom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewish-center.com
Novi United Methodist
Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umc-novi.com
Sunday Worship
Time: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month
Location: In front of the church
Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.
Advent Service
Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday
Oak Pointe Church
Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi

Asking Questions adult education class
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays
Northville Christian Assembly
Location: 41355 Six Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-9030
Sundays
9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children
9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium
10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)
Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study
8:45-10:30 a.m. (café)
Wednesday Family Night
7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care, preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

Orchard Hills Baptist Church
Location: 23455 Novi Road
Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665
Preschool/Kids Choir
Time/Date: 7:15 p.m. every Wednesday
Details: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.
Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church
Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
Contact: (734) 453-0326, ext. 221
Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church
Location: 770 Thayer, Northville
Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olv@northville.org
Saturday Worship
Time: 5 p.m.
Sunday Worship
Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church
Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth
Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com
Saturday Worship
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship
Time: 9, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School
Time: 10:15 a.m.
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Location: 201 Elm St., Northville
Contact: (248) 349-3140
Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Blended; 11 a.m. Contemporary; 11:30 a.m. Traditional
National Day of Prayer Service
Time/Date: 11:45-noon May 6
Details: all welcome
Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington
Location: 25301 Halstead Road, Farmington Hills
Contact: www.uufarmington.org
Youth Interfaith Journey
Time/Date: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays
Details: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. The UUCF Interfaith Journey curriculum encompasses the Unitarian Universalism philosophy of individual worth and the power of community with a study of the World Religions that are practiced around the globe. This program compli-

ments the mission of UUCF: Religious Education of teaching youth inclusion, compassion and peace and provides the environment to live and learn in a culturally diverse community. Classes are grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age specific educational materials for all.
Contact: Jennifer Teed at (248) 478-7272 or dre@uufarmington.org
Lifelong Learning Forum
Time/Date: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays
Details: Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a \$5 donation suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most.
Contact: (248) 478-7272 or uufarmington.org/ucf/le-forum
Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Location: 40000 Six Mile Road
Contact: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978
Sunday Worship
Time: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Traditional; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Contemporary Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.
Service Broadcast
Details: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDF-AM 560, The WMLZ Word Station.
Single Point Ministries (45 and older)
Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday for fellowship and Bible study.
Single Point Ministries (35-50 years old)
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deepen your personal relationship with Christ.
Single Purpose Connections (20-30 years old)
Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel for singing, Bible study, and fellowship.
Details: For single adults. Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, fellowship, friendships and more. Contact the number below for more information.
Contact: (248) 374-5920
Learn's Bible Study
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A101
Ment's Bible Study
Time/Date: 6:30 a.m. Wednesday Single Adult Ministries office
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Time/Date: 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Room C309

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Items stolen from SUV

1 A Toshiba laptop, Louis Vituiton shoes and an unknown amount of cash was stolen from a blue Range Rover between 9:40 p.m. and 11:35 p.m. on May 2 while it was parked in the parking lot near Emagine Theater.
The owner said he believed he locked his vehicle, but even if he didn't, it would automatically lock after five minutes. When he returned to his car, the noted items were taken, but there was no sign of forced entry.
He also said there was another similar vehicle parked in the opposite spot to his, but when he returned it was moved to the handicap spot. He said that seemed suspicious.
Novi police spoke with the security guard who did not see anything suspicious, and looked inside the other SUV for the stolen items.
The value of the items is over \$1,300 and police have no suspects at this time.

Drunk driver causes wreck

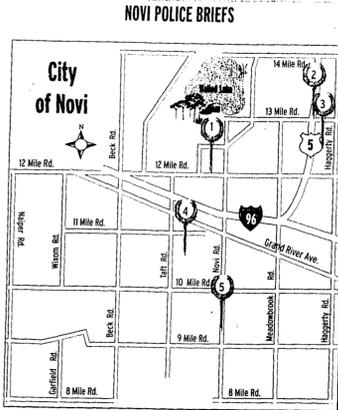
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When the officer arrived, both men were standing outside of their vehicles and the at-fault driver had a strong odor of intoxicants coming from him. He told the officer he had not been drinking and was heading home to Livonia. He re-arranged the Hummer because he was on his cell phone and did not see the vehicle stopped.
The officer had him perform field sobriety tests, which he failed, and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .18 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

Police catch drunk driver

3 A 41-year-old man was arrested at 9:25 p.m. on May 3 for drunk driving after he was caught speeding on Thirteen Mile Road near Cabot Drive.
An officer in the area observed the vehicle traveling 61 miles per hour in a 40 mph zone and initiated a traffic stop.
The man said he was going to Home Depot but struggled to answer other routine questions. He admitted to drinking one beer. An open bottle of Crown Royal also was found in the car.
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The man was arrested and taken to the Novi Police Department where he was issued a citation for operating while intoxicated, open intoxicants in a motor vehicle and expired plates.

Two vehicles were broken into overnight on Sullivan Lane while they were parked outside of the residence.
The owners said there were no signs of forced entry and it is believed the cars were

left unlocked. Taken from the cars were a leather briefcase containing two calculators, a notary kit and a checkbook, as well as a make-up bag.
None of the checks had been used at the time of the report.
Police have no suspects at this time and the case has been forwarded to the detective's bureau for further investigation.

Woman arrested for drunk driving
A 22-year-old Westland woman was arrested at 2:12 a.m. on April 29 for drunk driving after an officer in the area of Novi Road, north of Ten Mile Road, stopped her vehicle because a headlight was burned out.
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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-Nov. 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.

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The Matt Prentice Restaurant Group (MPRG) and Milford Spice Company are inviting food and cooking enthusiasts to the first Milford Spice Company Recipe Championship Cook-Off from 2:30-5 p.m. Saturday, May 15 at the NoVI Chophouse in Novi. The Milford Spice Company has fielded many entries for the competition. Out of those entries, the top five contestants will be invited to the cook-off. On May 15, participants will craft their dishes in the Chophouse kitchen and a panel of judges will select the champion.

The Milford Spice Company's panel of judges that includes Jason Hayden, executive chef, NoVI Chophouse; Francisco Camarillo, chef de cuisine for the Consulate General of Canada; and Doug St. Souver, Food Network Challenge champion. Upon completion of the competition, guests

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Shamrocks, Trojans get a chance to replay 1999 hockey game

Life-threatening injury cut rivalry game short, but a winner will be announced 11 years later

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

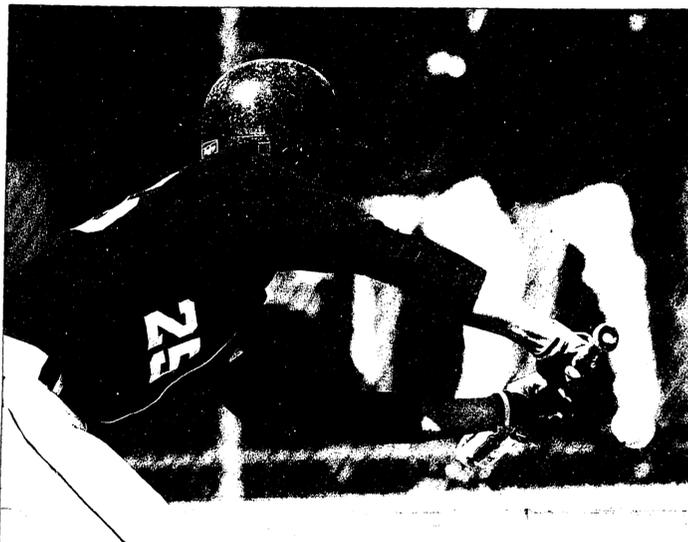
It was 11 years ago, but the images are as vivid as they day the Catholic Central Shamrocks and the Trenton Trojans took to the ice in their regularly-played rivalry game. The score, tied 4-4 with just about 4:53 remaining, was the focus as the two teams fought for the puck. Hard hits shook the arena.

Fans cheered. Electricity zipped through the crowd and the players alike, firing them on all cylinders and pushing them forward. One goal could be the difference in the game. A single goal could bring one team or the other bragging rights both wanted so badly. In an instant, the score became nothing. No one thought about the tie. No one cared. Brad Holland, a CC player, tried to split the Trenton defense. The Trojans' Andy Green, now

an NHL player with the New Jersey Devils, hip checked him. The impact was intense and Holland lost his balance, his feet leaving the ice as he flipped into the air. The metal of his blade caught something that gave, something soft. Kurt LaTarte didn't scream out. The Trenton defenseman slapped his hand to his neck and skated madly toward his bench. Blood poured between his fingers. By the time he reached his teammates, he collapsed. Trainers and coaches waved for help. Firefighter Alec Lesko, Dr. David Wolf and nurse Leslie Zancanaro—all parents of Trenton players—raced from the stands to his aide. As Lesko reached LaTarte, his white Trenton jersey was painted red.

"That's the nature of an injury like that," said Lesko. "Anything above shoulders oozes a lot of blood."
Lesko and the others worked at stopping the blood from seeping through the cut in the player's neck as they waited for emergency personnel to arrive on scene.
Lesko remembers LaTarte being calm, except for a few moments when he would begin to get anxious and slightly panicked—a condition called hypoxia that is caused due to the lack of oxygen in the blood and tissue.
"I got in his face a little," said Lesko, who is a captain with the Trenton Fire Department. "I

Please see HOCKEY, B3



CC's John Jakubik bunts a pitch on April 28.

Catholic Central sweeps U of D baseball

Shamrocks earn two huge wins

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Catholic Central Shamrocks know that each and every time they take to the baseball diamond against a fellow Catholic High School League team that it's going to require their best effort to win. Those best efforts came through big for the Shamrocks, who upended the University of Detroit Cubs in a double header, 15-6 and 10-1.

"In some respects, we played our best baseball of the spring today," said Catholic Central coach Kevin Walters. "We were doing a lot of little things right. We received a great pitching performance, were moving runners up, ran the bases smart and aggressively and showed a bit of that killer instinct that has been missing."

In the opening game, Catholic Central picked up 11 hits and no errors. Leading the way was John Jakubik and Liam Teevens, who had two hits each, while Teevens and Cole Borland knocked in three runs each. Teevens did double duty, earning the win on the mound as he struck out eight and allowed

just four hits over four innings. Joe Panfil pitched in relief. In the nightcap, the Shamrocks, for the second time this season, handed University of Michigan recruit Jay Perry a loss. They pounded out 11 hits and scored 10 runs, both season highs for the future Wolverines.

Leading the way for the Shamrocks was Corey Smith, JC Sawakuts, Borland and Bobby Dulzo, who each had multiple hits in the victory. "The real story was the pitching," noted Walters. "That would have been the hurting of Mitchell Gatt, who yielded



Shamrock Corey Smith takes a pitch high and inside.

one unearned run and scattered three hits while striking out 10 batters over six innings. John Lawless came in for relief in the seventh, striking out the side to end the game. "It was particularly satisfying to see our young men rise to the occasion to beat such a quality pitcher as Jay Perry," Walters said. "I was also

very happy to see how our pitching staff was able to shut down a very potent Cub offensive attack." With the wins, the Shamrocks are 9-10 overall and 6-5 in league play. Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

Mustangs edge Wildcats for tennis title

Netters fall 5-4 in baseline rivalry

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

It took all nine matches to decide the KLAAC Central Division girls tennis champion April 27 as Northville edged out Novi 5-4. The then-No. 2 Wildcats finish division play at 4-1 (6-2 overall), while the then-No. 8 Mustangs remained perfect at 5-0 (5-1 overall). Both teams compete in Division I and are now ranked in a tie for fifth.

"I thought Northville played extremely well. On that day, they played better. They're a good team," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "The win gives them the Central Division crown this year. It's a big meet and they were up to the task."

The old phrase "a team is only as strong as its weakest player" could be quite telling of how the match went. Novi won the top three singles flights and the one doubles flight, but lost the four singles flight, along with the other four doubles flights.

"In doubles, they hit the net on us. They just got us down and wouldn't let us get back up," Hanson said. Novi senior Amanda Border got things rolling with a 6-0, 6-1 win over Northville junior Joanne Weber at one singles, while sophomore Abby Wang defeated sophomore Erin Doud 6-4, 6-1 at two singles. Senior Sara Carlson knocked off senior Jessica Yu 6-1 in the first set, but had to fight to a 7-5 score in the second set to earn the Wildcats their third singles victory.

"One, two, three singles played really solid matches," Hanson said. Getting things going for the Mustangs, sophomore Mackenzie Powers took a 6-0, 7-5 decision from Novi senior Lauren Felcher. Felcher's former doubles partner, senior Julia Thomas, teamed with junior Jenna Snyder for a hard fought, come-from-behind victory at one doubles. Thomas and Snyder dropped the first set 6-2 to seniors Laura Taylor and Caiti Marsh before battling back with 7-6(4) and 6-2 second and third sets.

"The Northville girls played a good first set. We played exceptionally well in the third set. I thought the last two sets were the best two Jenna and Julia played all year," Hanson said.

The rest of the meet had some tough battles, but each match ended with similar scores favoring the Mustangs. Senior Andrea Lollo and junior Meggie Riegel lost 6-2, 6-4 to seniors Amy Bernstein and Jenna Greig at two doubles, the same scores that gave senior Megan Poland and junior Christy Murphy a victory over Novi sopho-

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Pitching pushes through

Novi splits baseline rivalry, defeats Franklin

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

The baseline battle of Novi and Northville slugs got off to a slow start for the Wildcats, but finished with a bang as the two squads split a doubleheader April 28.

Northville's pitching staff was dominant in the first matchup, allowing just four hits and six baserunners. Junior Mike Kruse and seniors Kevin Zak, Nick Regnier and Alex Engebretson contributed singles, but double plays killed two potential rallies, as Novi runners made it past second base only once.

Northville had no problems with the Wildcat pitchers, who allowed just four hits in the first four innings, but walked 13 and saw 10 runs cross the plate. The game ended after five innings as the Mustangs took a 13-0 decision.

"We just didn't throw the ball over the plate. It was sloppy. We regrouped and Nick Regnier went the distance," Novi coach Rick Green.

The second game got off to a much better start for the Wildcats as seniors Masaru Nogami and Zak opened the first inning with singles before Kruse doubled them home for an early 2-0 lead.

The Mustangs got a run off Regnier in each of the first two innings to draw the score even at 2-2. That was all for the scoring until the sixth inning.

Zak was hit by a pitch in the top of the sixth, which was followed by a Regnier single and a three-run home run by Kruse — his fifth of the season — to give

ON TAP

The 'Cats (13-3, 7-2 Central) look to get things on track with games against West Bloomfield (7-6) at 4 p.m. today and then at Walled Lake Central (12-4, 6-3 North) at 6 p.m. tonight. They'll travel to Lake Orion (14-3) at 11 a.m. Saturday before hosting Livonia Churchill (10-5, 6-3 South) 4 p.m. Monday and heading to Plymouth Salem (5-8, 2-6 Central) for a 4 p.m. doubleheader Wednesday.

ON TAP

The 'Cats (5-2 lead. "Kruse had all five RBIs against Northville; a two-run triple and three-run home run in the top of the fifth," Green said. "When he picks out his pitch and swings the bat, he can really hit it."

Regnier allowed one more run in the bottom of the seventh inning as the Mustangs (10-8, 7-2 K-LAA Central) pressured, but he held on for a 5-3 victory in the complete-game performance.

"I'm just really proud of the guys from coming back," Green said.

Last Saturday's games at Berkeley against Berkeley (10-3) and Madison Heights Lamphere (10-1) were rained out, but that didn't deter the Wildcats (13-3 overall, 7-2 Central) from taking care of business last Monday at Livonia Franklin (8-9 overall, 4-5 South).

The 'Cats took a 2-0 lead in the first inning on a walk

by Zak and a home run from Regnier. The Patriots picked up two unearned runs in the same inning to tie it before taking a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the second.

"Nick Regnier had a two-run home run in first with two outs. That was big. He hit a home run to left center," Green said.

Novi put three more on the board in the third with walks to Zak and Regnier before Kruse reached base on an error to load the bases. Sophomore Jim Eloff brought a run in with a sacrifice fly and Engebretson finished the scoring with a sharp single to give Novi a 5-3 lead.

Franklin's next at bat pushed across a run with two outs and filled the bases. Junior Tyler Root entered the game in relief and allowed another run with a walk to the first batter he faced, but then ended the inning on a ground ball.

"Defensively, we were pretty solid," Green said.

Sophomore Logan Regnier, Nogami and senior Chris Slack started the fourth inning with singles before Zak and Nick Regnier were walked. Eloff hit his second sacrifice fly of the game, senior Adam Paulk and Engebretson singled to finish a five-run inning. The 'Cats added one more was added in the fifth inning to take a 11-5 lead.

Root continued with two innings of no-hit pitching until the sixth inning when, after getting two outs, a double and two walks put three men on base. Zak took over on the mound and kept the damage to just three runs before a pitching scoreless seventh inning, preserving the 11-8 win for Root (3-0) in what was a fairly sloppy pitching game for both teams.

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

Baseline girls soccer game showcases best of Division I

Physical powerhouse match ends in 1-1 draw

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

The mixture of two perennial powerhouses both ranked in Division I's top 10 with the always-exciting baseline rivalry meant nothing less than an intense and exciting matchup at Novi's Meadows Stadium last Thursday.

The then-No. 3 Mustangs (8-0-1, 3-0-1 K-LAA Central) came out of the gates fast thanks to speedy senior Lauren Lokey, who quickly took the ball into the left corner for a cross that Novi junior goalkeeper Gabby Gauruder grabbed away before any damage could be done.

It wasn't until 18 minutes into the game that either team registered a shot on goal, when Novi junior Mollie Krick got one on Northville senior net-minder Shelby Foerg.

"It was an intense game. The wind had a lot to do with it. Wind affects soccer," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said.

The then-No. 9 Wildcats (5-1-2, 3-0-1 Central) gained some momentum late in the first half, preventing the Mustangs from getting their first shot until 22:23 into the match.

At the 28:52 mark of the half, senior defender Taylor Hoover chipped a long ball into the goal box from 40 yards out as her forwards and the Mustang defenders ran to its landing spot. Players from both teams went for it and the ball took a bounce off a Northville head and redirected past Foerg to give the Wildcats a 1-0 lead.

"She won a ball in the middle and played it out wide. She went down to her third option," O'Leary said of Hoover's entry ball.

Northville senior Heidi Haller got hit with a yellow card and 6:49 left in the half after deliberately kicking Novi senior Courtney Laux following a physical one-on-one contest that ended with the ball going out of bounds.

Junior Nicki Caruso got a break into the left side of the goal box with 3:45 remaining and was tackled by Foerg, giving the Wildcats a chance for a two-goal lead via penalty kick. Foerg fell to her left to block Caruso's penalty shot and then dove at Caruso's feet as the Wildcat's rebound shot sailed over the net and out.

"We probably created more scoring opportunities in this game than in any other game," O'Leary said.

Sophomore Mallory Weber nearly evened the score with 1:55 'til haltime, but her shot rang off the crossbar and Gauruder covered the rebound shot. Weber went down with

an injury to her right leg 32 seconds later, but would return as an instrumental part of Northville's second half rally.

Both teams had four first-half shots, but Novi led 1-0 at the break.

The second half wasn't nearly as even. Weber dished through two defenders in the goal box 1:50 into the half, but ripped her shot right above Gauruder's head for the grab.

Senior Kelsey Ficus injured herself while setting up Weber for a good opportunity minutes later, while sophomore Alex Gjonaj and senior Stacy Cough also got clean shots off that couldn't find the back of the net. That was just the first nine minutes of the half.

Northville's offensive pressure led to a few defensive lapses, however, as Caruso got off a shot from close range, but Foerg robbed her at the left post with a diving save 10:45 into the half.

Despite some strong runs by Caruso and junior Nikki Greenhalgh, that would be the Wildcats' only shot of the half, as they were outshot 9-1 in the second and 13-5 overall.

The Mustangs' shot attempts led to several great saves by Gauruder, including a few punches over the crossbar on free kicks and punches out of the box on corner kicks, which Northville had a 4-2 advantage on.

"She's a good goalie. Both goalies were fantastic," O'Leary said. "They were putting a lot of pressure on us. We tried a more defensive setup."

Carrying the momentum while still trailing, the Mustangs continued to pressure and both teams' play got increasingly physical as the two-referee crew allowed more non-calls and rough play than the crowd and some players would have liked.

After getting tripped and earning a free kick, Ficus let the nearest referee know her feelings, earning a yellow card for dissent with 23:27 to go. It was the second card for her team.

"It's an intense rivalry. You're going to get a lot of rough fouls," O'Leary said. "I'm happy with the way my girls kept their composure."

Play evened out a bit after the card largely due to some strong defensive work from Hoover, but the Mustangs kept the pressure on Novi's end until Weber dribbled in deep up the left side and sent a sharp-angled shot to the diving Gauruder to tie the game at 1-1 with 14:57 to go.

"She's a fantastic player," O'Leary said of Weber. "We kind of matched them up. (Hoover) did a great job. She's our most consistent player."

ON TAP

The K-LAA Central Division's next toughest opponent was scheduled to come to town Tuesday in the form of Division I No. 8 Plymouth Salem (7-11, 3-1-0 Central), who had lost 2-0 to Northville on April 27. The Division I No. 6 Wildcats (5-1-2, 3-0-1 Central) follow that contest by hosting Livonia Stevenson (3-3-2, 1-3-0 Central) 7 p.m. tonight in a rematch of the 1-0 April 19 victory and then visiting Division I No. 3 Troy (8-1-1) at 11 a.m. Saturday.

After that, Lokey, who seemed disappointed after the first 10 minutes of the game, was everywhere at once and the Wildcats' defense didn't have an answer for the speedster, who had four shots on her own over the next 10 minutes, including one that rang off the crossbar.

Senior Tori Wright had a low shot from near the penalty spot that Gauruder made a diving save on with 9:19 remaining and a free kick by Gjonaj with 1:35 remaining was punched over the crossbar by Gauruder.

Novi pushed the ball up field in the final minute and got a free kick opportunity with 22 seconds left after a small skirmish nearly broke out, but the Wildcats couldn't capitalize and the two powerhouses ended with their first division non-wins of the season.



Wildcat Taylor Scott pitches for Novi on April 26.

Novi softball struggles with short bench, poor attitudes

Lost focus sinking Wildcats' ship

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Three more losses and its becoming evident there is something wrong with Novi's softball team.

A team that finished 11-11 (8-8 K-LAA Central) as a group of sophomores last year is currently 4-9 (1-5 Central) after dropping 10-1 and 7-3 games in a baseline doubleheader against Northville (6-2, 3-1 Central) April 28.

"We committed a total of nine errors, so that tells you the story right there," Novi coach Bob Lulek said. "I'll take full responsibility. I'm not mentioning anything about my kids, period. I coach 'em. Apparently I'm not doing a good enough job. I'm apparently not clicking the right buttons. I take full responsibility. It was ugly."

Lulek's squad followed that performance with a 6-0 loss at defending South Division champion Livonia Franklin (3-6, 2-4 South) last Monday while mustered just three hits.

"Northville game, we were pathetic. Today, we were good four innings and then the catcher didn't want to throw," Lulek said Monday, noting Franklin got three big steals that led to runs "Canton, Plymouth, South Lyon. These were all great games. Our running was like we were running in the mud (tonight). It's a boat that's sinking. That's what happens when you don't take a team seriously."

"Sophomore Taylor Scott started pitching. She didn't pitch bad. Some of the plays should have been out. The seniors are the ones who are going to pay for this

because they're done after this."

The Wildcats have lost five of their last six during a season that went from several close losses against good teams to a handful of ugly losses against average teams.

Here's our big problem, our numbers are down as a program," Lulek said. "I've told them this is up to them and they have to work it out. I've never had 11 kids or, now, 10."

Lulek's program has 11 varsity and 11 junior varsity players, while one of the 11 varsity athletes is out with an injury.

"I'm stunned that the numbers are this low," Lulek said. "High school softball is a single sport in hopes of one day joining a college program for that sport."

"I want Novi to be successful. At practice, we're busting our ass. Its fun, they know how to play the game and they're good. We just don't have the killer in us," Lulek said. "We are not focusing."

The short, or nonexistent, bench combines with another problem for the Wildcats.

"This may be one of the poorest seasons I've had since I've been here because of attitude. I've got some really nice kids, just a few that are ruining it for the others," Lulek said. "I've coached 18 years and run into kids with attitudes. The thing is, I've always had kids on the bench."

Lulek said he has left it to his captains

ON TAP

After a tough doubleheader at Livonia Stevenson (6-5, 3-3 Central) last night, Novi's softball squad 4-9 (1-5 Central) will compete in the 16-team Fred Pieper Tournament Saturday in Royal Oak before hosting Livonia Churchill (13-5, 4-2 South) at 4 p.m. Monday. The girls will then visit Plymouth Salem (3-4, 2-2 Central) Wednesday for a 4 p.m. doubleheader.

"We've got some tough competition," Novi coach Bob Lulek said.

At Saturday's tournament, the team will play Warren Regina 9 a.m. at Memorial Park 2, Fraser 12:20 p.m. at Royal Oak High School and Walled Lake Northern (14-3, 5-1 North) 3:40 p.m. at Memorial Park 2 as part of Pool D action.

If they win at least two of the three, they'll compete at 9 a.m. or 10:40 a.m. Sunday in the quarterfinals against one of the top two teams from Pool A, which consists of Division 2 No. 1 Livonia Ladywood, Riverview, Warren Woods Tower and Flushing. The tournament championship is 2 p.m. Sunday at Memorial Park 1, Division I No. 6 White Lake Lakeland (10-2, 5-2 North) is the defending champion.

to get the team back on track, because the problem seems to be more mental than physical.

"Right now, I'm disappointed and disgruntled because the talent is there," Lulek said.

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HOCKEY

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was trying to calm him down. I was a familiar face. He knew what I did for a living."

The game stopped then and there.

"The game never restarted and both teams were praying together on the ice as (Kurt) was rushed out of the rink by the ambulance crew," recalled Todd Johnson, Catholic Central's current head coach who had been an assistant that year.

Rivals — bitter enemies — huddled together. No school colors separated them. No malice stood between them. Just hope and prayer that one of their own, a young high school hockey player, would survive.

Lesko didn't leave LaTarte's side as they transferred him to the local hospital and then to the University of Michigan for surgery.

A few days later, LaTarte was home recovering. A few weeks later, he was back on the ice in time for Trenton's playoff bid, which ended unexpectedly. Their rivals, Catholic Central, went on to win the state championship that year.

"Trenton was upset in the regional final and we went on to win the state championship," said Johnson. "Our record that year was 29-1-1. We lost at Bedford, 1-0, to Trenton in January and this game officially went as a tie."

The only two blemishes on a perfect season were handed to the Shamrocks by the Trojans. Many people had assumed that a third game would take place between the two teams, and quite possibly in the state finals.

Trenton didn't make it there. Catholic Central beat East Kentwood, 2-0. Against the overpowering Shamrock defense, East Kentwood only had 10 shots on goal the entire game.

There was always speculation about what would have happened if Catholic Central and Trenton met again. Who would have won? Would it have been Trenton, which won the title the year before, who hoisted the Shamrocks have forced the same outcome they did over East Kentwood?

The "what ifs" are always a part of high school sports. Everyone wonders about this game or that, or what would happen had a play gone a different way. Most of them never get a chance to relieve the moments except in their dreams.

The players from the 1999 squads of Catholic Central and Trenton will get a chance to relive it for real.

Come May 9 at 3 p.m., those players will take to the ice as a part of REPLAY, fueled by Gatorade. The game will be played at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

REPLAY, fueled by Gatorade, re-stages classic games between some of the nation's biggest high school sports rivalries and the CC and Trenton players are grabbing this second chance to determine the winner of their 1999 game.

"The excitement the athletes and the Detroit community has shown for this game is unbelievable, and we look forward to hosting an amazing authentic hockey experience that celebrates this storied rivalry," said Lauren Fritts of The Gatorade Company. "The players' tireless preparation has been an inspiration to all of us. Their dedication and passion to compete sets the stage for a game no one will want to miss."

It was LaTarte who sent in the suggestion for the REPLAY game, wanting to put an end to the speculation and what ifs.

"Why did I do this? Many

reasons, including reuniting with old teammates and playing real hockey one more time," said LaTarte, who now lives in Oakland County and plays pick-up hockey once a week. He played intramural hockey at Michigan State University and for the local men's league after high school.

"After the '99 season, we were disappointed that we were knocked out of the playoffs so early and we felt that we let the city of Trenton down. This is a chance for redemption."

Lesko, whose son, Alec, will be playing in the game, said the excitement and anticipation is building throughout the communities.

"We can't wait," he said about the upcoming game. "No matter what the outcome of the game is, it's exciting to see this group get back together. There was so much talent on these two teams it was unbelievable."

Two players from the squads even made the NHL: Trenton's Green and Catholic Central's David Moss, who plays for the Calgary Flames. Others played in college and some still skate recreationally.

"To physically prepare for their one-in-a-lifetime rematch, the Trenton and CC players are currently participating in a comprehensive eight-week training and nutrition program developed by the Gatorade Sports Science Institute (GSSI) and implemented with the help of professionals from Velocity Sports Performance in Canton.

Game day tickets will be sold through the athletic departments of Catholic Central and Trenton high schools and are \$10 each.

For those who won't be able to see the game in person, it will be broadcast on Fox Sports Detroit, though no date was scheduled as of press time.

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more Emily Kwederis and junior Tanaya Srin in four doubles.

Going to extra points on the first set, junior Ashley Aljadah and sophomore Ori Nagasaka lost 7-6(1), 6-3 to Northville juniors Ally Weaver and Jackie Kolhede at three doubles.

Mustang freshman Elizabeth Sakorafis and junior Ria Barad took the five doubles matchup 6-2, 6-2 from Novi seniors Lindsey Johnson and Julianna Zuccato to round out the 5-4 meet victory.

"The seasons going by very quickly, but we just need to take it one match at a time," Hanson said.

Last Thursday's match against then-No. 3 Saline (3-0) was rained out and rescheduled for Monday afternoon, where the Hornets put their new No. 2 ranking in Division I to the test.

"They'll be good matches. The Saline one will be extremely tough. They're one of the better teams in the state," Hanson said Sunday

night.

The Wildcats came out of the gates against Saline without Border at one singles. Srin filled in for Border, but fell 6-0, 6-0.

The rest of the singles matches were a little closer, but Novi could only get a win in one of the other three contests as they lost the meet 6-2. Wang dropped a 6-4, 6-3 decision at two singles and Felcher lost 6-2, 6-1 at four singles.

Carlson took a tough 6-4, 7-6(5) decision in a three singles victory.

Snyder and Thomas got another come-from-behind three-set win at one doubles, winning 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. Lolly and Riegel's three-set battle went the opposite way at two doubles, as they lost 1-6, 6-2, 6-1.

Despite losing both, No. 3 doubles Aljadah and Nagasaka and No. 4 doubles junior Meng Meng He and Kwederis both dropped close matches in two sets. Three doubles was topped 7-5, 6-3 and four doubles dropped a 6-4, 7-5 decision.

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NOVI SPORTS BRIEFS

Novi lacrosse camp

Novi High School will be hosting their lacrosse camp for students entering grades fourth-eighth on July 12-15 from 1-5 p.m. The camp will be directed by Novi High School Varsity Coach Tom Stephanoff who has led his teams to the KVC and K-LAA championships as well as regional playoff finalists in his first two years as coach.

The camp will consist of skill fundamentals and techniques, daily scrimmages as well as a festival day of lacrosse games, vendor exhibits, concessions and raffles.

The fee is \$85 and includes a camp jersey. For more information please e-mail Coach Stephanoff at novilacxamp@gmail.com.

Appreciation Day

Novi High School athletes is sponsoring a Lacrosse Community Appreciation Day at the home game on May 19. The entrance to the varsity and junior varsity games are free for any elementary and middle school student who is accompanied by a paying adult. The JV game starts at 5 p.m. and the varsity game starts at 6:30.

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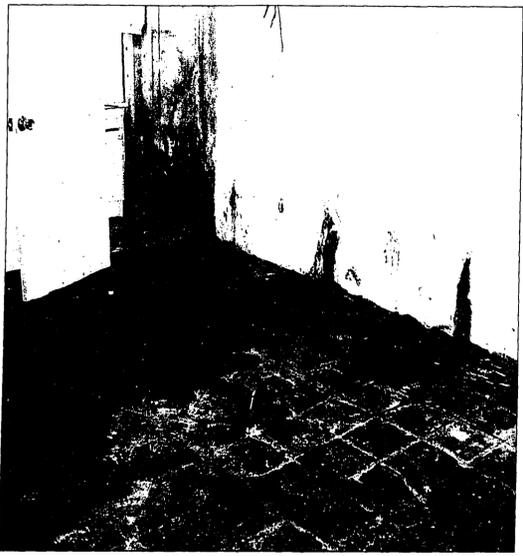
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Oakland County: Poised for recovery, job gains in 2011

A year after enduring its worst labor market in history, the Oakland County economy will stem the tide of job losses this year before adding jobs in 2011, say University of Michigan economists.

The 25th annual U-M forecast of Oakland County's economy was sponsored by 10 Oakland County organizations. Its presentation was hosted by the county's Department of Economic Development & Community Affairs, Chase and Oakland Community College.

George Fulton and Don Grimes of the U-M Institute for Research on Labor, Employment, and the Economy say that Oakland lost an unprecedented 60,000 jobs in 2009 -- more than the previous five years combined -- and will lose another 9,900 jobs this year.

But Oakland County will add 2,400 jobs next year -- the most since 2000 -- and nearly 8,000 jobs in 2012, they say. "The Oakland County economy has been on a rollercoaster ride during the first decade of the 21st century," said George Fulton of the U-M Institute for Research on Labor, Employment, and the Economy. "Job loss in the county mushroomed to an unimaginable number in 2009, reflecting the sharp decline in the national economy and the fallout from the shrinkage of the domestic auto industry."

But the economic situation has stabilized over the past several months, and Oakland County seems once again to be poised for recovery, particularly with its still-strong economic fundamentals and forward-looking policy initiatives intact. The first decade of the 2000s will not soon be forgotten, but all will be pleased to put it in the rearview mirror.

Fulton and Grimes say that while the next two years are expected to show the strongest performance in a decade for Oakland County, job gains by 2012 will reach only about half of what they averaged from 1980 to 2000 and the county will still have fewer jobs than it had at the end of 2008. Even though the recovery will be slow initially, they believe, however, that Oakland is entering a period of sustained growth beyond 2012.

"The economy is healing, but it is going to be a relatively long convalescence, and for the unemployed, it will continue to be painful," Fulton said. According to the forecast, the goods-producing sector, which includes manufacturing, construction and other industries, will lose 3,400 jobs this year, but will add 1,200 jobs in 2011 and 2,100 in 2012. Motor vehicle and parts manufacturing will account for many of the job gains in this sector, thanks to the re-opening of the Lake Orion assembly plant in 2011.

Although the private service-providing sector will lose nearly 5,400 jobs this year, more than 2,100 jobs will be added next year and 6,000 more will be created in 2012. Nearly all of the job gains in this sector over the next two years will occur in professional and business services (3,600 jobs) and private education and health services (3,000 jobs). On the other hand, retail trade, which

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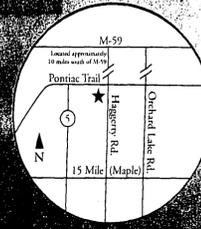
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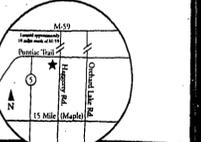
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Once a small fruit and vegetable stand, Raney's Gardens in South Lyon has blossomed into a full service gardening center offering beautiful plants, exquisite florals and a large variety of gardening supplies and gift items.

Michael Raney, third generation owner and horticulturist, is proud to carry on the family tradition of high quality, locally grown plants, expert knowledge and unique items to enhance and personalize just about any garden.

"We consistently offer high quality plants," Raney said. "We're the growers, so we really know what's good quality and what's not. People come to us for advice, and we save their plants. We're all about offering suggestions and providing a really beautiful crop at a fair value."

Raney's staff consists of master gardeners who work daily in 60 greenhouses, tending to annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs and bushes grown on site.

"We grow a large percentage of what we have here excluding some tropical and nursery items," Raney said. "We sell plants that are hardy for a Michigan climate."

Spring foliage

Springtime is the perfect time to shop for annuals, combination pots, hanging baskets, soils and fertilizers.

"Hanging baskets for patio and deck are always popular Mother's Day gifts," Raney said. "We also carry great potted roses. They are beautiful this year, probably the best I've seen."

Several varieties of annuals and perennials are new this year including Alyssum, normally a ground cover, but this variety

is more mounding so it does well in containers and doesn't go to seed. They are also low maintenance and very fragrant.

Also new this year is Double Calibracoa, a rose flower that



Hanging baskets, combination planters and potted roses available at Raney's make wonderful Mother's Day gifts.

looks like a miniature petunia or Million Bells. They require no work other than water and fertilizing.

Raney's also carries the perennial Heuchera, commonly known as Coral Bells, that begin blooming in June and don't stop until the end of August. Their foliage colors are very attractive, ranging from burgundy to black, rustic and bright red.

Also new are Euphorbia, commonly known as spurge, that naturally repel moles in the garden. They come in a variety of colors and variegations.

An expanded flowering shrub line is also new this year.

New gift items include a line of wind chimes and an expanded line of stepping-stones that include memorial stones and plaques. Croaking frogs, glow-in-the-dark and solar items, birdbaths, statuaries and pottery are spread decoratively around the store.

"We have lots of ceramic

and trendy pots," Raney said. "We carry the whole gamut, from rustic to very contemporary. People come for hours just to shop for their pots. I go all over the United States to find unique pottery and gift items."

Raney's also carries a vast amount of organic products, including pest control and fertilizers.

Edible gardens

More people are recognizing the benefits of growing their own produce, including improved quality, taste and cost savings.

"People want to grow their own food and know where their food is coming from," Raney said. "They can save a lot of money growing their own vegetable garden."

The National Gardening Association estimates a well-maintained food garden yields a \$500 return when considering a typical gardener's investment and the market price of produce.

Raney's has expanded its edible gardening offerings to include several varieties of tomatoes — heirloom tomatoes, grape tomatoes called "Jelly Beans," larger pots of tomatoes as well as flats. A popular novelty item is the upside down tomatoes called "Topsy Turvy."

"We carry crucifers (cabbages), broccoli, cauliflower, many types of

lettuces, a lot of culinary peppers and strawberry varieties, including hanging upside-down strawberries."

Visit Raney's Gardens this spring for colorful annuals, Mother's Day gifts and landscaping must-haves. The store stocks lovely houseplants, perennials and nursery items all summer long.

"We have a beautiful atmosphere for people to take their time and enjoy all of the beautiful plants," Raney said. "We are proud supporters of the South Lyon community and are eager to help any customer turn their garden into a growing success."



Raney's Gardens owner Michael Raney travels across the United States to find unique pottery and gift items, like the colorful watering cans shown above.

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