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## NOVI NUTSHELL

### Can, bottle drive

The Novi High School Band Boosters are conducting their annual Spring Can and Bottle Drive beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 15.

Band and Colguard students will be going door-to-door to collect clean, returnable cans and bottles to support the Novi High School Band program. Students will be collecting until 2 p.m. The collection center will be located at Busch's Supermarket on 10 Mile Road just west of Meadowbrook Road.

### Meeting change

The May 27 Novi Board of Education Committee of the Whole meeting has been changed to May 13 at 7 p.m. at the Instructional Technology Center in the Forum.

The topic will be 2010-2011 budget reduction recommendations.

### Free hot dogs

Novi Parks Foundation, together with Red Olive Grill, is sponsoring Free Hot Dog Day at ITC Park, Saturday, May 22 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Comfy concert

Abi Tapia will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 22 at the Comfy Couch Concerts / Newport Furnishings, 5250+ Grand River Avenue, Wixom.

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Special guest will be David Mosher.

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## Cuts altering face of education in Novi

Superintendent calls situation 'death by 1,000 paper cuts'

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

Change appears to be inevitable as the Novi Community School District faces \$6.7 million in cuts next school year.

Teachers and staff members will lose their jobs, programs will be cut and parents are going to be asked to shell out money for extracurricular activities.

Board President Ann Glubzinski calls it the "new normal whether we

like it or not," but stressed that the board and administration is going to "progress in a positive direction going forward in ways that realistically still provide solid opportunities for student achievement."

More than 100 people showed up at last Thursday's regular meeting hoping to find out more about the "new normal" and voiced their concerns about the impact many of the cuts will have on the quality of education in Novi.

Trustee George Kortlandt said

### NEXT MEETING

The board will be holding a Committee of the Whole meeting at 7 p.m. tonight at the Instructional Technology Center in the Forum.

he did not find anything on the list of cuts that "actually improves our district."

"Some things make us a bit more efficient financially but nothing really improves the situation for the student," he said. "Some of these things I believe dramatically decrease the situation for the student."

While many people who spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting made pleas for their particular program, few had ideas on how to fix the problem which stems from a lack of state funding.

Kortlandt did have some alternative ideas, however, asking the board to consider eliminating an administrator and asking superintendent Pete Dion to take on more responsibilities, looking at cutting busing for the high school, decreasing dues and memberships by 100 percent (not just 30 percent) and possibly

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## Community invited to high school art show



High school student Sarah Kolis and a friend check out the art on display at the Novi Civic Center.

Displayed works showcase students' many talents

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

Usually the only people who see Ashley Miller's paintings are her family, friends and teachers.

But now, after four years of painting, the Novi High School sophomore has her work on display for the public to see at the Novi High School Select Student Art Show at the Novi Civic Center.

Miller has four pieces in the show, with one of them, an ink painting titled "Ancient Art," winning Best of Show.

"It was really exciting to know they picked mine," she said. "It's cool to know people are looking at it because usually when I paint or draw it just ends up in my house. It's nice that people are seeing what I do and recognizing all the time I spent on these pieces."

The art show was open to every student at the high school and the committee received 131 entries, picking the best 42 to go on display from May 7-26.

Erin Harbar, an art teacher at the high school, said it was pretty overwhelming sorting through all the entries because

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## Lake board looks to clean up Walled Lake

Some residents upset about proposed special assessment roll

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The Walled Lake Improvement Board is set to consider approving a five-year Special Assessment Roll next Thursday to control weeds in Walled Lake for the next five years.

The plan, which is estimated to cost \$519,000, includes mechanical weed harvesting and chemical treatment for weeds, and is being funded not only by parcels that touch the lake but back lot parcels as well.

"The city councils (of Novi and Walled Lake) asked for this

lake board to clean the weeds out of the lake and enjoy the investment," said Jeff Potter, Oakland County commissioner and lake board member. "Now we are at the point of deciding if we are going to go forward and who should be included in paying for it."

Initially, the special assessment roll included only the parcels that physically touched the lake, but several people who spoke at a March 25 board meeting said the back lot owners should also be assessed because

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Novi High School sophomore Ashley Miller's piece titled 'Ancient Art' won Best of Show at the Novi High School Select Student Art Show.

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the "caliber of the student work was so high." "I think it is going to be pretty impressive for the community to see what is coming out of the ninth through twelfth grades," she said. "It far exceeds many of the other schools in the area." Mitchell Wong, whose slab building clay piece titled "Guitar Teapot" earned honorable mention, said he was shocked to receive the honor

because it was one of his first ventures into a more complex form of art. He also was glad that show gave he and his classmates a forum to display their work. "It's great we can get recognition," he said. "We have a great academic program (at the high school) but it shows we are not just concerned with academics but we have a great art program as well." Sophomore Sarah Kolis has been making clothes since third grade, but the prom dress she made for the art

show was one of her more difficult pieces. She plans on entering the dress in the Jo-Ann Fabrics From Dress Contest, and even getting some wear out of it.

"I like (making my own clothes) because it's original and no one else can wear the same clothes I do," she said. mmiller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255



High school junior Molli Krick stands by her art work that earned honorable mention honors. Her piece is one of 42 on display at the Novi Civic Center.

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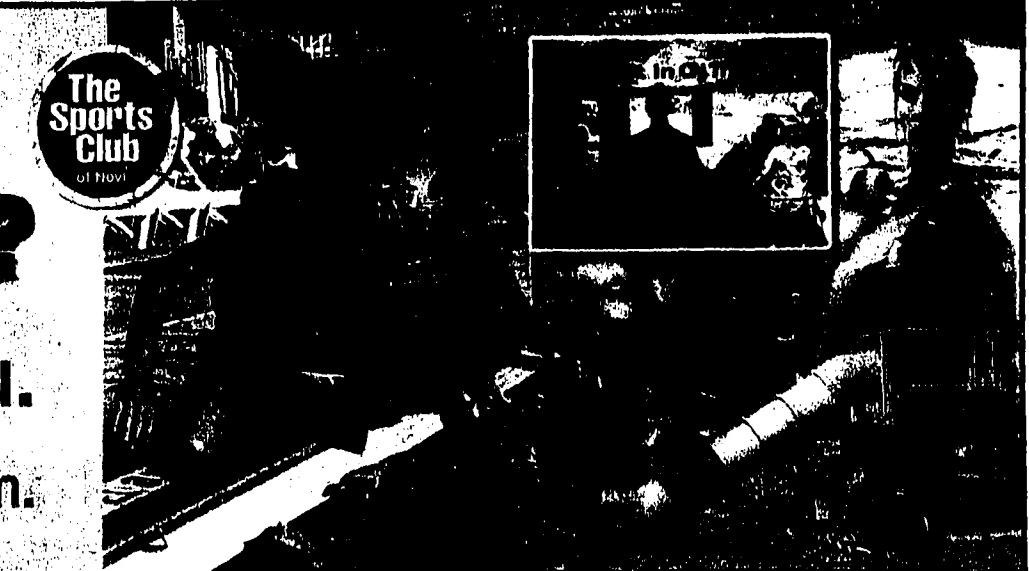
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# EDUCATION

## Oakland County school districts honored for excellence in education

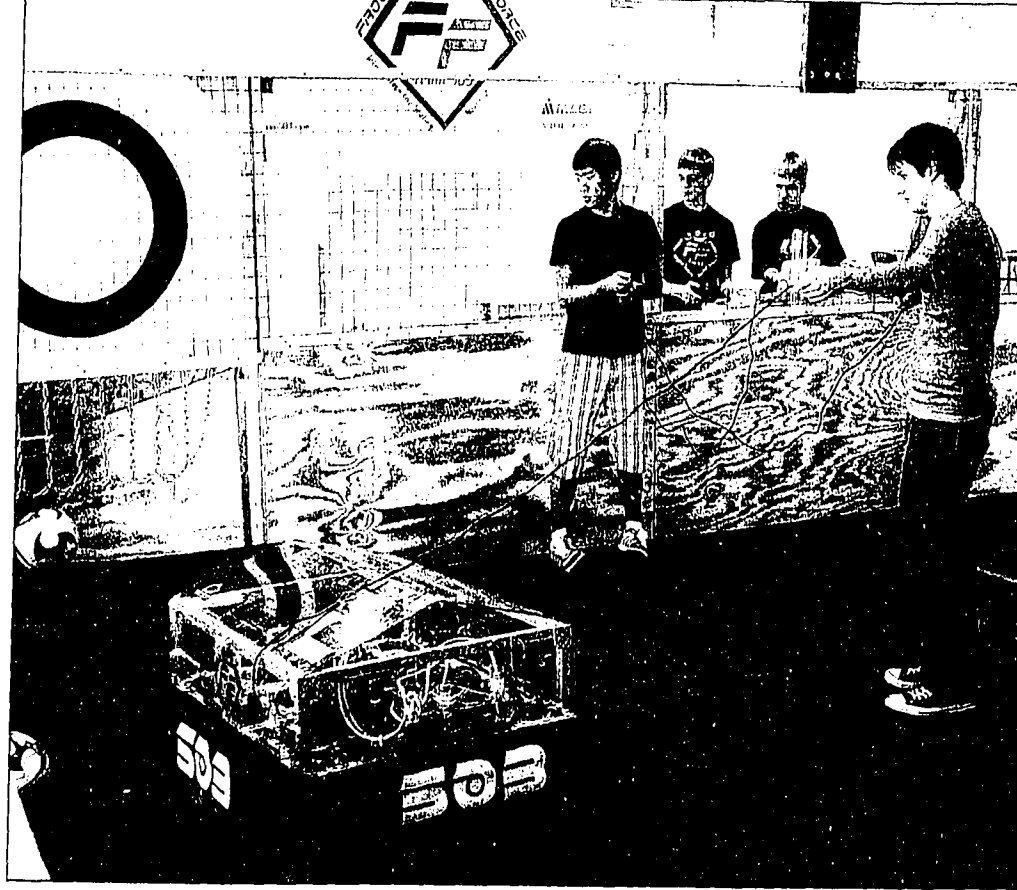
The Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) and SET SEG School Insurance Specialists announced the recipients of the 2010 Education Excellence award.

The winning programs represent 16 counties across the state, including five school districts from Oakland County. In the face of complex education challenges and limited resources, Novi Community Schools, Avondale School District, Oxford Area Community Schools, Walled Lake Consolidated Schools and Rochester Community Schools kept the focus on student achievement and came up with an innovative solution to address their needs.

"This year's Education Excellence winners demonstrate that excellence is all around us in our public schools. They have developed a unique solution to address their educational challenges and have positively impacted student achievement," said Kathy Hayes, MASB executive director. "It's a great reminder that even in the face of great challenges our public schools are stepping up to get the job done."

The Education Excellence awards honor the top three local school district programs in each of eight categories and the top three intermediate school district programs for a total of 27 honorees. Entries are judged by an independent panel of state education specialists. Each school or district will receive a trophy and a metal street sign proclaiming it an "Education Excellence Winner." Winners will move on to round two judging to determine "Michigan's Best" and the recipients of a cash prize to help further the goals of the programs.

The programs will be honored Tuesday, May 11 at a luncheon hosted by MASB and SET SEG School Insurance Specialists, the exclusive sponsor of the awards. The luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. at the Eagle Eye Golf Club in Bath. School board members, administrators, teachers and other school personnel will be on hand to celebrate this achievement.



Members of Novi High School's Frog Force robotics team puts their machine through its paces at their training facility inside Novi Town Center. From left are seniors Allen Lee, Tim Bello, Tim Starr and Chris Bloom. The robot they constructed for this year's competition had to pick up and then boot a soccer ball through a goal while maneuvering through an obstacle course.

## High school robotics team shines again

### Frog Force racks up multiple awards in 10th season

Novi High School's FIRST Robotics team continued the school's tradition of success once again this year.

Team Frog Force finished its season in mid-April with a strong showing at the FIRST Championships, placing 52nd in its division. The team also posted a 26th place finish at states and 10th and 15th place showings at regional competitions.

At the state competition, the team earned the Regional Chairman's Award, while at the two regionals it was honored with the District Chairman's Award, the Engineering Inspiration Award and the Industrial Safety Award.

It marks the eighth consecutive season the team has raked up multiple awards.

"It's amazing," said mentor Craig Hepler. "This is my 10th year and each year I am amazed. It's great to watch them grow."

The team, made up of 52 students from the high school, gets together year round, but the most important part is during a six-week span when they build the robot. They spend nearly 20-plus hours a week constructing the robot, that this year, had to compete in a soccer-like game. The robot had to be equipped to kick a ball into a goal, and the group of students were split into several different groups to put together a robot that would excel at kicking it long distances.

During competitions, the team is paired up with two others in a three-on-three timed game. The team with the most points wins, but also other points can be earned by getting various awards.

Said one team member Tim Bello: "There was a lot of trial and error."

Hepler said while mentors are on hand for guidance, "most of the engineering and building is done by the students."

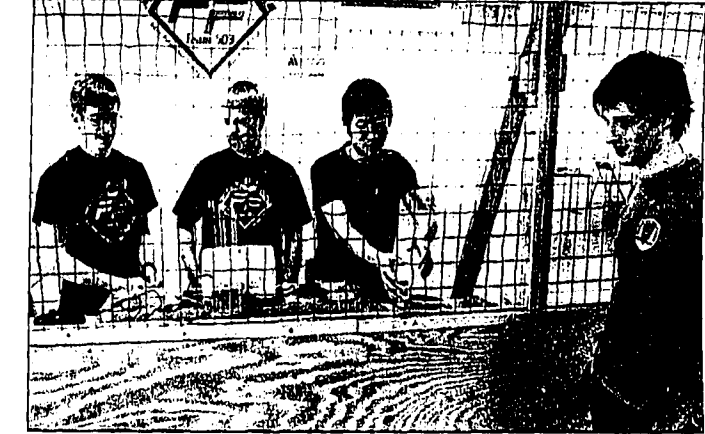
"It's a good chance for them to learn the engineering process," he said.

Tim Starr, one of the lead programmers, said "it is the best club/sport at the whole school" because of the hands-on experience, learning how to work with others and the camaraderie among teams from all over the world.

Bello agreed, saying that "as far as experience, it ranks above high school in preparing you for life because this is what I want to do."

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Frog Force team members Tim Bello, Tim Starr, Allen Lee and Chris Bloom test out the robot.



Debbie Nuttle recently spent four afternoons sharing her two children's books with Parkview Elementary students. 'Sticky White Rice' and 'Sticky Goes Wild' are interactive children's stories about one family's after-dinner adventures with Sticky. The students loved the stories and enjoyed looking for 'Sticky' throughout the pages of the books. Nuttle is the mother of three boys who inspired this adventure. She lives in Novi with her husband, Harry, and their sons. Visit her website at www.createspace.com/3419015.

### Author visits

### 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 2 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/parentscom/orgs/WebPages/SeniorParty.aspx](http://www.novi.k12.mi.us/parentscom/orgs/WebPages/SeniorParty.aspx).

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

**C.A.R.E. now open**

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

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

Lunch and snack are included (except on field trips days).

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

**Franklin Road makes Walt Disney World classroom**

Students from Franklin Road Christian School of Novi traveled to the Walt Disney World Resort on March 30 to take part in the Disney Youth Education Series Program (Y.E.S.) "Disney's Leadership Excellence: The Inside Track."

Each year, groups from around the world travel to Walt Disney World to take part in one of the several Disney Y.E.S. programs offered throughout the Resort. Most of the programs take place in and behind the scenes of the world famous Theme Parks.

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**CLIFFORD H. "BUO" AYERS**  
89, of Brighton and Winom, formerly of Detroit, died peacefully on Wednesday, May 5, 2010. Preceded in death by his beloved wife, Marion L. (Darling) Ayers. Survived by his loving children, Thomas (Cynthia) Ayers, Deborah (Donald) Milner, Kevin (Carol) Ayers, Patricia (Ron) Esch, 7 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren; several nieces & nephews and many dear friends. Mr. Ayers was a proud WWII Veteran of the U.S. Navy. Funeral services were held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Milford on Tuesday, May 11th. Burial & Navy Honors followed at Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi. For further information please contact us at: 248-684-6545 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

**STANLEY WALTER BEDNARZ JR.**  
Age 60, died May 3, 2010. A Funeral Mass was held on May 7 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

**FRANKIE LEE ROY BISHOP**  
Age 77, of the Deadwood Community of Panola County, TX, passed away on Friday morning, April 30, 2010, at his home in Deadwood. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Jimserson-Lipsy Funeral Home. Frankie was born on Sept. 2, 1932, in Nimmons, AK to Donnie Norris and Nellie Mae Webster Bishop. He graduated from South Lyon, MI High School with the class of 1950. Mr. Bishop married Anna Mae Schuster on July 11, 1953, in South Lyon. He was a Mason and a Shriner. He was also a Scout Master of Troop 764 in Garden City, MI and Troop 314 in Rockwell, TX. Mr. Bishop moved to Panola County in 1998, from Rockwell. He attended Deadwood United Methodist Church. Mr. Bishop was preceded in death by his parents. Mr. Bishop is survived by his wife or 56 years, Ann Bishop of Deadwood; three sons, Brian Bishop of Deadwood, Larry Bishop of Garland, TX and Ed Bishop and wife Stephanie of Deadwood; one daughter, Linda Newton and husband Todd of Rockwell; one sister, Nora Wilson of Crystal River, FL; and three grandchildren, Mary Bishop of Baton Rouge, Brandon Bishop of Phoenix, AR, and Priscilla Bishop of Deadwood. In 2007, Frank was inducted into South Lyon's High School Athletic Hall of Fame, honored for his football, basketball and baseball records.

**BARBARA CHARGO**  
Age 95, of Walled Lake, passed away May 9, 2010. A funeral service was held Wed. May 12 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Contributions appreciated to the Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

**DOROTHY R. CLINARD**  
Age 90, a longtime resident of Milford, passed away peacefully on May 7, 2010. She was born on August 16, 1919 in Detroit to Henry and Gladys (Good) Knaupe. She was united in marriage to Ray F. Clinard on June 21, 1941; they spent many loving years together until his death on June 12, 2008. Dorothy was a credit manager with Numatics in Highland. She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church of Waterford. She enjoyed making ceramics with her husband; they fired and painted all of their creations. Dorothy is survived by her children, Ray Clinard Jr., Randall (Mary Jane) Clinard, and Robert (Paula) Clinard; 9 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her sister Margaret Patton. Visitation will be held Friday, May 14, 2010 from 11am-1pm with the Funeral Service beginning at 1pm at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. Pastor William Merritt with Peace Lutheran Church will officiate the service. She will be laid to rest at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens and will be cremated. She will be appreciated to the Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Ste. 100, Southfield, MI 48076.

**STEVEN JOHN DETLEFS**  
Age 48, passed away April 30, 2010 in Colorado. Steve was born in Detroit, son of Malcolm and Sandra (Gink) Detlefs. He is survived by his twin sons, Zach and Jack Detlefs; two stepchildren, Kami & Kyle Kowitron; parents, Jack and Sandy Detlefs; sisters: Pat (Kurt) Gow, Katie (Rick) Chase and Cheryl Bell. Three nieces: Sarah Gow, Becca and Abby Chase, and two nephews: Nick Gow and John Chase. He was a 1980 graduate of South Lyon High School and obtained his Bachelor's degree in Sales & Marketing from Ferris State University. Upon graduation Steve moved to Colorado where he lived for the past 25 years. Steve was an avid downhill and water skier and enjoyed golf, hiking and spending time with his children. Steve will be missed by his family and many friends for his generous spirit and kind heart. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 15th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Augustine's Catholic Church, 6481 Faussett Rd. Howell, MI 48843. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

**RICHARD F. FELSTOW**  
Age 82, passed away May 4, 2010. A funeral service was held on May 7 at the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

**ELIZABETH J. HULL**  
Age 86, of Redford Twp., passed away May 6, 2010 at Star Manor in Northville. Memorial service was held Tuesday 5/11 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. Contributions would be appreciated to the Alzheimer's Assoc.

**ROSEMARY E. KLIEN**  
Age 84 of Commerce Twp., and a former resident of Dearborn Heights, died on May 9, 2010. She is survived by Edward J. Klien, her beloved husband of over sixty-one years; sons, Jeffrey (Kathleen) Klien, Kevin (Deborah) Klien; daughter, Renee Klien; grandchildren, Christopher and Rachel Klien, brothers, Harvey (Loretta) Groesbeck, Charles (Irene) Groesbeck; sister, Alice (Joseph Schwartz) Groesbeck and many extended family members and dear friends including Haydee Massanuna and Rosalie (Victor) Hemler. She was preceded in death by brothers, Noah (Minnie) Groesbeck, Clarence (Helen) Groesbeck and sisters, Irene (Ernest) Conley, Bernadine (Carl) Pallas and Eugenia Connelly. Rosemary was born in Warren, Michigan on December 4, 1925, and graduated as a valedictorian from Lincoln High School in Vandyke, Michigan. Rosemary and Edward were married at St. Clement's Church in Centerline on August 27, 1949, and were long time members of Our Lady of Grace Parish in Dearborn Heights. In retirement they moved to Milford and St. Mary's Church in 1998. They were both deeply devoted to their family and church. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1955 E. Commerce Rd., Milford, on Saturday, May 15, at 10am with Father Ron Anderson officiating. Entombment will follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Visitation will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 401 E. Liberty, Milford, on Friday, May 14, 3-8pm. Memorials may be made in her name to the Pontiac-Dearborn Center for Blind Children, 26300 Eureka Rd., Taylor, MI 48180. For further information please phone: 248-684-6545 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

**WILLIAM M LOCKWOOD**  
Age 65, of Milford, passed away April 27, 2010. He is survived by his wife, Carol, and sons, Jake and Eric. A funeral service was held on May 7 at South Lyon and his sister, Gail, of Fowlerville. A memorial service will be held later this month.

**ARLENE SHOWERMAN**  
Age 86, of Howell, passed away May 6, 2010. She was born on December 6, 1923, in Ann Arbor, to the late William and Clara (Aldridge) Bailey. Arlene is survived by her loving children: William (Rosemary) Porath of Pinckney; Michael (Porath) Porath of Pinckney; grandchildren: Matthew (Christy) Porath, Amanda (Jeff) Burk, and Nicholas (Kathy) Porath. She was preceded in death by her husband Harold Showerman in 1984. A private family service was held. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

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Deadline: Tuesday at 10 AM for Thursday obituaries received after these deadlines will be placed in the next available issue.

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

## CUTS

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increasing class size by an average of six (as opposed to the four being recommended). By increasing to six, the district would save an additional \$1.4 million, and that money could be used to save the literacy specialists and bring back some programs that are being cut. He also noted that a 1-percent wage cut, not including benefits, would net the district \$528,000. If that was increased to 5 percent, \$2.7 million could be saved.

"It's a big number and we have a big list of cuts, so we have to do this together," he said. Dion continued his plea for wage cuts at Thursday's meeting, saying "if we all take a voluntary wage concession, this would make a huge impact on our programs. I just believe it is something we all need to do as employees."

Tom Brenner, Novi Education Association president and high school teacher, said he was "greatly disappointed" at the recommendations made to the board. "The proposed cuts will have a harmful impact on the depth and breadth of the world-class educational experience that we have come to know and love and are very proud of in Novi," he said.

He said he has spoken with several of his members and told the board they are willing to work with the district.

**AREAS OF CONCERN**  
The meeting Thursday gave the public more of an insight into the proposed cuts, which Dion said no one wants to do but they need to happen. Some of the major issues revolved around eliminating full-day kindergarten, cutting the life management program at the high school, turning the Novi Meadows band and string programs into fee-based, reducing literacy specialists and counselors and raising pay-to-participate fees. In regards to kindergarten, the full-day option is being considered but parents would have to be willing to pay for it. The life management program had several supporters at the meeting including teacher Heidi Pendergrass, who was brought to the district to start the program in 1998. She said an average of 475 students enroll in one or more courses each year, and the courses included standards from every Michigan merit required course. "Our department indeed has merit," she said. "By cutting an entire department that not only teaches academic skills but life skills this impacting one-third of the student body, I question the district's commitment to excellence."

Clay Pearson, city manager for the city of Novi, said Novi is covering the \$25.72 that has already been spent on the engineering study, attorney fees and fees required for public notices, and the city will get reimbursed when the roll is approved.

There also were concerns from residents about the treatment being harmful to the lake, but according to the board the chemicals must be approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment before being used.

Pearson said he also wants to put to rest the rumors that have circulated about the board holding secret meetings and trying to keep the public out of the loop. "The idea that anyone is trying to pull anything over is a mischaracterization," he said. "My job is to help the community find a fair balance for everyone."

The lake board held a special meeting last Tuesday to answer questions and will meet for a public hearing on the special assessment roll at 7 p.m. on May 20 at the Novi Civic Center.

received from the plan. What is the benefit? He also questioned who has been paying for the board's expenditures thus far. Clay Pearson, city manager for the city of Novi, said Novi is covering the \$25.72 that has already been spent on the engineering study, attorney fees and fees required for public notices, and the city will get reimbursed when the roll is approved.

## LAKE

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They also would receive benefit from the project. An updated special assessment roll was completed on May 5, and the board will review it at its May 20 public hearing. The proposed assessment calls for single family homes with up to 96 feet of lake frontage to receive one unit of benefit at a cost of \$213.53 annually, a single family with more than 96 feet gets 1.5 units at a cost of \$320.30, commercial riparian receives three units at a cost of \$640.59, back lot parcels and lake access parcels, condominiums with indirect access will see .1 unit at a cost of \$21.35 and waterfront condominium parcels to see .75 units at a cost of \$160.15.

The roll includes 1,367 parcels, 651 in Novi and 716 in Walled Lake. Novi also has agreed to contribute \$30,000 for the property it owns on the lake. "Not everyone is happy with the updated assessment roll, however. Walled Lake resident Bob Daar, who is a back lot owner, said he does not think there is equal benefit across the board. "Why should back lot people pay?" he said. "We are talking about a benefit, something

## NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

**Submit:** Send calendar submissions via e-mail to: cstone@gnnet.com or by fax to (248) 685-2892, or by mail to Church Events/Novi/100 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

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

**Mass Schedule**  
TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.  
Sunday: 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 7 p.m. Tuesday, 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday

**Holy Days:** 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 a.m.  
Reconciliation beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays by appointment

**Crosspointe Meadows Church**  
Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org

**Sunday Worship:** 10:15 a.m.

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

**Details:** Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

**Detroit First Church of the Nazarene**  
Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dcnazarene.org

**Sunday Schedule:** 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service.

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia  
Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.nwhepcenter.org

**Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross**  
Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com

**Sunday Worship:** 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m., 10 a.m. Sunday School and Nursery Care; 10 a.m. Worship Service

**Alzheimer's Support Group**  
Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

**Faith Community Presbyterians**  
Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunitynovi.org

**Sunday Worship:** 10 a.m.

**Festival of Faith and the Arts**  
Time/Date: 4-8 p.m. May 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. May 15 (concert at 4 p.m.)

**Vacation Bible School**

**Date: June 21-25**

**First Baptist Church of Northville**  
Location: 217 N. Wing  
Contact: (248) 348-0020

**Sunday School:** 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

**Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.

**Ladies Bible Study:** 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays

**Men's Bible Study:** 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

**Health 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 firstbaptistchurchnovi.org

**Family Bible Hour:** 9:45 a.m.

**Family Worship:** 11 a.m.

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# Your Invitation to Worship

<p><b>Brighton</b></p> <p><b>LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 5581 Pleasant Valley Road • Brighton, MI 48114 810-227-3183 10 a.m. Communion Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School Rev. Dale Hordick, Pastor www.lordoflifec.com</p> <p><b>HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH &amp; SCHOOL</b> at the corner of Winona Lake &amp; Musch Rd. 810-231-9159 Fr. John Rocca, Pastor Weekend Liturgy Saturday 4:00 p.m. Sunday 8:00 &amp; 10:00 a.m. Prays at St. Joseph of Holy Trinity and St. Ignace</p> <p><b>ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, ELCA</b> Farmington Hills • 2022 Oldfield • 248-414-0584 Between Grand River &amp; Freedom Saturday Worship 8:30 p.m. Sunday Worship &amp; Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Traditional/Choral 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Sunday School - all ages 10:15 a.m.</p> <p><b>ST. 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Susan Smith, Pastor Sunday School 10 am ages 18 &amp; up Youth Adult &amp; Small Groups-Sewer Eriwo Wednesday 8:00-9:00 a.m. Anzwa for yrs. old-5th grade Middle School Church</p> <p><b>SOUTH HILL CHURCH, S.B.C.</b> 1220 South Hill Rd., just south of downtown Milford (248) 685-3500 www.abouthillchurch.com Sunday School 8:15 a.m. 10:00-10:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Children and Youth Group Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Call about our current small group studies</p> <p><b>WEST HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 11166 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48300 248-687-1218 Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. Bible Ministries 11:00 a.m. Wednesday - All Ages 7:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> 238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (481) 684-2065 Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. Sunday School ages 3 thru 5th grade 9:00 a.m. Rev. John Harris, Pastor A heritage of area worship since 1838</p> <p><b>NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation</b> 5755 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48165 Phone 248-474-9106 Sunday Celebration of Life Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Suzanne Paul, Minister Website: http://www.newhopeuc.org</p>	<p><b>Novi</b></p> <p><b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 9 Mile &amp; Meadowbrook Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Class will resume September 13 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m., Monday 7:00 p.m. Thomas E. Schroeder, Pastor - 248-255-6555</p> <p><b>ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> NOVI 46325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8, 9:30 &amp; 11:30 a.m. Reverend George Charney, Pastor Parish Office: 247-7175</p> <p><b>NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 11811 W. Ten Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48375 Phone: 248-477-3385 Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m. Rev. June M. Smith, Pastor 248-348-2625 www.umcnovi.org Caring God, loving people and a caring community</p> <p><b>CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY</b> 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375 Phone: 248-349-8847 Weekend Hours Saturday 9:15 a.m. (English) &amp; 8:30 p.m. (Spanish) Sunday 7:00 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. &amp; 12:15 p.m. Fr. Timothy Hopan, Pastor Rev. Pastor Administrator Parish Office: 248-349-8847 • www.holyfamilynovi.org</p> <p><b>HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL</b> 40700 W. 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48375 Sunday Worship 7:45 am &amp; 10 am Healing Services Wednesday 11:45 am Rev. Ann Webber, Pastor holycrossnovi@gmail.com</p> <p><b>OAK POINTE CHURCH</b> 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi Saturday Worship 8:15 pm, Sunday 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Casual, contemporary service Phone (248) 912-0043 www.oakpointe.org</p>	<p><b>South Lyon</b></p> <p><b>CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN</b> 10000 W. 10 Mile Rd. • South Lyon, MI 48178 481-800-4864-4335 • Growth Rd. at 10 Mile Worship 8 a.m. &amp; 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church</b> 22200 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon (at the West Side of the 10 Mile Rd.) Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Relief Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Youth at 6:30 p.m. Rev. David Brown, Pastor 248-437-2222 • www.fellowshipnovi.org</p> <p><b>The Church of Christ</b> 21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178 248-437-3585 • www.churchofchrist.org 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m. Roll Callcut, Pastor</p> <p><b>FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 10774 Nine Mile Road Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 489-2582 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship, 11:00 a.m. &amp; 8:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) - SOUTH LYON</b> Sunday School 11:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Nursery Care Provided Check us out on the web: www.fpcsouthlyon.org 248-437-2975 • 205 E. Lake (10 Mile) Rev. Dr. Annmarie Kiddler, Pastor</p> <p><b>BIBLE BELIEVERS CHURCH</b> Gathering in Jesus Name 601 S. Lafayette St. • South Lyon, MI 48178 Sunday 10:30 and 1:30 Thursday 7:00 p.m. Mike Regan, Pastor 734-341-1953 pastor Old fashioned preaching</p>	<p><b>White Lake</b></p> <p><b>WHITE LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> 405 Highland Rd., between Dwyer &amp; Crown Rd. (248) 387-4654 • Deborah V. Korn, Pastor Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 8:00 a.m. Children Church 10:00 a.m. Child Care Provided The "Friendly Church" - Established 1858</p> <p><b>OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 133 Orchard Dr., Northville WEEKEND LITURGIES Sunday 7:30, 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. Church 349-2951, School 349-2610 Religious Education 349-2859 Rev. Dennis Thross, Pastor</p> <p><b>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 200 E. Main St. at Miller • (248) 344-0911 8:30 a.m. • Sunday School Children's Ministry 9:45 a.m. Catholic Mass 10:00 a.m. Nursery Care Provided Rev. James P. 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**Our Special Mother's Day**

**Frances "Fannie" Monarrell**  
May 31, 1927 - Feb. 12, 2010  
You will always be our shining star. We love you and miss you every minute of everyday. Your unconditional love, hugs, kisses, laughter, beautiful smile, loving spirit and gentleness will be in our hearts and lives forever. Love, hugs and kisses. Your Loving Family (302) 608-9393

**May "Marcella" Dowd**  
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**GWYNETH PLETZKE**  
Aug. 8th, 2009  
Happy Mother's Day Mom!  
We miss you everyday!  
Love Always, Your Family

# Gatt pulls out of Senate race

Mayor pro tem looks forward to continuing work with city

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER



Gatt

Novi Mayor Pro tem Bob Gatt is staying put. The Novi resident and former police officer pulled his name out of the race for 15th District state senator late last week, and said he plans to continue working with the city because that is where he is needed most. Novi is where I spent almost 30 years patrolling the streets trying to keep you and your families safe. Novi is where I spent five years teaching your children and grandchildren how to say no to drugs and violence. Novi is where I live. And, Novi is the

place that I want to serve," he said in a press release. Gatt said health emergencies he and his wife endured in the last year put campaigning on the back burner, and then when he was going to ramp up his efforts, the city budget became the focus of his attention. After much thought he decided that becoming a senator was not meant to be. "As long as you will have me, I want to continue to serve the people of Novi," he said. "In

1975, I started working as a Novi police officer and I made a promise to do whatever I could to protect you and your families. Every day for the past 35 years I have worked to fulfill that promise. I want to continue that effort." Gatt also said he will be supporting Mike Kowall to fill the seat being vacated by Sen. Nancy Cassis. "I'm positive that Mike will help lead the State out of the financial crisis in new faces and will help build the Michigan economy that has been devastated over the past eight years," he said.

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# Rock hosts 21st anniversary of Motor City Comic Con

Motor City Comic Con will gather comic book and multimedia dealers from across the country offering a vast variety of pop culture merchandise, including comics, T-shirts, movie memorabilia, posters and more May 14-16 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. Over 250 comic book creators, writers and artists will be on site at Comic Con, as well as more than 40 actors from the film, television and sci-fi movie industry. Special guests for this 21st anniversary event include Adam West (the original Batman), Linda Blair (The Exorcist) Ray Park (Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace, X-Men) Dawn Wells (Marianne, Gilligan's Island) and Lindsay Wagner (The Bionic Woman) plus many more TV and screen legends. (Visit [www.motorcitycomics.com](http://www.motorcitycomics.com) for an updated list.) Also at the 2010 Comic Con,

**DETAILS**  
**What:** Motor City Comic Con  
**When:** May 14-16, 12:30-7 p.m. Friday, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sunday  
**Where:** Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi  
**Tickets:** \$20 one-day and \$45 weekend for adults; \$10 one-day and \$20 weekend for kids ages 6-10 with a paid adult (tickets higher at the door)

visit with a vast array of popular comic book writers and artists, including Sergio Aragones (featured contributor to Matt Groening's Bart Simpson Comics) Stan Sakai (Usagi Yojimbo), Al Feldstein (Mad Magazine), Darick Robertson (Conan the Barbarian), Ethan VanSciver

(Green Lantern) and many others. There will be Q&A panels, photo opportunities and movie screenings throughout the weekend, as well as a costume contest, art auction and hourly door prizes. Watch the story of the wildman from Syria wrestling's hardcore originator, The Sheik. See the story of the character whose mere name was dreaded throughout the wrestling world. Learn his effect on people during heated times and his representation in the music world. Also shown will be the award winning documentary, The J.W. Westcott story...Serving the Great Lakes Waterways and the World, #8222. This is the story of the J.W. Westcott. Located on the Detroit River for over 135 years, see the "jewel of the great lakes" in action. For ticket info, visit [www.motorcitycomics.com](http://www.motorcitycomics.com) or call (248) 426-8059.



# Novi Farmers Market debuts

About 750 people came to Main Street in downtown Novi for the first-ever Novi Farmers Market, organized by the Novi Chamber of Commerce. Billy Dinsers, of Dinsers Greenhouses, is shown discussing flowers with a market visitor. The market is held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. every Sunday through October. The May 16 Market Day features in-season asparagus, rhubarb, fresh eggs; greenhouse items - bedding plants, flower baskets, and herbs; foods - baked goods, coffee, jams, flavored butters, pickles, sandwiches, and other concessions; entertainment - Gig Warner, acoustic pop/rock artist; face painting, Garden Walk and Dinner Tour tickets will be available. A list of vendors is available at [www.novifarmersmarket.com](http://www.novifarmersmarket.com).

# Novi, four others reach agreement on movie screen

City plans to show six movies this summer

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The city of Novi will no longer have to rent a portable movie screen for outdoor shows thanks to an agreement with four other nearby communities.

Millford Township was the final community to approve the plan and guidelines for using the 24-foot-wide outdoor screen throughout the year, and Novi will show its first movie on the screen on June 16. Canton Township, Northville and South Lyon also will share the screen.

Each community is paying about \$5,700, which covers the screen, generator, trailer to tow it and insurance.

Nancy Cowan, superintendent of recreation for the city of Novi, said the city already has six dates planned out to use the screen, three more than last year.

The cost last year was roughly \$4,000 for three movies, and Cowan said by playing six movies this summer "we would have already paid for our screen this year."

"It's a small thing but in the end it has big results because a lot of community members get to benefit from it," she said. "The payoff is not just monetary."

Millard officials had agreed to a plan several months ago, but prior to signing it some of the stipulations were changed by another participating community. There was also a question of possibly spending more than what was approved — which called for further discussion.

The plan is "a work in progress," Millard Township Supervisor Green added,

**SCHEDULE**

Novi will show its six movies on Wednesdays and Fridays, with Friday being family movies and Wednesday being classics. The June 16 movie is "Smilin' in the Rain." June 25 is "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs," July 21 is "Breakfast at Tiffany's," July 23 is "Monsters vs. Aliens," Aug. 16 is "Bear Window" and Aug. 20 is viewer's choice. All movies are free and start at 8:30 p.m. at Fuerst Park.

which means it can be adjusted and changed if the participating communities agree that is necessary.

As it stands now, the agreement stipulates that each of the communities can use the equipment at least three times per year. It can't be loaned or leased to anyone who is not part of the inter-governmental agreement.

There are also provisions for maintenance and repairs, as well as for other parties to enter into the agreement. Currently, it's limited to six parties.

Green said one item that he'd like to see re-examined next year states all participating communities will share in repair costs if the equipment is damaged. He questions dividing that amount equally if only one community is responsible for the damage.

"But we will meet on an annual basis to go over the agreement," Green said. Meadowbrook Elementary School will be receiving a one-mile nature path on school grounds, while the civic center

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# 'Charlotte's Web'

Tickets are now on sale for the Novi Theatres run of Charlotte's Web. The show opens Friday, May 14 and tickets may be purchased online anytime at [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org) or at the Novi Civic Center (45175 West Ten Mile, between Novi and Taft roads) 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, Halle Bins, an eighth grader at Meads Mill Middle School in Northville, plays the iconic Charlotte. Over 50 young actors from Novi, Northville, Canton, Livonia, Wixom and West Bloomfield, have been hard at work putting together an engaging show for audience members. Shows are 7:30 p.m. Friday May 14; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday; and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$12/adults, \$10/children and seniors. All seats are reserved. There will be a special pre-show performance on Saturday, May 15 at 2 p.m. of The Fabulous Fable Factory. For more information, please call the Novi Parks office at (248) 347.0400 or visit [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org).

# Baronette giving free night for 1,000 hours of community service

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The Baronette Renaissance Detroit-Novi Hotel has a fresh new look, and its owners are looking to do the same for a Walled Lake school and the Novi Civic Center campus.

To celebrate its recent renovation, the hotel is giving back to the community through its "Give-a-Grand, Get-a-Night" 1,000-hour community service event.

Meadowbrook Elementary School will be receiving a one-mile nature path on school grounds, while the civic center

campus will undergo some spring cleaning, including work at the new Novi Public Library which is set to open June 1.

The hotel is partnering with Bright House Networks and they are looking for 250 volunteers to donate four hours of their time on May 15 for the projects. In return, volunteers will receive a complimentary overnight stay at the hotel.

Mike Waun, director of sales for The Baronette, said this type of community service isn't new to Sage Hospitality Group, which manages the

hotel, as the company has been built on giving back. "It's kind of ground-breaking I know for this area," Waun said. "But we are proud to be doing something for our community."

Sheryl Walsh, director of communications for the city of Novi, said with the new library opening and the hotel's desire to do something educational yet civic, it "seemed like a natural fit."

"From my standpoint any time you can engage your citizens in a volunteer effort and then throw in a business partner, everyone benefits," she

"It raises the community spirit and invokes a sense of pride." Volunteers are asked to sign up for the event by e-mailing their name, e-mail address and phone number to [diana.miller@thebaronette.com](mailto:diana.miller@thebaronette.com). They must be over 18 years old to be eligible for the free room, but are invited to attend with family.

Organizers said they also need people to donate or bring landscaping equipment, and cash donations will be accepted in lieu of volunteer hours.

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

### Drunk caught after fleeing police

A 24-year-old man was arrested at 12:55 a.m. on May 9 after fleeing the scene of a drunk driving stop on Grand River Avenue and Novi Road.

According to the police report, an officer in the area caught the driver going 61 miles per hour on Grand River Avenue before initiating a stop.

The driver smelled strongly of alcohol and admitted to drinking "one beer." He failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .10 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

When he was told he was under arrest for operating while intoxicated he told the officer he did not want to get arrested and asked if he could be taken home or drive home. The officer told him that was not an option, and when he went to place handcuffs on the driver he began to struggle.

He got out of the car and before the officer was able to get out his taser the driver wrestled free from the officer's grip and started running.

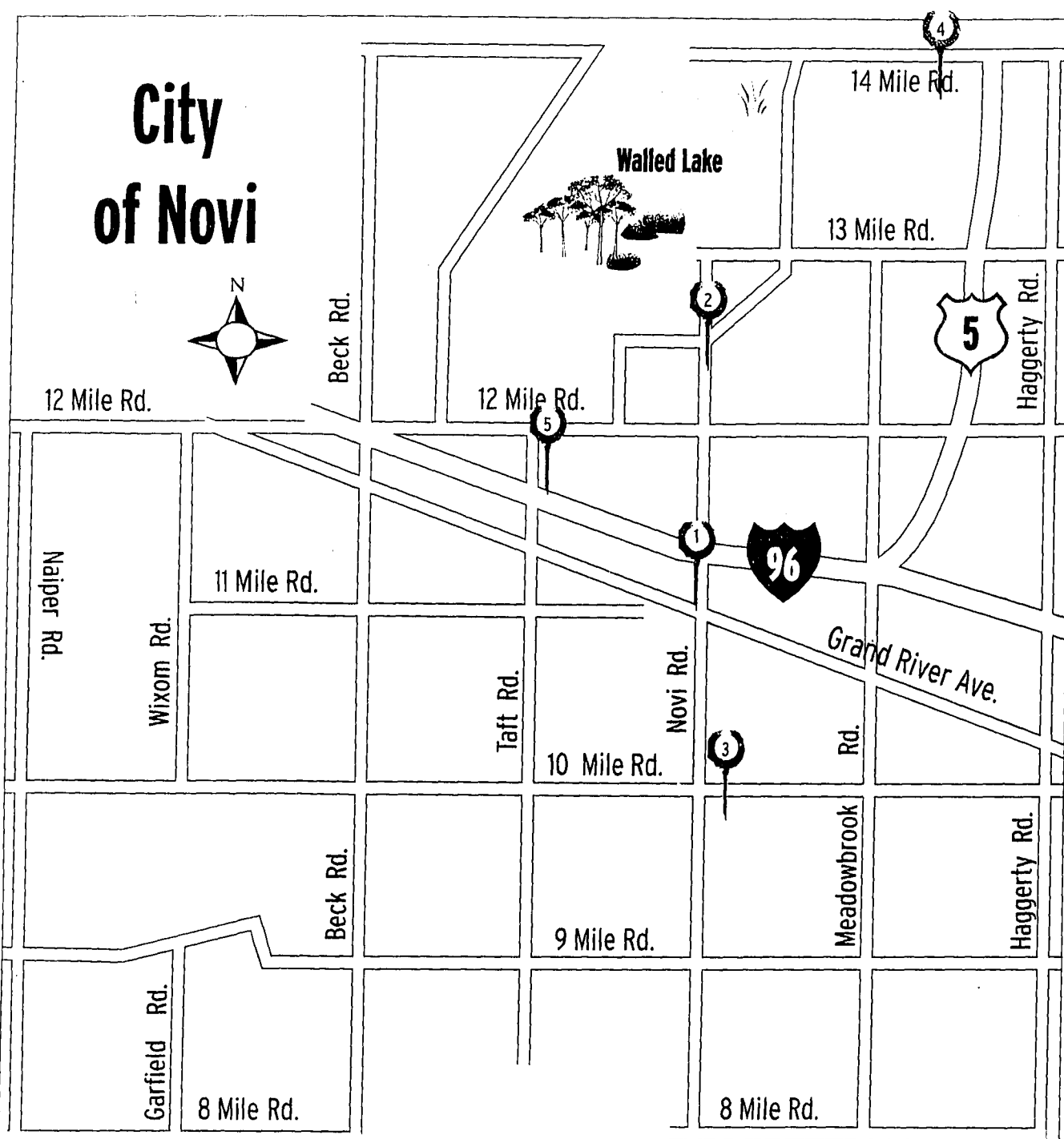
Police set up a perimeter within one minute and a K-9 unit responded, leading police to the suspect who was hiding in a semi-bush on gravel hill near Taft Road. The track took about 25 minutes.

Officers also found two fully loaded handguns on the floor of the truck that were registered to the driver.

He was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where he was released pending the issuance of a warrant.

### Woman arrested for drunk driving

A Walled Lake woman was arrested at 3:01 a.m. on May 9 for drunk driving after an officer observed her



vehicle swerving on Novi Road south of Old Novi Road.

The officer watched as the vehicle crossed into the center lane before swerving back into its original lane

and a traffic stop was initiated. She said she didn't realize she veered out of her lane and the officer could smell a strong odor of intoxicants coming from inside the car.

The woman failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .14 percent.

She was arrested and transported

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

### Items stolen from unlocked car

A woman had her iPhone and \$80 cash stolen from her car while it was parked at the Sports Club of Novi on May 7.

The woman was working out at the time of the theft, and when she returned to her vehicle she noticed the items missing. Her car was unlocked at the time.

### SUV found on blocks

A Chevrolet Tahoe had its wheels and tires stolen off of it overnight while it was parked in a driveway overnight on May 6 on Kingswood Lane.

The owner said he did not notice the theft until the morning when he found the vehicle on blocks.

Police have no suspects at this time.

### Police stop drunk driver

A 38-year-old woman was arrested at 3:11 a.m. on May 7 for drunk driving after being pulled over in the construction zone on westbound I-96.

According to the report, the vehicle was traveling 70 miles per hour 60 mph zone and was stopped just east of Beck Road.

The woman said she had a couple shots at the club after work and was heading home. She failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .16 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers is .08 percent.

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

- Compiled by Nathan Mueller



### Thanks, Claddagh

Catholic Central Dads' Club thanked The Claddagh Irish Pub of Livonia for sponsoring this year's St. Patrick's Day Ireland Raffle. First place includes a trip to Ireland, round trip airfare for two, and ground transportation. Second place is \$1,500. Rick Bloomfield and Jim Govan, raffle co-chairs, presented Angus McIntosh, regional manager and Jason King, General Manager of The Claddagh Irish Pub, a plaque in appreciation of their support. "We appreciate the support The Claddagh gave us," said Bloomfield. "With their help we had one of the most successful Ireland Raffles yet. Their willingness to support the community is a testament to why they are so successful. We look forward to working with them for many years to come." McIntosh, area director and a Catholic Central graduate from the class of '77, said, "This is a great way for The Claddagh Irish Pub to be involved with the community. There are no strangers here, only friends we have yet to meet." Shown (l to r) are Govan, McIntosh, King and Bloomfield. The Claddagh is located at 17800 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

## Premier Relocations helps Hope Closet give hope to prom attendees

Premier Relocations, a Novi agent for Mayflower Transit, has donated warehouse space and delivery services to Hope Closet - Michigan, a nonprofit organization working to provide young women the opportunity to attend special high school events with a dress of their choice regardless of financial constraints or limitations. The donation from Premier Relocations will help Hope Closet decrease their annual budget by over 25%. "This is our second year working with Hope Closet, what an opportunity to assist young women in building their self-esteem by allowing them to attend their high school prom in a beautiful dress," said Kirk Hensler, general manager of Premier Relocations. "I have two daughters who recently attended their High School Prom and know how important this event is, helping Hope Closet was a perfect fit." Hope Closet's volunteers spend each year collecting thousands of formal gowns. On April 12, they opened up a makeshift boutique inside a Royal Oak church for nine days. Girls from across Michigan have made appointments to visit the boutique where a volunteer, personal shopper helps each girl select the perfect dress and one necessary. In 2010 they hope to help over 700 girls attend Prom. Dresses can be dropped off for donation at Premier Relocations 47200 Grand River, Novi during normal business hours. First year volunteer Evelyn Parshall upon seeing Premier pull up in a tractor-trailer exclaimed, "Wow, that is one huge semi bringing a lot of HOPE to a lot of girls."

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Providence Park Hospital President Jean Meyer and Novi's Director of Public Safety David Molloy gather with several of the youngsters who participated in the Emergency 5k run and 1-mile stroke walk Saturday at Providence. All youngsters who participated in the race or walk received a medal. The event had 385 registered participants (runners and walkers), with a total of more than 450 people at the event.



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**CHURCH**

FROM PAGE A7

**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 [firstpresville.org](http://firstpresville.org)

**Sunday Worship**

**Time:** 9:30, 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](http://singleplace.org).

**First United Methodist Church of Northville**

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**Contact:** 248-349-1144 or [www.fumcnorthville.org](http://www.fumcnorthville.org)

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**Healing Service:** 4 p.m. first Mondays of every month

**Logo Youth Club:** 5 p.m. Wednesday for fourth-12th grade Oct.-April

**Men's Club:** 8 a.m. second Saturdays

**Career Ministry:** 7 p.m. first and third Mondays

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

**Location:** 4145 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

**Location:** 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia

**Contact:** For further information, please contact

**Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life**

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**Contact:** Rabbi Avrohom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or [rabb@novijewishcenter.com](mailto:rabb@novijewishcenter.com); [www.novijewishcenter.com](http://www.novijewishcenter.com)

**Novi United Methodist**

**Location:** 41671 W. 10 Mile Road

**Contact:** (248) 349-2652 or visit [umcnovi.com](http://umcnovi.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

**Contact:** (248) 912-0043 or visit [oakpointe.org](http://oakpointe.org)

**Worship Services:** 5:15 p.m. Saturday, 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday

**ReNew Life Group Ministries**

**Time/Date:** 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday

**Details:** Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning, change from a Christian perspective.

**Women's Life Groups Ministries**

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday

**Men's Life Groups Ministries**

**Time/Date:** 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations for both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact the church office.

**Orchard Hills Baptist Church**

**Location:** 23455 Novi Road

**Contact:** Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665

**Preschool/Kids Choir**

**Time/Date:** 7:15-8:15 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:** 41650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

**Contact:** (734) 453-0326, ext. 221

**Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church**

**Location:** 770 Trayer, Northville

**Contact:** (248) 349-2621 or [olvnorthville.org](http://olvnorthville.org)

**Saturday Worship**

**Time:** 9 p.m.

**Sunday Worship**

**Time:** 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

**Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church**

**Location:** 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

**Contact:** Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891

**Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.**

**Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday Worship:** 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

**St. James Catholic**

**Location:** 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi

**Contact:** (248) 347-7778

**Mass Schedule**

**TIME/DAY:** 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m.

**Monday-Tuesday:** 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

**Mothers Group**

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**Contact:** Kris Endreszi (248) 946-4080

**Blood Drive**

**Time/Date:** 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. May 16

**Details:** Appointments are necessary and can be made by contacting Frank at (248) 890-3801.

**St. John's Episcopal Church**

**Location:** 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

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**Location:** 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills

**Contact:** (248) 474-0584 or visit [stjohn-lutheran.com](http://stjohn-lutheran.com)

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**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**

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**Contact:** [www.uufarmington.org](http://www.uufarmington.org)

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OUR VIEWS

Employee pay cuts represent logical solution to school woes

There was a repeated plea heard at last Thursday's Novi school board meeting, and it usually began with, "Why are you eliminating (fill in the blank)? It's important!"

After unveiling a long list of proposed cuts, district officials knew the meeting would draw a large audience and switched it to a larger room. It helped accommodate the crowd, but it didn't quell their anger.

Education is probably only second to health/safety when it comes to a parent's priorities for their child. And many parents come to Novi because the education offered here is one of the best you'll find in Michigan's public school system.

But even with years of building a solid rainy day fund, Novi finds itself far from immune from the financial crisis that grips this state. If the district wants to keep that fund at 10 percent of the \$65 million budget for the 2010-11 school year, officials have to find a way to slash \$6.8 million.

When 85 percent of the budget is devoted to employees' salaries and benefits, it's the logical area to look for savings. But if the unions will not agree to concessions, administrators must look elsewhere for savings.

Every student who is in clubs, sports, music, full-day kindergarten; uses busing; relies on a counselor; uses textbooks/supplies/materials; takes life management classes; etc., etc. (basically, every student in the district), is going to feel the effects of the budget reduction recommendations. To paraphrase a 1980s movie, "Nobody gets out of here without singing the blues."

A blend of increased fees to bring in extra revenue along with staff and nonstaff reductions will hit this district hard. Many people will lose their jobs; parents will be shelling out extra money; and the overall quality of this fine district will diminish.

And guess what? Next year, it's estimated that the district will have to cut another \$4.5 million. Schools are facing the same dilemma that businesses and individuals all over this country are facing: How to make do with less money.

Our local district is like every other one in this state — a balanced budget must be approved by June 30. Those who must make these decisions do not do so lightly. They're parents. This community is their home. They understand the impact these cuts will have, and they too know "It's important!"

The real solution is in Lansing where the purse strings are controlled and where our representatives need to face the fact that Proposal A is not working.

Until that is addressed, the logical place for cuts must be visited. Every employee across the board has to be willing to get paid less — or be ready to lose their job. It's the ugly reality of this recession. But ask somebody who's without a job if they'd rather be working.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS  
The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues. In Your Voices, on the Web at hometownlife.com.  
■ Novi teacher back in school after sentencing  
Hope things work out for him. Lenny12  
Why do the police have hidden cameras in the mailroom at Meadows? Is it a hot-spot for misdemeanors and felonies? Weird ... novillion

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COMMUNITY VOICE

What is your favorite song to dance to?  
(Asked of attendees of a Tuesday afternoon dance at the Novi Senior Center.)



"Drinking Champagne" - the words are great: drinking champagne and feeling no pain."  
Faye Sinclair  
Novi



"Waltz Across Texas" - I really like the music and my wife, Rose, and I have won gold at the Senior Olympics dancing to waltzes."  
Jim Rose  
Redford



"I like to dance to cha-chas and slow waltzes. 'Pretty Woman' is good. I really like all music to dance to."  
Gloria Schaubman  
West Bloomfield



"Moten Swing" - because its composer used to work with Duke Ellington. My wife and I really picked up on it when we first met a few years ago."  
Harold Stevens  
Livonia

LETTERS

Keep music programs

Pete Dion, the superintendent of the Novi Community Schools, recently informed me by e-mail in response to a question that I posed that a decision to eliminate 5/6 instrumental music at Novi Meadows has been made and will be presented to the Board of Education for approval on May 20. It is my sincere hope that the board does not approve this administrative recommendation and does what is right for the children involved in instrumental music at Novi Meadows and the Novi Community School district as a whole.

I understand the challenges of the current economic climate; however, a cut of this nature is cruel and unwarranted. The damage done to the reputation of the district and its music program will far outweigh the cost savings realized by the elimination of the program. There are many children in tears over the potential loss of the 5/6 music program since this news has been communicated to them by their teachers. Elimination of this program will be a major step toward making the Novi Community School district a second-rate district and a far less desirable place to send children to receive an education.

Neighboring districts that have been even harder hit than Novi have been able to balance their budgets for next year without cutting elementary music. Elimination of this program would be a major blow to Novi's reputation as a leading school district in Oakland County and will greatly reduce the desirability of living within the NCSD attendance area.

Novi Community Schools has a long and proud reputation for excellence in academics, sports and the arts. I am afraid that this reputation may be quickly eroding by chasing high standardized test scores and forsaking other vitally important programs such as elementary music. There is more to education than high MEAP and ACT scores. If neighboring students can continue to do what is best for children, there is no reason why any less should be expected of the Novi Schools.

Scott Armstrong  
Novi Meadows Parent

Abuse not just a church problem

This is in response to the Guest Column ("Church child abuse scandal: never again") written by Tom Watkins that appeared in the May 6 Novi News. Along with Mr. Watkins, I am frustrated, angered and deeply saddened by the widespread sexual abuse that has taken place in the church and would love nothing more than to have our children — in fact, all people — live in a world where they are respected and treated with the dignity God intended when we were created in the divine image.

Unfortunately, his article is short-sighted and makes it look like this issue is only related to the Catholic church, which is farthest from the truth. As indicated below, sexual abuse takes place more frequently among families and other places.

He also wrongly makes the accusation that the cover-up included Pope Benedict XVI. This accusation was first written in *The New York Times*. Subsequent public records reveal that *The New York Times* made no effort to corroborate their story, and much of the information was false documentation.

First and foremost, I agree with Mr. Watkins that any act of sexual abuse is wrong and criminal and should be treated as such. Second, sexual abuse cases are found in all churches and places of worship. Most are not heard of since there is no lawsuit associated with them. Third, sexual abuse is very prevalent in public schools: since 2007, no fewer than 2,200 separate cases of sexual abuse have been filed against U.S. public school employees.

Fourth, most sexual abuse cases (over 85 percent) take place in the family, with a baby-sitter, neighbors or friends, according to various studies. Many of these are covered due to family embarrassment. Sexual abuse is not a religious, family or school problem. Sexual abuse is a cultural problem. We have destroyed our societal and religious values that hold the human person to the highest state of dignity and respect. We teach our children how to use the condom and fertility control tools assuming they have no capability of personal discipline in sexual matters. Our media holds up sex as the source of all happiness, our laws allow public and blatant pornography under the guise of freedom of speech, and we are told that we must be open to and accept every personal opinion as truth and every immoral behavior as good or we are accused of being bigoted and close-minded.

Mr. Watkins uses the analogy of the barn door being open too long. He is correct, but we must take it much further. The Catholic church is doing something about it and we are much more aggressive than any other sector of society with "Safe Environment" education and more detailed scrutiny and reporting at all levels. The tragedy is that the barn door is still open in our education system, with our televisions and other media, courts of law, and in the rest of our culture. Let's wake up and fix the problem — the whole problem. Child Abuse: Never Again.

Rev. Timothy D. Hogan  
pastor, Holy Family Parish, Novi

Make public safety a priority

My stomach dropped when reading that we are laying off two of our finest full-time police officers. I agree — yes, times are the worst we have ever seen. Two things that should not be touched to "get ahead" are losing our public safety.

The public safety director stated, we shouldn't see any change in police response, but with two less officers patrolling and taking emergency calls, eventually someone will have to wait for an officer to respond. What's next?

Laying off two full-time firefighters and telling us a fire truck will eventually make it? When police and fire respond, they will have fewer personnel to do their job

effectively and that puts everyone's safety at risk.

We pay higher taxes than other surrounding communities for the safety it offers. In a council meeting, I heard the quote, "The sky is not falling in Novi." Let's take that surplus in our rainy day fund to keep these heroes employed, not plant new trees at city hall to make it look pretty. I hope the City Council opens their eyes and brings public safety back to our priority. My safety, as well as all my fellow Novi neighbors, depends on it.

Carrie Danielle  
Novi

Union suggestions for school board

Speaking on behalf of the members of the Novi Education Association, I am gravely disappointed at the administration's budget recommendation made to the Board of Education at last Thursday's school board meeting. The cuts proposed will have a harmful impact on the depth and breadth of the world class educational experience that we are proud of in Novi.

Even though we know the economic times are tough in our state, we are concerned with the manner in which this plan was developed. The employees were asked to attend a one-day meeting, which was a great start but fell very short as the process should have started in September. Secondly, the board's insistence on maintaining a 10-percent plus fund equity is laudable, especially in good times. But the stark reality is that these conditions are unprecedented. Borrowing money from the state at under 1-percent interest would not be the worst thing that could happen.

Finally, and most concerning of all, is the wedge that the district has been driving to divide employees. It started with the privatization movement and continues with the threat of massive layoffs in the hopes of forcing the teachers into concessions. Public outbursts by individual board members certainly have not been helpful.

We would like the Novi school board members to:

- 1. Publicly call out all state leaders to fairly, adequately, and permanently fund public education in this state;
- 2. Investigate all avenues of revenue enhancements, including the possibility of selling all properties that have little future potential for our educational community;
- 3. When calling for concessions, work with union leadership behind closed doors and set examples at the top where school leaders take a bigger cut;
- 4. Communicate openly and honestly with employees;
- 5. Base your decisions on vision and leadership, not simply a knee jerk reaction to a survey in which less than 5-percent of the population participated.

The bottom line is, do every single thing in your power to maintain the best place to learn and teach in this country. Our kids deserve that kind of commitment.

Tom Brenner  
Novi Education Association president

LOCAL EVENTS

**Fourth Annual Southeast Michigan WALK/HEARING**  
Time/Date: 9 a.m. Saturday, May 15  
Location: east boat dock at Kensington Metropolitan Park  
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 walk/hearing.org and click on link for SE MI Walk or Audrey Pleasant at (313) 562-5937 or audreyppleasant@gmail.org

**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: tiffidoson@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 Tall 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 Strikulis (248) 318-7841 or dstrikulis@wmvrr.com or Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193 or pnerick@aol.com.

**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 1 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. 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

**Novi Farmers' Market & International Street Fair**  
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, through Oct. 31  
Location: Main Street, between Grand River Avenue and Novi Road  
Details: An open-air market featuring fresh and tasty produce, gourmet plants and flowers, yummy baked goods, honey and jam, sensational crafts and works of art. Presented by the Novi Chamber of Commerce, Bright House Networks and the Toasted Oak Grill. May 16 Market Day features in-season asparagus, rhubarb, fresh eggs; greenhouse items - bedding plants, flower baskets, and herbs; breads - baked good, coffee, jams, flavored butters, pickles, sandwiches, and other concessions; entertainment - Gia Warner, acoustic pop/rock artist; face painting, Garden Walk and Dinner Tour tickets will be available. List of vendors available at www.novifarmersmarket.com

**Novi Toastmasters Club**  
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday  
Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375  
Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome — and bring a friend. Visit www.novi.treelifehost.us.  
Contact: Paulette Allio, V.P. of

**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 Outley, a fitness specialist, physical therapist and certified Zumba instructor, teaches both classes. The class is \$2 for Botsford Center 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.

**Metro Novi BNI**  
Time/Date: 7-8:30 a.m. every Wednesday  
Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of 8 Mile), Novi  
Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine an "elevator speech," develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.  
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Time/Date: Noon every Thursday  
Location: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road  
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**NIGHTLIFE**  
**Andiamo Novi / Dirty Martini Lounge / Andiamo Theater Lounge**  
Location: 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi  
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**Andiamo Lounge**: local entertainers 8 p.m. Wednesdays; Old Vegas Night 6:30 p.m. and Dave Croon 8:30 p.m. Fridays; Laurie Johnson 8:30 p.m. Saturdays.  
**Dirty Martini Lounge**: Killer Flamigos 10 p.m. Thursday

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**The Grapevine of Novi**  
Location: 43155 Market Street, Novi  
Contact: (248) 344-4044; www.thegrapevineofnovi.com  
**Live music Fridays and Saturdays**: 8:30-midnight  
May 14 - Paul Carey Trio  
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**The Post Bar**  
Location: 42875 Grand River Avenue, Novi  
Contact: (248) 465-9600  
Wednesdays: WYLD! Wednesday with DJ Joey "A" & mc Jevon Hollywood  
Thursdays: DJ Tommy Holiday  
Fridays: Famous Friday with DJ mix & mc Jevon Hollywood

**Mixx Lounge**  
Location: 43155 Main Street, Novi  
Contact: (248) 347-6499 or mixx-novi.com  
Thursday-Saturday: DJ

**Novi Public Library**  
Library Hours  
Location: 45245 W. Ten Mile Road  
Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 a.m.-5 p.m. (September-May)  
Details: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the Library.  
Contact: (248) 349-0720  
Website: www.novilibrary.org  
The Novi Public Library will be closed for the months of April and May in preparation for our move to the new library building in June. The library website (www.novilibrary.org) will continue to be available. Library programs will be conducted at alternative sites, and library services will be available at neighboring libraries. Please see the "Survival Guide" on the library website for more details.  
Library Board Meeting  
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 19  
Details: The Library Board meets the third Wednesday of each month at the Novi Civic Center - Council Chambers.  
Novi Historical Commission  
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 19  
Details: The Novi Historical Commission meets the third Wednesday of every month at 7pm. This month's meeting will take place at the MSU Tollgate Center located at 2815 Meadowbrook Road.  
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**Novi Community Education**  
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# At home in the kitchen

## High school senior to test skills against nation's best

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

It's easy to see where Ashleigh Evans gets her passion from considering both her parents worked in the restaurant industry.

It's also no surprise then that Evans, a Novi High School senior, is excelling at her craft, and will compete against some of the top students in the nation in June at the SkillsUSA Championships in the Food and Beverage Service category.

"I really enjoy being back in the kitchen, but I think my

strength is in the front of the house," she said. "I just love the fast pace of it. There is nothing like it."

Evans is a first-year student in the culinary arts program at Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southwest. She was told about the SkillsUSA competition by her teacher Patty Fox and took home second place finishes at both the regional and state competitions.

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Novi High School and OSTC student Ashleigh Evans will compete in the SkillsUSA Championships in the Food and Beverage Service category on June 21.



Oakland Schools Technical Campus student Ashleigh Evans totes a tray of salads and soups at the school's Culinary Cafe on April 28. Ashleigh, who did well in recent a recent state competition, will be competing at the national level in June in Kansas City, Mo.

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# Church invites public to free event

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The sanctuary at Faith Community Presbyterian Church is undergoing an artistic transformation this weekend.

And they are inviting the public to check it out. The first Festival of Faith and the Arts kicks off Friday afternoon, highlighted by Kayb Carpenter Joseph's sculpture titled "The Beloved." The piece will cover the sanctuary, while 12 other local artists will feature their work throughout the church.

Carpenter Joseph, who graduated from the University of Michigan and now works at Covenant College as a professor, said she is honored the church asked her to come set up her elaborate display. "I am even more delighted that they are seeking to understand and empower the artists

### DETAILS

The event opens Friday with a reception from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and continues on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a concert at 4 p.m. The church is located at 44400 Ten Mile Road, and admission is free.

in their midst by offering them a venue to display their work," she said. "The display of the artist's work in the church is appropriate as it draws the viewer to explore and enjoy the work of God in his creation and

through his creative people." Rev. Richard Henderson came up with the idea of the festival to show there are several ways to express the faith.

"We all express our faith through the gifts God has given us, the alto in the choir sings with passion, the writer creates a story or essay, the accountant audits the books, the violinist makes the strings sing," he said. "We are thankful for the abilities and skills we have been given and we try to use them so that in some small way, at least, they bring glory to God."

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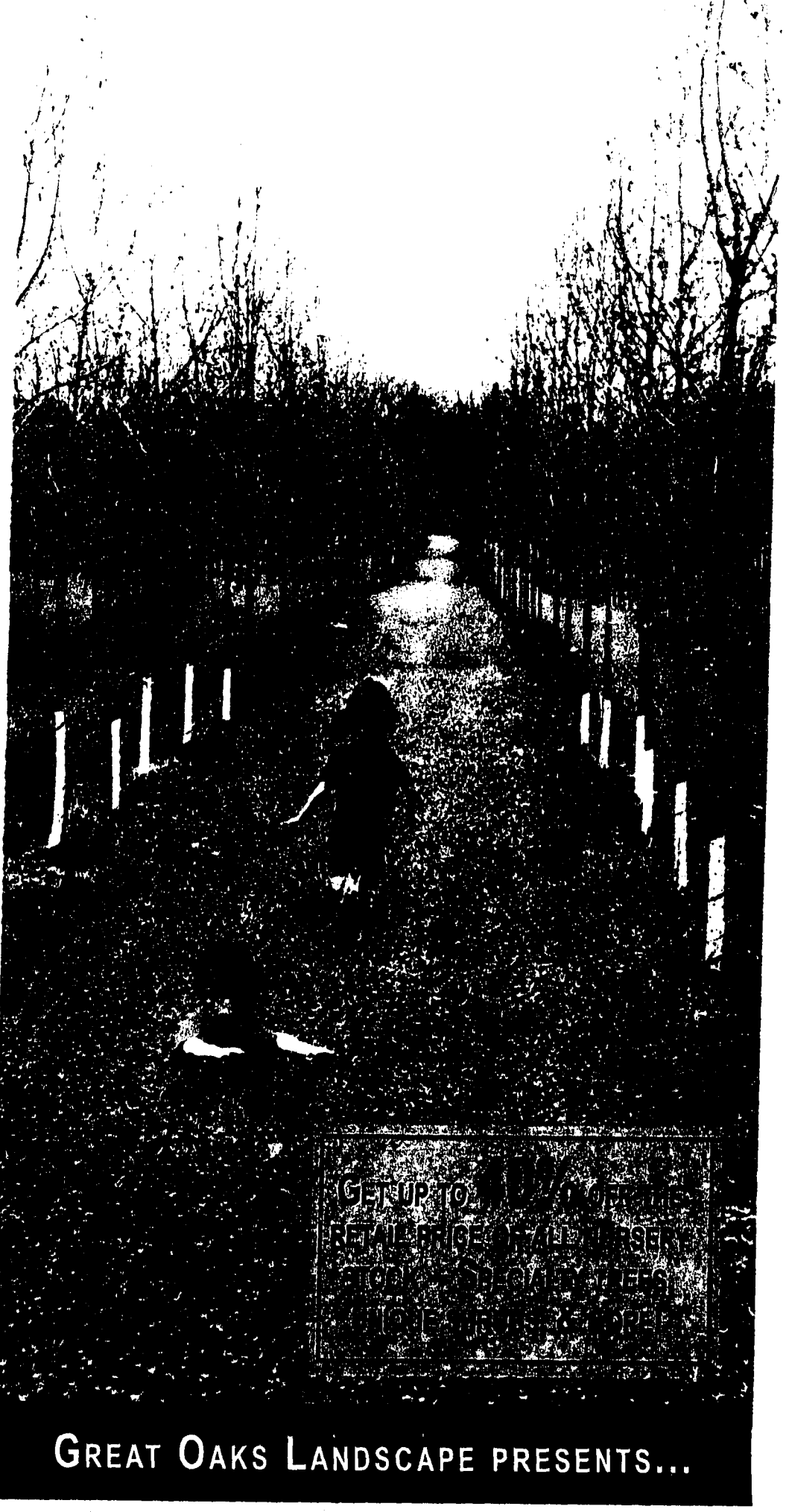
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## Tweaks coming to older adult transportation program

Cab program could be reinstated during off hours

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

Changes to the older adult transportation program are on the horizon as the city of Novi works to balance its budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Initially, the city council approved a plan to eliminate the subsidized cab program and rely solely on the van program to transport residents, but an alternate proposal has come forward that will allow both to stick around.

"The original idea was to consolidate and go with the van program and expand the hours," said City Manager Clay Pearson. "But if council wants to tweak it a bit, we suggest to keep the cab service but only run it when not doing the van program."

The van program is currently available from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday-Friday and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday for Novi residents over 55 years old and for those who are physically or devel-

opmentally challenged. Users can go anywhere in the city for \$3 per one-way trip or outside the city for medical appointments within a 10-mile radius for \$5.

The program is a scheduled service and riders must make plans 48 hours in advance to get a ride. Pearson said they do try to accommodate those who schedule rides less than 48 hours before pick up as well.

This fiscal year, through April, the van program has provided 10,320 rides to 81

users.

The subsidized cab program is currently a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week service for the same type of user and costs \$9 per ride with \$4 paid by the user and \$5 by the city. People can call the service at anytime to schedule a ride and the user has sole use of the ride.

This fiscal year, through April, the cab program has provided 2,620 one-way rides to 51 users.

Both programs are funded utilizing SMART funds, the Community Development Block Grant, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services funds and user fees.

City officials saw a way the city could save money by using just the van service because 70 percent of the cab riders use it

during the same time the vans run. But eliminating the cabs could pose a problem for some people.

"I need the flexibility of being able to call for transportation on the day I need it," said resident and seven-year user of the cab service Karen Wurster. "There are some social things I do like, just getting out of the house, and they take me everywhere I need to go in the city for a fare I can afford."

"I am disabled and have a limited transportation income and being able to use the community cab is a very good thing for me."

The alternate proposal being suggested to the board calls for the van program to contin-

ue its same hours and running the cab program only during the off hours. It would also lower the city's payment from \$5 per ride to \$4 and increase the rider's fee to \$5.

Cab rides have been decreasing over the recent years, and if the trend continues, the city could see a savings between \$6,000 and \$10,000 by offering the cab program outside of normal van program hours.

"Upon review it does make sense since we do not have the van service all the time," Pearson said.

The Novi City Council made a decision on the alternative plan at Monday's regular city council meeting, as well as adopt the 2010-2011 budget.

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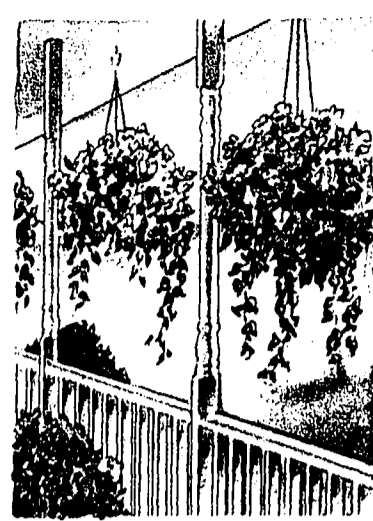


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**Gauruder stuffs Colts, 'Cats win,**  
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**Trenton tops Shamrocks in replay of '99 game**

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In 1999, Trenton defenseman Kurt LaTarte turned blue and nearly died after a hockey skate slashed into his neck during a showdown with Detroit Catholic Central, then based out of Redford Township.

That game — between the defending state champion Trojans and soon-to-be crowned CC — had to be stopped with five minutes remaining in the third period and the score tied 4-4.

Both teams knelt in a circle that night to pray for LaTarte's recovery and amazingly, he pulled through.

On Sunday more than 11 years later, LaTarte and his Trenton teammates again faced the Shamrocks to settle things without any life-and-death drama.

In a well-played game that capped two months of intense training by the players, Trenton rallied in the third period to earn a 4-2 win before a sold-out and enthusiastic crowd at Plymouth Township's Compware Arena.

Spectacular goalkeeping from Matt Modelski nearly pulled a victory off for the Shamrocks, who were outworked and outshot (41-30). Modelski stopped 37 of 40 shots, with Brad Zancanaro scoring into an empty net with nine seconds to play.

"I was truly amazed at the effort and the stops these goalies made," said honorary CC coach Scotty Bowman. "I just can't believe how goalies can get that proficient in such a short time."

Ben Rader started in net for Trenton and stopped 12 of 14 shots and Tony Damiani (10 saves) came in to close the door in the third — diving, sprawling and holding off a furious Shamrocks comeback try in the final minutes.

Modelski's efforts, along with goals from Jim Spiewak and Ryan Yost, gave CC a 2-1 edge entering the third.

The Trojans tied it up at 6:03 of the final stanza when Alec Lesko scored.

Exactly three minutes later, Trenton scored the winner off a 3-on-1 rush.



The Catholic Central and Trenton hockey teams from 1999 gather around Trojans head coach Mike Turner following the Gatorade 'REPLAY' matchup at Compware Arena. Turner thanked the players for their efforts.

**DAZZLING DISPLAY**

Twin forwards Brad (two goals, two assists) and Tony Zancanaro crushed the net, with Lesko finishing his second of the day.

"Their better players outplayed our better players," said Catholic Central's Keith Rowe, who played several seasons of minor league hockey. "They took it to the net and were relentless. It was only a matter of time before they put it in."

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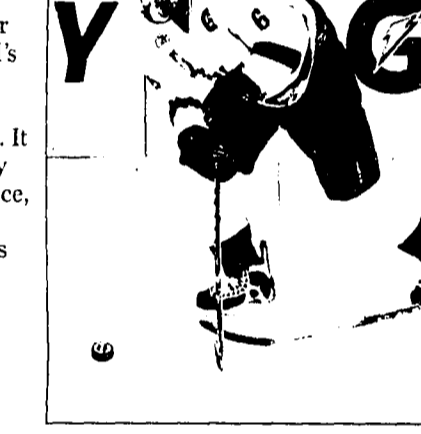
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**REPLAY**



Trenton defenseman Kurt LaTarte (No. 6) wards off the check of an unidentified Detroit Catholic Central player during Sunday's rematch of a 1999 game. A near-fatal on-ice injury to LaTarte in '99 prompted the Gatorade 'REPLAY' series to feature the Shamrocks and Trojans at Compware Arena in Plymouth.

**Novi batters strong in wins over two top-four D1 teams**



Novi's Nick Regnier at the plate.

It was a big week for Novi's baseball team. The No. 9 Wildcats had doubleheaders against No. 3 Livonia Stevenson and No. 4 Lake Orion, plus individual contests against West Bloomfield and KLA A division-title contenders Walled Lake Central and Livonia Churchill.

Overall, things went pretty well for Novi (18-4 overall, 10-2 Central), who won five of six games, with the second doubleheader game against Stevenson suspended until this afternoon due to darkness on May 5, where the teams were tied 10-10 after the sixth inning.

"We had a busy week, seven games," Novi coach Rick Green said. "If you had told me we'd be 5-1-1 with a chance to be 6-1, I'd be (thrilled)."

The Stevenson doubleheader had direct KLA A Central Division title implications for both teams. Senior Adam Paulk pitched a solid first game, allowing one run and three hits over five innings, while walking two and striking out seven.

Novi's offense started early with a leadoff triple by senior Masaru Nogami, who was brought home on a ground ball by senior Chris Slack. Hits by seniors Alex Engelbreton and Kevin Zak set senior Nick Regnier up for a grand slam to left-center to give the Wildcats a 5-1 lead after three innings.

Sophomore Jim Eloff singled in the fourth and wound up on

**third after two wild pitches.**

Paulk brought him home with a sacrifice fly to left field.

Nogami (3-for-4, three runs, triple), Regnier, (2-for-3, grand slam, 4 RBI), Eloff (2-for-3) and Paulk had fifth-inning singles that combined with walks to Zak (2-for-2, two walks, two runs) and junior Mike Kruse, resulting in four more runs.

An RBI single by Zak brought Nogami home for a game-ending 10-run lead at 11-1 through six innings.

Off to another quick start, Nogami and Zak reached base

Please see **BASEBALL, B3**

**Border-less netters dominate crossovers**

Novi ousts WLW 9-0, Brighton 7-2

BY CHRIS JACKETT  
CORRESPONDENT

Although a lot of lineup shifting was needed, the No. 5 Wildcats used their KLA A conference crossover tennis matches to add another two dual meet victories to their belt last week with dominant wins over two other division runners-up.

With one singles senior Amanda Border temporarily out of action after a May 4 afternoon automobile accident, her singles teammates each played a flight higher than usual with generally positive results.

"She got hit pretty hard on the driver's side door," Novi coach Jim Hanson said, adding that Border was bruised up, but did not break any bones. "Hopefully Amanda will be back this week."

Sophomore Abby Wang took over the one singles slot

for the week, posting a 6-0, 6-2 win over Walled Lake Western May 4 and a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Brighton last Thursday.

Taking over Wang's usual two singles slot was senior Sara Carlson, who won 6-0, 6-2 against Western and 6-0, 6-1 against Brighton.

Senior Lauren Felcher defeated Western 6-2, 6-0 at three singles, but lost 6-4, 6-1 in the same flight against Brighton.

With the four singles flight open, Hanson tested two different Wildcats. Freshman Caitlin O'Brien stepped in to post a nail-biting 7-6(2), 7-5 victory over Western, while senior Andrea Lollo moved up from doubles action to earn a 6-3, 6-2 four singles victory over Brighton. Senior Shannon Maturi also stepped up from doubles play for a 6-

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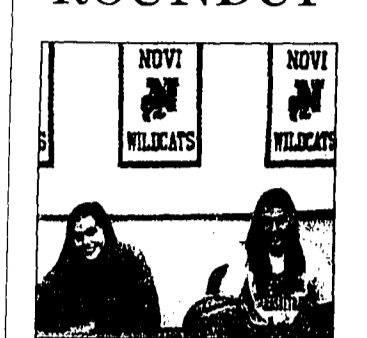
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**NOVI ROUNDUP**



COURTESY OF NOVI ATHLETICS

Novi seniors Jessica Cingel (left) and Kelsey Masserant officially signed their National Letters of Intent May 5 to play girls basketball in college. Masserant signed with Hope College and Cingel signed with Northwood University.

BY CHRIS JACKETT  
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**GIRLS BASKETBALL COLLEGIATE SIGNINGS**

Novi seniors Jessica Cingel and Kelsey Masserant officially signed their National Letters of Intent May 5 to play girls basketball in college. Masserant, a forward who averaged 15.3 points, 7.8 rebounds and 1.8 steals per game, will play at Hope College. Cingel, a forward who averaged 5.1 points, 5.7 rebounds and 1.3 steals per game, will play at Northwood University. The pair joins senior Caroline Johnson (Indiana University) as three college team-bound Wildcats from coach Bill Kelp's 18-4 squad last winter.

**GOLF**

Novi's golfers had a strong past two weeks, highlighted by their tie for first place at the Byron Invitational April 28 at Hunter's Ridge. With 315 points, the Wildcats tied Detroit Catholic Central. Junior Sam Palmer led the way with a 75, followed by freshman Brad Kozinski (77), senior Tyler Manning (80) and junior Kyle Edwards (83).

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**REPLAY**  
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left wing, but Spiewak trailed to roof the rebound. Chris Morelli also assisted. Brad Zancanaro's short-handed breakaway goal with 1:33 to go in the frame evened the match at 1-1.

The only marker in the second was scored on the power play by CC's Yost with nine minutes remaining. Rowe and Brandon Kalonicki drew helpers on the goal.

**FULL CIRCLE**

When the final buzzer sounded, Trenton players threw their sticks into the air and mobbed each other in a show of cathartic happiness. Then, as they did in 1999, both teams again knelt in a circle. But this time, smiles replaced tears. Trenton head coach Mike Turner thanked all the players for their strong efforts in making the Gatorade REPLAY game a winner for both sides.

"It was amazing just having everyone there, family and friends supporting us, it was great," said LaTarte, a Beverly Hills resident who still bears visible scars on the right side of his neck from the horrific experience in '99. "I've never played in an atmosphere like that before."

"I'll be grateful for the rest of my life for all these guys, on both teams."

Gatorade chose LaTarte's remarkable story out of some

3,000 applications for the REPLAY series and there was no shortage of emotion on Sunday.

The teams were charged up from the opening puck drop. Meanwhile, fans from Catholic Central and Trenton mixed it up in the friendliest-possible fashion as the hockey game turned into an excuse for a reunion.

"It's hard to explain, it's like old friends or something," said Redford's Rory Alderton of the Catholic Central Dad's Club. "I don't even know how to put it into words."

Alderton, whose son Kevin went to CC, worked as a guard at a set of doors in the concourse at the end of the arena populated by Trenton faithful.

"Everybody is coming up to me, they're very friendly, shaking hands and wishing us well," Alderton said. "This thing is nothing but good will here."

**WORK PAYS OFF**

He and others also said the on-ice action was good considering a number of the players hadn't skated since high school.

One of those was Catholic Central forward Jim Spiewak, who now lives in Florida. His parents, former Livonians Jim and Sheron Spiewak (also of Florida) and other family members were there to cheer him on.

"Jimmy's been taking it very serious," the elder Jim Spiewak said. "He's been conditioning. Mentally, physically, it's been a real big part of his

life the last couple months. They flew him up here a few times from Florida for all the skates, the practices, and all the conditioning. He dropped about 50 pounds for the event."

Players came in from 16 states for the game. But they also returned to Michigan for several weekends for team practices and individual off-ice workouts at Velocity Sports Performance in Canton.

Because of that rigorous training, there was a surprisingly fast pace to the action along with plenty of hard hits and blocked shots.

Catholic Central head coach Todd Johnson alluded to both teams' passion and determination.

"Going through the handshake line, the first six Trenton guys I shook hands with had blood on their face," Johnson said. "And that tells you about this rivalry."

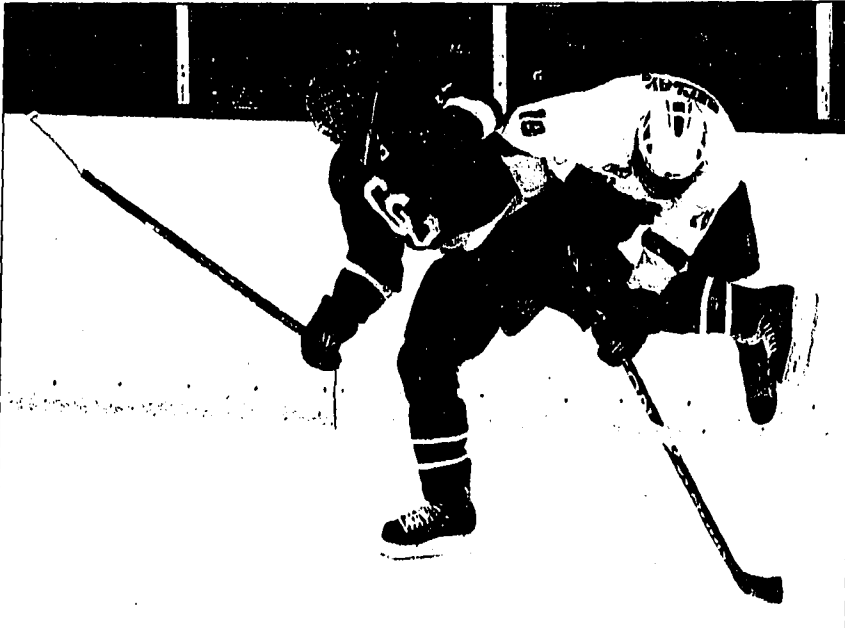
**PLENTY TO SMILE ABOUT**

The 1998-99 season was a key chapter revisited Sunday. The Shamrocks went 25-1-1 that season, with the sole loss and tie at the hands of Trenton.

Turner and the Trojans didn't win the 1999 state title, but they came away from Sunday's rematch with the next best thing—a silver Gatorade Cup that looked an awful lot like Stanley. Trenton players also doused Turner with the cold, green beverage. Although happy with the trophy and with Gatorade for putting on a "fabulous" hockey



One of Sunday's standouts, Catholic Central goalie Matt Modelski (No. 29) stops an in-close scoring bid by Trenton's Brad Zancanaro (No. 9). One of the CC blueliners (middle, not identified) also tries to check Zancanaro, who scored two of the Trojans' four goals.



Trenton's John Nadzam (No. 19) goes flying thanks to a hard hit from Catholic Central defenseman Ryan Yost, demonstrating the kind of hard-hitting action fans enjoyed during Sunday's "REPLAY" game at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

showcase, Turner said the win didn't change 1999.

"Today was just a special event for this group and their group," Turner noted. "We hope there'll be more championships to be won."

They won't come with Trenton honorary coach Brendan Shanahan, who jokingly said his career behind the bench started and ended Sunday. The popular former Red Wing then mentioned an exchange after the game with his longtime boss, Bowman.

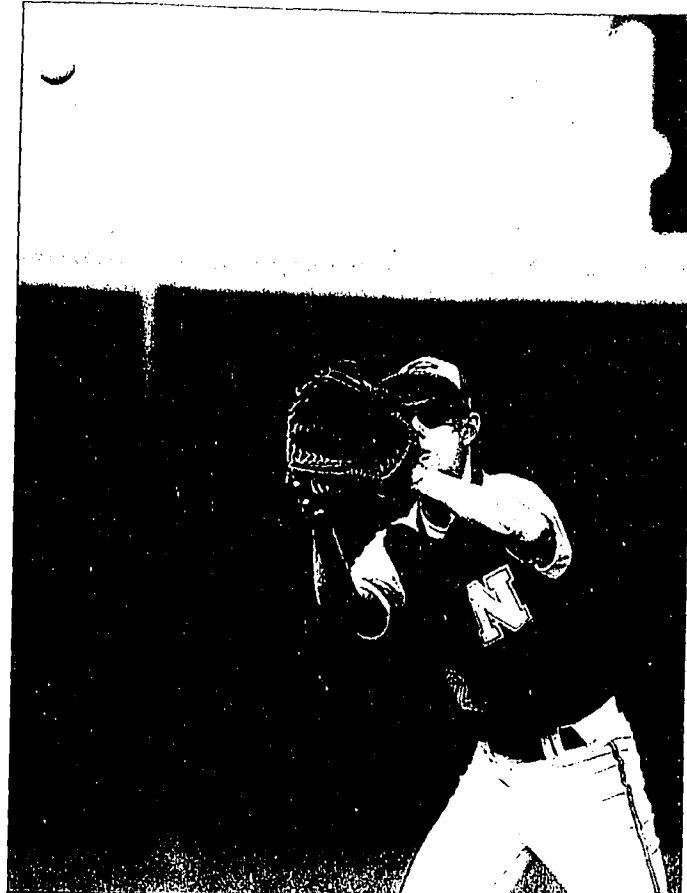
"Scotty said the best team won, and I said 'You were outcoached,'" said Shanahan, prompting laughter during the press conference.

Shanahan then perfectly summed up the whole experience.

"I don't think people realize the work that goes into playing a game like that, with the hitting, guys laying down to block shots and sacrificing in order to win," he stressed. "But this is such a great story for these two teams."

"I know we played this game because they wanted a winner, but in my books they're both winners."

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Wildcat Kevin Zak snares a flyball during Nov's April 12 home game.

**BASEBALL**  
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on errors before Regnier belted his second home run of the day for a 3-0 lead.

"Before that, I hadn't hit with a lot of power overall and it just came together," Regnier said.

Senior Alex Karas pitched a strong four innings with three strikeouts, but the one hit he allowed was a three-run homer.

The Wildcats rebuilt a three-run lead in the third with RBI singles from senior Garrett Jewell and sophomore Logan Regnier. The Cats added another run in the top of the fifth, but Stevenson found their bats in the bottom of the frame and drove seven runs home to take a 10-7 lead.

Novi started the sixth inning with singles from Kruse, Eloff and Slack before Logan Regnier singled Kruse home to tie the contest at 10-10.

Regnier took to the mound and kept Stevenson (16-4, 8-3 Central) scoreless in the fifth and sixth innings, at which point the game was suspended because of darkness.

"I thought we played with a lot of heart. These guys are consecutive Gold Gloves from 1960-75 during a 23-year career."

Not about to be upset twice in four hours, the Dragons scored two in the first, three in the third, four in the fifth and five in the sixth to amass 14 runs in a mercy-shortened game. Novi kept things interesting through the first three innings, but only had three runs on six hits over the six-inning 14-9 loss.

**NON-CONFERENCE GAUNTLET**

The Wildcats made their own doubleheader of sorts last Thursday, scheduling back-to-back contests against West Bloomfield (7-7) and at Walled Lake Central (14-5, 9-3 North).

Nick Regnier went 3-for-4 with a double, two runs and two RBIs to lead the way while senior Garrett Jewell and Eloff combined to pitch the 13-8 Novi victory over the Lakers.

Jewell and Eloff combined for a well-rounded 8-3 victory over the Vikings the same evening.

**CHURCHILL**

The Livonia Churchill Chargers (13-10, 8-5 KLAAsouth) came to town for a defensive showdown last Monday, but an early lead on a home run off Paulk in the top

**NOVI SPORTS BRIEFS**

Novi High School will be hosting their lacrosse camp for students entering grades fourth through eighth on July 12-15 from 1-5 p.m. The camp will be directed by Novi High School Varsity Coach Tom Stephano who has led his teams to the KVC and KLAAs champion-

**ON TAP**

At 10-2 in the KLAAs Central, Novi (18-4 overall) has a slight lead over Northville (12-8, 9-3 Central) and Livonia Stevenson (16-4, 8-3 Central).

"We're looking to wrap up the league. If we win Wednesday, I think we have a real good shot at it," Novi senior Nick Regnier said last Monday night.

Victories in last night's doubleheader at Plymouth Salem (6-8, 3-6 Central) and today at the finish of the darkness-delayed May 5 doubleheader against Stevenson would clinch a share of the division title for Novi. A win Monday at Westland John Glenn (1-14, 1-11 South) would clinch the title outright.

"That's huge for us because they're division games for us," Novi coach Rick Green said of the Salem series.

Northville has a tougher route to the title, hosting South Lyon (8-7, 4-5 Central) last night and visiting Livonia Churchill (13-10, 8-5 South) Monday. Stevenson hosted South Lyon East (6-10, 3-8 Central) last night and visits Livonia Franklin (8-11, 4-8 South) Monday.

Stevenson and Northville are 1-1 against each other, as are Novi and Northville. Novi is 1-0 against Stevenson, with the second game resuming at 10-10 in the seventh inning 4 p.m. today in Novi.

Other than the division and conference action, Novi will take on White Lake Lakeland (15-7, 8-4 North) at 10 a.m. Saturday and Gabriel Richard 1 p.m. Saturday to prepare for what they hope will be a Kensington Conference championship match at Canton (15-3, 10-2 South) 4 p.m. Wednesday. The Wildcats defeated the Chiefs 9-1 on April 19.

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**ROUNDUP**  
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Carless have the potential to be special players the next three years and Johnny Walker is improving each week and I expect him to be the leader of the team in two years," Novi coach Brad Huss said. "Sam Palmer has been a pleasant surprise with his quality scores and consistency. If the rest of the team progresses they way he has since last year then we are going to have a very good team with the potential to win every time we play."

Novi had a meet last Monday against South Lyon scheduled before hosting South Lyon East last night and visiting Northville 3:30 p.m. Monday. The Oakland County Championships Wednesday and Salem dual meet May 20 will lead the Cats into the conference crossover May 25 and state tournament May 27.

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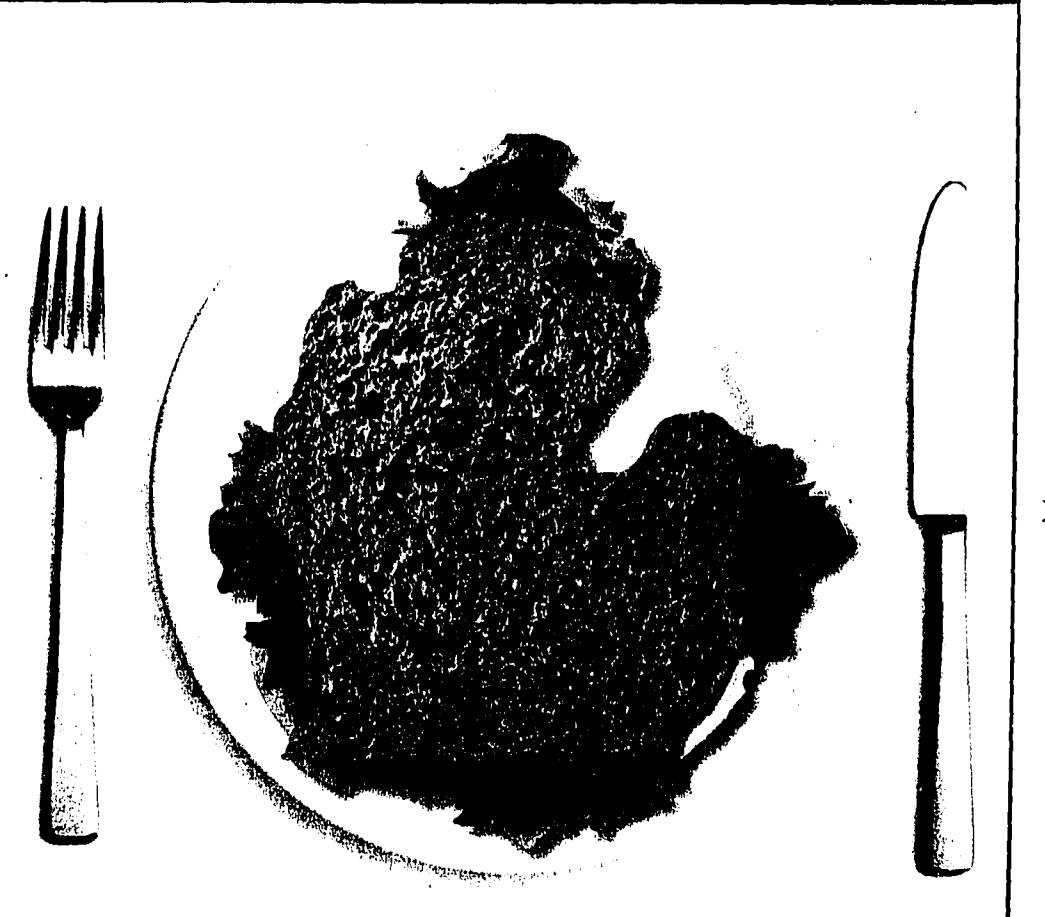
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TENNIS

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O. 6-0 five singles victory over Western.  
 (O'Brien) is one of our JVs. She's a really good player. (Lolo) played some singles earlier in the season," Hanson said.  
 Junior Jenna Snyder led a pair of one doubles victories last week. Teaming with regular partner Julia Thomas, a senior, the pair defeated Western 6-1, 6-0. Snyder then teamed with junior Meggie Riegel for a 6-2, 6-4 win over Brighton while Thomas was away on a college visit at Saginaw Valley State University, where she'll play collegiate volleyball in the fall.

Lolo and Riegel teamed for a 6-1, 6-3 two doubles victory over Western.  
 The Wildcats' next two doubles tandems were in tact, but played at different flights in the two meets.

Junior Ashley Aljadh and sophomore Ori Nigassaka teamed for a 6-0, 6-4 win at three doubles against Western, but moved up to two doubles against Brighton, where they posted a 6-2, 6-2 victory.  
 In the same shift, junior Meng Meng Jie and sophomore Emily Kvederis also posted a pair of victories. The pair defeated Western 6-0, 6-2 at four doubles and then beat Brighton 6-3, 6-2 at three doubles.

Senior Lindsey Johnson was next in the doubles lineup, but had two different partners throughout the week. Johnson teamed with senior Julianna Zuccato at five doubles to defeat Western 6-4, 6-2 before teaming with junior Tanaya Srim in a 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 four doubles loss to Brighton.  
 Junior Julie Kanka and sophomore Emily Sheeran wrapped things up with a 7-6(6), 6-0 five doubles win over Brighton.

"They did a nice job. Pulled out at a tiebreaker first set and rolled second set," Hanson said.

The 9-0 and 7-2 victories put Novi at 8-2 (4-1 KLA Central), while Western fell to 4-4 (4-1 North and Brighton dropped to 6-4 (4-1 West).

"I thought we did a nice job in both of 'em. I thought Western is a much-improved team from a few years back. We had to work. They didn't roll over," Hanson said.  
 "Brighton has a good team. Overall, I think it was good for our third, fourth and fifth doubles."

Novi's trip to the Romeo Invitational was canceled last Saturday due to the windy and rainy weather.  
 "It's been a tough spring for weather," Hanson said. "We need that kind of competition. That's why we play those tournaments."

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ON TAP

The Div. 1 No. 5 Wildcats (8-2, 4-1 KLA Central) were scheduled to visit Plymouth (5-2, 4-1 South) Tuesday in their final conference crossover of KLA division runners-up. Plymouth dropped a 7-2 decision May 4 against Brighton, but defeated Walled Lake Western 6-3 last Thursday. Then Novi had a trip to Div. 4 No. 4 Ann Arbor Greenhills (3-2-3) last night.

"That'll be a good test," Novi coach Jim Hanson said of Greenhills. "I know Plymouth has a nice little team this year."

The Novi-hosted KLA Kensington Conference Tournament is the next obstacle Saturday for the Wildcats, who will likely see the toughest competition from the division champions, Div. 1 Co-No. 5 Northville (7-0, 5-0 Central) and Livonia Churchill (7-2, 5-0 South).

"Obviously we're going to have to play our best tennis. Got another shot at Northville, but tournaments you need to make sure you win each match and don't get ahead of yourselves. Got to take them one match at a time or you'll get burned," Hanson said.

The Post-KLA Crossover will then take place 4 p.m. Tuesday on the road and a dual meet Wednesday at No. 3 Ann Arbor Pioneer will lead Novi into the state playoffs May 21.

Gauruder stuffs Colts, 'Cats win

Novi wins three straight, ranked third in D1



Wildcat Nicki Caruso tries to get in front of the ball during Novi's April 19 visit to Livonia Stevenson.

BY CHRIS JACKETT  
CORRESPONDENT

After three shutout victories last week, Novi's girls soccer squad is ranked No. 3 in Division I.  
 Entering the week at No. 6, the Wildcats hosted previously-ranked Plymouth Salem and also Livonia Stevenson in KLA Central Division play before visiting then-No. 3 Troy Saturday morning.

In a matchup likely to have division title implications, Novi (8-1-2, 5-0-1 KLA Central) came out strong in the first half May 4 against Salem (7-2-2, 3-2-1 Central). Junior Nicki Caruso got the Wildcats on the board when she took a pass from sophomore Kelli Timar, beat a defender, dribbled into the box and fired a shot into the upper corner of the goal.

"We played great the first half, when we were with the slight wind. We had the ball about 75 percent of the half and had numerous chances to score, but only came away with one goal," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "But, other than that play, our organization in the upper third of the field was very poor and it almost cost us the game because Salem carried play for the second half."

Novi held on to win 1-0 in a heart-stopping second half where a single shot would've changed the complexion of the game.

"Our defense did a good job of staying organized and not allowing any great scoring chances, but Salem did get eight shots on goal in the second half. But (junior) Gabby Gauruder was up to the task, earning her sixth shutout of the season," O'Leary said.

Handing Salem their second division loss puts the division title spotlight on Novi and No. 2 Northville (10-0-1, 5-0-1 Central), but the Wildcats need to take care of business against three other division squads too.

Novi played one of their most consistent and complete games of the season last Thursday when Stevenson (5-4-2, 2-4-0 Central) sent their squad to town.

"We played a great game from beginning to end, our best of the season in terms of doing what we wanted to do, making smart decisions and doing it for the entire 80 minutes," O'Leary said.

Just like the Salem game, Timar set Caruso up for not one, but two goals, giving the Wildcats a 2-0 lead that would hold 'til the final buzzer.  
 "The most impressive stat of the game is that Stevenson did not get their first shot on goal until there were eight minutes left in the game. Obviously, my defense of Morgan Haffey, Taylor Pyden, Taylor Hoover and Katie Kudzinski, with subs Katie Barry and Marissa Nusio, did a great job," O'Leary said. "Also, the midfielders all did a great job of making smart decisions and taking whatever the defense gave them. This was possession of the ball for much of the game."

Contrary to the week's upward trend, Timar wouldn't go on to set Caruso up for a hat trick Saturday against a powerful Troy (9-2-2) squad. Both ranked in Division I's top 10, the Wildcats were a slight underdog, but used the 30-mph wind to take a 1-0 lead 10 minutes into the second half on a corner kick. Haffey, a senior, sent a low line drive into the goal box and junior Mollie Krick headed the ball into the net after a Troy defender had headed it.  
 The Colts got a golden opportunity on a corner kick with 10 minutes left in the game, but Gauruder came up with two huge back-to-back saves after Haffey made a save on the goal line.  
 "They got a corner kick that was headed onto goal, past a diving Gabby Gauruder. Morgan cleared the

ON TAP

Novi tries to keep the ball rolling at home with two KLA Central Division contests, last Tuesday against South Lyon (5-6-3, 0-4-2) and tonight against South Lyon East (2-7-2, 0-5-1), before hitting the road tomorrow night at Walled Lake Northern (6-2-3, 5-0-1 North). All games are at 7 p.m.

Then it's time for what could be the division championship game, when the No. 2 Mustangs (10-0-1, 5-0-1 Central) host the No. 3 Wildcats (8-1-2, 5-0-1 KLA) at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Northville. The two teams tied 1-1 at Novi on April 29 as junior Gabby Gauruder held off a barrage of second-half shots from the Mustangs.

"But her clear went right to a Troy player, who fired a shot to the opposite post, but somehow Gabby recovered from her initial dive to make a diving save. The rebound on that save went right to a Troy player who fired a point-blank shot that Gabby made an incredible diving save as well."

The win moved the Wildcats to third in Division I behind only No. 1 Portage Central (15-0-2) and Northville, while Troy fell to fifth, behind No. 4 Forest Hills Central (11-1-0).

Five KLA A teams (No. 7 Hartland, No. 8 Grand Blanc, No. 9 Canton) are ranked in the Division I top 10 and Brighton is one of five squads with a Division I honorable mention.

JUNIOR VARSITY

Novi's underclassmen are having a strong season as well. The junior varsity squad improved to 6-2-2 (4-1-0 Central) after going 2-1-0 last week.  
 The young Wildcats defeated Plymouth Salem 2-0 May 4 off two goals from freshman Erin Dircks at 10:02 mark in the first half and another at 30:22 in the second half. Freshman defender Kate Dusebury made a key stop early in the first half while sophomore goalkeeper Maddie Hausteiner secured the shut-out with a diving save in the final seven minutes.

Two days later, Dircks led Novi with two goals in a 2-1 victory over Livonia Stevenson. The first goal came at 31:22 in the first half on a rebound off a shot by freshman Kelly Cauchi.



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Goodman uses advanced techniques to perfect teeth



Goodman Orthodontics staff in their Novi office include Dr. Sindy Goodman (seated), then, left to right: Mary Myers, Christina Brayman, Christy Hazelrigg, and Sara Alías.

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

At Goodman Orthodontics, we are committed to providing outstanding orthodontic care with the highest level of service for children, teens, and adults. Our goal is to deliver the most beautiful smile and to improve health, function and overall quality of life.

We dedicate our time, energy, and talents to this purpose. Our practice uses the most advanced techniques available to achieve the most effective means of correcting each individual problem. Goodman Orthodontics combines art, science, and expertise to provide unsurpassed results.

In addition, we offer the Invisalign orthodontic system of clear, removable aligner treatment. For older teens or adults, who desire the benefits of orthodontics but might want to be discreet about their care, the invisible or clear brackets and wires option is preferred. It is our goal to analyze each patient's facial appearance and malocclusion in depth, and then a treatment plan is customized to fit each patient's specific needs.

How did you first decide to open your business?

"We wanted to open a very high-quality, family-oriented orthodontic practice so we did a target analysis to look for an area of need that could support our practice and blend nicely with our philosophy. We wanted to be able to serve a community that we would be proud to represent and to give back to the people who have

helped our business succeed.

shopping, dining, and housing.

Why did you choose Novi?

Dr. Sindy Goodman is a Michigan Native and grew up in Metro Detroit. We agreed this community would be ideal for us to practice in and also to raise a family. The school system in this area is excellent, which is why we give generously to the Novi Schools, The Novi Educational Foundation and other community organizations directly. Novi is a thriving city with great growth potential. Novi has a wide array of

DETAILS

**Business Name:** Goodman Orthodontics, PC

**Address:** 42430 W. 12 Mile Rd. Ste 101, Novi, MI 48377

**Your Names:** Dr. Robert Goodman & Dr. Sindy Goodman

**Your Hometown:** Commerce Township

**Business Opened When:** July 2002

**Number of Employees:** six

**Hours of Operation:** 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

**Your Business Specialty:** orthodontics.

**Phone:** (248) 465-7500

**Website:** [www.goodmanortho.com](http://www.goodmanortho.com)

**How has it changed since you opened?**

Goodman Orthodontics has become a mainstay in the Novi community.  
 We have continued to grow as we adapt to the changing needs of our patients. The majority of our patients are referred to our practice from our existing patients, which is the greatest compliment we can receive. It is fun to see our patients outside of the office, at local grocery stores, shops and restaurants. Many of our patients even know our children, as our family has grown.

**What's in store for the future of your business?**

We have observed customer confidence is improving and we have seen phenomenal growth in the first quarter of 2010. I see continued growth of our practice as people and dental professionals become familiar with our practice. We strive everyday to make sure that each patient's experience and our level of care is unsurpassed. We aim to exceed your expectations in all facets of what we call "the ultimate orthodontic experience." The greatest compliment our patients can pay us is the referral of a friend or family member to our practice.

**How has the recent economy affected your business?**

The recent economy has certainly challenged all business owners in our area, and the healthcare field

County offering business workshops

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in June, offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months. Seminars are held in the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road West of Telegraph, Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit [oakgov.com/peds/calendar](http://oakgov.com/peds/calendar), or call (248) 858-0783.

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 Tuesday, June 1, from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
 This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.  
**Working for Yourself: The Ins and Outs of Becoming a Consultant, a Contractor or other Service Provider** - Are you an experienced professional with valuable-defined skill sets, looking for a new career avenue? Think about taking your expertise and becoming an independent consultant, a contractor, or a service provider. Explore the steps to form your business (LLC or other), market yourself and your services, create an action-oriented business plan, and define your client engagement. Take away from your experience, a 1-2 page action-business plan to help you start, build and maintain a successful service-oriented business.  
 Speaker: Meri Dembrow  
 Thursday, June 3, from 9 a.m.-noon  
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 Thursday, June 17, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
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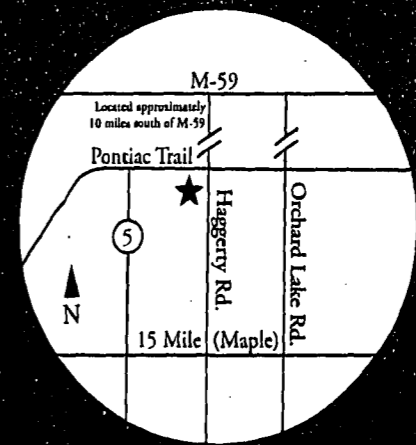
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