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NOVI NOW

New festival gets new name: Novi Palooza

The long-running Novi 50's Festival has merged with last summer's West Oakland Rib Cook Off and Family Fest as Novi Palooza on July 30-Aug. 1, adjacent to the Rock Financial Showplace.

Fun for the whole family will include live music from a wide variety of talented local bands, a casino tent, BBQ



Cook Off, volleyball tournament, ribs for sale, beer tent, portable put-put golf and more.

The event producers are committing a donation of at least \$2,500 to the Novi Library. Details about the event are available at www.novipalooza.com

The West Oakland Rib Cook Off is currently seeking BBQ competitors who want to test their skills for prizes totaling \$4,000 and a chance to compete in the Memphis Barbeque Network's national competition in the spring of 2011. Restaurants located in Western Oakland County are invited to participate in the fun by entering their own BBQ cooking team. For registration information and applications, please visit www.experiencewo.com or call Shelby Wallach at (248) 348-5600 x 206.

State Senate primary candidate forum

The League of Women Voters Oakland Area and the Legislative Action Network of Novi have invited all 9 candidates - six Republicans and three Democrats - to appear before District 15 voters to share their message on important issues and answer questions that attendees will be able to submit during the event.

The forum will be held from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 14 at Novi Community School District Instructional Technology Center (ITC) & Community Education Building at 25425 Taft Road.

This seat is being vacated by Senator Nancy Cassis due to term limits.

The League of Women Voters Oakland Area will moderate the event; www.lwvva.org.

Water and sewer rates increase

Increases needed to cover capital costs of system

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Water and sewer rates are on the rise.

As expected, residents in Novi will be paying approximately 6-to-18 percent more for those services after rates were recently announced by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and the Oakland County Water Resource Commission.

Kathy Smith-Roy, finance director/treasurer for the city of Novi, said the increase passed on to the residents is only coming from those two entities and not the city.

"We did not add anything for our services," she said. "We already have an overhead rate because the city owns the distribution system for both water and sewer. The pipe to get it from Detroit to our city borders to residents' homes and businesses is ours and we

are responsible for the operations of that. We have a markup on that but it was not increased."

The DWSD changed their rate structure this year from a consumption charge to a two-part rate structure that includes a fixed component for capital replacement and a consumption charge. Also, the city changed its rate structure to include a minimum water rate but not a minimum consumption to better align with DWSD's

IMPACT

For a household that uses an estimated 15,000 gallons of water a quarter, the water and sewer bill will go up an estimated \$74 annually. The increase is effective Aug. 1.

rate structure.

Detroit determines the rate using a formula that factors in how far the city is from a collection point, how high the

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Sizzling Summer

With a Chinese dragon on one hand, puppeteer Mary Ellen Clark performs at Novi's Sizzling Summer Series on June 29 at Fuerst Park.

New resident looks to make immediate impact

Manar announces candidacy for Novi board of education

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Jason Manar knew he wanted to get involved with the Novi Community Schools district when he moved his family to the area in October.

He just didn't think it would happen this soon.

Manar, who previously lived in Iowa, said his intent was to wait a few years and "be well established" before running for a seat on the school board, but he saw a "crisis emerging" and couldn't wait.

He will be running for the lone open seat on the school board currently held by Trustee Katie Raeon.

"After going to almost every school

board meeting since I've been here, it became readily apparent that we were in a crisis here in the state of Michigan with our economy and with what Lansing has done with our 20j funding," he said. "It was (obvious) we need bold leadership and a breath of fresh air breathed into our school board, and I felt I had to step up and offer my services."

Manar is the father of two children, one who attends Novi Woods Elementary. He has a bachelor's degree in special education and currently works for the U.S. Department of Justice. Manar During the last eight

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Former state House Speaker Craig DeRoche arraigned on gun charge

BY KATHLEEN GRAY GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Less than two weeks after he was sentenced to six months probation on an impaired driving charge, former state House Speaker Craig DeRoche was arrested early Sunday morning after a family member called and said he was intoxicated and carrying a gun.

"We got a call from a family member," said Novi Deputy Police Chief Thomas Lindberg. "But no shots were fired and no one was injured."

According to Novi Police Department reports, DeRoche's wife told police that she was out of town and concerned for her three children because DeRoche was caring for them but sounded intoxicated on the phone when she called. She also said that one of her children told her he kept falling off his bike when they went for a bike ride.

She called a friend and asked him to get DeRoche out of the house and then her mother to look after the children.

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Maida steps up to run for seat on commission

RACE DETAILS

The only other candidate in the race for the seat is Democrat Michele Berry of Wixom. Write-in candidates have until 4 p.m. July 23 to file to run. The winning write-in candidate will face Berry in the Nov. 2 general election. People wishing to vote for a write-in candidate must physically write in their name as it will not appear on the ballot.

According to the Oakland County election officials, Potter's name will remain on the ballot and the Republican Party does not have the authority to name a replacement. Anyone voting for him in the primary will have their votes invalidated during the certification process.

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

This is not how Patti Maida wanted to become a candidate for a seat on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

Maida, a former South Lyon City Council member, said she talked to district 8 commissioner Jeff Potter in the past about the seat but vowed to never run against him.

However, last Monday, Potter died from a heart attack, leaving the Republican portion of the ballot empty for



Maida

the Aug. 3 primary election. She said her interest in the position never wavered and had to put her name in the mix. Maida announced her candidacy on June 28 as a write-in candidate serving the 8th district. "It's an unfortunate situation the way it happened but I feel he is coaxing me on to do this because he knows how I feel about the communities

and that I would show the same passion and compassion he did," she said.

The 8th district serves Lyon Township, and the cities of South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom, along with a portion of Novi.

Maida, who lived in Lyon Township for 12 years and has lived in South Lyon the last five, served on the South Lyon City Council from 2005-2009, but chose not to run for re-election and resigned from her seat on council after it was announced in October that she owed property taxes amount-

ing to about \$2,900 on her Second Street home.

She said she caught up on her taxes and just sold her home about two weeks ago. She still lives in South Lyon.

"I showed I'm a real person and I was going through some of the same things the people are going through," she said. "Who better to speak for the people than someone who has dealt with it?"

South Lyon staff writer Victoria Mitchell contributed to this story. nmueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255

Hundreds attend memorial service for Potter

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

More than 200 people showed up to pay their respects Friday afternoon to former South Lyon mayor and Oakland County Commissioner Jeff Potter. Every room at Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon

was full, with some people even sitting in a room with no view of the service.

Potter's brother-in-law Richard Keilhacker led the service, which also included touching and emotional remarks from Potter's three children, Jessica, Daniel and Michael, as well as comments from close friends and other

family members. The service contained equal parts laughter and tears as everyone remembered a man who dedicated his life to serving his family and his community, and was known for always being there for people.

Potter, 58, died Monday morning after suffering a heart attack. He has lived in

South Lyon since 1984, and was elected to the city council in 1987 as a write-in candidate. He was elected mayor in 1989.

He served as mayor from 1989 to 2002 before being elected to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. He was up for re-election in November.

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The friend told police that DeRoche did come over to his house, but got upset and left. While the friend rode a bike alongside DeRoche as he walked home trying to convince him to stay at his house, the friend also called police. When DeRoche saw police lights approaching, he ran into a wooded area and police couldn't immediately find him, the report said.

Shortly later, the mother-in-law told police that DeRoche broke into his locked home, retrieve a loaded, 40-caliber handgun from a safe in the home's master bedroom and walked into one of his children's bedrooms.

He left the bedroom and his mother-in-law convinced him to turn the gun over to her, the report said. He removed the magazine from the gun, handed it over and the mother-in-law, who hid it in the laundry room.

When police arrived shortly before 1 a.m. Sunday, DeRoche was holding one of his children and told police he had done nothing wrong. They were able to convince him to put down the child before arresting him.

Police took DeRoche to Providence Park Hospital in Novi to administer a blood test, which revealed a blood alcohol level of 0.13. A 0.08 level is considered legally intoxicated. He was charged with possessing a gun while intoxicated, a 93-day misdemeanor. DeRoche was held overnight in the Novi Police

Department's lock-up and released Sunday morning. He was arraigned on the charge in Novi's 52-1 District Court this morning and released on a \$1,000 personal bond. A pre-trial scheduling conference will be held at 9 a.m. July 7.

The new charge is on top of the impaired driving charge DeRoche pleaded guilty to in April. It stems from a February incident in Saline in which police found DeRoche stumbling in the snow after ditching his car and a duffel bag containing an open bottle of vodka.

On June 15, he was sentenced to six months probation, and given a 92-day suspended jail sentence. He also was ordered to pay \$1,060 in fines, costs and reimbursements and ordered to refrain from alcohol or controlled substances, attend AA meetings

and submit to random drug and alcohol screenings.

If found guilty of the new charge, DeRoche also would have to face charges of violating his probation on the first charge and possibly have to serve the full jail sentence of the first charge, said former Macomb County Prosecutor Carl Marlinga.

"The standard and the correct prosecution request is to ask for that jail time in response to anyone who violates the trust of their probation or suspended sentence," he said.

DeRoche was elected to the state House in 2002 and served three terms, leaving in 2008. He was the House Speaker from 2005 to 2006. DeRoche is in the insurance business. DeRoche could not be reached for comment.

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A hands-free solution to texting ban

Local company develops texting alternative to make roadways safer

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Novi resident Paul Pawlusiak and his business partner, South Lyon resident Tim Suri, have a solution for those wanting to communicate in their cars following today's texting ban.

Suri is co-founder and inventor of a hands-free device unlike any other car communicators are used to — Got2bVoice, a platform allowing drivers to e-mail, update their status on social sites like facebook and Twitter and text without reaching for their phone.

"We offer affordability to a consumer," Suri said, "but also keeping them safe."

Suri started the company Got2bVoice with Pawlusiak to produce high-tech, hands-free devices for users' automobiles after about a year as senior vice president of the biggest hands-free company in the world.

And with Michigan's new law banning texting while driving, their business has been receiving national attention from the media and consumers looking for a way to keep texting while keeping both eyes on the road and two hands on the wheel.

Beginning today, police in Michigan will be able to pull over motorists for using their cell phones to send, type or look at text messages or e-mail.

Drivers can still use dash-mounted navigation systems. The law is a primary offense, meaning officers can stop a motorist and ticket them just for texting.

A ticket for a first offense will cost a driver \$100, followed by \$200 for a second



Paul Pawlusiak, left, and Tim Suri display some of their products from Got2bVoiceless. The area company offers hands-free texting.

offense. No points will be added to a driver's record.

Suri said Got2bVoiceless costs less than a ticket, making the purchase a worthy investment. The device costs \$124.99 with an average installation price of about \$75. The portable device costs \$89.99.

The entire Got2bVoice service package is included for one year and costs \$49.99 per year thereafter for unlimited use.

The company officially launched in January and product distributors include ABC Warehouse and Mickey Shorr.

"I knew it would be successful, I just didn't know it would be embraced this quickly and to the level," Suri said.

Got2bVoice works through a car's stereo equipment and phone works through a Bluetooth technology, allowing hands-free calling. Music is also accessed through the device.

Suri said the platform will greet users with a safety reminder message before walking them through texting, accepting or rejecting phone calls, checking and updating their calendar or going through e-mail messages — all without touching a phone, not even in the beginning of the process.

To send a text message, a user speaks what they want to say, and the text is sent verbatim with punctuation. The same process is used for updating a social website status or e-mail.

MICHIGAN TEXTING BAN

- Goes into effect July 1
- The new law prohibits drivers from reading, writing and sending text messages while operating a motor vehicle.
- The following fines would be applied to a person ticketed: \$100 for a first violation, \$200 for a second or subsequent violation.
- This bill was passed as a primary offense, which means a person could be pulled over and ticketed based on the text messaging offense alone.
- No points will be added to a driver's record.

Suri said the company is currently in the process of adding Google+ and Bing+1, adding the capability to access movie times, weather and turn-by-turn instructions via voice command.

Suri is a big supporter of the ban and said keeping the roadways safe and driver distractions at a minimum is an important mission.

"We're strong advocates about this," he said. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, nearly 6,000

people died in crashes in 2008 that involved distracted driving. Distracted driving applies to anything that takes your eyes off the road, your hands off the steering wheel, or interrupts your concentration while driving.

A December 2007 simulator study by Clemson University found that "text messaging and using iPods caused drivers to leave their lanes 10 percent more often."

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Summer fun

Parents and kids (above) take in the Tues., June 29 Novi Sizzling Summer Series featuring puppeteer Mary Ellen Clark - at Novi's Fuerst Park. Cindy Long (above left) sits with daughter Tabitha, 2, at Novi's June 29 Sizzling Summer Series at Fuerst Park.

RATES

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elevation is and the city's usage. A city can control its usage, and Novi has been implementing programs and ordinances to lower that number.

"Over time, the success we have had last year and this with lessening peak demand within the city of Novi because of watering hours going to overnight, could help decrease

future rate increases," said City Manager Clay Pearson. The earliest the savings could be seen is during the 2011-12 fiscal year.

"There are no promises that it is going to reduce the rates, but the communities that have entered into this contract and been successful have seen reductions or smaller increases," said Smith-Roy.

While water rates increased approximately 10-to-15 percent, the rate for the Huron Rouge Sewage Disposal

System has increased 19.7 percent. The city's sewer rates also include a minimum rate to cover a portion of the fixed costs, a change from prior years.

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months, Manar said he saw a lack of trust between all the stakeholders in the district and wants to patch that relationship. Some things that stood out to him were that the board appeared to not be making contingency plans, that there are few discussions about

possible revenue generating sources and there appears to be a lack of communication with the community.

"It worries me when the board holds a public hearing where they want public feedback but limits comments to one minute," he said.

Manar said despite the issues facing school districts across the state, Novi is still "leaps and bounds better than surrounding districts and still

brings more to the table."

"His goal is to keep it that way. We have to get all the stakeholders together to work on this," he said. "This problem is bigger than any one entity."

According to the Oakland County Clerk's Office on Monday afternoon, Manar is the only candidate for the open seat. Candidates have until Aug. 10 to submit their nominating petitions to be put on the Nov. 2 ballot.



Fuerst concert

The Don Swindell - Brian Biggs (guitar), Tom Starr, Kurt Schrietzmueller, Don Swindell (trumpet) - will perform at Novi's Fuerst Park from 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 7. The park is located at the southeast corner of Ten Mile and Taft roads. The concert series, sponsored by Cadillac of Novi and Michigan CAT and presented by ArtsNovi and the City of Novi, continues Aug. 4 with the Royal Garden Trio and Sept. 1 with the Sheila Landis Trio.

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Virginia Tech

Novi's Derek M. Richard (freshman majoring in computer science in the College of Engineering) was named to the dean's list for the spring 2010 semester. To qualify for the dean's list, students must attempt at least 12 credit hours graded on the A-F option and earn a 3.4 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) during the semester.

Columbia College Chicago

Novi's Michael Marsoulian was named to the Dean's List for spring semester 2010.

Saint Mary's College

Novi's Katherine Check graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in social work.

Butler University

Novi's Anna Julow graduated with a degree in marketing. She also was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester.

Alma College

Novi's Lisa Glow was named to the Dean's List for outstanding academic performance during the 2010 winter term. Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits, at least eight of which are evaluative grades, are named to the Dean's List.

Madonna University

Recognized on the Dean's List for superior academic achievement during the winter 2010 semester were the Novi residents:

Chelsea Lynn Anderson, Michelle Kathryn Angeski, Juliana Marie Bilowus, Jason Matthew Bonaventura, Doreen Ann Brant, Chelsey Nicole Budlong, Cynthia Marie Burgess, Alexi Marie Cirka, Angela Joy Cooke, Denise Marcela Denard, Alexandra Marie Dinser, Elizabeth Marie Doll, Jessica Mae

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Michigan students honored at National SkillsUSA Championships for Skilled Work Force

Students from Michigan high school and college technical education programs won the nation's highest awards at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference. Local students included:

Ashleigh Evans, from Novi and a student at Oakland Tech Center SW Campus (Wixom), was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Food and Beverage Service.

Arnon Cuschieri, from Novi and a student at Art Institute of Michigan (Novi), was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Culinary Arts.

Industry leaders representing over 1,100 businesses, corporations, trade associations and unions recognized the students for their demonstrated excellence in 96 hands-on occupational and leadership contests, such as robotics, criminal justice, aviation maintenance and public speaking. All contests are designed, run and judged by industry using industry standards.

Top student winners received gold, silver and bronze medallions. Many also received prizes such as tools of their trade and/or scholarships to further their careers and education. The SkillsUSA Championships is for high school and college-level students who are members of SkillsUSA.

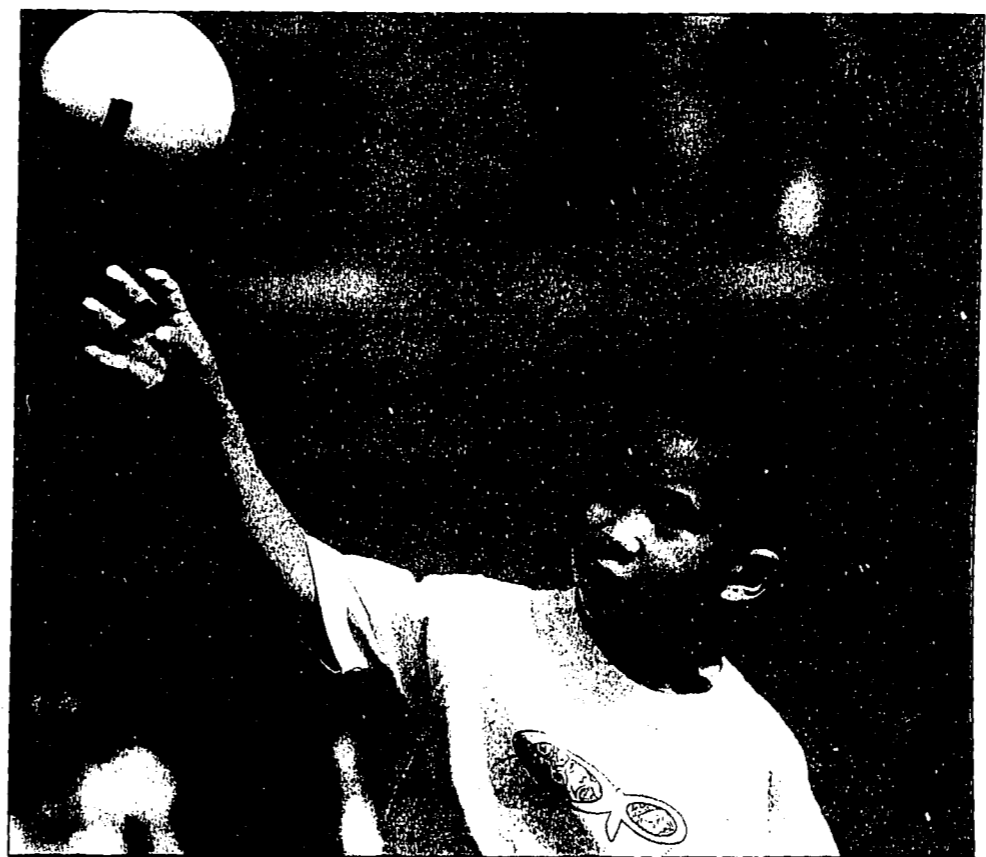
NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

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. Registration and weekly session fees are available on the Novi School District Web site at www.novik12.mi.us under Community Education - C.A.R.E., or call (248) 449-1713 for more information.



Field day

Deerfield Elementary School student Henriette Lucas (right) dribbles a ball down the school's track on June 16 during its field day activities. Deerfield Elementary School students (top) compete in a tug-of-war competition. Eric Li (above) throws a football during Deerfield Elementary's June 16 field day.

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Check out the bargains at area garage sales inside today's Classified section

Logos for participating businesses: BARGAIN, Schoolcraft College, The Best of Novi Garage Sale, Renewal, TRIPP, Home Depot, Magic, Brackney Chiropractic Health Centers, WERRETT, 96 MAX, HVA.

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Career fair July 1

Seeking to put Michigan back to work, hiredMYWay.com is hosting its inaugural career fair, showcasing more than 30 companies and 3,000 Michigan jobs at the Rock Financial Showplace on July 1.

Doors open to job-seekers at 9 a.m.; personal interview break-out sessions run from 1-3 p.m. Rock Financial Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Ave. in Novi.

Voter registration

The deadline to register to vote in the Aug. 3 primary election is Tuesday, July 6. This is an important election year in Michigan with many state, federal and judicial seats on the ballot, said Secretary

of State Terri Lynn Land, the state's chief election officer. "As always, your vote is your voice. If you are not yet registered to vote, I encourage you to do so and then cast your ballot on Election Day." To register, applicants must be at least 18 years old by Election Day and be U.S. citizens. Applicants must also be residents of Michigan and of the city or township in which they wish to register.

Voters may register by mail; at their county, city or township clerk's office; or by visiting any Secretary of State branch office. The mail-in form is on the Department of State Web site at www.michigan.gov/sos.

First-time voters who register by mail must vote in person in their first election, unless they hand-deliver the application to their local clerk, are 60 years old or older, are disabled or are overseas.

To check their registration status, residents may visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at www.michigan.gov/vote. Residents can also find information on voting by absentee ballot, Michigan's voter identification requirement, using voting equipment and contacting their local clerk. In addition, they will find a map to their local polling place and a sample ballot.

Those who wish to receive their absentee ballot by mail must submit their application by 2 p.m. Saturday, July 31. Absentee ballots can be obtained in person anytime through 4 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 2. Voters who request an absentee ballot in person on Monday, Aug. 2 must vote the ballot in the clerk's office. Emergency absentee ballots are available under certain conditions through 4 p.m. on Election Day.

Summer camps

Novi Parks offers camps to meet every child's needs. Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services is excited to offer many engaging camps with something to meet every child's interest, close to home, and at economical prices.

Summer camps provide benefits in a broad variety of areas including physical, emotional, social and intellectual. "We hope the community embraces our returning and new offerings this summer. We truly have something for every child," said Nancy Cowan, City of Novi superintendent of Recreation. Beyond the fun of a Project Broadway where kids are introduced to the advanced techniques of performing arts; a Sports Camp like basketball or tennis where basic skills are learned and enhanced; or a traditional day camp such as Lakeshore Park Adventure Camp, children create memories and skills they will carry with them forever. The camp experience is truly like no other and one every child should have an opportunity to enjoy.

Great Camps for 2010 include: Musical Theatre Camps, Horseback Riding Camps, Sports for Shorties-preschool sports camp, Sports Camps including: Soccer, Golf, Cheer, Football, Tennis, and Basketball.

Martial Arts and Padded Weapons Camps, Lego Camps, Painting Camps including Mural Camp. Camp Lakeshore will return this summer under a new name, Lakeshore Park Adventure Camp. The camp will offer adventures such as kayaking, geocaching, climbing with a belay harness, canoeing, and hiking. Annual camper-favorite field trips including the Detroit Science Center, Red Oaks Wave Pool and the Detroit Zoo are included. Registration is going on now at cityofnovi.org and online registrants receive a \$5 discount. For more information, please contact the Novi Parks office at (248) 947-0400.

Learn to ride

Schoolcraft College's continuing education department will hold a series of weekend motorcycle classes for those interested

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JAMES A. VALLEE Age 58, of Milford, formerly of Stamford, CT and the UK, passed away June 21, 2010. Father of Matthew and Nicola. Son of Jennifer Hazelden. Brother of Simon (Jenny), Robert, Charles (Jennifer), and Alison. Dear friend of Alison Ellis. A memorial open house will be held on July 10. Please contact the family for details. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Arbor Hospice Foundation, 2386 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. https://www.server101.net/~arbor/volunteers/donate.html

RICHARD "DICK" LEO COLE Age 76, passed away June 24, 2010, at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on March 18, 1934, in Detroit, to the late Leo & Madge (Hoyes) Cole. Dick is survived by his beloved wife Ann (Shoop) Cole; loving children: Pamela (Kenneth) Dragon, Richard L. (Becky) Cole Jr. and Debi Gelardi; 8 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; and siblings: Betty Connor and Dr. Robert Cole. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his son James Robert Cole. Services for Mr. Cole were held at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

LUCILLE M. MURPHY Age 96, was born September 28, 1913 in Detroit, Michigan, and died on June 18, 2010 in Milford Twp., Michigan. Beloved wife of the late James J. Loving mother of James E. (Nancy), Joan (James) Sall, Jean, Lawrence J. (Margaret), and the late Shirley J. (Ronald) Cunningham. Cherished grandmother of 21 grandchildren & 47 great-grandchildren; Funeral Mass will be 11:00 am (Instate at 10:00 am) at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 5066 Hutchins Road, White Lake, Michigan. Family will Receive Friends Sunday June 20th from 2-8 pm at the Highland Chapel of the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home, 2325 East Highland Road, Highland, Michigan.

ARLINE MARIE HARRIS Age 73, of Howell, formerly of Brighton, passed away peacefully on June 24, 2010, at home, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on May 9, 1937, in South Lyon, to the late Joseph and Margaret Harris. She was an extremely proud and devoted grandmother. Arline is survived by her beloved husband John Harris, her mother Virginia Budnik; children: Jacques Barnes, Ted Barnes, Tracy Harris, Patrick Harris, & Connie (Darrell) Templeton; grandchildren: Sara, Justine, Joshua, Bridget, Alyssa, Bradley, & Decker; and siblings: Virginia Peevey & Michael (Linda) Budnik. She was preceded in death by her father Arthur Budnik Sr., her mother Virginia Budnik, and her sister Marilyn Slayback. A memorial service was held on June 29th at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 5066 Hutchins Road, White Lake, Michigan. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

JEFFREY L. POTTER Age 58, passed away June 21, 2010. He was born on June 15, 1952 in Ann Arbor, the son of the late Dr. Richard L. and Betty (Tilley) Potter. Jeff worked at the Ford Wixom Assembly Plant and retired after 30 years. Jeff was honored to serve the people of South Lyon and Oakland County Commissioner. He always believed in putting his principles before politics. Jeff is survived by his loving wife Andra (Kellhacker) and children: Daniel, Michael, and Jessica; dearest siblings Joan (Robert) Bonard and Richard (Carolyn) Potter; large and caring extended family; and the children's loving grandmother Fern Richmond. Jeff was preceded in death by his parents: Dr. Richard and Betty Potter; and his brothers: Paul and Steven Potter. A memorial gathering will be held on Thursday, June 24th from 2-5 & 5-9 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. The memorial service for Jeff Potter will be on Friday, June 25th at 2:00 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Jeff Potter Memorial Fund. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

HERBERT R. ARTHUR Age 86 of Royal Oak, died June 24, 2010. Beloved husband for 62 years of Dorothy, Loving father of Michael (Linda) Arthur, Patricia (Richard Sniecikowski) Singh, Bruce (Linda) Arthur, Pamela Arthur, Susan Swain, and the late Cindy Lee Arthur. Also survived by 19 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, and many other loving family members. The family will receive friends from Tuesday 3-9 PM at the Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home, 2125 1/2 Mile Rd., (2 Bks. W. of Woodward) Berkley. Funeral service, Wednesday 11 AM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorial contributions to be made to the American Diabetes Association and/or the American Heart Association. Share your memories at www.sawyerfuller.com

DOUGLAS CARL HEIKKINEN Passed away June 25, 2010. He was born on November 12, 1935, in Milwaukee, WI, son to the late John & Julia (Maurin) Heikkinen. Doug was united in marriage to Rachel (Kuuttila) on September 27, 1969. He proudly served his country for 2 years in the U.S. Army in Germany. Doug retired from Ford Motor Advanced Vehicle Div. in 1997. He is survived by his wife Rachel; children: Julie (William) Lazzaro of South Lyon, John (Jackie) of Howell, and Kristina (Jeffrey) Rogers of South Lyon; 6 grandchildren: Rachel, Sandra, & Kara Lazzaro, Oliver Heikkinen, Brandon and Marissa Rogers; his brother Milton Heikkinen of Houghton, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers Theodore and Maurice Heikkinen. A funeral service was held on Monday, June 28th at 11 a.m. at First Apostolic Lutheran Church, in Farmington Hills, with Pastor Donald Pennala officiating. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

DOROTHY NEIKIRK NEW HUDSON, MI Age 87 died June 19, 2010. Dorothy was born March 27, 1923 in Detroit, MI the son of John and Barbara (Mae) Schmeider. Dorothy married Preston Tabor and he preceded her in death in 1973. She then remarried to husband Paul Neikirk and he preceded her in death in January of this year. Survivors include her other children: Royal (Ladelle) McMahon of Texas, James McMahon of Clarkston, Barbara (Al) Budnik of Michigan, step-children Elaine Siro and Jerry Siro, and her grandchildren and sisters: Tolman, Renee, James II, Joshua, Heidi, Sarah, Stacie and Ethan, great-grandson, Jackson Tolman, seven great-grandchildren and one sister, Elma Fretter of Bloomfield Hills and Virginia Kochans of Petoskey, A Graveside Commitment will take place 11:00 AM Monday, July 5, 2010 at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia, MI. Please leave a Message of Comfort to Dorothy's family by calling 877-231-7900 or visit her guestbook at www.borekfunerals.com

ROBERT EARL ROBINSON Age 85, June 23, 2010. Funeral was June 25, 2010. Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association. Online sympathy messages: www.obrienfuneralhome.com

VIRGINIA "JENNY" CORA BARTLETT Age 88, passed away June 19, 2010 in Knoxville, TN. A funeral service was held June 24, 2010 at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon.

BRETT P. NETKE Age 42, of Waukegan, Wisconsin formerly of Northville MI died June 20, 2010 from injuries sustained when hit by a car while on a bicycle training ride. He is survived by his loving wife Barbara and 3 beautiful children, Tyler age 7, Alyssa age 5, and Gabrielle age 3; his father and step-mother, Edward (Sharon) Netke of Northville, mother and step-father, Jane (Sheldon) Bingham of North Ft. Myers, FL; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Wes (Linda) Barnes of Hillsdale, MI; sister, Rachel (Walt) Bishop of Holland, MI; sister-in-law, Jennifer (John) Brehm of Waldron, MI; brother-in-law Wesley Barnes Jr. of Reading, MI; aunt Barbara Netke of Waterford, MI and niece Katlyn Brehm of Waldron, MI. He was a 1985 graduate of Northville High School and graduated from Michigan State University in 1990. He ran cross country and track at Northville High and track at MSU. He was an avid bicyclist and a Masters racer. He was the Global Procurement Director for Johnson Controls in Milwaukee, WI. Interment Evergreen Cemetery in Ransom Twp, MI.

SUSANNE STARK (NEE: LUCKEY) Age 46, June 27, 2010. Beloved wife of Ken; dear mother of Emily, Matthew and Alyssa; dearest daughter of Diane and the late Donald; loving sister of David (Shari), and Sarah (Terry) and aunt of 10. Family will receive friends Tuesday 4-9 and Wednesday 1-5 at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 3700 Six Mile Road, Livonia. A Funeral Service will be Thursday, In-state 10 am until the time of service at 11 am at Oakpointe Church, 50200 Ten Mile Road, Novi. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to: Susanne Stark Education Memorial Fund. Please share a memory with the family at: www.harrywillfuneralhome.com

EMMA BESANCON A long time resident of Milford, and devoted member of the Milford United Methodist Church, died in the care her family on June 25, 2010, at the age of 94. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph E. Besancon, and her son, Doug Besancon in 2008. She is survived by her daughter, Sue (Wilson) Combs of Highland, daughter-in-law, Mary Besancon, and grandchildren, Ralph (Julie) Muehling, III (Jeff) Savitsky, Stephen (Karia) Combs, Michael, Katherine, and Robert Besancon; great grandsons, Matthew and Andrew Combs, and many dear friends. Funeral Services were held at the Milford United Methodist Church, Milford, on Tuesday, June 29, 2010. Memorials may be made in her name to the Am. Heart Assoc. or to VNA Hospice. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford, at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

MARILYN A. STELMACH Age 81, longtime resident of Northville, passed away 6/21/10. Service held Thurs., 6/24/10 at Castleline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Contributions to Angela Hospice or Michigan Humana Society appreciated.

KATHLEEN REGINA STRAYER Age 89, June 22, 2010. Funeral was June 28th at St. Gerald's Church, Farmington, Burial Holy Sepulchre. Donations made to Special Intentions of the Family. On Line messages: www.obrienfuneralhome.com

MARVIN R. LAKVOLD Age 74, passed away June 27, 2010. He was born on July 20, 1935, in Ironwood, to the late Martin and Ella (Sari) Lakvold. Marvin is survived by his loving wife Shelby; sons: Richard (Donna), Tony (Dede), Dale, and Brian Lakvold; daughters: Betty (Don) Barker & Rosy (Byron) Ray; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; siblings: Anna, Esther, Paul, Earl, and Howard. He was preceded in death by five brothers and one sister. Marvin was a Devoted Cooper. Visitation will be Wednesday, June 30, from 2-9 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 1, at Phillips Funeral Home, with luncheon to follow at the Upper Peninsula Club, 10770 Calumet Road, Whiteire Lake 49189. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

DEMETRIS P. NICOLAOS Age 68, passed away, June 28, 2010. He is survived by: his beloved wife Pamela, his loving daughters, Christina (Paul) Koleski and Anastasia Nicolaos and his grandsons, Matthew and Kyle. He was preceded in death by his son Anthony in 1950. Please contact PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME at (248) 437-1618 for visitation and funeral service arrangements, or visit: www.phillipsfuneral.com

KATHLEEN REGINA STRAYER Age 89, June 22, 2010. Funeral was June 28th at St. Gerald's Church, Farmington, Burial Holy Sepulchre. Donations made to Special Intentions of the Family. On Line messages: www.obrienfuneralhome.com

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

PAUL JOSEPH MCKEOUGH June 21, 2010, age 76. Funeral was June 25th at Our Lady of Victory Church, Northville. Burial Holy Sepulchre. Cemetery donations to: Capuchins of Alzheimer's Assoc. On line sympathy messages: www.obrienfuneralhome.com

CARL RODRIG "ROD" OLSON Of White Lake Twp., died June 22, 2010, age 89. Memorial services held at Milford Presbyterian Church, Monday, June 28th, 2010. For further info: Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford, 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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In hitting the streets on two wheels. Using federal grant money, the school has held the program at Milford High School for several years. Vince Consiglio, who works for the school, said it didn't look like the money would be available this year, but the state allocated some money a few weeks ago for the program.

The class is open to anyone ages 16 and older and runs three days, including a Friday evening and all day Saturday and Sunday. Sessions run July 9-11, July 16-18 or July 23-25. The program costs \$25, and students must provide their own gear - helmet, boots, gloves, long-sleeve shirt and long pants. Motorcycles are provided.

Those adults who pass the class can waive the state license test to get a motorcycle license, although that test isn't required for all motorcycle riders.

The skills that are taught in the motor safety class will enhance the riders basic ability to survive on the street and give them the legal cycle endorsement," Consiglio said. Register by calling (734) 462-4452 or register online at www.schoolcraft.cc.misn in the continuing education section.

Variety Series

If you are 50ish or better, love to sing, dance, or be just a part of a group, you are invited to be part of the Senior Variety Series: Thanks for the Memories: A USO Tribute Show. No auditions required; there are great prizes for everyone.

Registration is \$50 (fee includes the cost of costumes, music, instruction, and set construction). Rehearsals are 12:30-2:30 p.m., Mondays and Fridays through Sept. 9 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, between Taft and Novi roads.

This year's show is a tribute to the music and performers who have entertained our troops for over 60 years. Help us remember the Andrews Sisters, Danny Kaye, Bing Crosby, Betty Grable, and, of course, Bob Hope. We will honor the classics and the armed forces.

The rehearsal schedule is flexible and the production features six performances, Sept. 9-19. For more information about the Senior Variety Series, please contact the Novi Theatres at (248) 735-5615 or visit cityofnovi.org.

Clerk's mobile office visiting

The Mobile Office for the Oakland County Clerk and Register of Deeds Office is heading is a no-frills operation. Employees set up shop in borrowed space with laptop computers and printers so they can provide customers with on-the-spot copies of birth certificates, death certificates or other public records. Normal copy fees apply. The pilot project, modeled after a successful program in Macomb County, will offer many services.

Upcoming Mobile Office visits include 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19 at the new Novi Public Library, 10 Mile Road and Taft.

Join WAVES

WAVES of Harmony, a Women's Community Chorus, is looking for ladies to join the group this summer

to learn and perform some patriotic songs. WAVES will meet 7-9 p.m. on Mondays at the United Commerce Methodist, 1155 N. Commerce Road. Call (248) 887-2455 for more information.

Farmers market

From 10 a.m.-2 p.m. every Sunday through Oct. 31 on Main Street (east of Novi Road, south of Grand River Avenue), Novi's open-air market will feature over 40 vendors with in-season fruits, vegetables, plants, flowers, arts and crafts, jams, and sauces all grown or made in Michigan. Vendors will offer warm breakfast, pastries, sandwiches, sushi, kettle corn, fudge, coffee, and biscotti, and you can enjoy live music while you eat and shop.

Please see BRIEFS, A13

Your invitation to Worship

Church listings for Milford, Novi, Farmington Hills, Highland, New Hudson, Northville, Livonia, White Lake, Plymouth, and Wixom. Includes church names, addresses, phone numbers, and service times.

City pushing rental of Firearms Training Center

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The Novi City Council made it a goal this year to get more use out of the Firearms Training Center.

And thanks to a ramped up marketing effort, steps are being made to ensure that goal is accomplished.

Officials mailed letters in March and April to several federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to gauge their interest in renting the facility. Since then, the building has been used by the United States Postal Inspectors Service, Customs and Border Patrol and Providence Park Security.

"We are certainly always looking at ways to enhance our fiscal responsibility and generate revenue in ways not punitive in nature," said Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Molloy.

The Firearms Training Center opened in 2008 and features the latest in technologies simulating real life situations. It cost \$1.725 million to construct, but was funded entirely by federal drug forfeiture funds from Operation Falling Star.

The center includes eight shooting lanes, remote targets and two running targets.

Molloy said the department



The Firearms Training Center in Novi opened in 2008 and was funded using federal drug forfeiture funds as a result of Operation Falling Star. The police department is currently in negotiations with representatives from the Customs and Border Patrol to possibly rent out the facility on a regular basis.

is in negotiations with representatives from the Customs and Border Patrol to rent the facility on a regular basis. The organization has more than 500 agents who need to qualify on an annual basis.

They also are launching a Concealed Pistol License course on July 17 that is open

to the general public. The course is required before a citizen can be issued a concealed weapons permit.

Novi is required to provide a range officer who is fully trained in operation of the facility, and that charge is covered by the renter.

"We look at all these offer-

ings as either public safety improvements by partnering with other law enforcement agencies or as a specific limited public service for citizens taking advantage of available license process," said City Manager Clay Pearson.

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Novi police officer Erick Tapia trains in one of the eight shooting lanes at the Firearms Training Center. City officials are pushing the department to get more use out of the facility by renting it to other law enforcement agencies.

Police Sergeant Warren graduates

Completes MSU's School of Police Staff and Command

The Novi Police Department announced the recent graduation of Sergeant Michael Warren from the School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) at Michigan State University (MSU).

Sergeant Warren was part of a 20-member class with participants from communities throughout Michigan who successfully completed the five-month Staff and Command program.

Sergeant Warren is a member of its fourth graduating class.

"I am extremely proud of Sergeant Warren, his dedication to professional development and his significant academic achievement," noted Novi's Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David E. Molloy. "The program has provided him with additional education and training which will enhance his capabilities with the Novi Police Department and the services offered to the citizens of Novi."

A graduate of Liberty



Warren

University with a bachelor's degree in government and later an MBA. Warren began his career with the Novi Police Department in January 1997

as a dispatcher. Today, he holds the position of training and standards sergeant.

The School of Police Staff and Command provides upper-level college instruction in several core or mandatory topics of classes. The major topics of study include management and management theory, grant writing, human resources for law enforcement, budgeting, staffing allocation, and homeland security. The MSU School of Staff and Command is a combination of remote and classroom learning and provides 400 hours of instruction. SPSC is an partnership between MSU and the Michigan State Police.

Pair of cats found dead

Two cats were brutally killed some time before 8 p.m. on June 25 and were found in the area of Monticello and Paramount Avenue.

According to the police report, one cat had its skin removed and the other appeared to have been burned. A witness believes the cat may have been on fire at a residence on Monticello because there was multiple burn marks on the grass.

Neighbors in the area were aware of the incident, but no one had any possible suspects.

Police plan on contacting the property owner for further information, and the case has been forwarded to the detective's bureau for further investigation.

Drunk teens caught with drug paraphernalia

A pair of Novi teens were arrested at 3:38 a.m. on June 28 at Cavendish and Perceval Lane for drinking and driving, minor in possession and possession of narcotic equipment.

According to the police report, two Novi police officers were leaving the department when they saw a vehicle turning east on Ten Mile Road off Jamestown Road. As the vehicle passed the officers, the two teens stared at them.

The officers then turned around to follow the vehicle, trailing it as it turned into the Churchill Crossing Subdivision. As the followed the vehicle they observed it swerving, and because of several larcenies in the area, initiated a traffic stop.

The 17-year-old driver had a strong odor of intoxicants coming off his breath and initially denied drinking before finally admitting to having "three or four" beers.

He failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .083 percent. Michigan has a zero tolerance law when it comes to minors drinking and driving.

The other officer also found out the passenger had been drinking and his BAC was .07 percent.

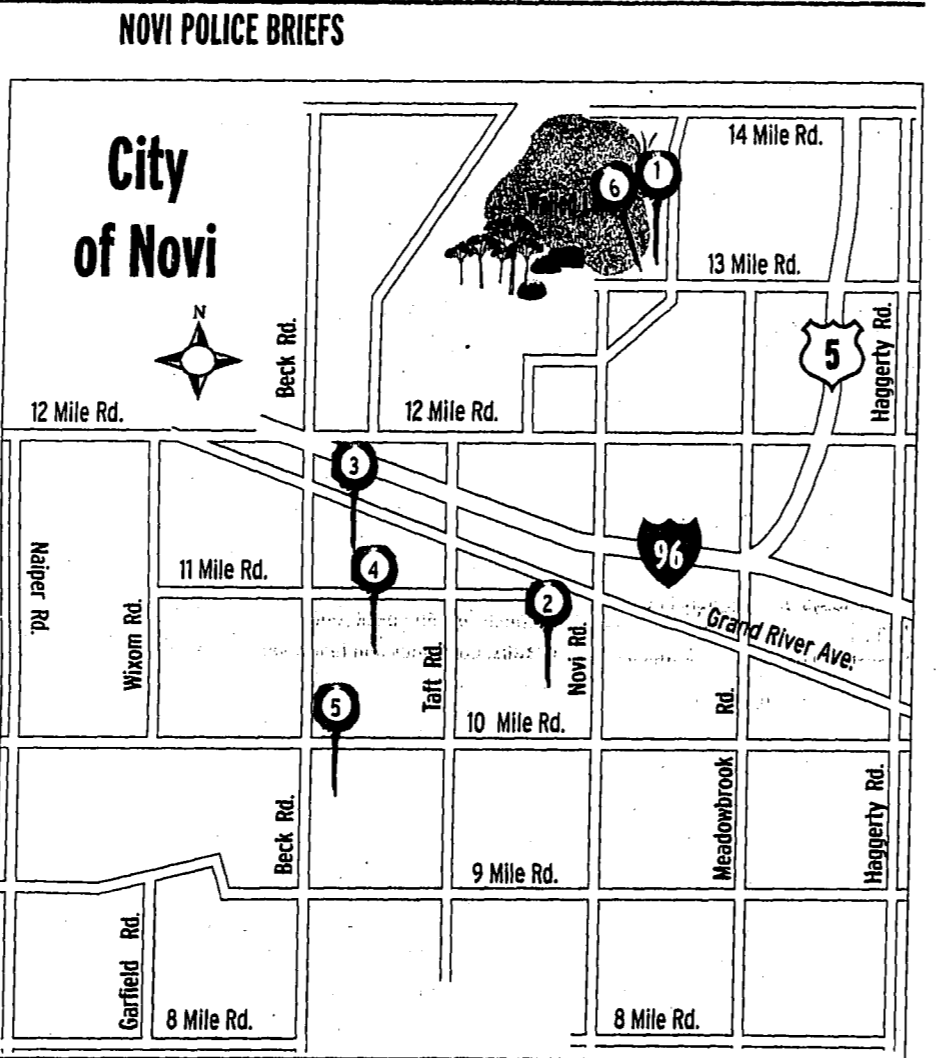
During a search of the vehicle, the officers also found a marijuana pipe and grinder in the center console.

Both teens were arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department. The driver was issued a citation for operating while intoxicated and possession of narcotic equipment and the passenger issued a citation for MIP by consumption.

Both were released when sober and given court dates.

Tires slashed on vehicle

Two tires on the driver's side of a Saturn Aura were slashed overnight on June 27 while it was parked on



Landscaping lights, statues damaged

Several landscaping lights and statues were destroyed by unknown suspects overnight on June 28.

The incidents occurred at four locations, three homes on Argyle and one on Broadmoor Lane. In the incidents on Argyle, a total of six landscaping lights were broken in the street.

In the incident on Broadmoor Lane, three ceramic landscape statues were broken.

Police have no suspects at this time.

Slow driver caught drinking

Novi police arrested a man for drunk driving at 10:08 p.m. on June 23 after observing his vehicle traveling 10 miles per hour with its lights off on Thirteen Mile Road near Endwell.

Police were dispatched to the area for a reckless driving complaint after witnesses observed the driver stumbling while leaving a bar in Farmington Hills.

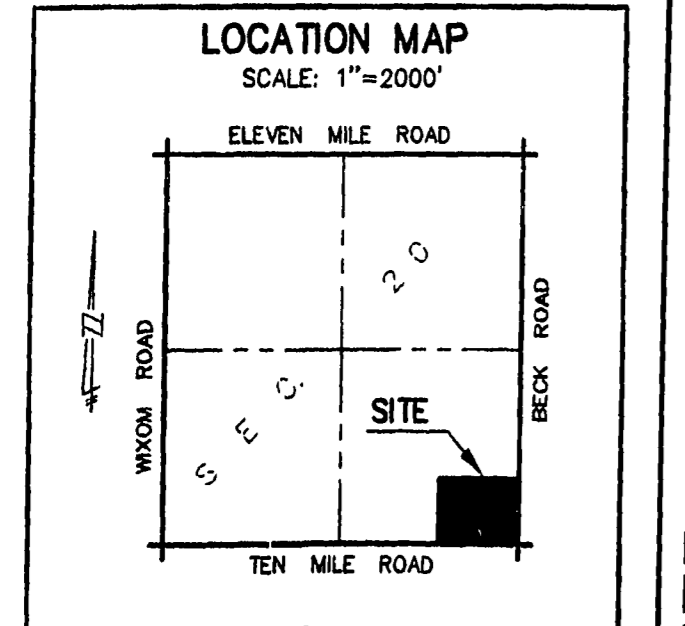
When the officer approached the car he could smell a strong odor of intoxicants and the man admitted to drinking. He failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .17 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

He was arrested, transported to the police station where he was issued a citation for operating while intoxicated and released after posting bond and when sober.

Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider: **NOVI CROSSING SITE PLAN NUMBER 10-06 AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18 696 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY ASSOCIATED WITH A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FROM B-1, ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO B-3, GENERAL BUSINESS WITH A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY (PRO).** The subject property totals approximately 24.3 acres and is located in Section 20, north of Ten Mile Road and west of Beck Road. The applicant is proposing a retail center totaling approximately 37,000 square feet.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Division, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, July 28, 2010.

Novi Planning Commission
David Greco, Secretary

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More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com.
Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

LOCAL EVENTS

2010 FIFA World Cup Final
Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 11

Location: Emagine Theaters Novi, 44425 W 12 Mile Road
Details: This is a fund-raiser for the Waza 97 Girls Blue soccer team. Watch the championship game live on a theater screen with theater seating, best fanatical fan costume prize, face painting available. Free small pop and small popcorn. Doors open at 2 p.m. Limited seating; purchase tickets early for \$15 each.
Contact: (248) 563-2611

American Business Women's Association

Time/Date: 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, July 14
Location: DoubleTree Hotel, Novi
Details: Novi Oaks Charter Chapter will be installing new officers for 2010-2011: Jenn Oddo, president; Chris Struve, vice president; Kathy Crawford, secretary; Peggy Aniol, treasurer.
Contact: Chris Struve (248) 269-2035

Summer Sidewalk Music Series

Time/Date: 4-7 p.m. Saturdays June-August
Location: at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountainwalk in the center roundabout by Lucky Strike
Details: Free concerts and art. ArtsNovi will have 4 artists selling work and doing demonstrations each week. Bring a chair! Bands for July: Sheila Landis & Rick Matle, 3; Mulderive, 10; Trio Organix, 17; The Pleasuretones, 24; Grievous Angel, 31.
Contact: Twelve Mile Crossing (248) 348-8762

Sunset Jazz @ Fuerst Park

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. first Wednesdays of June, July and August
Location: Fuerst Park, southeast corner of Taft and 10 Mile roads
Details: Free live jazz - bring a picnic basket and make it a date night. July 7 - Don Swindell Quartet; Aug. 4 - Royal Garden Quartet; Sept. 1 - Sheila Landis & Rick Matle
Contact: ArtsNovi@yahoo.com or Facebook: ArtsNovi

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Heritage Festival

Soya Nakamura (above), 3, gets an up-close look at a calf, or the other way around, during Sat., June 19's Novi Heritage Festival at MSU's Tollgate Farms on Twelve Mile Rd. Tom Keel (below left) plays the banjo during Novi Heritage Festival held on June 19 at Tollgate Farms. John Beemer (below right) gets some help in feeding a three week-old goat.



at (248) 348-5600 x 206.
Contact: (248) 348-5600

American Legion Post 19 Monthly Meeting

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

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OUR VIEWS

A time for pride

Democracy proves worthy of efforts to preserve it

The men and women in our armed forces know this country was founded on the basis of freedom, that it was a concept and an ideology worth fighting — and dying — for.

It's what our military members have been doing since Thomas Jefferson authored — and members of the Second Continental Congress signed — the Declaration of Independence. It took a lot of courage, first writing and then signing that document.

Clearly, they had worked to resolve their differences with the British. The list of disputes in the document is extensive.

But given the alternative, the document declares, the signers have the gumption to go to war. That's pretty tough talk, but it is also thoughtful and well-reasoned.

All people have rights, unalienable rights, Jefferson reasoned as he wrote. That means those rights come from a higher order and can't be abolished by any person — not a king of England, an egomaniacal tyrant in Iraq or a common thug hiding in a cave. Nor can any group of men — whether the British Parliament or Al Qaeda —

disband those rights.

"Look, we tried," says the document in so many words. "But you folks are taking away our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Our safety is threatened, so it seems better to just go our own way."

That we did, and the rest is history. It's a living history being renewed daily, whether by citizen groups such as the League of Women Voters or by men and women serving and dying in Korea and Vietnam, in Afghanistan and Iraq.

It's been 234 years since 56 men from 13 states put pen to paper. But we still carry that independent streak declared July 2, 1776, as the British fleet entered the New York harbor. It was declared again on paper two days later.

Independence is inbred in us, part of our genetic makeup.

That's why we bolt upright at attempts to abridge our civil liberties, and growl over things like foreclosures and the price of gas that threaten our happiness.

Our independence must be nurtured aggressively, if it is to continue. That doesn't mean agreeing with everything that comes out of Washington; it does mean passing along the memories and the message of the Declaration of Independence.

What better way to do so than by taking time on the Fourth of July to celebrate what we have achieved and to renew our will to protect it.

From parades to flying the U.S. flag, there are ample ways to renew our patriotic spirit. Parents will want to go to www.usa.gov for everything from recipes from first ladies to activities for children and teachers.

We have another right — the right to be proud of who we are as a country. It's the best democracy around, and our history proves it.

Safety first on holiday of Fourth

Use common sense when lighting fireworks this holiday weekend.

- Never use fireworks in an area where flammable materials, such as dry leaves or dead grass, are present or where they could ignite overhead obstructions.
- Don't let young children play with fireworks under any circumstance.
- Always keep water nearby in case of an emergency.
- Never attempt to make homemade fireworks.
- The safest way to enjoy fireworks is at a public display conducted by trained professionals.

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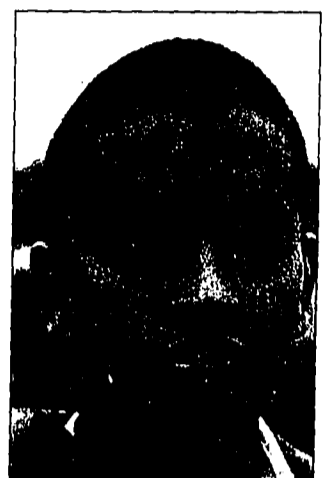
What was the most memorable part of your four years at Novi High?

(Asked of the Class of 2010.)



"I'm in the marching band, and it was when we went to state finals at Ford Field and seeing everyone coming together as a group."

Nina Stockman



"I guess it was how my teachers knew that they were trying their best to not only make you a better student but a better individual as well."

Anil Ravi



"Probably my teacher Mr. Crockett, because he taught me a lot in life and in class."

Dan Wu



"All the friends I made and my classes, too. And Mr. Crockett, too, for all his life lessons."

Adam Paul

LETTERS

Stop credit card swipe fees

Last summer, 45,853 7-Eleven customers in metro Detroit signed petitions asking Congress to stand up for consumers and reform the unfair, hidden swipe fees that credit card companies charge each time someone pays at my store with a debit or credit card.

We brought those petitions to Washington, and the Senate has gotten us close to real reform that will benefit Main Street merchants and consumers. There's still work to be done, though, before my customers and I will see the much-needed decrease in swipe fees.

Peters to finish the job and make sure their colleagues keep swipe fee reform in the financial reform bill and pass this Main Street stimulus into law. Without our representatives' support and leadership, metro Detroit small business owners and consumers can expect the same greedy behavior from the big banks and credit card companies that we've been experiencing for years.

Since 2001, the banks and credit card companies have hiked swipe fees by 300 percent, and the rates keep going up. Currently, consumers pay an average of \$400 each year in these hidden fees — an amount that goes straight into the credit card companies' coffers.

Luckily, the swipe fee amendment as included in the financial reform bill that just cleared the Senate presents a direct benefit to both consumers and merchants. Congressmen Conyers and Congressman Peters, this is your chance to stand up for local merchants and consumers. We're looking forward to your support and the resulting swipe fee reform.

Victor Dedering
 7-Eleven franchisee & owner, Novi

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Don't deny citizenship

Persons claiming to know the "intent" of the authors of our Constitution and laws regarding legal and illegal aliens ought to Google "Background History of the U.S. Naturalization Process" by Eileen Bolger.

One would learn that the term "illegal alien" was inapplicable when the Constitution was adopted. George Washington and the first few presidents were not born in the United States. How did they become citizens? One must keep in mind that we once encouraged migration to these United States. Our forefathers advertised and paid foreigners to come... Presently an effort is brewing that would deny citizenship to the offspring of an illegal alien. Is "ethnic cleansing" on the horizon?

Luckily, for the vast majority of the U.S. population, our predecessors were not as self-

ishly protective of our borders as some of our compatriots.

It would be interesting to learn how many of our English, Irish, Polish, Canadian or German, etc., parents or grandparents failed to register as aliens after a few years stateside and never "legally" acquired citizenship.

Are you sure?

Patrick M. Downey
 Novi

Call it Independence Day

For years I become more and more disheartened to see the anniversary of our country's birth regulated to just another day — the month by many people who call refer to the holiday the "4th of July" instead of "Independence Day." I see it on adverts, e-mails, Facebook and in the local papers.

No one calls Christmas "December 25th" because those that celebrate it as a religious holiday know that the cause for celebration is in the name.

By calling it "Independence Day" we can reinforce to each other and to our children that it's not just a day to have barbecue, see a parade and watch fireworks. It becomes a day to remember where we came from and what our forefathers did for us. It gives us incentive to talk to our kids about what those fireworks represent and how we are a part of the process.

Independence Day is about America and should be treated better.

Aaron Klenke
 Novi

COMMENTARY

Time to describe democracy, freedom

On Sunday, July 4, our country will be another year older.

When the signers of the Declaration came together July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia at the Second Continental Congress, they declared the 13 colonies "Free and Independent States... Absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown of King George III."

Thomas Jefferson called this document, "an expression of the American mind."

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among them are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

My first recollections of these words was in fourth grade in the shadow of our nation's capital where I grew up in the early 1960s. My 10-year-old mind heard the words, but my reality at the time told me they were not totally true.

I wondered, "inalienable rights": What about the fact we committed genocide on the original inhabitants of North America, native peoples, then went on to enslave African peoples? Who has the "right" to do that, I wondered?

The signs had only recently come down in Washington, D.C., saying "whites only" or "Negroes uses the rear entrance." I heard my

parents talk that the evils of the discrimination that was still pervasive in the deep south and across the land.

We understand democracy to mean not just the rule of the majority, but also the protection of the rights of the minority. Our forefathers understood this after winning the revolution against the British. But if political rights are not guaranteed to everyone, then it seems there are no guarantees for the rights of anyone.

As the 1960s gave way to the '70s, once again I was confronted by our nation's ideals and my realities. I saw wealthy kids wield the horrors of the Vietnam War using connections and college deferments while everyday people and minorities took their place on the front lines.

My friends who came home in flag-draped coffins or with their minds tangled and bodies mangled did not pursue this happiness. It was unfair they served while others with wealth and connections avoided not just the "draft" but death.

It was not until 1989 that I came to truly embrace what many take for granted in our developing and imperfect nation — "freedom."

The lesson was learned in Beijing, China, in mid-May 1989. It was the early morning and I was standing with the Chinese students who had gathered in Tiananmen Square to protest official corruption. The students huddled around me in Tiananmen Square, peppering me with questions about life in America.

They awakened my patriotism and pride in America with this: "Describe democracy; describe freedom."

I remember stumbling and sputtering all the words we have: where we live, freedom to work anywhere, to worship or not, to have children and how many — everyday things that the Chinese students, at the time, could only dream about. I took these for granted.

Trying to explain the freedoms we have was like trying to tell someone how you wake up and start to breathe; what was "normal" to us was only a distant dream to these students.

I remember sleeping off the plane back in America in late May 1989, wondering what would become of the protesting students in Tiananmen Square and falling to the ground and kissing the soil of our evolving and imperfect nation.

A few weeks later, the world learned the fate of the protesting students as the Peoples Liberation Army was ordered to turn on the Chinese people and hundreds, if not thousands, of students lost their lives, never realizing their dream of democracy and freedom.

We Americans have so far to go in reaching the ideals set by our founding fathers. Yet, the fact that we can point out our flaws, criticize our government and not be silenced and thrown into prison or suffer a worse fate is one of our greatest strengths as a free nation.

Tom Watkins is a regular contributor to these pages and served as the state superintendent of schools, 2001-05. He can be reached at: twatkins@aol.com.

Bring transparency to film infrastructure credit

Recently introduced legislation in the Senate to bring transparency and disclosure to the state's film infrastructure credit.

My reform will assert legislative oversight over this credit and builds upon my earlier good-government initiatives: the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) transparency legislation (Public Acts 124-126 of 2009) and the film production credit transparency package (Senate Bills 796 and 889).

While the MEGA reform has been signed into law by the governor, I am pleased that my film production credit transparency measures are finally being considered by the House Tax Policy Committee. I urge my House colleagues to swiftly pass these critical oversight reforms that were approved unanimously by the Senate in December.

The film production credit is a refundable credit for up to 42 percent of the cost of a single movie, eliminates a company's tax liability and gives them a check from the state for the remaining amount. The film infrastructure credit



Lansing Connection
 Nancy Cassis

is different. It is a tax credit for up to 25 percent of a company's investment in a movie studio or other facility in Michigan. While not refundable, the credit can completely erase a company's tax liability for up to 10 years.

I have been an advocate of bringing disclosure and accountability to all the film credits since the beginning. At the very least, to ensure we are using taxpayer dollars wisely and effectively, the process for approving these credits must be opened to scrutiny.

By opening up the process, Senate Bill 1405 will help prevent another film studio funding controversy like the recent Hangar42 debacle, which has already resulted in a House staffer resigning and the attorney general issuing subpoenas to a number of individuals involved as part of a newly launched investigation.

Hangar42 Studios, near Grand Rapids, was approved for a \$10 million infrastructure credit by the Michigan Film Office and was praised by the governor in her State of the State address. Controversy began after video emerged of a state House aide bragging about the financial windfall he was going to make and questions were raised about the true value of the property.

While I have been working on this reform long before the Hangar42 situation emerged, this clearly illustrates the need for increased transparency in the both the film infrastructure and production credit process.

Senate panel moves bill to help students succeed

My legislation to give teachers in low-performing schools critical tools to assist children at risk of failure and help them to gain meaningful employment and economic independence was approved last week by the Senate Education Committee.

As the state's dropout age expands from 16 to 18, we must

give our schools the evaluation, intervention and review programs they need to help their students graduate. To simply force kids to stay in school until age 18 without assisting struggling students is tantamount to fostering failure — with resulting concurrent cognitive, behavioral, emotional and social consequences.

Senate Bill 1284 would encourage the state's lowest-performing 5 percent of public schools to identify struggling students and intervene with an enhanced focus on literacy and math skills. The reform would encourage schools to implement periodic evaluations and early intervention strategies and bring together teachers, parents and mentors to support student learning.

Evaluation and intervention would be encouraged in the failing schools from kindergarten to third grade, with reviews during grades 4 and 7 and, if determined necessary, intervention in grades 5 and 8.

There is much evidence that improving student achievement begins with intervention before fourth grade and with continued evaluation through-

out middle school. Without these safety nets and benchmarks, we are sending struggling students down a path to failure. That is unacceptable.

State Senator Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, represents the 15th Senate District, which includes the townships of Commerce, Highland, Holly, Lyon,

Milford, Novi, Rose, West Bloomfield and White Lake, as well as the villages of Holly, Milford and Wolverine Lake and the cities of Novi, Northville (the Oakland County portion), Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Westland. She can be reached at 1-888-38-NANCY; visit her website at www.SenatorNancyCassis.com.

CALENDAR

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Details: Jazz up those regular summer items with supplies from our craft closet. Bring your own sunglasses or flip flops in for a summer makeover with sequins, glitter and other decorations.

Booked for Lunch
 Time/Date: 12 p.m. Wednesday, July 14

Details: Join your neighbors in a lively book discussion during your lunch hour. Bring your lunch and the library will provide a beverage. Today we will be discussing Shanghai Girls by Lisa See. No registration required.

Summer Movie Spectacular
 Time/Date: 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, July 14

Details: Cool off in the library with a sizzling recent release.

Friends' Monthly Board Meeting
 Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 14

Details: Board meetings are typically held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Library. Everyone is welcome at the meetings and we invite you to join us.

Walled Lake City Library
 Location: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake
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Novi Senior Center
 Location: 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
 Contact: (248) 347-0414

Blood Pressure Checks
 Time/Date: 10:45 a.m. Wednesdays

Details: Every Wednesday blood pressure checks are offered. Check your blood pressure and stay healthy. Your blood pressure record will be on file at the Senior Center so you can track your health. No charge.

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 Time/Date: 8:15-9:30 a.m. Tuesdays

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Details: Try your luck and get those cards filled up. A great way to socialize and meet new people. Price: \$5.00 per card at the door.

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Village Center Concert Series
 Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Thursdays through Aug. 12

Location: Sibley Square Park, 48900 Pontiac Trail, Wixom

Details: July 1 - The Crutches; July 8 - Paisley fogg; July 15 - Gia Warner (5-10 p.m. Showcase Wixom); July 22 - Justine Blazer; July 29 - Randy Brock Group; Aug. 5 - Global Village; Aug. 12 - Shawn Riley Band

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Grand facility

The Novi Public Library celebrated its grand opening last weekend with a visit by CNN Chief Medical Correspondent and Novi High School graduate Sanjay Gupta on Friday and scores of activities for the whole family on Saturday. The two-story, 55,000-square-foot building features a cafe, drive-up service win-

dow, self-checkout stations, an expanded computer lab, specific children and teen areas, a 2,000-square-foot outdoor patio and more. It opened to the public on June 1 and came in under the \$12.5 million budget. The only item left to be completed is the parking lot, and that is expected no later than Aug. 12.



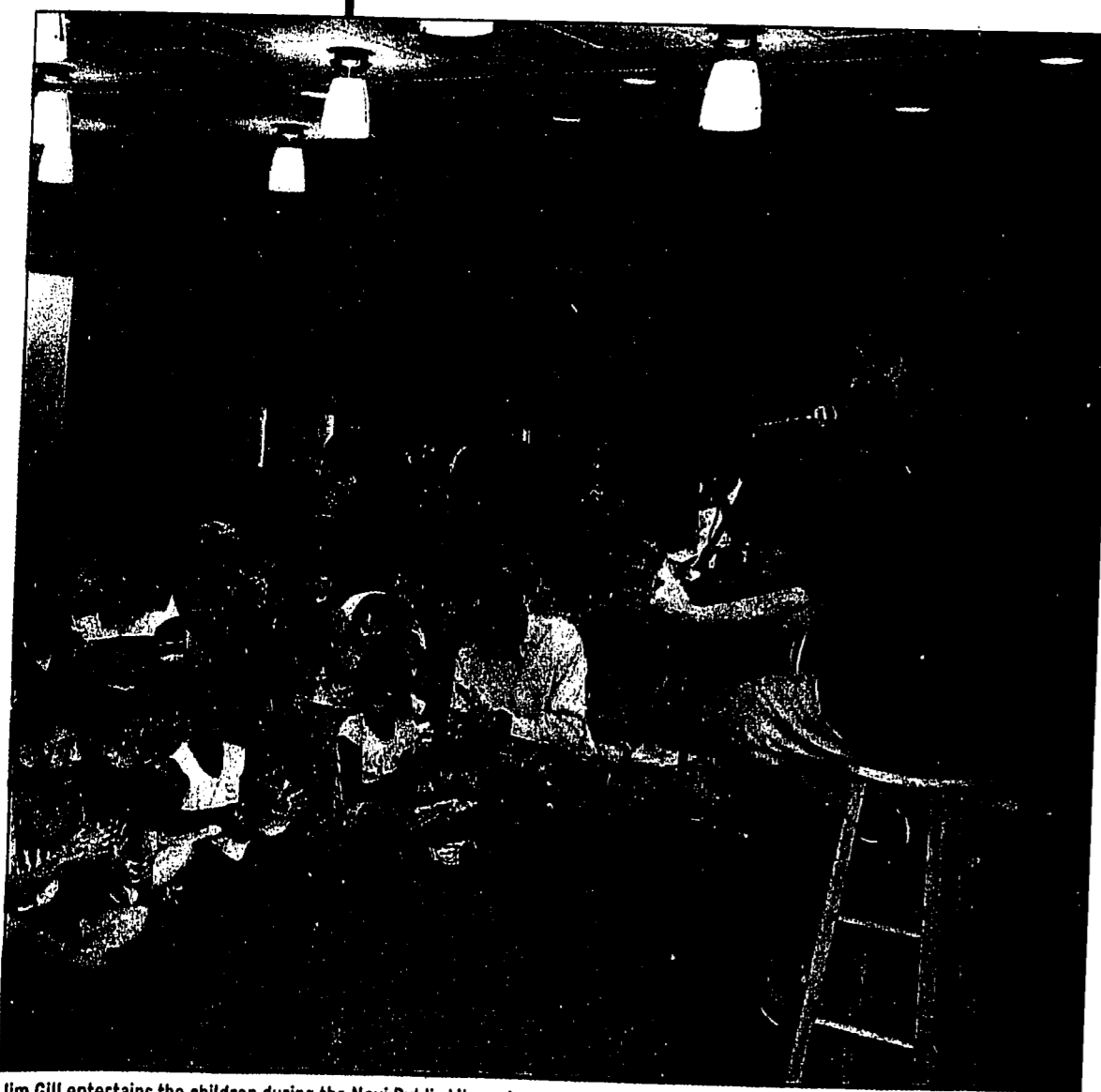
Betty Long, collection specialist at the Novi Public Library, helps a patron with her computer. The new facility has more than 100 computers, double that of the old building.



The Story Time Room at the Novi Public Library was a busy place during the facility's grand opening celebration on Saturday.



The Charles and Myrtle Walker Novi Public Library celebrated its grand opening on Saturday. The library opened to the public June 1, and was completed on time and under the \$12.5 million budget voters approved in 2007.



Jim Gill entertains the children during the Novi Public Library's grand opening celebration on Saturday.



Novi Public Library Director Julie Farkas stands with Mayor Pro-tem Bob Gatt (left) and former Novi High School graduate now CNN chief medical correspondent Sanjay Gupta. Gupta was the keynote speaker at a grand opening event for the new library Friday night.

Lanigan & Venditti

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hanzek of Novi announce the engagement of their son, Sean Patrick Lanigan, to Julie Marie Venditti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Venditti of Lewiston, N.Y.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Catholic Central High School and Hillsdale College and is employed at Toshiba Business Solutions as an MPS Specialist for all of south Florida.

The bride-to-be graduated with honors from Nova Southeastern University to receive her master's in occupational therapy. She is employed at Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood Florida as an acute care occupational therapist.

The couple plans to get married in Niagara Falls, NY, on Oct. 9.



Bowdell & Burkhardt

Greg and Lori Burkhardt and Jeff and Laura Bowdell, all of Novi, announce the engagement of their children, Amelia Burkhardt and Jeff Bowdell.

The bride-to-be earned an undergraduate degree in American sign language from Madonna University and a master's degree in English as a second language. She is currently an adjunct professor at Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester, Mass.

The groom-elect earned an undergraduate degree from Eastern Michigan University in history and social studies in teacher education. He is employed at the National Autism Center for Children as a teacher for those with autism.

A July 2 wedding at Church of the Holy Family is planned with Msgr. John Budde officiating. A reception will be held at The Baronette of Novi.

The bride maids are Melissa Doolin, Courtney Bowdell, Gina Vincenti, Angie Lasik, Caitlin Gottlieb, Kira Hurley and Denali Drake are the junior bride maids. All Drake is the flower girl.

The groomsmen are Gordon Bowdell, Adam Burkhardt, Andrew Burkhardt, Matt Smith and Alex Kazanis. Sean Hurley is the ring bearer.

After a Caribbean cruise honeymoon, the couple will reside in Worcester, Mass.



Michael S. Graf

Army Pvt. Michael S. Graf has graduated from the Basic Field Artillery Cannon Crewmember Advanced Individual Training course at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

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Howitzers, and ammunition vehicles; store, maintain, and distribute ammunition to using units as a member of battery or battalion ammunition section; perform crew maintenance and participate in organizational maintenance of weapons and related equipment; and establish and maintain radio and wire communications.

Graf is the son of Penney S. and Steve O. Graf of Novi. The private is a 2007 graduate of Novi High School.

IN THE SERVICE

BRIEFS

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Safety Town

The annual Safety Town will cover Stranger Danger, Fire Safety, Traffic Safety, Animal Safety and how to handle emergency situations. Safety behavior is taught by role-playing, projects, stories and songs. Field trips will be made to the fire department.

There will be "mini traffic lanes" that aid in the traffic safety lesson. Children will be split up into small groups and assigned a high school student as a counselor for all of the small group activities for the week. Activities will be done in the afternoon.

Classes are eight days for two hours each day or four days for four hours each day. The same concepts and curriculum will be covered in each session. Parents are asked to attend a 15-minute orientation on the first day. Children should bring a snack or lunch whatever is appropriate for the time they are attending. They will also need to bring a helmet. Students must be 4 by the start date of class. Cost is \$95 per session. Call 248-449-1206 for dates and locations.

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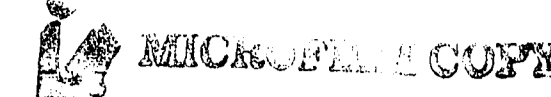
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Novi's Regnier has all tools for All-Area honor

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

Baseball players seek the title of being a five-tool player. Novi's Nick Regnier is just that.

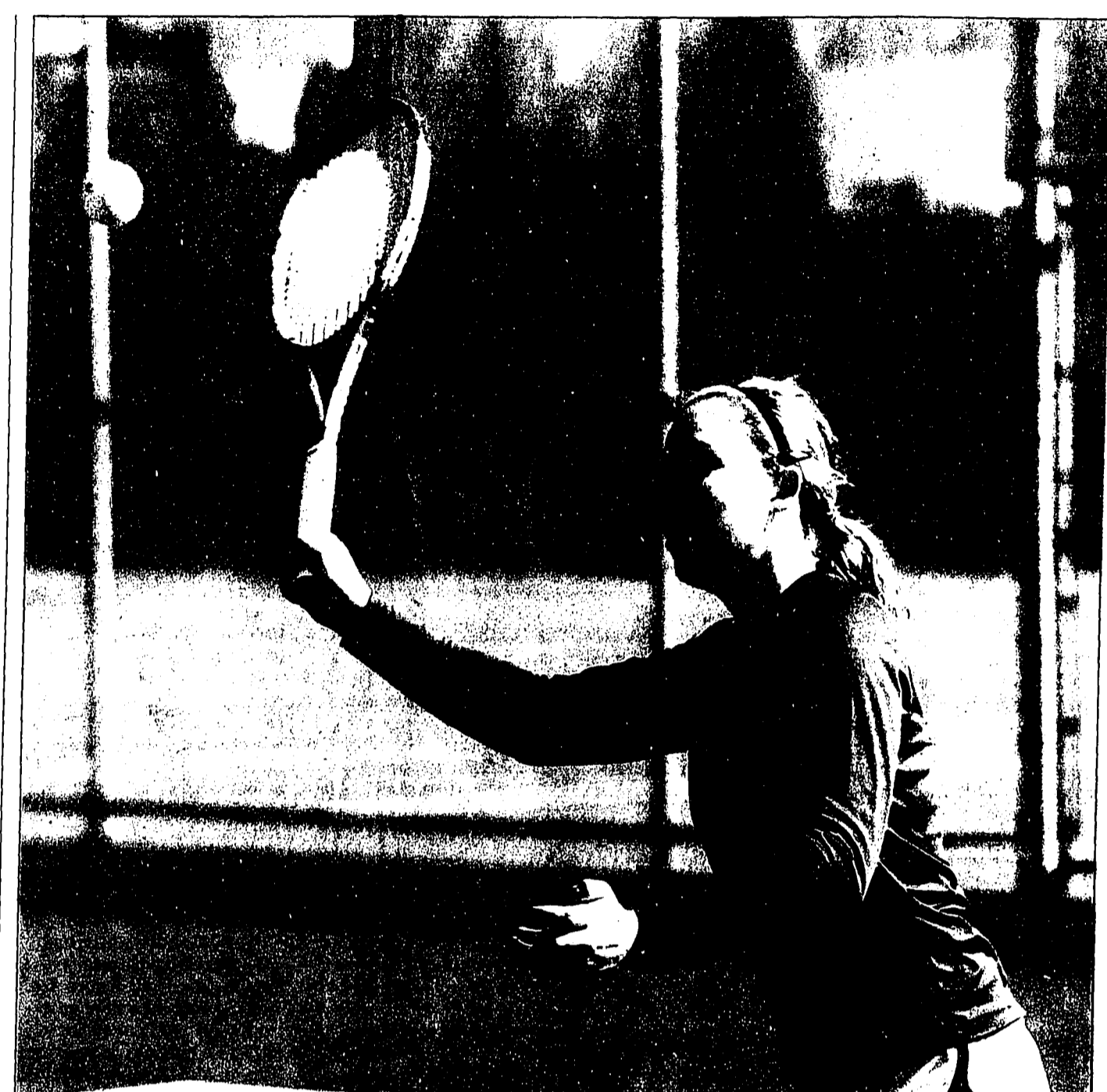
He can hit for average and for power, he has speed to burn, plays solid defensively and possesses a strong arm, all of which makes him the All-Area Baseball Player of the Year.

Regnier lit up the stat sheet, leading the Wildcats in several categories. He went 51 for 103 (a .495 avg), swatted seven home runs, drove in 47 runs and swiped 34 bases while only being caught once. He also pitched in 12 games, going 8-0 with two saves. He finished with a 2.17 ERA and recorded 42 strikeouts in the same amount of innings.

"Nick did not make an error in the outfield," said coach Rick Green. "He was a fierce competitor who could play anywhere on the field. "Nick is the only player since I have been coaching that had a green light to steal bases."

Regnier will attend Central Michigan University next year and will continue his career as a preferred walk-on.

Please see **BASEBALL, B2**



Novi Wildcat Amanda Border won the Division I state title at one singles, and earned Player of the Year honors.

All-Area: Novi's Border earns top honor following state tennis title

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Novi senior Amanda Border has led the Wildcats for the past three years, but this year she went as far as to win the Division I state title at one singles, which pools the best players from each team across the state. It was Novi's first-ever state champion in tennis for either gender.

"A four-year varsity player, Amanda had a career record of 71-15," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "She will play tennis for the University of Toledo next year."

Border went 22-3 during her senior year, capturing the KLAA Kensington Conference and regional championships.

FIRST TEAM
SARA CARLSON (NOVI SR. 35)
Backing up Novi's best individual record, Carlson finished 25-2 at three singles this year.

"The KLAA conference and regional champion capped off another outstanding year with a runner-up finish at the state finals," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "Sara is a four-time conference champion, regional champion and state semifinalist finishing with a career record of 97-12."

JENNA SHYDER (NOVI JR. 10)
JULIA THOMAS (SR.)

Novi's best doubles squad, Snyder and Thomas teamed up to finish 21-2 at one doubles this season, winning their flight's KLAA Kensington Conference and regional championships.

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Novi tri-athletes get it done

Year-round competition busy, but rewarding

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Being a part of an organized sport can be grueling on both a person's body and schedule, but there are 19 student-athletes at Novi High School who are on three different Wildcat squads throughout the school year.

Of the 19 student-athletes, 12 of them compete with varsity squads in all three of their sports.

"If you're planning on playing three sports, you need to be really dedicated and committed to putting in the training for all of them," said Abby Chandler, 16, who just finished her sophomore year with the varsity cross country, basketball and track teams. "Time management is key with dealing with practice schedules and school work."

The hours of practice put into participating in high school sports is a valuable experience for students, but several student-athletes said it was the hardest during their sophomore and junior years — after they were adjusted to the high school atmosphere and taking their core courses.

"My mom told me no sports without the grades. As soon as I get home from school, I had to get to work so I'm not up 'til 1 a.m.," said Jeremy Mims, 18, who just graduated with a 3.1 GPA after being a member of the football, basketball and track squads during his senior year. "The main thing is keep working hard from freshman year. My biggest mistake is I didn't take it very seriously and work hard as a freshman."

New alum Lindsey Johnson, 17, said being a member of SADD and Spanish Club added to a busy schedule that already included field hockey, ski and tennis.

"I was always good at fitting in my homework after school and I would get home from practice around 4:30 p.m. But, during the winter, ski was very challenging for me, my sophomore and junior years because you would get home at about 6:30-7 p.m. just for regular practice. When we would have races, we wouldn't get home 'til 9 or 10 at night," Johnson said. "I graduated Novi with a 3.72. I believe I could have had a higher GPA without all the sports and clubs, but I wouldn't trade all the great times I have participating in these extracurricular activities for better grades. It's definitely hard work, but you'll have so many great times it will be worth it."

One reason students participated in three different sports was to keep in shape for one another.

Justin Hopson, 16, did football, basketball and track during his recently completed senior year.

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Novi's Lindsey Johnson skis at Alpine Valley on Jan. 20.

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TRI-ATHLETES

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After running track in middle school, Hopton rejoined the program during his junior year "because I wanted to start getting in shape earlier for football."



JOHN HEDGECOCK PHOTOGRAPHER

Wildcat Jeremy Mims, one week from playing playoff basketball, zips out of the starting block as he competes in the 100 meter dash on March 25.

"Last year, I did AAU basketball in the spring, which was really complicated with track. I'd have to leave meets early to get to practices," Hopton said.

"It helped me out as far as endurance-wise," Mims said. "The last few years, I had AAU basketball, so I couldn't do track. This time last year, I was going to Total Performance working out every day."

"The biggest overlap was because of basketball and track. I missed the first week of track because basketball made it to the Sweet Sixteen."

A dual commitment to sports and good grades also resulted in missing social events for some athletes, like recent grad Tim Kols, 18, who played varsity football, hockey and lacrosse this year.

TENNIS

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They made the semifinals at the state finals and earlier in the season had a dual match win against the eventual state champion from Ann Arbor Pioneer, Novi coach Jim Hanson said.

Abby Wang (NOVI SO, 25) scored 19-4 at two singles against primarily girls two years older, Wang will likely step into Novi's top role next spring as Border graduates.

Chandler, who has a 4.0 GPA midway through her high school career, is focused on succeeding, but, like her now-alumni counterparts, sometimes has to make sacrifices or simply just push on through.

"I work really hard during school to get as much of my homework done as possible so I don't have as much to do after my practices," Chandler said.

"None of them really overlap, the only problem I had was choosing a sport to practice in the offseason," Johnson said.

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

BASEBALL

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The senior catcher was voted team offensive MVP and earned All-District honors. He batted .330 (32-97) with 22 runs scored, and seven batted in. He also stole 10 bases.

"A backstop like none other for the Lions," said coach Nick James. "His grit and determination set him apart from the rest of the league. He was our leadoff hitter and unrivaled leader in our clubhouse."

The senior pitcher was also a captain for the Wildcats. Zak was second on Novi with a 4.51 average (55-122), had 15 no-base hits, drove in 35 runs and scored 39 times. He was also 9-0 as a pitcher, working in nine games with a 2.49 ERA.

"He led by example more than vocal," said Green. "He reached his personal goals by a lot of off-season conditioning/workouts. He was a relentless worker who had a lot of passion for baseball which led to his successful senior season as well as the teams success."

Zak will be attending GVSU in the fall and continue his baseball career. MASARU NOGAMI, NOVI

The senior centerfielder was a defensive standout. He was no slouch at the plate either, hitting .444 (55-124). Nogami led the team with 53 runs scored and swiped 15 bases.

"He was by far the best centerfielder I have ever coached at Novi," said Green. "Masaru was a dream student athlete. Like Zak, he had unbelievable work ethic that allowed him All-State Academic honors and many team and league accolades."

Nogami will be heading back to Japan to further his education and baseball career. The Mustang senior was an All-Conference and All-District pitcher. He had four shutouts, three 1-hitters and went 7-1 with a 0.71 ERA in 54.2 innings.

The senior infielder earned All-District and All-Conference honors. Mills was a three-year starter and hit .400 all three years. He was co-MVP for Northville. During his tenure with the Mustangs, the team won 31, 31 and 25 games.

The senior centerfielder finished off a four-year varsity career with All-Catholic and All-District honors. He hit .375 (33-88), scored 23 runs, stole 18 bases and batted in 15 runs. Jakubik batted .444 with runners in scoring position.

"John was a three sport standout at CC," said coach Kevin Walters. "Despite having knee surgery late in the football season, John showed tremendous resolve to rehabilitate and prepare himself for his senior baseball season. He was our go-to player as he could beat you with his bat, glove, speed or his heart. His teammates and coaches selected him as the team's MVP."

Nolan Nunez, SOUTH LYON EAST

The Cougar senior finished off his career in style, batting a sizzling .430 (34-79) with 12 extra-base hits, 25 runs scored and 15 batted in.

"Nolan is an all-around baseball player," said coach Mike Lindman. "He does everything great—hits, fields, throws and runs bases all very well. He is a student of the game and knows the game inside and out."

Nunez will continue his career with a scholarship to Hillsdale.

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The senior pitcher was also a captain for the Wildcats. Zak was second on Novi with a 4.51 average (55-122), had 15 no-base hits, drove in 35 runs and scored 39 times. He was also 9-0 as a pitcher, working in nine games with a 2.49 ERA.

"He led by example more than vocal," said Green. "He reached his personal goals by a lot of off-season conditioning/workouts. He was a relentless worker who had a lot of passion for baseball which led to his successful senior season as well as the teams success."

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"He was by far the best centerfielder I have ever coached at Novi," said Green. "Masaru was a dream student athlete. Like Zak, he had unbelievable work ethic that allowed him All-State Academic honors and many team and league accolades."

Nogami will be heading back to Japan to further his education and baseball career. The Mustang senior was an All-Conference and All-District pitcher. He had four shutouts, three 1-hitters and went 7-1 with a 0.71 ERA in 54.2 innings.

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Fashionistas prepare to be hooked on the fun, funky, and fresh fashions from the latest retailer to hit Downtown Walled Lake, Audra's Addictions.

Specializing in distinctive apparel and accessories for men, women and children, Audra's Addictions features dozens of designer brands including Ed Hardy, Christian Audigier and Treasure Rock.

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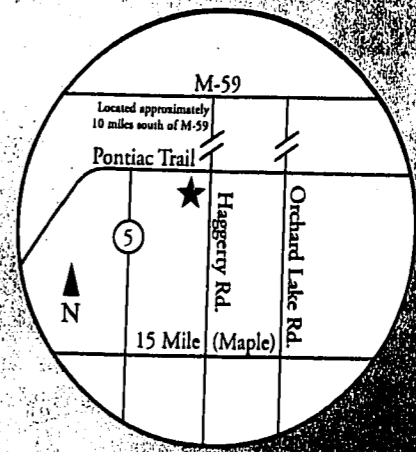
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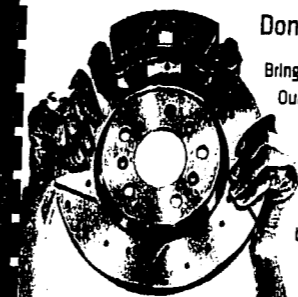
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