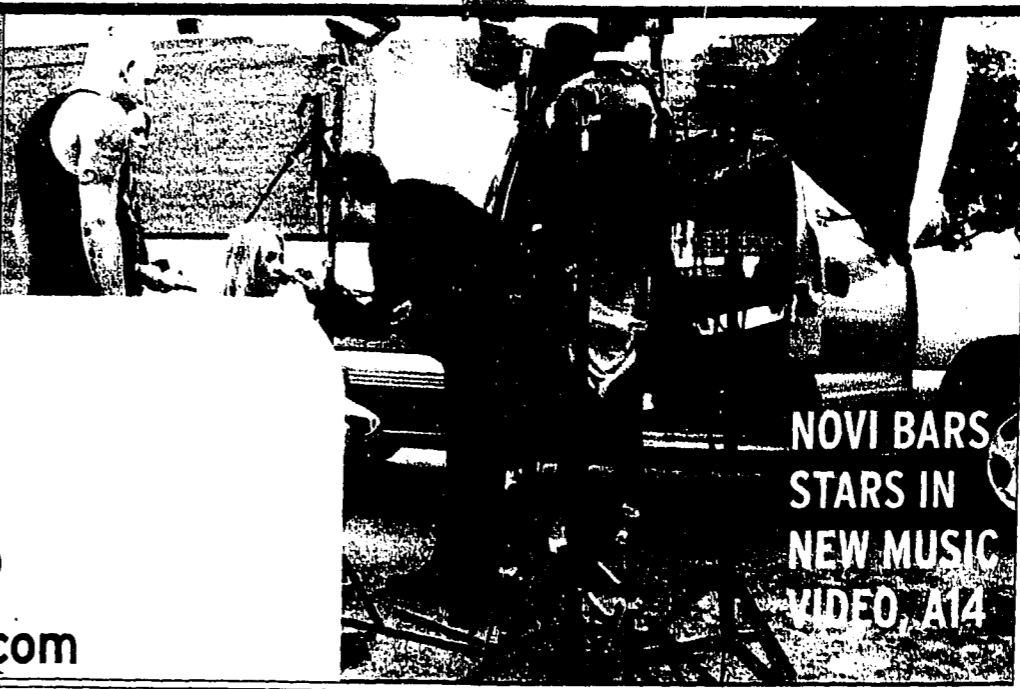


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NOVI NOW
Special board meeting

8/12/10

A special meeting of the Novi Board of Education to discuss a proposed reduction of athletic participation fees will be held at 7 p.m. tonight in the Educational Service Building, 25345 Taft Road.

The board's committee off the whole meeting will follow.

Wixom garage sale

Ridgewood Community Church will hold its first annual garage sale from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20 and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Aug. 21 at Total Sports Executive Building, 31060 Old Wixom Road, Wixom.

Proceeds will benefit Operation Christmas Child; the goal is \$1,000.

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Summer taxes due

2010 summer property tax bills have been mailed. Taxes are due and payable through Aug. 31 without penalty. New this tax season, informational copies of tax bills will not be mailed if you have an escrow account established with your lending institution. Property tax information is available on the City of Novi website at www.cityofnovi.org.

Property taxes/water and sewer payments can also be paid online at www.cityofnovi.org by credit card or electronic check (no fee for electronic check).

Please contact the Treasurer's Office at (248) 347-0440 if you have any questions. Postmarks are not accepted.



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A line of brass players march on the field during Novi's band camp last week. The marching band will perform for the first time on Aug. 27 at the Wildcats' first football game.

Fresh faces

Incoming band members face steep learning curve

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The days are 12 hours long. The 10 to 15 minutes worth of music is hard to memorize. And coordinating movements with nearly 200 others seems impossible.

That, in a nutshell, is the life of a freshman on the Novi High School Marching Band.

KEY BAND PERSONNEL

Director: Mark Hourigan
Asst. director: Jon Thomann
Colorguard director: Betsy Pilon
Drum majors: Jaime Cameron, Jordan Blanchard and Katalina Faraon

"It's a completely new set of skills," said director Mark Hourigan. "It's hard enough to play in a chair, let alone do it while marching."

Band camp kicked off last week at the high school, and for the 45 freshmen who stepped on the field for the first time it was an eye-open-

ing experience.

Kyle Kilponen has been playing the trombone for five years, so that part is easy, but doing it while moving with 167 others has been difficult.

"It's a lot of hard work," he said. "Especially working on drills and remembering your steps. The upperclassmen have been a big help and have taught us a lot of tricks."

One of those upperclassmen is senior Matt Thimm. The four-year band member said it took him until his sophomore year to be completely comfortable, and reinforces to the younger mem-



Novi High School freshman Laura Baumgarten talks about the challenges of being in marching band.

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**Board to decide
on pay-to-play
amount tonight**

**Proposal flat fee of
\$285 at high school,
\$165 middle school**

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

A decision is expected tonight regarding pay-to-play costs for students in the Novi Community School District.

Administration is recommending charging a flat fee of \$285 at the high school and a fee of \$165 at the middle school.

The cost currently in the budget for a student to play a sport this school year at the high school is \$350 annually and \$225 at the middle school. The family cap of \$700 remains unchanged from last year.

Treasurer Dennis O'Connor said at the board's last meeting on Aug. 5 that he would like to see the fees remain the same as the 2009-2010 school year: \$175 per sport at the high school, with a cap of \$350, and \$75 per sport at the middle school, capping out at \$225.

"I personally think given our new situation that going back to the 2009-2010 model is more than equitable," he said.

Athletic director Curt Ellis said Tuesday since football is the only sport to have started practice, he is unable to gauge the impact the increase in fees is having. He also said that 40 percent of the high school athletes compete in two or more sports, so the proposed rates would actually be a decrease for them.

Changes to the pay-to-play fees was one of 12 expense restorations the board of education took action on last Thursday. Ten of the 12 items were approved, with the board requesting more information about pay-to-play fees and restoring K-4 special teachers.

The restorations were the result of district officials being able to estimate the district was going to have \$3,426,000 in excess fund equity.

The board set its fund equity parameter at 10 percent, and the approved budget came in at 13 percent (or \$2 million over). An additional \$670,000 is coming back to the district thanks to 25 teachers taking the state's retirement incentive; \$136,000 more will return as the result of an \$11 reduction by the state of a \$265 cut and a \$100 budgeted state aid reduction also is being factored in at \$620,000.

The restoration recommendations total an estimated \$1,449,571, leaving the district with \$1.9 million in excess of the 10-percent fund equity required.

"We were conscious of the things we added back into the budget being things

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Voter turnout higher than expected

Clerk expects November general election to draw 50 percent

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Voters in Novi made their voices heard as nearly 24 percent of registered voters cast ballots in the Aug. 3 primary election.

Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius said voter turnout for primary elections is usually in the 17 to 23 percent range, with an average of 20 percent



Cornelius

over the last 20 years. She said she believes the reason for the higher turnout was a strong interest in local races, including the 15th District state Senate and 9th District County Commission seats, as well as

the gubernatorial election.

"We were very pleased with the turnout," she said.

A total of 8,699 registered voters cast ballots, with 73 percent of them voting for the Republican Party. Precinct 10 posted the highest voter turnout at 58 percent, while precinct 12 had the lowest at 8 percent. Election night also was not

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without a few kinks as high humidity caused problems with the absentee ballots getting caught in the tabulator, and some precincts were having trouble connecting to the Oakland County server.

Novi was not alone in reporting official results late, however, and Cornelius expects few issues at the November general election.

For that election, she is expecting voter turnout to be around 50 percent "because of the turnout at the primary."

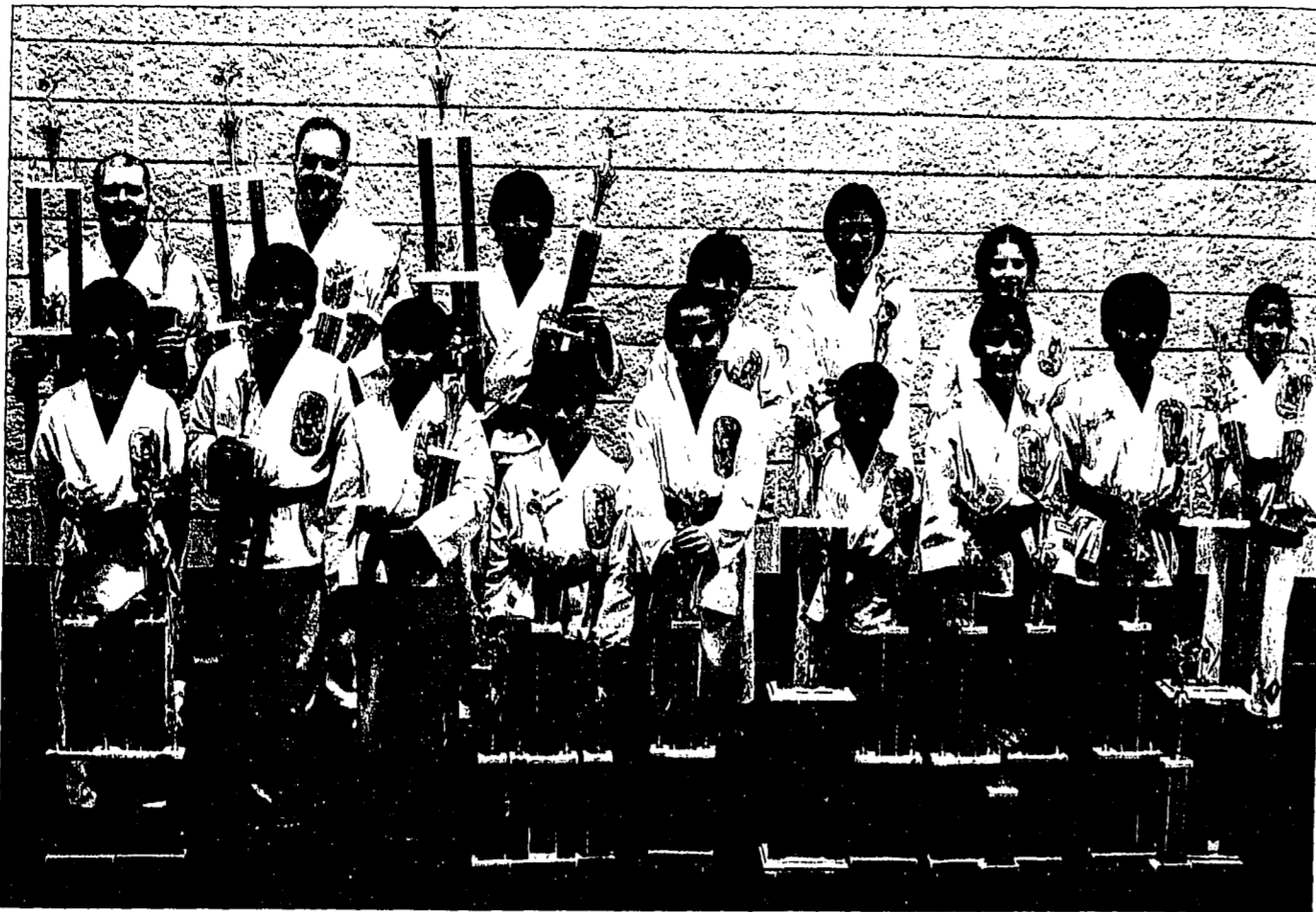
Cornelius also said she heard from residents who did not get their absentee mailed to their

houses and that is because a change in the Michigan Election Law does not allow the clerk's office to voluntarily send absentee voter applications to people 60 years and older like they have in the past.

If people wish to receive an application in the mail, they must call their local clerk's office prior to the election or write a letter to request to be put on the Permanent Absent Voter List.

Election workers also are needed for November, with a heavy emphasis being put on local college or high school students who can work a full day.

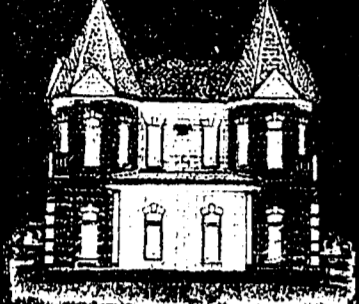
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Karate honors

Family Self Defense Center (FSDC), in partnership with Novi Parks, received record-setting national recognition as one of the top Isshinryu Karate programs in the country at the National Isshinryu Hall of Fame Awards and Tournament in Knoxville, Tenn. Thirty-one trophies were earned by the 15 FSDC competitors, with six National Champions crowned. Winners include: Devon DeCaire - first, second, fourth; Joshua Huang - first, second, third; Tom Pospeshil - first, third; Alex Raeton - first, second, fourth; Mark Swanson - first, third, fourth; Tanaz Naterwala - second (2); Andrew Pospeshil - second, third (2); Annabel Spencer - second; Cyd Spencer - second; Andrew Swanson - second; Ryan Swanson - third (2); James Takeshita - third; and Noah D'Arcy - fourth.

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that are directly impacting students," said board president Ann Glubzinski.

She also said the board might not be done yet as enrollment plays a large factor in the district's funding.

One of the items that was approved but drew some discussion from board members was a 1-percent increase for non-union staff.

Board Vice President Bruce Bagdady said it is difficult during these economic times to approve a pay increase, but because the board has asked the administrative staff to do more work with fewer bodies and other employees in the district are getting increases, it "makes it difficult to say you don't get one as well."

O'Connor disagreed, saying the district asked for 20-percent wage concessions from transportation workers and privatized custodial services last year, and he doesn't think "giving administrators a 1-percent raise

supports the concept of share sacrifice."

OTHER BOARD INFO

• Superintendent Pete Dion informed the board that all of the schools met Adequate Yearly Progress and each received 'A' grades on the Education YES! report cards.

"I think that is a huge accomplishment when you have a high achieving district like Novi and we continue to get better and better," he said.

• The board also approved the hiring of Charles LaClear as an assistant principal at Novi High School. LaClear comes to Novi after serving as the principal at Bridgeport High School.

• There will be a race for the open trustee seat on the Novi Board of Education this November as Brien O'Meara has joined Jason Manar on the ballot. One of them will be replacing Katie Raeton, who chose not to run for re-election to pursue other educational endeavors.

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Sword Camp

Jeffrey Rooke, 7, and Tanaz Naterwala, 12, take part in a drill at an Aug. 5 sport sword padded weapon class at the Novi Civic Center. The class, taught by Family Self Defense Center in Novi was a week long and gave its participants an introduction to a variety of Samurai weapons.

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Clay Pearson

Your City of Novi government is creating and adapting. Everybody has constraints and local governments are no exception. At the City of Novi, we have anticipated and recognized the financial realities that have recently hit the state and local governments hard. We are turning these realities to the best advantage of the current and future residents and businesses of Novi. We are making management decisions every day to control costs, prioritize, and deliver results for you.

Several months ago, during our budget preparation, I shared with the community (Novi News, March 11) how the City of Novi is proactively balancing the task of dealing with the current economic environment -- a defensive position -- with fielding a good offense to allow us to thrive in the future. Now, we are into our new fiscal year and have a financial plan and the team to keep Novi a top place for people to live and for businesses to invest. Our cast is seasoned and motivated.

In real-world terms, we recognized in advance that Novi's property tax revenue (our majority source of General Fund revenue) is declining because of statewide and nationwide declines in existing property values (although the decline is less in Novi than in most other cities of substantial size). Total property tax revenues for our fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 are projected at \$32.78 million, compared to \$36.51 million for the year prior; a sizable \$3.73 million (11.4%)

reduction. Our cash balances are kept reasonable. We need operating cash flow and to have some cash for unforeseen expenditures. But we are not hoarding cash that has been entrusted to us for providing essential public services. We are investing in roads, drains, and parks. The General Fund balance is within our 14-18% range, equal to about two months' expenditures. General Fund expenditures are going to be about \$28.1 million, compared to the recent \$32.1 million just two years ago. All the while, expenditures on Police/Fire public safety services have been maintained between 50-60% of the General Fund expenditures.

We are looking ahead and anticipating future budgets. That is the challenge we are grappling with -- to adapt to smaller revenue and realistically become a smaller government while still getting important things done. Personal services (wages and benefits) are our largest outlay and we are working to align those costs with priorities of public safety, infrastructure, and parks/recreation.

Reductions in workforce are a reality here (as at most units of government). However, the City of Novi is committed to being wise about where cuts have to be made and getting the most from our resources -- both staff and contracted work.

On the first commitment, our elected leadership, the Mayor and members of the City Council, have made it clear that there are no sacred cows. We must not be afraid to take a thoughtful look at our operations, past practices and then make changes. You can see our monthly Fiscal Fitness publication on cityofnovi.org to get examples. As we become a smaller government, there are impacts. We are working to limit them in key service areas.

The entire budget document is available on cityofnovi.org as part of our overall commitment to transparency in your local government. The document represents the description of how we are making the best of what we have, rather than wringing our hands about constraints.

If you have any questions about the fiscal health of OUR Novi community, please contact me at any time.

Clay J. Pearson is the city manager of Novi. He can be reached at cpearson@cityofnovi.org.

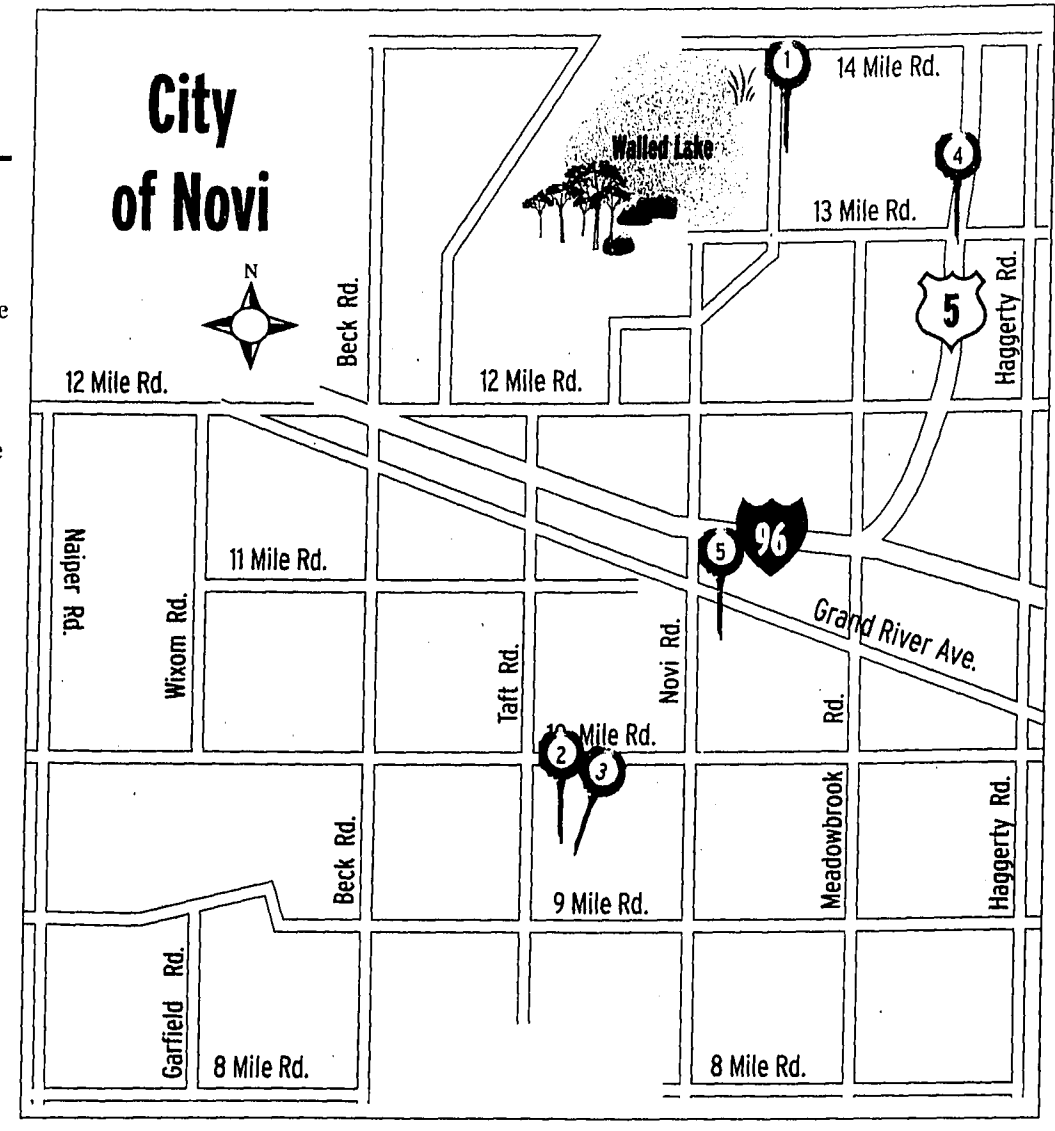
GUEST COLUMN

You have hopefully heard about how the City of Novi staff is contracting to complete building permits for the City of South Lyon. In the reverse, we have contracted with Farmington Hills for sidewalk construction inspection. There will be more contracts and savings ahead.

On the second commitment, maximizing the return of the resources, we are taking our management responsibilities seriously. We are reassigning workloads and assignments. For instance, the administrative support that was based in the Fire Department now comes from a centralized Public Safety administration. Some of the subsequent staff changes result from reductions in the number of people (some caused by bumping within the collective bargaining units due to position eliminations) and others from aligning resources with priorities (fewer support staff in many areas). As anybody involved with management at his or her own business can imagine, some of these adaptations are easier than others, but we try to communicate and share as much as possible internally about the realities we face. We are taking a hard look at data such as calls for service, breaking down those calls for service by hour of day and day of week, for instance. We act and adapt to that data.

The victim said he left his car unlocked overnight and all

the items were taken from the center console of the car. He said he thinks the suspects are a number of juveniles whom he hears during late night hours, and said a few of his neighbors have had similar issues.



NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Driver caught with bag of weed

Novi police arrested a man at 10:31 p.m. on Aug. 3 at Novi Road and Waverly Drive for possession of marijuana after he was initially stopped because one of the brake lights on his car was not working.

Prosecutor to review fight in parking garage

The city prosecutor is reviewing information from a fight that took place around 2 a.m. on Aug. 5 in the parking garage on Main Street.

Police stop drunk driver

A drunk driver was arrested at 12:40 a.m. on Aug. 6 at Thirteen Mile Road and M-5 after police observed the car swerving in its lane and traveling under the posted speed limit.

Items stolen from unlocked car

A Nikon digital camera, three pairs of Oakley sunglasses and several CDs were stolen from a Ford station wagon between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. on July 29 while it was parked in the driveway of a home on Roundview Drive.

Novi Police Department offers Civilian Pistol Safety Class

On Saturday, Aug. 21, the Novi Police Department will host a Civilian Pistol Safety Class from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. This course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License (CPL). An additional course is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 2.

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Brett Anderson of Novi received the John White Award for outstanding academic performance in chemistry. The award was presented at the college's Honors & Awards ceremony.

Denison University

Emily Janice Hopcia of Novi was among 346 undergraduates named to the spring semester Dean's List by Provost Bradley Bateman.

NOVI ON CAMPUS

Northwood University The following students from Novi graduated in May: Robert Ahrens, Kevin Bartz, Joseph Betto, Amanda Brown, Daniel Burns Jr., Jeremy Church, Stephanie Clos, Kayla Cospay, Jordan Crandell, Jeffrey Donohue, Elizabeth Fields, Benjamin Foerg, Ashley Gazdecki, Morgan Gerlich, Elaine Grech, Nicole Grimes, Gabrielle Hamilton, Erin Haynes, Kimberly Homack, Staci Johnson, Robert Low, Laura Ludwiczak, Consuelo McAboy, Claudia Miculici, Maryann Mugerian, Scott Pavlak, Derek Pivetz, Brent Rau, Amy Reinhold, Kimberly Sanbovic, Matthew Schaffer, Alexandra Sisson, Bryn Smetana, Daniel Spisak, Kaitlyn Stanford, Courtney Staschke, Annette Sturla,

Alexander White, Benjamin Workman, Kara Yadach and Amanda Zazza.

The following students from Novi received honors for the spring semester: Geoffrey Atia-Ahrens, Bradley Clos, Katherine Colacino, Elizabeth Fields, Maria Fossbakk, Ryan Fox, Evan Gabe, Steven Hart, Erin Haynes, Karam Jalli, Priscilla Peoples, Marie Ruhl, Melissa Stouffer and Laura Van Valkenburgh.

Hope College

Four students from Novi were named to the Dean's List for the second semester of the 2009-2010 school year: Anthony Gasparotto, Amanda Sutton, Nicole Nordstrom and Megan Campbell.

Summer camps

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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,

NOVI COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Youth Toastmasters Club

A new Toastmasters club will meet for eight one-hour sessions within the next few months.

Novi Parks offers camps

Camp Lakeshore returns this summer under a new name, Lakeshore Park Adventure Camp. The camp offers adventures such as kayaking, geocaching, climbing with a belay harness, canoeing, and hiking.

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Novi bar on the 'Move' for music video filming

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Elle Kelly's music video, "Move," is about a girl's night out. Anyone who has been to the Liquor Store bar in Novi knows it's about the same — a popular destination for bachelorette parties.

Kelly is a 26-year-old Brighton resident and daughter of Larry Kelly, a former backup guitarist for the Romantics, a 1980s Detroit area rock n roll band. Though she describes her music as "pop with a hip-hop edge," Kelly might be tempted to go old school and bust out a rendition of the Romantics' smash hit, "What I Like About You!" when her entourage arrives Friday to shoot two scenes.

What's not to like about her first music video experience, from her self-titled and first solo CD?

Kelly shot the first two scenes July 31 in front of the former Berkley Theatre and a third scene, Aug. 1, inside the Post Bar in Ferndale. The Berkley Theatre scenes unexpectedly included a chance to dance on a fire truck.

"It was spontaneous for sure," said Kelly, joined by her friends and dance partners,



A Berkley fire engine was part of the first two scenes of Elle Kelly's music video, "Move," filmed July 31 in front of the former Berkley Theatre.

Laurie Lysak and Stacie Lynn. "We said 'Heck yes, we want a fire truck!'"

The Liquor Store was open to the public during last Friday's shoot, which was sponsored by AMP 98.7 FM.

Wendy McClendon, co-owner with her husband Joseph of

the record company, Daleth Music Group of Southfield, said the Liquor Store is the ideal venue because it has a mechanical bull, which patrons enjoy riding.

"The name of the song is 'Move,' and (the mechanical bull) adds more fun to the

shoot," McClendon said.

McClendon said the music video is scheduled to be shown on MTV, MTV International and Fuse later this summer. In addition to Lysak and Lynn, Kelly recruited two other friends, Mary Brunken and Sarah Shanahan, to join her in



Musician Elle Kelly (center) is joined by her friends, Laurie Lysak (right) and Stacie Lynn, dancing on a fire truck for the music video, "Move," at the former Berkley Theatre.

setting the scene for the "girls night out" theme.

Previous scenes also have included a professional skateboarder, a teen dance team and break dancers, according to McClendon.

"Everybody's contributing their own little piece and it's coming together perfectly," Kelly said.

Kelly has wanted to be a musician for as long as she can remember. Her father left the Romantics when she was three to concentrate on raising a family, she said, but continued to play locally with bands known as Pulstar and Knock Knock.

"I used to hop on stage," she recalls. "I was brought up in music, for sure. I was (her father's) No. 1 fan."

She doesn't think she'd have been a fan of her father's fashion, however, recalling the '80s music scene publicity photos she's seen.

"He looks like a huge dork, super puffy hair, almost like a fro, with a little moustache and goatee, and tight clothing," Kelly said, laughing. Now, she said, "he's clean cut, a professional businessman."

Kelly said she and Joseph McClendon wrote each of the 11 songs on the CD.

"They're not old songs," she said. "They're written on the spot." Most are about romance, or failed romance.

The Kellys are an artistic lot. Elle's 24-year-old brother Dane plays the guitar and their mother, Katie, prefers art on the canvas. The two siblings and their father play on occasion in the music studio above their Brighton garage, which is sound proof so the neighbors "don't hear unless the windows are open," Elle said.

Kelly attended Central Michigan University for one year but realized the major she was considering, fashion merchandising, wasn't for her.

"I couldn't stop thinking about music," said Kelly, who never returned to school, but has worked as an office manager when not focusing on music. "I found myself writing lyrics and not paying attention. Basically I just realized I was not passionate about fashion. I was passionate about music."

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Northville's Arastu hurdles the field

East's Oliverio jumps onto First Team

BY JEFF THEISEN
 SPORTS WRITER

Northville's Ali Arastu capped off a stellar track career for the Mustangs with a State Title in the 300-meter hurdles and a runner-up finish in the 110 hurdles.

Arastu is the 2010 All-Area Track and Field Athlete of the Year.

"Ali is simply one of the most elite track men to come from this area in a very long time," said coach Joe Knisely. "His steady improvement, consistency and increasing dominance in the hurdle events is unmatched by any athlete from any school in the area."

Arastu's accomplishments include KLAAs Conference champion in both hurdle events and regional champ in both. He set meet records at both in the 300 hurdles.

The senior long jumper placed eighth at state to earn All-State honors. Kuhn had a personal best of 21-9.5 and was also the KLAAs Conference champ.

Dan Egner, Novi

The senior just missed All-State honors with a 10th-place finish in the 800 meters at state. He was All-Conference and All-Regional. His personal best was 1:55.93.

Ryan Oliverio, South Lyon East

The senior long jumper saved his best for the end of the year, jumping 10-10.5 to finish as regional champion. The state qualifier also finished third in the KLAAs and eighth at Oakland County.

Jake Spuller, Catholic Central

The junior sprinter helped re-write the Shamrock record books this year. He was part of the 4x100 (42.4), the 4x200 (1:28.5) and the state championship 4x400 (3:16.11) relays to set new standards. He also broke the record in the 200 meters (21.2). He was voted Team MVP. Spuller won the regional and finished second in the Catholic League in the 200.

"Jake ran whatever we needed him to run in order to score the most points for the team — open 100, 200, 400, as well as the three sprint relays," said Grewe. "He led the team in points scored in invitationals and championship meets. He is a fearless runner who hates to lose and leaves it all on the track in every race."

Dylan Young, Catholic Central

The senior thrower capped a stellar season with a fourth-place finish in the discus. He was also regional champ and the Oakland County runner-up. His throw of 168-0 is second all-time at Catholic Central.

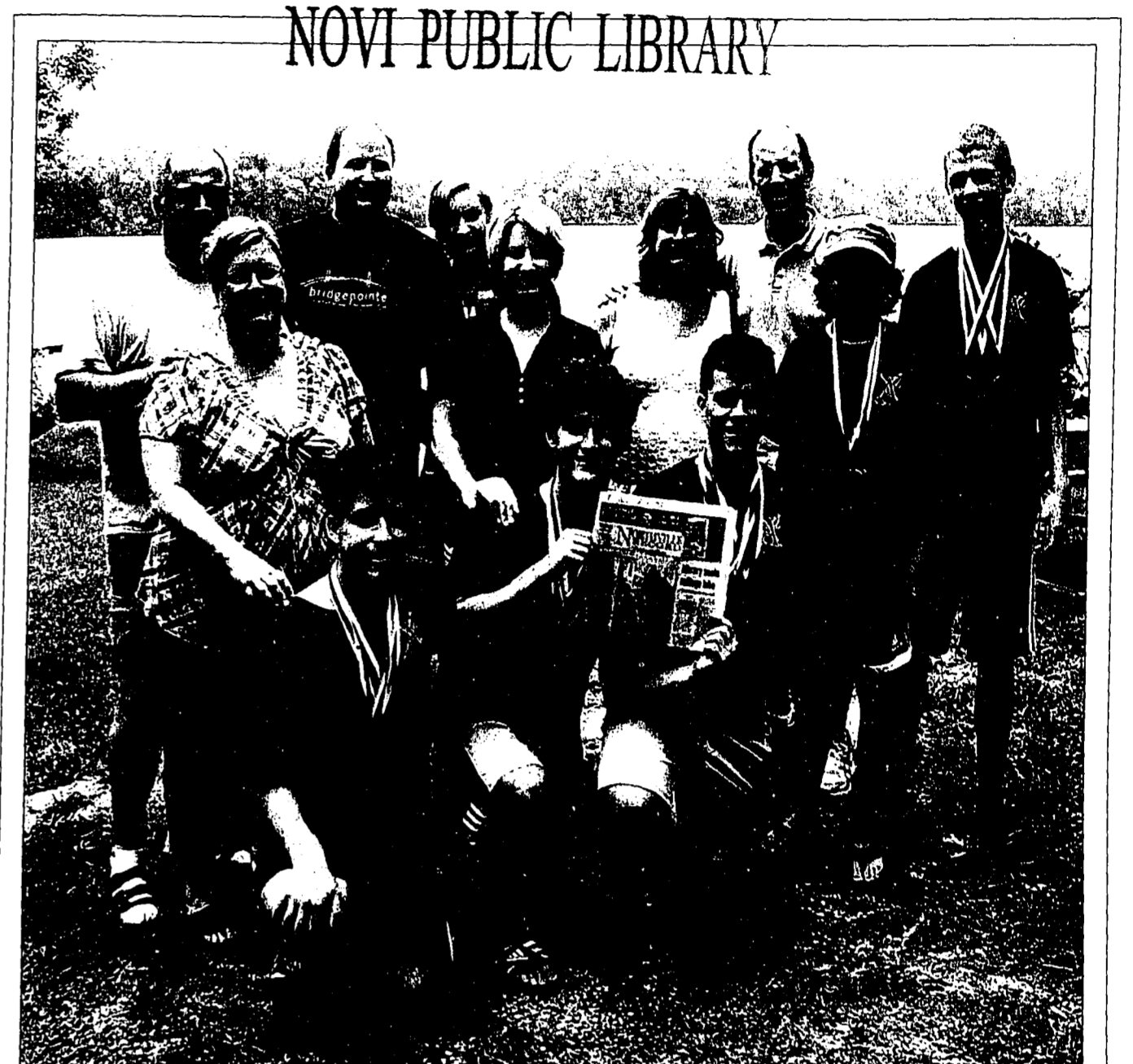
"Dylan was a dedicated technician who could be counted on for big points in every meet we had, including the state meet," said coach Gene Grewe.

Mike Still, Catholic Central

The senior discus thrower provided a strong 1-2 punch with Young. Still was Catholic League champ, regional runner-up and third at Oakland County.

Brandon Wallace, Milford

The sophomore went unde-



Rowing Club
 Members of the Northville High School Rowing Club and their families recently traveled to Eagle Creek Reservoir in Indianapolis for the Indy Rowing Club Summer Dash Regatta. All rowers earned at least three medals, including gold in several events. The rowing club is looking to expand its membership this fall and is open to boys and girls. Shown in the photo are (l to r, standing) Van Papoulis, Laurie Papoulis, Fran Garrity, Sarah Garrity, Dottie Garrity, Brenda Winter, Ben Winter, John Garrity and Jake Winter; (kneeling) Luke Papoulis, Yannis Papoulis and Spiro Papoulis. All are residents of Northville. All three families had a great time at the regatta, and the rowers were outstanding representatives for Northville High School. The rowing club has been active for over a year, and the team has performed well at all events. Spiro and Yannis Papoulis won the boys doubles state championship last spring.

feated in the 400 in dual meets, finished third in the 400 at the conference meet and ran on all four of the fastest relays, including the 4x400 team at state.

Mike Blaszczyk, Novi

The senior distance runner ran to All-State honors with a seventh-place finish in the 3,200. He won titles at the County meet, KLAAs Conference and Association meets. Blaszczyk went undefeated in dual meets with a personal best of 9:21.85.

Brett Kuhn, Novi

The senior long jumper placed eighth at state to earn All-State honors. Kuhn had a personal best of 21-9.5 and was also the KLAAs Conference champ.

Dan Egner, Novi

Roadrunner Classic has strong turnout

Stephanie Kern wins women's division; Robert Cameron wins men's

BY SAM EGLESTON
 CORRESPONDENT

If Jason Lerner's off-season routine is any indication of what kind of runner he plans to be in his junior year at Northville High School, then the other harriers better take note.

Lerner, who was on the varsity cross country team for the Northville Mustangs as a sophomore last year, put up a second-place overall performance at the Roadrunner Classic held at Maybury Park in July with a time of 29:22. Of course, that was just what he did in the afternoon. That morning, he won the Muddy Shoe Run in South Lyon, a 5K event that he finished in 19:11.

Lerner's second-place finish in the Roadrunner Classic was just behind that of winner Robert Cameron, a 24-year-old of Brighton, who turned in a time of 29:05 to win the event.

Winning the women's event overall was Stephanie Kern, a 27-year-old from Northville, who finished in 32:24.

The race was divided into men's and women's categories and subdivided by age group. Winning for the female 14 and under was 14-year-old Rachel Coleman of Northville, who finished in 39:07. Winning for the boys in the same age category was 14-year-old Josh Joy of Canton, who ran a 35:11.

Winning the 15-19 division for women was Julia Schroder, a 19-year-old from Livonia, who ran a 34:36 while Lerner won the same age division for the males.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Girls softball clinic
 The Motor City Madness girls' softball coaches are hosting a clinic for girls ages 6-13 at Power Park. On Aug. 23 throwing, catching and fielding skills will be taught. Hitting, bunting and base running will be taught on Aug. 24. Clinic time is 5:30-8:30. Please see ALL-AREA, B3

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Bud Dog champs

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Second place

The 10U Northville Mustangs placed second in the Flint Cavalier Diamond Classic June 26-27. Pictured (l to r, back) are Coach Glenn Perkins, Head Coach Eric Stegmeyer, Coach Rob Hoffman, (middle) Ethan Hoffman, Ben Schmidt, Liam Fleming, Ryan Perkins; (front) Benji Eckler, Jackson Stegmeyer, Ben Brady, Shane Rankin, Lucas Buccellato, Mitchell Smith and Jonathon Michalak.

BRIEFS

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unable to attend, an evaluation can happen before Aug. 17. Pom pon summer camp The State Champion Northville High School pom program is proud to announce a new summer pom camp for girls that are entering sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

Participants will receive instruction from coaches and members of the Northville High School pom teams. Girls will learn two short routines and will focus on basic form, kicks and proper technique.

ALL-AREA

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County. He had a season-best throw of 160-2 for fifth all-time at CC.

"Mike became a consistent point-scorer in the discs despite having his appendix removed in the third week of the season," said Grewe.

Billy Riga, Catholic Central The junior sprinter and long jumper was also part of three school records, running on all three relays with Spuller, including the state-winning 4x400.

"Although Billy was often in the shadow of his teammates, he ran many spectacular races and was a part of every fast relay time we ran," said Grewe.

Spencer Hall, Catholic Central The senior was another facet of the 4x200 and championship 4x400 relays.

Austin Zebrowski, Catholic Central The senior hurdler won the Catholic League title in the 300 hurdles and also finished fourth at the Oakland County meet and fifth at regionals.

The junior distance runner finished second at regionals to qualify for state in the 1,600 and was also part of the 4x800 relay to place sixth at the State Finals.

Jeff Sherman, Catholic Central The senior shot put qualified for the state meet with a runner-up finish at regionals, won the Ypsilanti and River Rat invites and was runner-up at the Catholic League meet.

The junior high jumper qualified for state with a runner-up finish at regionals. He was also first at the Ypsilanti and River Rat invites and was third at the Catholic League meet.

Shawn Shove, Milford The junior was another facet of the state-bound 4x400 team and also ran on the 4x200 team. He also helped out in middle-distance events.

Brandon Bell, Milford The junior competed in each of the sprint relays for the Mavs and had a best time of 22.9 in the 200 meters. He was also part of the 4x400 team at state.

Drew Smallman, Milford The senior pole vaulter had a high jump of 12-2, finished fourth in the conference and scored at the Oakland County meet.

Cody Shavelly, Milford The freshman was the lone ninth-grader to make the State Finals in distance events. He

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finished with a 9:41 in the 3,200 meters at state.

Dylan Danowski, Milford The junior also qualified for the State Finals in the 3,200 meters, finishing in 9:44.4.

Andrew Campbell, Catholic Central The senior hurdler won the Catholic League title in the 300 hurdles and also finished fourth at the Oakland County meet and fifth at regionals.

The sophomore specialized in the 800, finishing second in the Catholic League and fourth at regionals. His time of 1:57.0 qualified for state. He was also a part of the 4x800 relay which finished sixth at state.

Ricardo Galindo, Catholic Central The sophomore specialized in the 800, finishing second in the Catholic League and fourth at regionals. His time of 1:57.0 qualified for state.

Ethan Fanning, South Lyon The junior pole vaulter placed fourth at the Oakland County with a 12-6 and medaled in most invitations the Lions went to.

Nick Dyer, South Lyon The sophomore cleared a high of 6-1 in the high jump to set a new sophomore record for the Lions. He also competed on the sprint relays.

Derek Kim, Novi The junior hurdler was second in the Conference and third in the County meet. Kim qualified for state and had a personal best of 14.95 in the 110 hurdles.

Nine Cooke School students compete in Special Olympics event

Annual event in Mount Pleasant

Last month, Cooke School in Northville sent a team of nine athletes to the Special Olympics State Games at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant.

"It was an incredible experience for the student athletes, and they all had a great time," said Wendy Richardson. "My son, Mike Richardson, a resident of Northville, was included, and it was an exceptional growth experience for him."

Elizabeth Adams, Cooke's adaptive physical education teacher, traveled with the team. Janice Sager, senior specialist clerk, Special Olympics Michigan, said 2,500 athletes from across the state competed in the event on June 4-5.

The track and field experience featured a 50-meter dash, 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash and 400-meter dash; a softball throw; and a standing long jump.

The nine Cooke students included five males and four females. Richardsonville, 18, took fourth place in the 50-meter dash, seventh place in the 100-meter dash and second in the softball throw.



Mike Richardson, 18, a Cooke School student from Northville, competed in last month's Special Olympics State Games at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant. Nine students from the local school competed.

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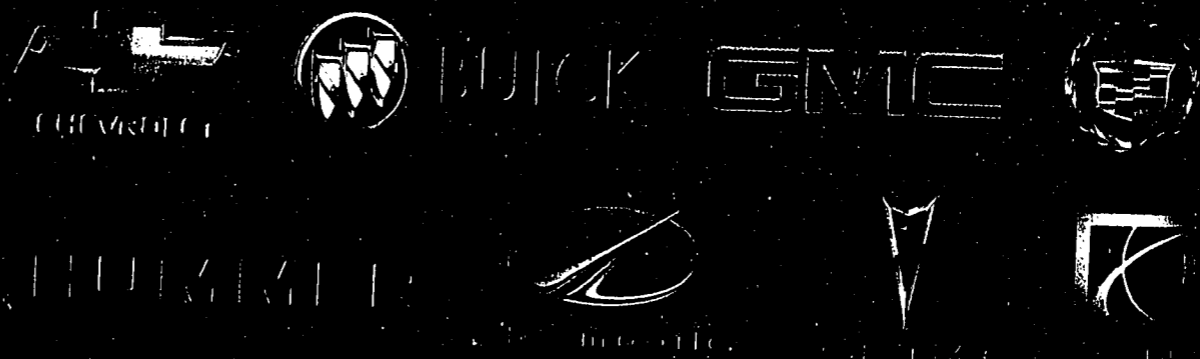
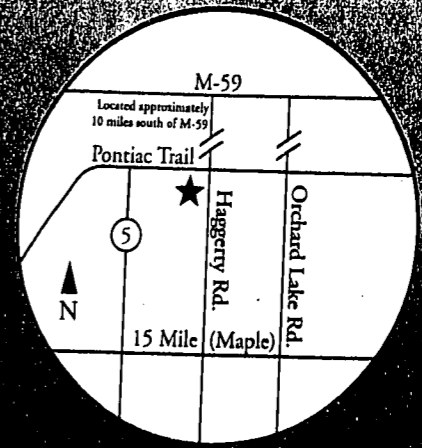
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