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Seniors — register for softball and golf leagues

It's no secret that Newton's first law of motion proves true — a body in motion tends to stay in motion. Keep your body moving while enjoying two of America's favorite pastimes, golf and softball.

The City of Novi's senior golf league is a perennial favorite for those 55 and over. The league, which takes place at Riverbank Golf Course and Banquet Center (24095 Currie Road, South Lyon), offers opportunities for men on Mondays at 8:45 a.m., women on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and a mixed league on Thursdays at 8:45 a.m. The price is \$219 for Novi residents. A discounted rate is available for course members and those signing up for an additional league. The league includes 16 scheduled outings plus an outing and banquet scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 5.

Play begins the week of May 7. Register by April 9 at the Novi Senior Center (25075 Meadowbrook Road).

Batter's up for the inaugural season of the Kensington Valley Senior Softball League! The league is currently made up of four communities, Howell, Brighton, Northville and Novi. Tuesday morning games will be played at 10 a.m. May 15-August. Home games for Novi will be played at Power Park (45175 W. 10 Mile Road behind the Novi Civic Center).

The price is \$45 for Novi residents and \$55 for non-residents and includes 12 regular season games plus season ending tournament, game balls, team uniform, and scorebook. Register by May 1 via cityofnovi.org or at the Novi Senior Center. For more information regarding the golf and softball leagues, please contact Tori Heglin, Recreation Programmer at (248) 347-0422 or theglin@cityofnovi.org.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Parkview Elementary students Jack Franchino, middle, and Anthony Mascari join principal Jennifer Michos on March 29 as they collected funds for "Dollars for Dexter." The students who brought in a dollar or toy were allowed to wear hats for the day, and the money is going to help those affected by the tornado in Dexter.

Novi students come to aid of Dexter tornado victims

Fundraiser nets \$360, two large boxes of toys

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Parkview Elementary fourth-grader Jack Franchino summed up his reaction to the tornado that hit the Dexter area March 15 in one word — "Wow!"

Classmate Anthony Mascari elaborated a little further: "It was just chaos."

And as the two students watched footage of the destruction on television, their cousins were living in it. Mascari's cousins had significant damage to their home, while Franchino's had their home completely destroyed. The families were fortunate that

no one was hurt, but much was lost.

In an effort to help, the two friends decided to host a Dollars for Dexter fundraiser to benefit the families and school district staff members affected. Every student who brought in a dollar or toy last Thursday was allowed to wear a hat for the day, with \$360 being raised for the cause.

"We thought about the tornado and how bad it was and that people were losing their homes, so we wanted to help," Mascari said. "It makes me feel proud of myself to see the whole school doing it."

Franchino said he saw pictures of his cousin's home, and

there wasn't much left. "There were pieces all over and glass shards all over the driveway," he said.

The Parkview community also had other reasons to help as former special education teacher Wendy Martin had significant damage to her home, and former writing teacher Mary Cooper is a principal in a Dexter elementary school.

Parkview Principal Jen Michos had a close call as well — her mother, who lives in Dexter, took shelter in Michos' home when the storm hit. Her mother's home was damaged, but not destroyed.

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Longtime teacher, coach impacted all who knew him

Friends say Hartman's family was his life

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

It was a sorrowful day at Novi Middle School last Friday as news spread that longtime teacher and coach

Dave Hartman had died Thursday after a long battle with cancer.

Emotions poured from those who new him, staff members and students alike.

"His enthusiasm for teaching, for life, for kids is what I will never forget," said Eric Center, a friend and colleague

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for Dave Hartman will be held at 3 p.m. April 15 at Novi Middle School, 49000 11 Mile Road.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Hartman Children's Education Fund at LOC Federal Credit Union, 22981 Farmington Road, Farmington, MI 48336 or to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

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GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Longtime Novi Middle School teacher and coach Dave Hartman died last Thursday after a long battle with cancer. A memorial service is being held at 3 p.m. on April 15 at the school.

Novi woman killed in accident on Pontiac Trail

Driver of other vehicle suffered non-life threatening injuries

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

A 34-year-old Novi woman died Tuesday afternoon after being hit head-on by a pickup truck

while she was driving on Pontiac Trail between West Park Drive and Beck Road.

According to a press release from the city of Novi, the accident occurred around 1:20 p.m.,

and the woman was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the truck, a 44-year-old Waterford man, suffered non-life threatening injuries and was transported to Botsford Hospital.

The preliminary investigation reveals that the woman was driving east on Pontiac Trail in her Oldsmobile when it was hit head-on by a Dodge Ram traveling westbound.

Police are currently interviewing witnesses at the scene and trying to determine the cause of the accident. The name of the woman who died has yet to be released pending notification of her family.

If anyone has any information regarding this incident, they are asked to contact the Novi Police Department at (248) 348-7100.

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HARTMAN

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 for more than 30 years. "You won't find a kid who has a bad word to say about Mr. Hartman."
 Hartman, 55, was diagnosed with cancer roughly 26 months ago, but those who knew him said he did not let it slow him down. He retired as a teacher in June 2011, but continued to coach football as an assistant at Brighton High School.
 Football was one of Hartman's many passions, as he coached in Novi for nearly 30 years — where he was named assistant coach of the year in 2006 by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association — and at Brighton while his son Lucas played.
 He also coached track at the middle school and emceed the school's talent show for more than 20 years.

Gordon Seiler, who has known Hartman for more than 30 years and coached track with him for more than 17 years, said he was a man with a ton of charisma who touched many lives.
 "In my memory, I will always see David walking around that track at the middle school," he said. "He was just an integral part of the school and coaching staff."
 But Hartman's biggest passion was kids — in particular his kids, Lucas and Lauren.
 "They meant the world to him," Center said. Lucas played football at Brighton, but has since graduated, while Lauren is a senior captain on the school's soccer team.
 "His kids were his life," Seiler said. "No matter where you went, David was talking about his kids."
 He also had quite the impact on the kids who came through his classrooms, where he taught

industrial technology and social studies.
 Student Jesse Ramirez said his favorite Hartman memory is when he helped him make his gumball machine.
 "He was more like our friend," he said.
 Janet Robson said Hartman was always easy to talk to and even broke the rules one time to let his students watch basketball games during March Madness.
 "He was a great teacher," he said.
 Chris Laney, who taught with Hartman since 2003 and called him a "borderline dad," said he genuinely loved kids and his job and would have worked for many more years.
 And now his work will live in all those he impacted.
 "How I teach now, I always hear him in my ear," Laney said.

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Tuesdays at Mary's



DRAWING BY LINDA LOGAN

Nine Metro Area artists, who do portrait drawings and paintings at Mary Step's Studio in Novi, will display their creations in two venues this month. The artists are Sandra Bozer, Candace Brancik, Jeff Cancelosi, Daria Fileta, Peggy Kerwan, Linda Logan, Barbara Eko Murphy, Mary Step, and Kathleen O'Connell. Picasso Cafe (39915 Grand River Avenue, Novi) will include portraits only and The Wooden Spoon (675 W. Grand River Avenue, Brighton) will include a variety of subjects, done in a variety of media.

DEXTER

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"I have never seen anything like it," she said. Michos called the scene both "heart-wrenching and heart-warming."
 "You saw a community come together, and the way the community responded has been amazing," she said.
 She also commended her students, and said she wasn't surprised to see them take the initiative to organize the fundraiser.
 "It shows the power of working together and how we can help others," she said.

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First of its kind cafe opens in Novi

MedFresh combines Middle Eastern, American flavors

By Nathan Mueller
 Staff Writer

It took an idea from his brother one morning and inspiration from a friend who is a chef, but Vinny Sitto has found his passion. That passion is cooking and serving customers, and he gets to do both at MedFresh Cafe, a first of its kind Mediterranean-American cafe in Novi.
 The cafe brings the fast-food concept to Middle Eastern food, letting customers watch as their meal is made in front of them at the counter.
 "It's very exciting because we got to start a brand new concept and hopefully take it to the next level," Sitto said.
 The business held an open house with the Novi Chamber of Commerce last week, and Sitto said they have gotten rave reviews and many repeat customers since opening.
 The menu features starters like hummus, baba ghanouj, falafels; fresh salads includ-



Baklava for sale at Novi's Med Fresh.

ing fattoush and tabbouli; soups; and sandwich ranging from steak and chicken shawarma to kabobs and hummus and tabouli and more.
 Everything is made from scratch too, Sitto said.
 "The Middle Eastern and Mediterranean flavor combined with American is what makes us different from everyone else," he said.
 The restaurant, which also does catering, is located at 41490 Grand River Avenue and is open every day except Sunday.
 For more information, call (248) 374-4900 or visit www.medfreshcafe.com.



Novi Med Fresh employee Tyler Yaldo wraps up a couple of chicken shawarmas during a March 30 lunch-time rush. The Mediterranean cafe, at 41490 Grand River Avenue recently had its grand opening.

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Links of Novi gets facelift

Owners plan on it being a golf course for a long time

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Tom Sheldon has been the head golf professional and general manager at The Links of Novi since it opened 22 years ago.

And besides that first day, Sheldon cannot remember a more exciting time to be at the course.

The reason for his excitement is that the golf course owners, Singh Development, decided to spruce up the facilities a bit, completely renovating the clubhouse and pro shop, as well as making improvements to the golf course itself.

"We have been here every day and still cannot believe it," he said. "It's very classy, almost a private-club-looking atmosphere."

Golfers who walk into the new clubhouse for the first time will think they are at the wrong course as a newly-created hallway leads them to the pro shop and separates the main banquet room from a mid-size private room.

The bar inside the main room has been completely redone, along with the bathrooms, and there is new furniture throughout the facility.

On the course, new superintendent Mike Daily and his maintenance crew are working on bunker renovations complete with new sand, and also will be improving the driving range. New golf carts are being rolled out,



Links of Novi head golf professional and general manager Tom Sheldon recently oversaw a big interior renovation of the 10 Mile Road golf course's main clubhouse and pro shop including a new layout, furniture, fixtures and wall treatments.

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too. The reason behind the renovations is that Singh is overseeing the operations of the golf course for the first time since buying the property over

10 years ago. The company used to lease it out to other owners, but Saab Grewal, director of asset management for Singh, said they wanted to make a long-term commitment

to improving the facility. The hope is that they also can attract more banquets and weddings because of the upgrades. "We wanted to put the Singh brand stamp on it



Paul Foster of Farmington Hills works on his chipping at the Links of Novi on April 2. The Links recently upgraded its main clubhouse and pro shop, and is in the process of completing bunker renovations and improving the driving range.

and wanted to make an impact," he said. "We know this is going to be a golf course for a long time, and thought this would be a great benefit to us and the community."

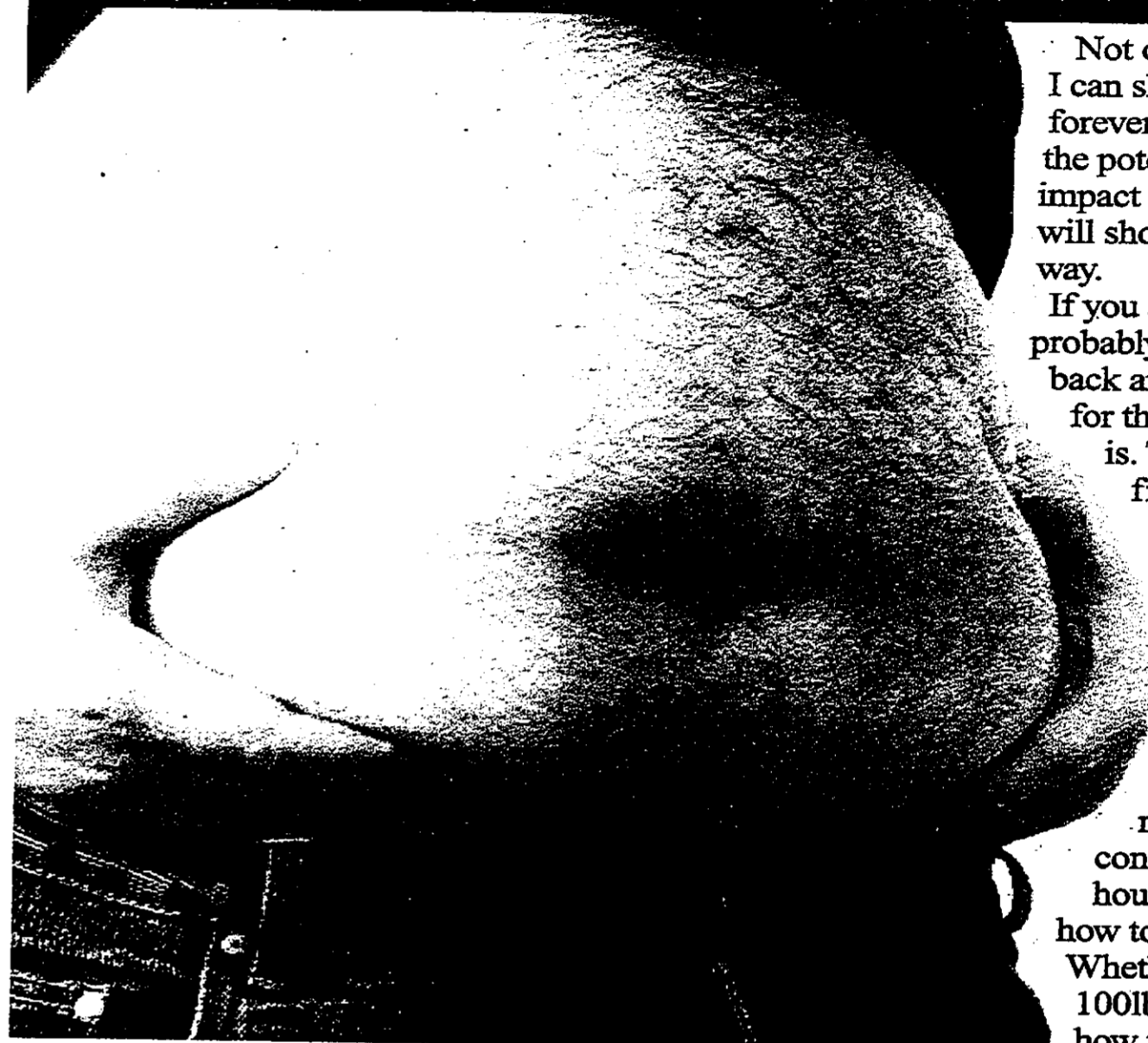
More than 100 golfers were at the course on Sunday when it opened, and Sheldon said "everyone has been amazed." Grewal acknowledged that developing the course is still a long time away, and wanted to take

advantage of being the only course in Novi. "Novi is a top-notch community and should have top-notch facilities all throughout it," he said.

Current rates are \$25 weekday and \$30 weekends, with summer rates likely to remain the same as last year. Golfers can also book tee times online at www.linksnofnovi.com.

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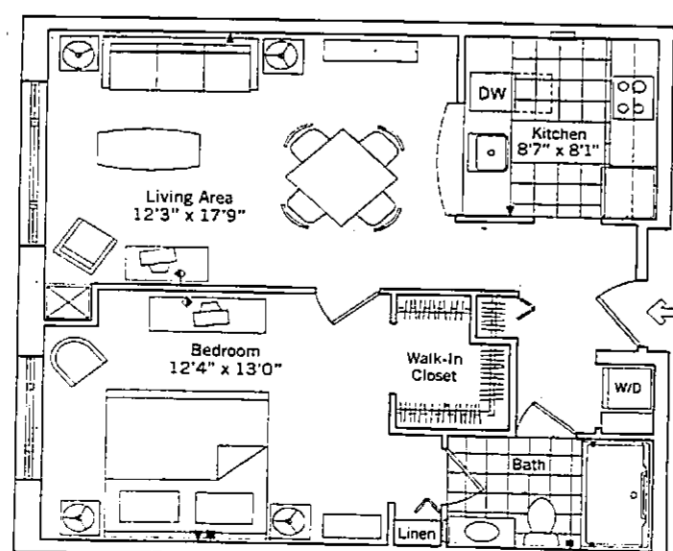
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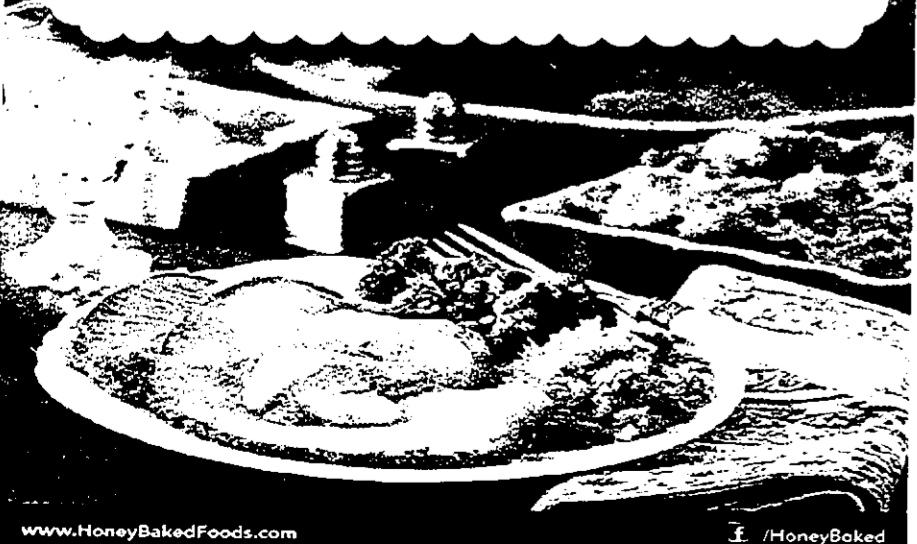


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Novi author brings anti-bullying message to St. Fabian students

By Stacy Jenkins
Observer Staff Writer

Maria Dismondy knows what it's like to be teased and bullied in school. As a young girl, she was called "poodle" because of her curly hair and "chicken legs" because she had short, skinny legs. She was also teased because the food she brought in her lunch bag wasn't like other kids' lunches — pickled herring, liverwurst and spaghetti in a hot dog bun. It wasn't until many years later that she realized she shouldn't have listened to those bullies. She realized her lunches contained whatever her mother could afford; she now proudly wears her hair long and curly; and those "chicken legs" have taken her far in marathons.

But, she didn't keep these things to herself. She decided to write children's books about the topic of bullying — and overcoming it — drawing inspiration from her childhood and from 19 diaries she kept while growing up. Now, this three-time published, award-winning author is making it her mission to spread that message to students near and far. She brings her books, her message, and inspiration for writing, to schools in the area, and she's even been known to Skype with schools out of state.

St. Fabian stop
Dismondy, of Novi, recently visited students at St. Fabian Catholic School in Farmington Hills, where she was invited by the student



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Thing 1, 2 and 3 are Carmen Compton, Elisabeth Levandowski and Astrid Lopus. They listened intently to author Maria Dismondy, who visited St. Fabian Catholic School on Monday. Students and staff welcomed the author and dressed up as their favorite book characters to celebrate 'March is Reading Month.'



Deena Hakim dressed as a motorcycle girl at St. Fabian Catholic School on Monday, a day designated to dress up as a favorite book character for 'March is Reading Month.'

council, as part of March is Reading Month. She told her story of being bullied for five years in school while

growing up in Canton and attending St. Linus Catholic School in Dearborn Heights. She explained, step by

step, how she took an idea and turned it into her first published children's book, *Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun*, which was published in 2008. The book is about "having the courage to be who you are," and was inspired by her childhood. "I'm very passionate about realistic fiction," she said, noting that she insisted the characters in her books were people, not animals, for example. The book won a Mom's Choice Award and has sold 25,000 copies. Her second book, *Pink Tiara Cookies for Three*, is about dealing with the dynamics of subtle bullying that occurs between friends, particularly when there are three, and someone feels left out.



Author Maria Dismondy speaks to a topic she knows from personal experience. She brought her books and her inspirational message to students at St. Fabian Catholic School on Monday.

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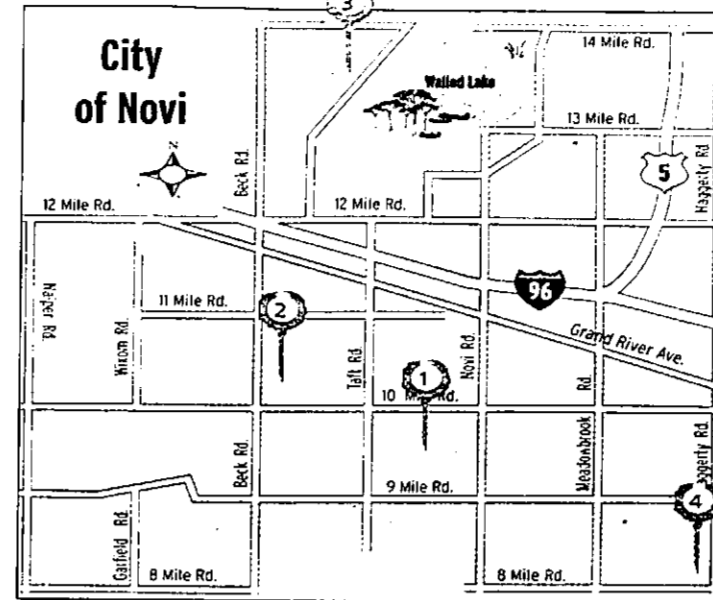
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"The books are helping me to do what I want to do and that's speak to kids," she said. "This has really opened doors. My whole goal is to reach out (and send) that message."

For more information about Dismondy, her books, or to schedule a school event, visit her website at mariadismondy.com. Also find her blog entries on her website.

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS



Drunk driver caught after blowing tire

A 31-year-old man was arrested for drunk driving after he was found trying to change a tire on his car in the driveway of residence on Center Street on March 31. According to the police report, police were dispatched to Center Street for a suspicious person, and when they arrived the man was having trouble standing and admitted to drinking in Northville.

The suspect failed field sobriety tests and refused to take a preliminary breath test. He was arrested and taken to the Novi Police Department where he took a breath test that registered a BAC of .19 percent.

He was issued a citation for operating while intoxicated and PBT refusal and released when sober and after posting bond.

Wheels stolen off Escalade

A Novi resident had all four 22-inch chrome wheels stolen off his 2012 Cadillac Escalade overnight on March 30 while it was parked in the street in front of his home on Bramblewood Drive. According to the police report, the victim said his daughter heard banging at night but never looked outside. The SUV was found on wood blocks the next morning. The value of the wheels is estimated at \$4,000, and police have no suspects at this time.

Car broken into at apartments

A woman had her vehicle broken into at The Springs Apartments on Springlake Boulevard sometime during the last week while she was out of town.

According to the police report, approximately 12 compact discs and an Apple iPod adapter were stolen. The vehicle was unlocked when she noticed the items missing and there were no signs of forced entry. Police have no suspects.

Kegs taken from On The Border

An unknown suspect stole three to four beer kegs and three to four cases of empty returnable bottles from On The Border sometime overnight on April 1.

According to the police report, the items were located in an exterior cage, and the manager said he believes the same suspect he caught trying to take similar items in the past was responsible.

The manager also was told by his beverage distributor that multiple restaurants on Haggerty were having similar issues.

Police have a suspect vehicle description and plate from a previous attempt and are looking into that evidence.

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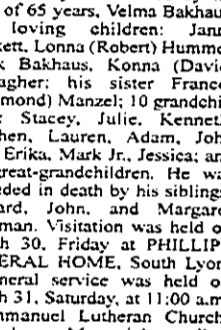
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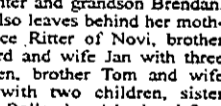
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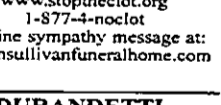
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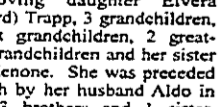
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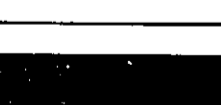
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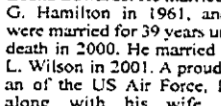
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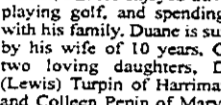
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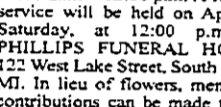
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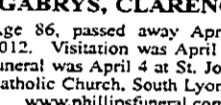
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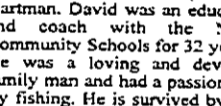
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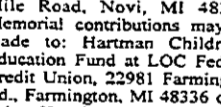
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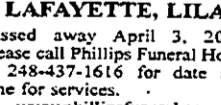
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OUR VIEWS

Novi roads Increase in funding well deserved

Regardless of whether you think Novi's roads are good or bad, they're going to get worse if something doesn't change. On a scale of 1-10 (1 being failed and 10 being excellent), Novi's roads overall rate a 6.25, according to the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) system. Not bad, but of the 172 miles the city manages, 19 rate poor (1-3) and 98 are only fair (4-5).

Novi residents expect their roads to be at a certain level, and they realize that putting up with road work is just a way of life, like the long-overdue but completely-necessary work that's currently taking place on Grand River Avenue between Novi and Haggerty roads.

Even though the city is spending \$3.2 million on road improvements this year, that rating deserves to be higher in Novi.

Voters could have the opportunity to boost that funding if city council decides to put on the August ballot a proposal to amend the city's charter and increase the road fund from 1 to 1.5 mills.

If it doesn't happen, that 6.5 rating will definitely drop quicker than a tire in a pothole.

A rating above 7 is what Rob Hayes, director of Novi's Department of Public Services, is shooting for, and it's doable within the next decade -- if funding is increased to \$5 million.

The good news is that residents would not see an increase in millage because the city would be able to adjust other millages.

We are confident city council will let the voters make this decision in August. We encourage and support a road funding increase.

Be safe, responsible on spring break

Scores of young people in Novi and Northville are either down south or heading there for spring break. What began as the quintessential part of the college experience has become a similar part of the senior year for high schoolers. It's their chance to get away and spend a week hanging out with friends without mom and dad.

Spring break can be a rite of passage, a time when teens are on their own and in charge of their health, safety and well-being, or turn into a nightmare because of one bad decision. As parents, we send teens off with admonitions to be safe and make good choices, but in the backs of our minds there are those visions of college students gone wild courtesy of MTV. We can only hope - and pray - they do the right thing and come home safe and sound.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, spring breakers should consider if what they do is worth the risk.

• Skip the tattoo or piercing to prevent infections like HIV and hepatitis B. If you have to have one, consider a temporary tattoo.

• Check to see what the legal drinking age is at your vacation destination and then, if you imbibe, drink responsibly. If you're a female, watch your drink. Don't let someone else hold it for you. Someone could try to slip a "date rape" drug in it. Never accept a drink from a stranger.

• Practice the buddy system. Always stay close to at least one friend, preferably two or three. Don't leave with someone other than your buddies. Don't leave with strangers, even if it seems like a good idea at the time.

• Never, ever go to an isolated place with a stranger or someone you do not fully trust.

Teens, make this year's spring break memorable by having fun and helping yourself, your friends, and others stay safe and healthy. Act responsibly and make spring break a time to remember.

NOVI NEWS

Cal Stone, Community Editor
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COMMUNITY VOICE

What is your favorite park or place of recreation in Novi?



"Total Sports Complex. Because I play lacrosse up there."
Nicholas Gessler
Novi



"Lifetime Fitness. Because you can do a lot of things there like swim, rock climb and play basketball."
Noah Walter
Novi



"The Sports Club of Novi. I like going there because I can play all kinds of sports."
Aaron Thibaudau
Novi



"ITC Community Sports Park. Because that is where all the sports I play are."
Quinn Hanley
Novi

LETTERS

Politics in Supreme Court

What an outrageous turn of events! For nearly a year now we have been hearing about the Republican power-grab legislation for Oakland County Commission Districts by our County Executive, L. Brooks Patterson -- just because he did not approve of the new county commission map drawn up by the designated team that has been the process all over the state of Michigan for years.

If he wanted to change the process, he should have done so in a timely and fair manner so that the same rules could apply statewide. It was never a problem until the five team members were not predominately of his political persuasion.

This Supreme Court decision is an insult to all of us and to our court system. I was hopeful that the courts would be able to put politics aside when they made their decision. Unfortunately, I was wrong and the residents of this county are the losers.

Karen B. Zyczynski
Novi

Similar to health care mandate

Not being a lawyer makes understanding of judicial arguments and decisions quite difficult. It would help immensely if the justices applied Occam's Razor, stripped the extraneous, forgot their political obligations, and asked one essential question: Would the United States be a better place to live if everyone were guaranteed decent health care?

Not all over-simplification is necessarily wrong.

Regardless of my biases, I fail to see the difference between Social Security, a form of retirement insurance which certainly is not voluntary, and compulsory participation in a medical insurance program. One is not prevented from investing in a better retirement plan, nor is anybody denied the right to purchase more extensive health insurance.

How does one make a distinction between compulsory wearing of seat belts, a form of insurance against serious, costly injury, and compulsory medical insurance?

Why can the federal government compel some people to face danger during war time (the draft) in order to ensure the safety of the rest of us? If necessary, the power to invest any of us for the benefit of all of us does exist.

The power of our federal government has been proven to be boundless when it meant making decisions beneficial to the greatest number of Americans. Mistakes have been made, but look at the overall results. So be it.

One can easily assume that in the event that Republicans decide on the health care issue, a wise decision would be to invest your money in private health insurance companies, pharmaceuticals, hospitals and cemeteries.

Patrick Downey
Novi

Simple sidewalk solution

I'm enthused at the recent interest in extending sidewalks westward toward Maybury State Park. When

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. Letters should be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats.

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I moved to Northville Township 23 years ago, the proximity to the park was a major consideration in my decision to move here. Sadly, for all those 23 years, I've driven from my home off Main Street east of Beck Road to the park. The section of Beck Road from Main Street north to the park's east entrance is simply too dangerous to walk or bike. There is no shoulder and the roadside is sharply banked on both sides with grass, which can be slippery. As time has gone by, the traffic on Beck has increased enormously, making the effort to traverse this small stretch even more deadly.

Recently, the section of Main Street between Clement and Beck has been designated as a Natural Beauty Road, in recognition of its special tree-lined tranquility. With the city of Northville on one end and the level of Maybury State Park on the other, completing this pathway is a natural fit.

I hope the township will consider making this small extension a part of future budgets. We don't need a million-dollar solution, just a concrete or asphalt sidewalk next to Beck Road north from Main Street and a crosswalk at the park's Beck Road entrance.

Thomas Griebel
Northville

Hope for those with autism

This is an historic time in Michigan. The deep despair of darkness has been overcome by a new light of hope. This hope shines for the 15,000-plus children in Michigan and their families who suffer under the financial burden of autism. It is in the form of Bills 414, 415 and 981 that passed in the Michigan Senate on March 13 and now go to the House of Representatives. If these bills are passed in the House, families of children with autism will finally get the assistance they so desperately need. Currently, an autism diagnosis excludes coverage for all therapies and diagnostic evaluations.

For years, I've traveled back and forth to Lansing and listened to pleas for help from people directly or indirectly affected by this catastrophic disability. For years I've watched my

own son and his wife try to cope with all the problems autism brings to a family. It's not uncommon for parents to spend all they have and even go bankrupt to give their child a chance for a better life. Sometimes with help, these children become taxpaying citizens. Yet even a family of means has a hard time finding help for their child. This is because almost all Michigan graduates who have degrees allowing them to work with children who have autism usually leave our state and go elsewhere to find a job.

Out of 50 states, 29 have already passed legislation benefiting children with autism. They found that early intervention costs are comparatively low. In fact those upfront costs make even more sense when looking at the millions of dollars they would have to spend if the child eventually became financially dependent on government assistance. Bills 414, 415 and 981 will be voted on soon. However, many members in our House of Representatives need to be educated before they vote on this important issue. We citizens need to give them a call. They need to hear our voices speak out for those who can't speak for themselves. The time is now!

Lee M. Douglas
Livonia

Discrimination against women

The League of Women Voters was born more than 90 years ago from the long fight to get women the right to vote. Since 1992, when League members studied health care policy, we have worked to ensure access to quality health care for all. The League also has a strong commitment and belief that public policy in a diverse society must affirm the right of individuals to make their own reproductive choices.

That's why the League is so deeply concerned about recent proposals that would allow employers and health plans to block contraceptive services and discriminate against women. By a narrow margin, the U.S. Senate recently defeated an amendment that would limit access to contraception for women if any employer or insurance plan has an undefined "religious or moral objection" to it. This open-ended invitation to cut back on preventative health care services would turn back the clock for women and for American society.

We understand that not everyone agrees with the League on this subject. But we strongly believe that public institutions, including schools and hospitals that receive substantial federal assistance, should not limit the health care choices available to their employees. Institutions that serve the public at large should not impose their own views but should respect the conscientious decisions of each individual.

The League of Women Voters believes that all persons, regardless of gender, should be eligible for preventative health services. Allowing employers to exclude contraceptive services is discrimination based on sex, and it's wrong.

Angela E. Ryan and Paula Bowman, co-presidents
League of Women Voters
Northwest Wayne County

Lunch o' the Irish

Beverly Friel (right) smiles as she helps to tidy up after the March 16 St. Patrick's Day luncheon at the Novi Senior Center. Attendees enjoyed a lunch of corned beef and cabbage and then the singing efforts of the Harmony Town Chorus (middle). St. Patrick's Day luncheon goes (bottom) listen to the Harmony Town Chorus.



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CHURCH

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

Location: 200 E. Main Street
Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresville.org
Sunday Worship
Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.
Single Place
Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Thursday
Details: Single Place is a social organization for singles 40 and up hosted by the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Thursday meetings feature speakers, games, or entertainment followed with an ice cream social.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Location: 205 E. Lake Street (corner of Wells and 10 Mile Road), South Lyon
Contact: (248) 437-2875
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
Location: 777 West 8 Mile Road, Northville
Contact: (248) 349-1144 or visit www.funorthville.org
Sunday Worship:
Meditative - Held in the Chapel - 8 a.m.
Contemporary - Held in the Sanctuary - 9:15 a.m.

Traditional - Held in the Sanctuary - 11 a.m.
Sunday School:
Nursery - 8 a.m.
Nursery - 12th grade - 9:15 a.m.
Nursery - 6th grade/Special Needs - 11 a.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Location: 41415 9 Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 349-0565
Sundays
Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship
HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 427-1175 or holycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit holycrossnovi.org
Sunday Worship: 7:45 and 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service
Alzheimer's Support Group
Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

LAKES BAPTIST CHURCH
Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake
LIVONIA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia
Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between 8 and 9 Mile roads
Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Church School: 10-11 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.
Merry Widows Luncheon
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month Pilgrim Fellowship
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY
Location: 41355 6 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-9030
Sundays 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children
9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium

1015 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)
Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study
8:45-10:30 a.m.: (café)
Wednesday Family Night
7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; junior and senior high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

NOVI-NORTHVILLE CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE
Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.
Contact: Rabbi Avrohom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

NOVI UNITED METHODIST
Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com
Sunday Worship
Time: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month
Location: In front of the church
Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

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Novi events

EPILEPSY AND OLDER ADULTS

Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m. April 10
Location: Providence Park Novi, Conference Room C
Details: Seizure disorders affect three million people in the U.S., impacting all aspects of a person's life. Learn more about the newest treatments, medications and our state-of-the-art Epilepsy Monitoring Unit. Presenter is Amer Abouskass, MD, Epileptologist on staff at Providence and Providence Park Hospital
Contact: SeniorLink at 888-751-5465.

CONVERSATIONS IN HEALTH

Location: Providence Park Hospital (southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue, Novi) in conference rooms A, B and C (Enter the campus off of Beck Road and continue straight to the building's Heart Institute entrance. The conference rooms are located immediately to the left.)
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
Thursday, April 12: Health Literacy
Tuesday, May 22: Stroke
Tuesday, June 19: Intelligent Exercise
Details: Sandwiches, salads and refreshments will be available at no charge to all registered attendees. There is no charge to attend.
Contact: To register please call 866-501-DOCS (3627) so they can anticipate the number of attendees. Registration is free and includes only your name and the contact information that you would like to supply.

GARDENERS OF NORTHVILLE & NOVI MEETING

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 9
Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cadz Street
Details: The topic "What's Up With our Feathered Companions in the Garden?" by Ed and Pam Kam-

mann from Wild Birds Unlimited. Guest are welcome and don't need to make a reservation. (Also, the Gardeners will have their semi-annual Garden Walk on Saturday, June 16, featuring four gardens in Northville and four in Novi.)
Contact: Fran Gunderson at (248) 349-6457 or Connie Marcangelo at (248) 380-0500

MUFFLERS & MORE CAR CARE FAIR

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 21
Location: Mufflers and More, 450 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake
Details: Open to the public, free of charge - bring your car in for a glance from the pros. Secret giveaways will offer visitors coupons and other great deals. All visitors will receive a free driveway inspection with a detailed evaluation.
Contact: (248) 668-1200

SAVVY SOCIAL SECURITY PLANNING WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, May 10 and Tuesday, June 5
Location: Novi Public Library, 45255 W. 10 Mile Road
Details: Join wealth managers Walter J. Powrozek, CWS and Joseph J. Lezotte, CPA as they present "What Baby Boomers Need to Know to Maximize Retirement Income."
Contact: Reservations are free, but seating is limited. Call Sigma Financial toll free at (877) 537-4462 or visit www.123RetirementPlanning.com.

GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 23
Location: Holy Family Parish- 24505 Meadowbrook, Novi
Details: Workshop offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Speakers will include Fr. Bob Croix, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a



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Fun at the library

David Li, 9, works on making a clothespin frame during an April 2 crafts session at the Novi Public Library. The library had lots of fun activities planned that week as Novi kids were on spring break and probably looking for some fun to participate in.

local Catholic bereavement organization. Registration forms are online at www.goodmourningministry.net or call the Holy Family Parish office.
Contact: Holy Family (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holyfamilynovi.org

THIRD ANNUAL 5K EMERGENCY RUN AND 1-MILE STROKE WALK

Location: Providence Park campus (southwest corner of Beck and Grand River Avenue, Novi)
Time/Date: 8 a.m. Saturday, May 12
Details: Everyone is invited to participate - please share this information with your family and friends! The registration form can be accessed on the City of Novi website at <http://cityofnovi.org/Services/ParksAndRecreation/Programs/SenseOfCommunity.asp#EmergencyRun>. The event will be staged in the driveway to the Assar-

ian Cancer Center.

BEREAVEMENT MEETINGS

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. third Tuesdays
Location: Novi Civic Center (10 Mile between Taft and Novi roads)
Details: Led by Michael M. Meyer, D. Minn., goal is to give each participant an opportunity to share their story. Handouts describing the phases of grief and the tasks of grief are available.
NOVI SENIOR CENTER
Location: 25075 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: (248) 347-0414; theglj@cityofnovi.org

Business

NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except Nov. and Dec., which are just the first Tuesdays)
Location: Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty Road
Details: Business networking focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC (www.sunrisenetworkinggroup.com), or SNG for short, is a group of about 250 business leaders who help each other to build more business by referring people to each other. Cost of breakfast is \$10.
Contact: Fonda Milana 586-232-3009 or fmilana@sunrisefinancialgroup.com

METRO NOVI BNI

Time/Date: 7-8 a.m. every Wednesday
Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of Eight Mile), Novi
Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members

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

are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine an "elevator speech," develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.

Contact: For more information, contact Julie Paquette at (248) 797-1665 or juliepaquette7@gmail.com; www.metronovi.com

NOVI TOASTMASTERS CLUB

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

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Contact: www.novichamber.com or call (248) 349-3747
Business to Business Breakfast
Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, April 10
Location: Dale Carnegie, 41650 Gardenbrook, Novi
Details: Join for networking and a light breakfast; \$5 payable at the door. Please pre-register on line.
Networking Luncheon
Date: Wednesday, April 18
Location: Carrabba's Italian Grill, 43455 West Oaks Drive, Novi
Details: Karen Bitterle will provide a presentation on a business directory database, Reference USA; \$25 pre-registration required.
Multi Chamber OCN Mixer
Date: Wednesday, April 25
Location: Imagine Theatre, 44425 W. 12 Mile, Novi
Details: Network with business professionals from across Oakland County. Appetizers, cash bar, comedian; register online; \$10 for chamber members advanced reservations; \$15 day of event; \$25 non-chamber members
NOVI ROTARY CLUB
Time/Date: Noon every

Thursday

Location: Novi Methodist Church 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check website for speaker information; novirotary.org.

NOVI LIONS CLUB

Time/Date: 6 p.m. social; 6:30 p.m. meeting starts; second and fourth Wednesdays
Location: Leo's Sports Bar & Grill Restaurant, lower level, 40380 Grand River, West of Haggerty. Visitors are welcome; dinner is from the menu. Details: Novi Lions is part of Lions International, the largest service organization in the world. Our purpose is to serve the blind and the community. Principal activities are fundraising for Leader Dogs, Penrickton Center for Blind Children and other blind charities along with fundraisers for high school scholarships. Serving locally, in Michigan and worldwide as there is the need.
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Book Discussion Group
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. first Thursday
Details: Please drop in or call the library if you are interested in joining this recently-formed group.
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Location: 45255 W. Ten Mile Road
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Web: www.novilibrary.org
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Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m. Thursdays, April 5 and 12
Details: If you have a leaning towards knitting or any of the related handcrafts Knit 2gether Knitting Circle just might be your cup of tea. No instructor, no registration, and of course, attendance is free.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Scheich & Sebastian

Amy Scheich, of Northville, and Dr. Matthew Sebastian, of Novi, were married June 3, 2011 with Deacon Bill Thomas officiating.
 The bride is the daughter of Sue and Don Scheich, of Northville. She attended Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and works at Digits.
 The groom is the son of Carol and Charles Sebastian, of Novi. He attended Michigan State University and is a medical resident at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. The bride attendants were Katie Scheich, Lisa Scheich, Bethany Sprader, Sarah Ries, Lauren White and Ashlie Casbar.
 The groom's attendants were Aaron Sebastian, Rob Harmer, Chris Sciamanna, Joe Santieu, Cody Hedquist and Scott Scheich.
 A reception was held at The Inn at St. John's. The couple honeymooned in Playa del Carmen and now reside in Plymouth.



Greenlee & Korr

Allison Greenlee, of Northville, and George Korr, of Kalamazoo, are engaged to be married.
 The bride-to-be is the daughter of Susan and Art Greenlee, and Arlene Greenlee, of Northville. She attended University of Detroit Mercy and is an attorney with Hettiger & Hettiger.
 The groom-elect is the son of Mary Korr and the late George Korr. He attended Central Michigan University and is a computer systems engineer at Lakeland Health of St. Joseph, Mich.
 A Sept. 2012 wedding in Northville is planned.

Novi man will run Boston Marathon to raise money for renowned school for the blind

Novi resident Terry Harvill will run the Boston Marathon on April 16, but not to set a new record or win the race. He's running to raise money for Watertown, Mass.-based Perkins School for the Blind.



Harvill

Harvill is one of 10 runners on the Perkins charity team who will pound the pavement for 26.2 miles from Hopkinton to Boston to raise over \$50,000 for people who are blind or visually impaired. Harvill has personally committed to raising \$5,000. The Perkins team, which includes runners from around the country, is the only charity team in the 116th B.A.A. Boston Marathon that

focuses exclusively on helping people with visual impairments. All donations will fund the school's on-campus, regional and international programs.
 Harvill, 43, likes high-energy activities - he bikes and climbs mountains - but his favorite sport is running for charitable causes. "I have run close to 30 marathons, and I get the most enjoyment knowing that I'm helping others," he said. "That's especially true when Harvill runs for an institution like Perkins. "Every marathon I have run has been an adventure, and I don't expect the 2012 Boston Marathon to be any different," he said. "The history and stature of the race is such that I consider it a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

SUPPORT HIM!

To support Harvill's marathon run and make a donation to Perkins, visit <http://www.crowdrise.com/Perkins-MarathonTeam/fundraiser/terryharvill>. Perkins School for the Blind, the nation's first school for the visually impaired, provides education and services to help build productive, meaningful lives for 200,000 people who are blind or deaf and blind, including those with additional disabilities. Founded in 1829, Perkins pursues this mission on campus, in the community and in more than 60 countries around the world. Learn more online at www.Perkins.org.



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Sarah Porter reads with her daughter Penelope, 2, on March 29 at the Novi Library. More information about the library, which is located at 45255 10 Mile Rd., can be found at <http://novilibrary.org>.

CALENDAR

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Spring Break Carnival @ NPL
Time/Date: 2-3 p.m. Thursday, April 5
Details: Come on in for a carnival of fun. We will have carnival games, activities, crafts, and a snack for grades K-4. Please register.

Kiddie Crafts
Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. Saturday, April 7
Details: Toddlers and preschoolers (ages 18 months-4 years) will have the opportunity to create a work of art using their imaginations and the supplies that we will provide. We may get messy so please dress accordingly. Each child must be accompanied by an adult helper. Registration is required.

ESL - Joy of Reading
Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, April 9 and 16
Details: Fun and interactive program for the High Beginning to Low Intermediate English speaker. This is part of a six-week series. Registration is required. Books and materials will be provided. Free.

Snack Tales
Time/Date: 7-7:45 p.m. Monday, April 9
Details: Each time we meet you will get a chance to listen to some great stories and cook up a tasty snack. For grades K-4. Registration required.

Help for Families from OLHSA
Time/Date: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesdays, April 10 and 17
Details: Meet with an OLHSA (Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency) staff member for support with Medicaid, food, cash, foreclosure, many other human services. Please call the OLHSA office at (248) 209-2686 to make an appointment.

English Conversation Group
Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, April 10 and 17
Details: Make friends while you practice your English pronunciation and conversation skills. No need to register.

Starlight Story Time
Time/Date: 7-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 10
Details: One of your favorite NPL Youth Librarians will combine stories, music, and fun for a special bedtime treat at this preschool story time. Wear your pajamas and you'll be all ready for bed when you get home.

Booked for Lunch
Time/Date: noon-1 p.m. Wednesday, April 11
Details: Join your neighbors for a discussion of Please Look After Mom by Kyung-Sook Shin. Feel free to bring a snack.

Intermediate Microsoft Word
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 14
Details: Basic Word skills taken to the next level with advanced formatting, citations, and editing features. Registration required.

Battle of the Books
Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Saturday, April 14
Details: Come and enjoy this great event designed to promote the sport of reading!

Fifth and sixth grade students read from a list of six books and then participate in a contest where each team answers questions about those books as a team. Teams have been determined for this year, but applications are available in early December for next year's Battle.

Microsoft PowerPoint Basics
Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 14
Details: Learn the basics of creating dynamic visual presentations using the many features from Microsoft PowerPoint. Registration required.

Open Office Hours in the Local History Room
Time/Date: noon-2 p.m. Monday, April 16
Details: On the first and third Mondays of each month, a member of the Novi Historical Commission will hold office hours in the Local History Room to help researchers use its many resources.

Coffee with the Superintendent
Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 16 and 10:15-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 18
Details: Enjoy coffee and conversation with Novi School Superintendent, Dr. Matthews twice a month through May.

AARP Listens to Michigan
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, April 17
Details: Andy Farmer, AARP's Assistant Director for Health and Wellness for the State of Michigan, will be leading this community conversation. The progress and unfinished business of healthcare reform in America will be discussed. Hear about major public policy issues that the new healthcare law begins to address. Please register.

E-mail instruction for Seniors
Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m. and 11-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 18
Details: Personal instruction by a librarian on e-mail basics such as how to create an e-mail account and how to type and send a message. If time allows, creating folders and an address book will be discussed. Registration required.

Transferring VHS to DVD
Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, April 18
Details: Learn how to transfer your VHS tapes onto a DVD using the Library's Creation Station. This presentation will walk you through the process step-by-step so you can transfer those home videos from tape to disc. THIS IS NOT A HANDS-ON WORKSHOP. Please register.

Friends of the Novi Public Library Board Meeting
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 18
Details: Everyone is welcome to the board meetings and we cordially invite you to attend and become our friend.

Library Board Meeting
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 18
Details: The Library Board Meeting will be held at the Novi Civic Center - Council Chambers. The Library Board meets to discuss planning for the future, making policy decisions, developing and approving the annual budget, and broad operational oversight of the Library.

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Top 3 hitters return for Novi sluggers

Wildcat baseball gives up power, gains versatility

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Although the Novi baseball team graduated a lot of power last season, this year's squad is sure to entertain with their range of abilities to cover just about any situation.

"We are a very versatile athletic team with a lot of players who can play multiple positions," said Novi coach Rick Green, who's in his 13th season as the Wildcats' leader.

After finishing 18-12 in 2011, three players expected to return the impact they made last season are captain Jimmy Eloff and assistant captains Logan Regnier and Tyler Schwanz. Although all three pitched in varying amounts last season, they were the Wildcats' top three batting leaders.

Regnier led the team with a .451 batting average and team-high 30 RBIs to go with 10 stolen bases and nine doubles. Schwanz batted .446 with 18 RBIs, while Eloff hit .433 with 27 RBIs, 10 doubles and a team-high three home runs and .629 slugging percentage.

Green said he expects Mario Ferrini (.219, zero RBIs) and Ryan Caputo (.417, seven RBIs) to become bigger impact players this season.

"Mario Ferrini is one of those players who has

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The Novi sluggers started the season with a Tuesday doubleheader at home 3:30 p.m. against Walled Lake Western before hosting North Farmington 4 p.m. Wednesday and visiting Walled Lake Central Saturday for a doubleheader.

really gained strength and speed in the off-season, as well as Ryan Caputo, who will play center and pitch," Green said.

Caputo only saw four innings of action on the mound last season, but had the lowest ERA on the team at 3.50.

The pitcher with the most innings logged is Eloff, who threw 38.1 last season, went 4-0 and had the second-lowest ERA at 3.83 to go with 18 strikeouts and eight walks.

However, he gave up 20 doubles, 15 more than any other Novi pitcher. Regnier also had 24.1 innings of action, but had the third-highest Wildcat ERA at 7.48 and finished 3-4 with the team's lone save. He also had 27 strikeouts and 29 walks behind a strong arm.

Green said other starters would be Matt Forche

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Wildcat James Eloff takes off to second base on a hit during Novi's March 28 home game.

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Wildcats ready to hit fairways

Golfers lose one starter from conference championship squad

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Novi's boys golf squad has a lot of potential this season with a lot of returning stars from last season's KLAAs Central Division runners-up and Kensington Conference champions.

The squad's top four include junior Brad Kozinski, senior Johnny Walker, sophomore Garrett Buckley and junior Jason Carless, who were all on varsity and shot below 80 last season. The team was 7-3 in duals.

"We have a great makeup of experienced players returning from last year and some good young players that are

on the team for the first time," Novi coach Brad Huss said. "We qualified for the team regional and our goal this year is to make it to team States. We lost only one starter from that squad."

Huss' top four were heavy on the accolades last season, as each earned first-team All-KLAA honors, while Kozinski was also All-County.

"He had a very good sophomore year and averaged 39 in dual meets and 79 in tournaments," Huss said of Kozinski. "He will be one of our leaders this season and I expect him to have a very good year. He is a nice young man who has the potential to

ON TAP

Novi's golfers (7-3 in 2011) start the season 9 a.m. April 21 with the squad splitting for both the Dick's Sporting Goods Invite and Pinkney Invite before coming together 3:30 p.m. April 24 against Northville (9-1 in 2011).

shoot low scores every time he plays."

As the lone senior, Walker is also expected to contribute performances under 80 at tournaments.

"His last three tournament scores last year at the KLAAs, Districts and the regional were all below 80 and I am excited about his senior year," Huss said. "He can compete against the best and do well."

Battling for the fifth and sixth spots on the varsity card are junior Mike Wenzl, who has some varsity experience, as well as senior Alex Roberts and freshman Bryan Fegert.

"Alex is a first-year junior, but he has a lot of talent and has been concentrating on hockey

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Girls lacrosse debuts as newest Novi sport

Trio of multi-sport student-athletes poised to lead team into first-ever season

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

With a history of success in so many sports, Novi athletics is adding one more. Girls lacrosse is the latest varsity sport at the high school, the first program addition since field hockey in fall 2008.

"It will be a challenge for us to find a player who we play because we are a brand new program and a lot of other schools have been playing this sport for years," first-year Novi coach Caitlin Warda said. "However, the best schools in the state for this sport are Brighton, South Lyon and Hartland."

All three KLAA schools were ranked in the preseason top 10 of Division I. There are 68 varsity girls programs in the state and four girls club programs, including Novi.

Warda said the past few weeks have been spent weeding out a lot of new faces.

"Still in the process of recognizing who our key players are so far, but I have been lucky enough to get a lot of natural athletes," Warda said. "The biggest challenge for us internally will be building

ON TAP

Novi's girls lacrosse program swings into their first-ever contest 7 p.m. April 10 with a home opener against Farmington Hills Harrison (0-1). The 'Cats then host both Midland Down (0-0) at noon April 14 and Grosse Pointe South (1-2) 7 p.m. April 18.

the skill level of the girls and development of the sport itself."

Through the first few weeks of practice, Warda said sophomores Haley Parke, Megan Paul and junior Janice Burnett have all shown potential as impact players this season.

"(They) are three of our top players that I predict will carry us in a big way on our team," Warda said. "We have amazing potential and a lot of talent to work with and I'm excited to teach them everything I know and help the program grow and become a success."

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

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Wildcats softball gets a major lineup facelift

Decreased participation stretches rosters, keeps talent on JV

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

With only a few remaining pieces from last season's starting lineup, this year's Novi softball team faces few expectations, which could be all they need to surprise some people.

The Wildcats (11-14 in 2011) enter the season with the need to replace seven starters. With just 20 girls in the softball program, the varsity squad is only carrying 11 student-athletes.

"As a coach, I usually couldn't do a lot because we didn't have the numbers. This year's even worse," sixth-year Novi coach Bob Lulek said. "Even some of the younger players coming back jumped to lacrosse or just decided not to play."

Seniors Taylor Scott, Abby Robinson and sophomore Laura Oakley will be some of the few returning players counted upon to provide a consistent spark to the lineup.

"I don't want to put pressure on Taylor, but I am expecting her to have a big year," Lulek said of his starting pitcher. "If Taylor pitches the way I know she can, we will do well as a team."

ON TAP

The Wildcats (11-14, 5-5 KLAAs Central in 2011) kick off their season 4 p.m. April 18 at Canton (28-6, 9-1 South in 2011).

"We will be tested right away in our season opener against a very good Canton team," Novi coach Bob Lulek said. "After this game, I will know about our players and what we will need to work on."

Robinson (.298 in 2011) will be moving in from left field to the shortstop position while leading off the batting order for the Wildcats. Oakley (.342 in 2011) will start at first base.

Junior Keiley Oppat will be Novi's second pitcher. Joining her among the varsity lineup are seniors Emily Bielski, Kasey Richman, Emma Walter and juniors Anna Greulich, Miranda Hanby, Kasey Lowmyer and Christina Oakley.

"Although we have five seniors, we are very young and inexperienced," Lulek said. "We have benefited from the early season weather and have been able to do quite a few things

at game speed to bring everybody along.

"It is very difficult for me to put a label on this team because we are replacing seven starters; five in the infield and two in the outfield. I see a lot of potential in the younger players that should mix well with our five seniors. It's just a matter of how quickly they come together as a team."

Lulek said some of the trouble last season was that his players knew they were good and got a big head about it, leading to some unexpected losses.

"We may do better this year just because of the personalities and the way they work," Lulek said.

Among the five seniors were the Wildcats' top pitcher, catcher, shortstop, third baseman, second baseman and centerfielder, most which made the varsity squad as underclassmen.

"Colleen Kolis will be tough to replace," Lulek said of one of his 2011 graduates, a third baseman. "In my 13 years of coaching varsity softball, Colleen is the best player I ever had."

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

Trio of ties have Wildcats looking for back of the net

Novi kickers struggle to finish in close contests

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

After winning two-straight Division I state titles the past two seasons, Novi's girls soccer team is undefeated through three games this season, but have yet to win a game either. The Wildcats tied all three.

Novi (0-0-3) hosted Ann Arbor Pioneer in a 0-0 tie March 28 before hitting the road for the first time this season in a 1-1 draw March 29 at Canton.

"In the Pioneer game we dominated play, but played without urgency and did not really pressure the Pioneer goal until the last 10 minutes of the game," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "We outshot them 31-1, with most shots going over, wide or right at the goalie. It was a very disappointing tie and we are going to have to learn to play with desire and passion."

Although both games ended in a draw, the contest against the Chiefs was a much tougher test for the Wildcats.

Senior Jessica Jarvis headed in a throw-in by sophomore Taylor Pavlika for the Wildcats' lone goal of the week.

O'Leary credited all sophomores Gabby DeLeon, Jacqui Kozlowski, and seniors Shelly Yusko, Jarvis and Sam Pavlika with "outstanding games."

"In the Canton game we played better and tied 1-1," O'Leary said. "It was an evenly played game with Canton holding a 12-9 shot advantage, with both teams having seven shots on goal."

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



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Gabby DeLeon fends off an Ann Arbor Pioneer during the teams' March 28 match.

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Novi's girls soccer team (0-0-3) heads south for two games spring break. The Cats first visit Ann Arbor Skyline (2-2-1) 7 p.m. April 12 and then Saline (0-1-1) 3 p.m. April 14. Skyline lost to Plymouth Salem 3-1 March 26 and beat Plymouth 3-0 March 27, while Saline tied Canton 1-1 March before losing 1-0 at Brighton March 29.

Shamrocks have eye on state championship

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Dave Wilson has never been the kind of coach the press as punches. He's straightforward, he's honest and he's the first to tell you what he thinks.

So when Wilson was asked what the team's goals were this year, there was no doubt he was being honest when he answered.

"(A) state championship," he said. "And why not? The Shamrocks have been an extremely competitive team for nearly all of Wilson's seven years at the helm. He knows the CHSL conference's capabilities as well as what it takes to win a title.

His team had a 13-6 record last year and ended their season in the regional finals game. This year, they have the weapons they need to move past that point.

Returning players include midfielder Nick Gingell as well as a trio of defenders in senior Jordan Yono, junior Steve Jarzyski and senior Gerald Per-

reault. Senior Mike Mullen is also back this season as an attack. Gingell, Mullen and Perreault are captains this season.

Wilson said the biggest challenge his team faces this year is having seniors step into new and unfamiliar roles—though he's confident in their ability to make the appropriate adjustment.

Another key in making the 2012 season into a title run?

"(We need the players) to get to know each other," Wilson said, noting the need for team chemistry with any squad looking to compete in the Catholic High School League and beyond.

Also on this year's team are seniors Daney Meyers, Evan Andrews, Brett Mizzi, Dylan Neal, Trevor Sabo, Mike Brzezinski and Joe Schmitz; juniors Nate Cantin, Brady O'Brien, Matt Lahay, Joe Makela, Andrew Nemes, Jon Conley, Adam Finley, Mitch Messner, Dam Davakus, Alec Gilhoop, Chris Naubert and Antonio Chucci; and sophomores Marc Longe, Sean Birney and Sean Stanners.

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Novi netters add pair of talented freshmen to singles lineup

Doubles teams to play musical flights for first week or two until chemistry is found

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

There are still a lot of questions with who is playing in what flight as Novi's girls tennis team prepares for this afternoon's season opener against Rochester.

A few things are for sure. Senior Abby Wang will return in the one singles slot as the team's best player. However, the two singles flight and possibly the three singles flight are both likely to be filled by freshmen this afternoon as Erin Day and Dhivya Sridar break onto the varsity tennis scene.

"If they're underclassmen, they have to be in the top 14 to play KLAAs," said Novi coach Jim Hanson, who is in his 28th season at the helm. "Abby is one of the best players ever at Novi High School. Day had a good tryout and is our second best player on the team as a freshman."



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Novi varsity tennis player Dhivya Sridar in action on March 21.

Sixty student-athletes tried out for the 36-44 total roster spots between both the varsity and junior varsity teams. Despite losing five of his top eight doubles players, "Shivya and Asawari would probably be playing singles. We've got a lot of kids back. We have experience, but we also have a young team, too." The experienced doubles tandem of senior

singles juniors Caitlin O'Brien and Rebecca Chen will likely become a doubles team. "We're playing a lot of matches amongst the players," Hanson said. "Shivya and Asawari would probably be playing singles. We've got a lot of kids back. We have experience, but we also have a young team, too." The experienced doubles tandem of senior

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Novi's girls tennis team kicks off 4 p.m. today against Rochester before taking time off for spring break until South Lyon East visits April 10.

Emily Sheeran and sophomore Amy Zhou, who played three and four doubles last season, are competing with seniors Emily Kwederis and Ori Nagasaka for the one doubles position.

"They're going to have to play well this year and how we do is going to depend on their performances," Hanson said. "But then we're going to have to get contributions from other kids."

Stepping up from JV competition last season, sophomores Rachel Bailey and Dina Fawaz are teaming together and couple battle with seniors Angela Huang and Alice Jiang for the four doubles position.

"In terms of partners, other than Emily Sheeran and Amy Zhou, and Emily Kwederis and Ori Nagasaka, who played together last year, we're just going to mix and match," Hanson said. "O'Brien and Chen, who played singles last year, will probably play some doubles. Bailey and Fawaz up from JV last year will probably play together as a doubles team."

After finishing second in the KLAAs Central Division and 11th at the Division I state meet, Hanson is looking to solve the puzzle of his lineup quickly.

"The sooner the better we can put together our lineup. It'll be a benefit to our team instead of uncertainty," Hanson said. "In our top 12, we could have the four sophomores and two freshmen. That's a lot of youth involved. We're pretty much focusing on that (April 14) Saline Invite

as when we want to have our lineup set."

Others looking to break into the lineup are senior Natalie Doherty, who played five and six doubles last year; Melanie Murphy and Abigail Swain, who both moved up from JV; and senior Yolanda Zhang, who is a foreign exchange student with singles experience, but is more likely to be used in doubles.

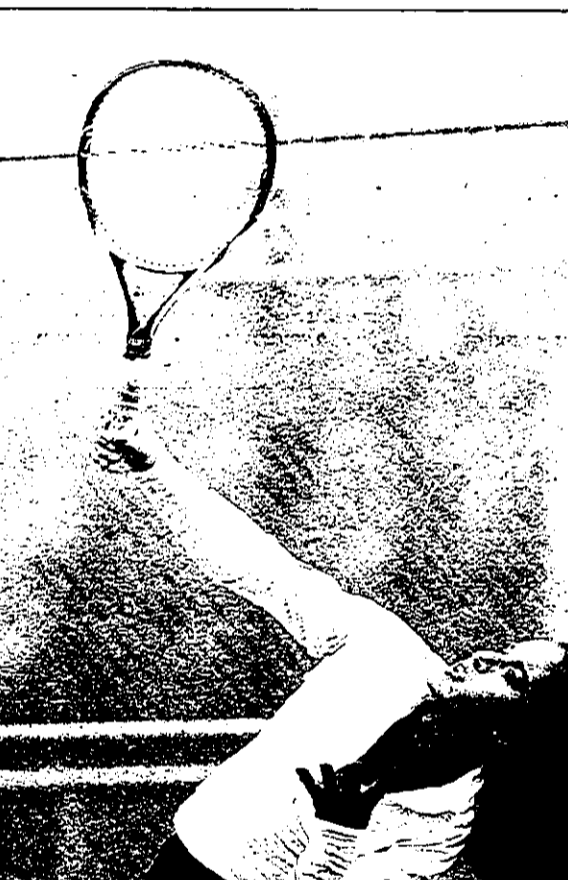
Hanson said Northville will again be a big challenge this season with additional KLAAs and regional threats from Brighton, Plymouth Salem and Livonia Stevenson.

"They have a number of kids coming back," Hanson said of the Bulldogs and Mustangs. "Brighton was fairly young last year, but they lost a lot of girls at the top of their lineup."

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

Wildcats pluck win away from Falcons

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Novi Wildcat #4 singles player Asawari Kanitkar competes on March 29.

Although a few doubles players were missing Novi's girls tennis team got off to a strong start on the season with a 7-1 victory March 29 against Rochester.

The Wildcats (1-0) swept the four flights of doubles and the top three singles flights to show they didn't lose a step from last season. Senior Abby Wang led the way with a strong 6-0, 6-0 victory at one singles, while freshmen Erin Day and Dhivya Sridar made their varsity debuts with victories, as well. Day won her two singles match 6-3, 6-0 and Sridar won the three singles flight 6-2, 6-3.

"Abby's one of the best players in the state. She played extremely well. She played a good on-court game," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "I think

for the first match out, both of the freshmen played extremely well. No surprises, per se, but I thought the freshmen played well."

Sophomore Asawari Kanitkar had a grueling contest at four singles that went into extended points in both sets before maxing out the tiebreaker. Despite a solid effort, Kanitkar lost 5-7, 7-5, 10-8.

At one doubles, senior Emily Sheeran and sophomore Amy Zhou battled through a back-and-forth match for a 6-4, 6-4 victory.

"They were down in the first set and pulled that one out," Hanson said. "Sheeran/Zhou had a battle. In the second set, we were ahead and had to hold them off."

With junior Rebecca Chen filling in for senior Emily Kwederis as the two doubles partner of senior Ori Nagasaka, the

duo still managed a 6-0, 6-1 victory. Sophomore Dina Fawaz and junior Melanie Murphy won with similar ease in their varsity debut at three doubles, sweeping their match 6-0, 6-0.

However, senior Angela Huang and junior Abigail Swain had a battle at four doubles. The pair of Wild-

cats were able to pull it out for a 4-6, 6-3, 10-8 victory though.

"I could've went either way," Hanson said. "I was pleased with the kids for the first match out."

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Catholic Central returns nine seniors to golf lineup

Squad looking to be competitive throughout the year

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

There's one thing for certain when you return a large class of seniors to your roster—you can check experience off of the must-have list.

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks, led by coach Bill Hayes, returns a whopping nine seniors to the lineup this year, including captains Owen Franks and Patrick Luther. Joining them as a team leader is junior Charlie Green.

"The captains have playing experience, but will need help from (the) others," said Hayes.

His squad also has seniors John Dolley, Eric Dooley, Joey Hanba, Dave Nietzke and Dominic Scopone as well as Juniors Corey Szmazinski, Preston Dolley, Amir Jaiarab-hoy, Joe Lawless, Ryan DeWan, Austin Koeszar and Phil Richie. Joining them will be lone sophomore Domenic Mancinelli and freshmen Will Coffman and Glenn Piot.

"Depending on the remaining seniors along with a few underclass-

men, we will see how things play out," said Hayes when asked of the season outlook.

Of course, he has plenty of adjustments that will have to be made this year—and that's just because of the new scheduling tactics that the Catholic High School League has employed. Instead of doing dual meets, the league has opted to attempt tri-matches. This will cut down on overall travel for most teams as well as allowing squads to schedule more tournaments to play, in theory.

"It will be interesting how this plays out, but I think it's a good plan," said Hayes.

The Shamrocks will have a lot of work to do if they hope to repeat some of last year's feats. In 2011, the golf squad won their AA Catholic League division, placed fifth at the district tournament, second at the regional and fifth at the state finals.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

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but his scores in practice have been exceptional. We are glad he decided to participate this year because he could really solidify our lineup," Huss said. "Fegert has experience playing in summer events and he has been very impressive in practice. He made his third career hole in one last week in practice and his scores are in the top three or four to date. He has tremen-

dous potential and will be competing in many varsity events this season."

With so much talent battling for the few varsity spots, Huss doesn't expect things to get out of hand.

"I don't think we will have any problems with chemistry because they all seem to like each other and they are friends," Huss said. "Most of the varsity players have known each other and played together many times."

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'Cats rip through Eagles

Novi tests netminders after taking seven-goal halftime lead, wins 11-5

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

It's early in the season, but Novi's offense isn't where it's expected to be. Ranked No. 22 in the state, Novi's boys lacrosse team (2-1, ranked No. 22) are off until April 11 when they host No. 20 Farmington (2-0).

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Junior Mitch Adams got the start in goal and secured the win with nine saves in 40 minutes while allowing just two goals. Junior Jake Bielenda saved the only shot that came his way in 10 minutes of action, while the Eagles turned into a firing squad on senior Alex Kinnamon, scoring on three of sev-

en shots during the eight minutes he was in net. "Our goalies played really well for us again. We have lots of experience in our goalie group and it's really helping so far," Zoroya said. "Thanks to our defense, we were able to keep them to two goals over three quarters. They were able to score three goals in the final minutes while we were playing deeper into our bench. The defense is playing extremely well thus far, but we're expecting them to improve as the season progresses and allow less than five goals a game."

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(345, nine RBIs), Ryan Davis, Derek Ince (200, four RBIs), Mike Zugaro (250, two RBIs), Alex King (237, six RBIs) and Jeff Weber (313, eight RBIs).

With the toughest competition coming from Northville, Livonia Stevenson and Canton, Green expects Alex Davis (156,

four RBIs), Blake Boron, Grant Wheeler, Alex Barry, Kyle Matel, Mitch Hall and Luke Bageris to serve as key role players, filling in the gaps as needed.

With the potential talent. Green is hoping the squad meshes well together as they prepare for Tuesday's season opener.

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Novi girls return all the parts for a state title run

Wildcat program looking to defend conference titles for both genders

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

There's a lot of potential for Novi's track program this season, especially with all of the key student-athletes returning from a squad that finished fifth in Division I last season after winning Regionals, the KLAA, their conference and the county title.

"Keep an eye on the girls, strong squad all the way across," said 11th-year Novi coach Marsia Reid. "We are returning all our athletes that participated in the state meet last year and have some promise for a couple of other areas. I think we are definitely going to surprise some people."

Senior D'Mya Davis will return her burst of speed to the 100-meter dash, while senior Jasmine Ward plans to speed past the competition in the 200 and 400 races. The 4x100 relay team is also expected to contend at a high level if the girls can stay healthy.

Joining Ward in the 400 run will be sophomore Kerri McMahan, who is also building on her high jump and 800-meter run abilities; while senior Kelly McCloskey looks to improve on the hurdles.

"I think one of the big surprises of this year is going to be the improvement of some other key players besides these consistent scorers," Reid

ON TAP

It won't be long until the baseline rivalry contest. Novi and Northville will faceoff at 3:45 p.m. April 17 at Wildcat Stadium.

Senior Derek Cingel will earn points in the high jump, while senior Mike Jocz returns to lead the sprinters.

"We are looking to continue to build upon some positives that we had from last year," Reid said. Joining Jocz in the sprints will be sophomores Jordan Love and Ali Taha, while Taha also competes in the long jump and junior Collin Berenguer returns to the pole vault.

"Look for Ali Taha to have a breakout year in the long jump," Reid said. "Collin Berenguer is looking to put his mark in the pole vault."

Senior Zach Masserant will compete in the long sprint as he looks to fill the void left by graduation of Derek Kim," Reid said. "We will be looking for these individuals to help build a program with a ton of younger players that are looking for experience in the big time meets."

With both teams winning KLAA Kensington Conference titles last season, Reid expects Livonia Stevenson to contest the boys side and Northville to battle the girls.



Novi High track athletes Victoria Cortez, left, and Jackie Mullins practice with their team on March 28.

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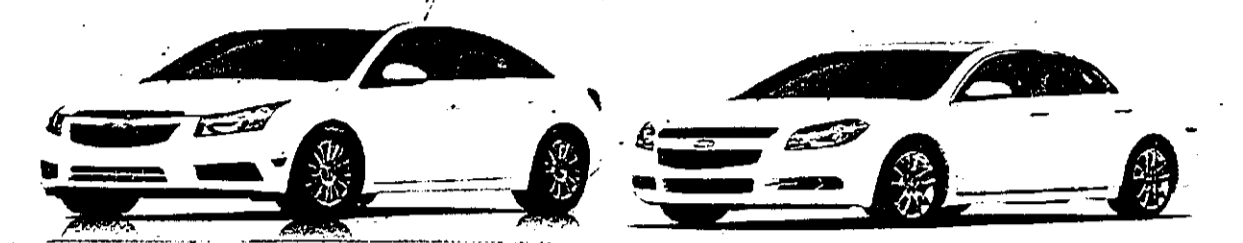
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