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Novi Police offer pistol safety class

The Novi Police Department will host a Civilian Pistol Safety Class from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, April 28 at the Novi Police Department Training Center (45125 W. 10 Mile Road). After lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the course.

Participants must be 21 years old and do not have to be a Novi resident to attend. Registration forms are also available at the Novi Police Department, or online at cityofnovi.org. The \$200 course fee may be paid by cash or money order. Class size is limited, and all participants are subject to a criminal background check.

The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License (CPL). Students must bring their own equipment, including a personal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, and shooter's earmuffs or ear plugs.

For more information, visit cityofnovi.org or contact Sergeant Michael Warren at mwarren@cityofnovi.org or (248) 347-0572.

Saturdays for seniors

The Novi Senior Center is planning a series of events that will have attendees moving, grooving, celebrating, and competing.

Each Super Saturday event includes a meal and live entertainment. All events are from 4-6 p.m. at the Novi Senior Center.

Tickets for each event are \$7 for Novi residents and \$8.50 for non-residents. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available at the Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road or the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

Drive-throughs might be coming to Town Center district

Planning commission to look at modifying standards

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

The Novi Planning Commission is going to take a look at modifying the standards in the Town Center zoning district that would allow drive-through restaurant uses in the area on the south side

of Grand River Avenue, west of Flint Street and east of the railroad tracks.

A number of business owners approached the community development department with interest in constructing drive-through restaurants. Panera Bread, in the City Center Plaza,

also was looking to add a drive-through to their existing building.

City manager Clay Pearson said he thinks the item deserves a good strong look and a drive-through as an accessory use would improve the "viability" and "marketability" of those properties.

"It's more important we get into what those properties are used for and how they look and how the signage is and how they fit together than the outright prohibition we have on the books right now," he said.

City council referred the item to the planning commission Monday night, but not without concerns.

Council member Andrew Mutch said he would be in favor of the accessory use but not a "straight up fast-food drive-through use."

"I wouldn't want to see a situation where we end up with a lot of these uses in the TC-1 district because I just don't think it's compatible with the long-term

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Sgt. Ken Meier is retiring from the Novi Police Department this weekend after 30 years serving the organization in various capacities.

Novi sergeant retiring after 30 years with department

Molloy: Meier was a 'consummate professional'

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Ken Meier's three-decade long career with the Novi Police Department comes to an end Saturday, and the sergeant is leaving with no regrets.

Meier has served the department in various capacities over the years — including detective sergeant, detective and field training officer —

and seen it grow into one of the premier departments in the state.

Well-respected by his peers, Meier said through the good and bad he wouldn't do anything differently.

"Every day I came I never said I didn't want to come to work today," he said. "It's going to be tough to see other officers out on the beat and wondering what they are doing, but it's time."

Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Molloy, who served as a uniform officer and shift sergeant with Meier for several years, said he always treated people with the utmost respect and integrity.

"He has always been one of those individuals I admired and respected and learned a lot from over the years," he

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Tilted Kilt Pub denied quota liquor license

Council members say they would support transfer request

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

The proposed Tilted Kilt Pub and Eatery is going to have to go another route to obtain a liquor license after the Novi City Council denied granting the business one of the city's four quota licenses.

The denial of the license passed by a 4-3 vote as the majority of council members felt the business did not meet the criteria in the general licensing policy the city uses to consider a new license.

That policy considers whether the business is unique to the city, will foster economic development and represents an added financial investment on the part of a long-term business or resident among other items.

Mayor Pro Tem David Staudt said he would approve the liquor license as a transfer, but wasn't willing to give up "one of the four extremely valuable quota licenses we have."

The city only has a certain number of liquor licenses available, based on the city's population.

"We treat these with kid gloves because we get so few, and they generally are used to reward unique situations, unique circumstances," he said. "And in your case, as stated throughout this document, your situation is not unique."

The Tilted Kilt Pub and Eatery is looking to locate in the Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk in the

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MEIER

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 said. "He was the consummate professional who does the right thing." Meier was attracted to Novi in 1992 because it was an "excellent" department that required a four-year college degree and had high standards. And he even fell in love with the city so much that he moved his wife of 32 years, Eileen, and their three children here. He said his favorite role in the department was being a field training officer, a role Molloy said he excelled in. "Having someone like him who is a mentor and coach makes them better police officers," he said. "They will be better problem-solvers and communicators." As far as his best day on

the job, Meier said it was when he helped deliver Meghan McDonald in October 1983 because he was the first to arrive on the scene. Even almost 30 years later, he still keeps in touch with the family. "It was pretty unique and exciting," he said. And the worst were "when bad things happen to good people and you are there to help them through it." He said what made his job and the department great were all the people he worked with, from the officers in uniform to the record clerks and dispatchers. And his advice to those working their way up the ranks is simple. "Respect everybody, respect life and be professional," he said.

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Roll out the barrels



Repaving work begins on Grand River Avenue west of Meadowbrook on April 6. The project, costing about \$4.1 million, should be finished by mid-September.

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TOWN CENTER

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vision that we have for the area," he said. Council member Terry Margolis also said looking at limited use would be acceptable, but she also wanted to put to rest the idea that the town center is a pedestrian-friendly district. "I think it pre-dates many of us here listing it that way," she said. "Quite frankly, to me this isn't a pedestrian-friendly district. Certainly Main Street perhaps I think is a focus. But as I look at those areas, I've lived here long enough to have heard that many, many, many times. And the number of pedestrians I have seen is miniscule." The planning commission will discuss the issue and hold a public hearing before providing a recommendation to city council.

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building that last housed World Market. Sean Cahill, with Titled Kilt, said the business averages between \$5-6 million in sales a year and would hire roughly 200 employees. It also would be the first Michigan location for the franchise.

Council members Terry Margolis and Wayne Wro-

bel, as well as Mayor Bob Gatt supported denying the license, but said they would support a transfer, while council members Justin Fischer, Andrew Mutch and Laura Casey were in favor of granting it.

Fischer said he felt the business did meet the criteria and would help the Fountain Walk area reestablish itself.

"Sometimes I feel we treat these liquor licenses with too kid of gloves,"

he said. "We like to protect them so much to the point where we aren't rewarding people... and in this case they should be."

"This is a business that is looking to be one of the first in Michigan, that's unique in and of itself, and we're talking about a part of the city where we need investment."

Mutch echoed Fischer's point about helping a Fountain Walk area that has "never truly realized the vision that some people had for that area."

"We help out other businesses in the ways we can, whether it's through

tax abatements or changes to our zoning ordinances," he said. "In this case, the quota liquor license would help get this business going tomorrow."

"We haven't had a lot of people coming in here the last few years looking for these licenses, and here is someone who is ready to invest."

Cahill did not indicate at Monday's meeting if they would go the transfer route to obtain a liquor license in the future.

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Carol's has two decades of making old furniture look new again

Business offering two free Garage Sale Furniture Finding Clinics in May

By Nathan Mueller
 Staff Writer

A vast array of furniture is strewn about the warehouse at Carol's Upholstery awaiting transformation.

Some pieces are small chairs, while others are large sofas, but when completed each will have its own unique characteristics.

Ann Ray, who has co-owned the Novi business with Carol Morrissey for the last 20 years, takes pride in taking something weathered from years of use and making it look and feel new again.

"When a customer picks up a piece of furniture, we far exceed their expectations," she said. "It's satisfying to see their reactions."

Ray, who started working at her father's furniture store when she was a teenager, said outward cosmetics often send people to the furniture store looking for an upgrade, but really they are taking a step back.

The quality of furniture being made today is not up to par, she said, and as a result people are having to replace items on a more frequent basis.

The older items, while worn out and outdated, have a more sound structure, and with some updates can provide many years of use.

"What we do is all about longevity, serviceability and being comfortable," Ray said.

Katy Michalski, who works as the business' marketing coordinator, said while it may cost more up front to upgrade an older piece of furniture, in the long run it pays off as it often lasts longer than the brand new items.

Education also is a big part of Ray and Morrissey's job, and they hope to enlighten some people through their two free Garage Sale Furniture Finding Clinics from noon-1 p.m. on May 5 and May 19.

Ray said the best place to find furniture are at thrift shops, garage sales and moving sales. Furniture that is 15-20 years old is ideal, including items built with a solid wood frame and steel coil springs.

"A used piece of furniture is a buyer's market," she said.

And Ray plans on being there to help them make it new again.

"I really love doing this," she said. "The community has always kept us going through the hard times, and we hope to be here another 20 years."

For more information about Carol's Upholstery, visit www.carolupholstery.com or find them on Facebook. The store is located at 44480 Grand River Avenue.

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Carol Morrissey, co-owner of Carol's Upholstery, works on re-sewing covers for a boat's deck seating.



Some of the tools-of-the-trade at Carol's Upholstery.



Ann Ray of Carol's Upholstery in Novi works on renovating the spring support system of an armchair in their Grand River Avenue shop. The business is in its 20th year in the city.



Ann Ray stands next to a couch that Carol's Upholstery refurbished with new fabric recently. The couch had begun its life with a vinyl covering.

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St. Catherine of Siena selects new director

St. Catherine of Siena Academy in Wixom has named Bruno Fernandez to the position of director of Student Affairs/Athletics. Fernandez comes to St. Catherine with nearly 13 years of experience in Catholic education.

"I am very thankful to St. Catherine of Siena Academy for giving me the incredible opportunity to combine my love and expertise in the fields of education and sports into this position," said Fernandez on his decision to come to the Academy. "I am looking forward to contributing to the development of a strong academic environment and a competitive athletic program based on the philosophy of Blessed John Paul II and his understanding of the Feminine Genius."

Fernandez's background includes...



Fernandez's background includes... for programs, student activities, a comprehensive sports program, and leadership and spiritual growth opportunities through retreats, events, field trips, and other meaningful activities.

"Bruno comes to us with the highest of recommendations and a wealth of experience in Catholic education from both Notre Dame High School and Loyola Catholic High School," said Kathy Tarnacki, principal. "We are delighted to have him as a member of our administrative team, and we look forward to the perspective and expertise he brings to the departments he will oversee"

Fernandez earned a law degree from the Universidad Compostelana in Spain. He is married and has one son.

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Elizabeth Gutowski, of Novi, was among 37 students who received Board of Trustees' Awards for having the highest scholastic average (4.0 GPA) at the close of their last semester of attendance. The students also will be recognized at their spring commencements May 4-6. Gutowski is the daughter of Ronald and Connie Gutowski. A member of the Honors College, Gutowski is an education major in the College of Education. She is a graduate of Novi High School.

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Disability workshop



Novi Woods student Gavin Flynn, 9 (above, left), attempts to pick up an object on the floor — while on crutches — during the school's April 12 Disabilities Workshop. During the day long effort, students got to experience what it's like to be blind, deaf, sensory deprived, in a wheelchair or with motor skills problems. Novi Woods hosts the event once a year — which rotates among many Oakland County schools. Selena Huang (right), a Novi Woods fourth-grader, tries on a pair of glasses that simulate extreme far-sightedness.

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SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE UPDATE

Salon team earns gold in culinary competition

Schoolcraft College hosted several of the professional and student competitions for the annual Central Regional Conference of the American Culinary Federation this past week. Seminars and other activities associated with this 11 state regional conference were held simultaneously throughout the conference at the MotorCity Casino Hotel in Detroit.

Schoolcraft College's Culinary Salon Team was one of 10 teams (each representing their state as winners of their state level competitions) that competed at the Central Regional Conference level for one of four spots in the National Level Competition in June in Orlando. While Schoolcraft's team did win one of three gold medals that were awarded, they missed securing a spot at the National ACF Student Competition by .06 of a point.

Members of the Schoolcraft College Culinary Salon Team are Brandon Zarb of Milford, Michelle Collett of Romulus, Katie Kilanski of Belleville, Tyler Bergquist of Canton, and Carla Spicuzzi of West Bloomfield. They are coached by Executive Chef Shawn Loving, Department Chair, and faculty members Executive Chef Chris Misiak, Master Chef Kevin Gawronski, Executive Chef Brian Polcyn, Master Chef Jeffrey Gabriel, Executive Chef Marcus Haight, Master Pastry Chef Joseph Decker, and Master Chef Dan Hugelier.

In addition to the Student Team Competition and Schoolcraft's role as a host facility for many of the food preparation competitions, Chef Misiak acted as lead judge for the Knowledge Bowl competition, which tests the culinary knowledge of professionals and students, which was held at the MotorCity Casino Hotel. Certified Master Pastry Chef Joseph Decker provided an hour-long, standing-room only dessert demonstration at the hotel during the final day of the conference.

International recognition garnered at PTK International Conference

Schoolcraft College returned home from the International Phi Theta Kappa Conference in Nashville, Tenn., recently with several prestigious awards. Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) is the international honor society for community colleges.

Dr. Conway A. Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College and a Novi resident, was presented the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction. Gordon award recipients are recognized by the international PTK for providing extensive support and resources for their colleges' local Phi Theta Kappa chapters, including faculty advisor release time, funding for the chapter, scholarship opportunities for PTK members, and supporting chapter member participation in regional and international events.

Specifically, Jeffress was nominated for the award for his dedication to the Complete the Degree Initiative and his dedication to the students and school through his support of the pending baccalaureate legislation in Michigan (which would allow community college's to grant bachelor's degrees in a limited number of applied areas and give students more opportunities for pursuing their higher education goals). He also supports Schoolcraft College's Learning Assistance Center (LAC) by obtaining funding from federal and state programs. The LAC offers tutors at no cost to students that need help in their studies.

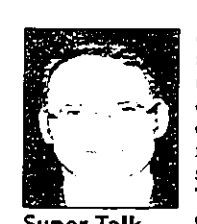
Jeffress also is a strong proponent and advocate of students becoming leaders in their communities, something he encourages new and current PTK members to do whenever he speaks at induction ceremonies for the Omicron Iota Chapter of PTK at Schoolcraft College. Jeffress is one of only eight college presidents/campus CEOs to receive the 2012 Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction, named in honor of the late Dr. Shirley B. Gordon, who served as chair of Phi Theta Kappa's Board of Directors for 20 years.

In addition, Michael J. Wisniewski, Jr. of Romulus, was named as one of the Top Ten Regional Officers and the Michigan Region was named one of the Top Ten Distinguished Regions for 2012. This is quite an honor for Wisniewski as he not only serves as the president for the Schoolcraft College Omicron Iota Chapter of PTK, he is also the president of the Michigan Regional Chapter of PTK. The Distinguished Region award recognizes achievements in areas of programming, regional meetings, membership growth, and the quantity and quality of chapter participation in PTK chapter, state and international programs.

Elaine Langlois, a resident of Northville, was named one of only 30 Distinguished Members of PTK, selected from the more than 125,000 of members elected annually from throughout the world.

Budget will not hinder opportunities for students

By Steve Matthews
Guest Columnist



Super Talk
Steve Matthews

In the winter of 1971, when I was sophomore in high school, I was one of the seven dwarfs in Sandia High School's Children's Theater production of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

That spring's production was part of the requirement in my Drama I class. Everyone had to participate and you were part of the cast or part of the crew. I was one of the largest dwarfs on record.

Later that school year, spring 1972, I had a walk-on part in the spring play. I was on stage for less than three minutes, but I still remember it today. I was an escaped prisoner who was recaptured by the police.

What was the play? I do not remember. What I remember was being part of a group of students who enjoyed what they were doing.

High school is about opening doors. High schools need to provide options and opportunities for students.

This past Saturday night I had the privilege of attending Novi High School's spring musical "Legally Blonde." What an amazing array of talent. From the pit orchestra to the singers and dancers to those who changed the sets so many times, it was a wonderful experience. The delivery man was a personal favorite.

Goal number three in our district is that we will continue to evaluate and enhance opportunities for students. This is a critically important goal. Every student in our school district has the opportunity to find his or her passion.

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I could go on and on talking about the clubs like robotics that have teams at the middle school and high school. I could talk about foreign language clubs and the trips they take around the world.

Times have been tough in Michigan for many years. In these economic times it would be easy to try and cut everything in our \$70 million dollar budget. A person could get lulled into believing that cutting the budget is the most important thing that we do. It is not.

In fact, focusing on just balancing the budget is shortsighted. Goal number three focuses the district's attention on enhancing opportunities for students instead of cutting opportunities. My responsibility is to ensure that our district continues to offer students every opportunity that we can so that students can explore who and what they want to become.

Clearly we have to be mindful of the budget and find ways to fund opportunities. We have to do this without the constraints that the current system puts on us as well. Goal number three focuses our attention on being fiscally sound with providing opportunities.

My experience as one of the seven dwarfs convinced me that I was probably not made for the theater. But it did help me understand that schools need to offer opportunities for students so that they can explore in a safe environment.

Novi has provided students with opportunities and Novi will continue to offer students opportunities in the future.

Steve Matthews is the superintendent of the Novi Community Schools District. He can be reached at smatthews@novi.k12.mi.us; (248) 437-1234; www.twitter.com/docsmatthews; or www.novisuperintendent.blogspot.com.

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CHURCH EVENTS

CHURCH

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ting boundaries with Teen & Adult Children; Single and Single Again; Men's Integrity; Cross Current; Her Story-Partner Care; Growing Season (for children); and two new groups are Caretakers and Knitted Together (Adoption/Foster Care) Workshops.

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ALLIE, JAMES J. "Mt. Highland" Age 79, born on November 12, 1932 in White Lake, Michigan; and passed away on Commemorative Day in Michigan on April 18, 2012.



COON, RUTH MARIE

97, of Fort Scott, Kansas passed away early Wednesday morning, April 18, 2012 at the Fort Scott Manor. She was born September 2, 1914 in Racine, Illinois to the late Joseph and Marie (Utter) Houser. Ruth is survived by her children: Larry Coon, Tom Coon, Laraine Coon, Marilyn Coon, and Ray D. Coon; eighteen grandchildren, twenty-nine great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, Harvey Coon. Following cremation, she will be interred in the South Lyon Cemetery in South Lyon, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fort Scott Manor Activity Fund and left in the care of the Konantz-Cheney Funeral Home, 15 W. Wall St., P.O. Box 309, Fort Scott, KS 66701.

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BARBARA DAWN Age 79, of Milford, passed away in the care of her family April 22, 2012. In addition to Raymond her beloved husband of nearly 58 years, she is survived by her children, Kelly (Ann) Mangione, Don (Karen) Bergin, Patrick (Patricia) Bergin, grandchildren, Kevin, Angie, Jill, Allison, Sean and Matthew as well as many extended family and friends.

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COOK, THELMA M. Age 91; born on November 18, 1920 in Green Oak Township, Michigan and passed on April 22, 2012 in Highland, Michigan. Loving wife of the late James C. Cook; Beloved mother of Joseph (Roberta "Nan") Cook, Mark (Rebecca) Cook, & Mary DeVaelesch; Cherished grandmother of 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Dear sister of John (the late Kate) Chenoweth, Robert (Jackie) Chenoweth, Thelma was preceded in death by her brothers Vane (Rita) Chenoweth, Joseph (the late Pauline) Chenoweth & the late Rex (Janet) Chenoweth; Thelma will be in state beginning at 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 11:00 a.m. at the Highland Church of the Nazarene 1211 W. Livingston Road, Highland, Michigan 48337, on Friday April 27, 2012; Family Will Receive Friends from 5:00 - 8:00pm on Thursday April 26, 2012 at the Highland Chapel of the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home, 3295 E. Highland Road, Highland, MI 48336. Memorials appreciated to the Highland Church of the Nazarene or the Highland Fire Department. Please visit: eltonblackandsonhighland.com

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Novi resident Michelle LaLonde stands with Jeopardy host Alex Trebek during her stint on the show, which aired last week. LaLonde's two-day winnings totaled \$20,500.

Novi woman wins on Jeopardy

Final-round gaffe ended LaLonde's run as champion

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Novi resident Michelle LaLonde's run as the Jeopardy champion lasted just one episode last week.

But if she could do Final Jeopardy all over again, it might have lasted a little longer.

LaLonde, a law librarian for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, was the leader heading into the last question in the category Museums. She said she felt confident about her knowledge of the topic and wagered \$5,500 of her \$8,800 pot.

LaLonde and the other two contestants answered incorrectly, but her large wager dropped her into

second place behind winner Mary Harris.

"I got overconfident in an area I know a lot about and thought I could up my bet," she said. "The big takeaway for me was to trust your gut instinct and never be overconfident in an area you think you know well."

LaLonde pulled off the upset on the episode prior to become champion as she was the only contestant to get her Final Jeopardy question correct. She was in third place going into the final round, but finished with \$18,500 to take the top spot.

Her two-day total was \$20,500. She said she didn't have any expectations when she got invited to be on

the show, but was happy with the outcome. "I just thought I would go there and at worst have some fun," she said. "I just wanted to try it. It was one of those minor bucket list kind of things for me."

Bucket list

Appearing on Jeopardy made its way on to her bucket list after years of competing on the college bowl team when she was in school at the University of Michigan, and after talking to several friends who competed themselves. She started the process by taking an online test through Jeopardy's website before being asked to go to Lexington, Ky., for an in-person tryout in July. She successfully completed both tests, and received the call in mid-November to be a contestant on the show that was being taped in late

December.

LaLonde's preparation for the show consisted of buying an almanac — that she only skimmed through on the plane — and simulating buzzing in by clicking a ball point pen while watching the show — which she said didn't work for her.

"It's just something you are either going to know it or not," she said, noting it's important to have a western liberal arts background and be up-to-date on current events and pop culture.

She said reliving the experience last week was "tough to watch," but overall said it was a fun and good experience.

"I'm not normally in a position to make \$20,000 for an hour of work," she said.

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Woman 'privileged' to be a volunteer

Welsh gives time to help patients, families at Livonia's Angela Hospice

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Tammy Welsh doesn't volunteer her time because she has to or because she thinks it will bring her good karma.

In fact, the Novi resident said she feels "privileged" to be able to spend time with patients and their families at Angela Hospice in Livonia during such a vulnerable time in their lives.

"It's such a rewarding and fulfilling feeling," she said. "You feel so good to brighten their day in every way — and every time I go there I get that feeling."

Welsh has been volunteering at Angela Hospice three days a week for nearly two years, working with patients and their families in the care center and training new volunteers. She helps patients with daily activities such as eating, bathing and exercise, and also provides support for families.

She went to school for social work, but never worked in the field after having children. She came across Angela Hospice when she was looking for a way to fill time and give back, and immediately fell in love.

"I knew this was where I wanted to spend my time," she said.

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And the organization is happy to have her. "She is phenomenal," said Syn-die Best, volunteer services manager at Angela Hospice. "She beautifully supports families through listening and encouraging them and allowing them to feel their feelings. She is a very calm and very reassuring presence to have in the room."

Last week was National Volunteer Week, and Best was quick to praise volunteers for all they do.

"I really believe, in the culture we live in, time has become more valuable than money," she said. "People will throw \$20 at a cause because they don't have to do anything."

"To do this for strangers... there is such value in the work they do."

And while Welsh gives of her time to support others, she said she is benefiting from the experience as well.

"It's a great feeling to be able to help others," she said.

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Novi fire marshal heading closer to home

Evans to be deputy chief in Brighton after 22 years in Novi

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Novi Fire Marshal Mike Evans is going home.

After 22 years with the Novi Fire Department, Evans, who lives in Brighton Township, is leaving to become the deputy fire chief for the Brighton Area Fire Authority.

Evans, whose new commute will be five minutes from driveway to office, said the change is a good opportunity for him as he will be more focused on operations in his new position.

"The toughest part is going to be leaving all the guys behind," he said. "But I am looking forward to the new challenges."

Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Molloy said he always admired Evans' "knowledge and voracity" when it came to enforcing the fire code.

"It's not an easy thing to do, but he is one of the experts in the state when it comes to knowing the fire code, enforcing it and training others," he said. "I am really happy for him to be moving into a more administrative leadership position."

Evans has been the fire marshal in Novi since 1996, and because of that role has been involved in many of Novi's largest construction projects.

His favorite was the construction of Providence Park Hospital because the department



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Outgoing Novi Fire Marshal Michael Evans reflected on his 22 years with the Novi Fire Department in his office on Monday. Evans will be continuing his career with the Brighton Area Fire Authority as its deputy chief on May 1.

and CERT volunteers got a chance to do a full evacuation drill there before it opened.

"You normally cannot do that with patients in the hospital, so it was a great experience," he said.

Evans starts in Brighton on May 1, with fire protection officers Don

Christensen serving as acting fire marshal and Andy Copeland handling plan reviews.

"It has been a fabulous career," Evans said. "I have enjoyed watching the city grow."

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Novi Fire Marshal Mike Evans narrates a fire safety demonstration given by his department during the 2010 Fall For Novi event at the Novi Civic Center.

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Novi resident runs 40K for blind children

Harvill braves heat wave in first Boston Marathon

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

A local company's vice president was sweating like never before last week during a trip to Boston, but it wasn't because of a tough business meeting, it was because he was a participant in the 116th Boston Marathon.

Novi resident Terry Harvill, 43, is the vice president of grid development at Novi-based ITC Holdings Corp. and was among the 27,000 runners from across the

globe to partake in the 40-kilometer (26.2-mile) race April 16 in Boston.

"It's Boston. It's a special marathon because it's considered one of the top five in the world," Harvill said, comparing it to races in Chicago, New York City, London and Berlin. "It was a great race. I'd like to go in and do it again with better weather."

With 85-degree temperatures and a hot sun beating down on the runners, this year's event differed from years past in a few ways.



Some medals from the dozens of marathons run by Novi's Terry Harvill are displayed in his home.



Novi resident Terry Harvill will be running the upcoming Boston Marathon — his first attempt at the big race in Massachusetts.

"It was hot. I don't think they've ever done this before, but they were saying it was so hot that you could defer your entry to next year," Harvill said, noting that he starts getting tired about 21 miles into a marathon. "I got to about mile 14 or so and started running with a (57-year-old) guy who has run Boston before and he said he's never seen anyone walk this. We looked around and it seemed everyone was walking."

Harvill finished his 28th marathon in five hours, six minutes and 28 seconds. He said a typical marathon usually takes him between 3 1/2 and four hours without the sweltering heat.

"I took it easy. We slowed our pace way down," Harvill said, adding that he heard 5,000 people deferred.

Despite the warm temperatures, Harvill said local patrons kept the runners spirited by cheering along the sidelines throughout the course.

"Each town you come into, it's like a finish line. There were people lining the course the entire way," Harvill said. "People make an event out of it. I ran past houses with people outside with bounce houses for their kids and barbecues."

The race took runners past all-female Wellesley College, where the girls held up a variety of signs, Boston College's campus and several other smaller towns surrounding Boston.

Harvill was participating in the Boston Marathon as one of 10 team members for the Watertown, Mass.-based Perkins School for the Blind. The team's goal was to raise \$50,000 for people who are blind or visually impaired and has surpassed \$71,000. Harvill committed to

raising \$5,000 on his own, but nearly hit the \$6,000 mark.

Donations are still being collected at www.crowdfunder.com/perkins-marathonteam/fundraiser/terryharvill or by mailing a check payable to "Perkins School for the Blind" with Harvill's name on the memo line to Perkins School for the Blind, Attn: Boston Marathon, 175 North Beacon St., Watertown, MA 02472.

A former colleague of mine at a former job became head of the Perkins School," Harvill said of his connection to the charity.

Despite strong ties to marathons, Harvill didn't begin training for them until he was 29. He had previously played high school soccer in Illinois, but didn't think about distance running much until he was older.

There were a handful of other Novi residents participating alongside Harvill. They included Minoru Mitsuhashi, 49 (finished in 3:21:29); Andrea Kramer, 22 (3:21:14); Robert Lee, 41 (3:26:00); Kimberly Bedigian, 42 (3:56:25); Sarah Kempa, 22 (4:05:57); Natasha Goodman, 41 (4:24:32) and Elly Truran, 51 (4:38:35).

Wish you were here



Thirty-four Novi High School seniors and their families celebrated senior spring break April 1-8 on the Carnival Legend cruise ship to the western Caribbean Sea, stopping in Grand Cayman; Cozumel, Mexico; Belize City, Belize; and Montgomery Bay, Roatan Islands, Honduras. The weather and sea cooperated for the group to enjoy everything from snorkeling on the second largest barrier reef in the world, zip-lining through jungle canopy, riding dune buggies through jungle and beaches, swimming with dolphins and stingrays to shopping at the ports of call and partying on the beautiful beaches. Eating, dancing, karaoke and simply hanging out with each other while at sea was the norm throughout the week. Pictured are Kyle Clemmons, Logan Chio, Liz Ortwin, Gary Hoen, Kimmie Kelsner, Meg Gaffney, Grant Barnes, Jenn Weigand, Callie Wright, Frankie Mastrangelo, Casey Sutton, Shelly Yusko, Dan Lumley, Fernanda Pavia, Kyle Seippel, Ali McLeod, Haley Wilke, Lauren Pollard, Anna Lu, Katie Seelbinder, Tushar Verma, Emily Sheeran, Erik Frasier, Amanda Guttman, Desmond Washington, Jessica Smith, Eric Gardner, Maddie Potts, Corey O'Dell, Brad Loomis, Anna MacMillan, Jeff Webber, Ben Fudala and Evan Thomas.

NEWSMAKERS

Amanda Morgan nominated for Indie awards

After being recognized last summer as the youngest person to ever to reach the number one spot on 96.3 WDVZ-FM's The Radio Café Indie Music Channel poll, Roper student Amanda Morgan, of Novi, continues to have success in the music industry as a nominee in four categories at this spring's Indie Music Channel Awards.

Morgan's single "Just Wanna Know Why" was voted #1 in the state for over a month last summer, and it also clinched her a nomination for the Best Female Pop Artist award. Other nominations include Best Young Pop Artist for "More Like Crashing," Best Teen

Female Artist for "Saturday in June," and Best Teen Song for "Ten Steps Back," which also reached #1 in state in 2010.

In addition to being nominated, Morgan is also staged to perform at the event. She has previously performed live on Fox 2 News and at Arts, Beats & Eats.

Morgan is a senior at The Roper School. She was recently accepted to the W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University where she plans to pursue a business law degree while continuing her music career.

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The Memorial Day Parade begins at 10 a.m. and travels west along 10 Mile Road from Karim Boulevard to the Novi Civic Center.

Parade entry and veteran registration forms are available at cityofnovi.org. There is no pre-registration for kids participating in the bike parade. Kids, with their decorated bikes, should meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Holly Hill Plaza (39555 W. 10 Mile Road, south side, west of Haggerty Road).

For more information, please contact Rachel Zagari, Senior Services manager, by calling (248) 347-0414 or e-mailing rzagari@cityofnovi.org.

Republican essay contest

The Suburban Republican Women's Club is sponsoring a student essay contest, free to enter and open to all students ages 7 to 14. The topic is Most Admired Republican President. Prizes will be given for first place in the 7-10 age

group and in the 11-14 age group. The entry should be the original work of the student and include a cover page with student's name, age, grade level, address, phone number and title. The essay should be 150-250 words, on 8 1/2" x 11" white paper, double-spaced.

The deadline is May 7. Send entries to: Suburban Republican Women Essay Contest, 35379 Lancashire, Livonia, MI 48152.

Winners will receive their awards at the dinner/meeting of the club on May 17 at the One Under Banquet Facility, 35780 5 Mile Rd, Livonia.

Savvy Social Security planning

Join wealth managers Walter J. Powrozek, CWS and Joseph J. Lezotte, CFP along with the Novi Library for Savvy Social Security Planning: What Baby Boomers Need to Know to Maximize Retirement Income, presented in two sessions: 1-2:30 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, May 24 and Tuesday, June 5.

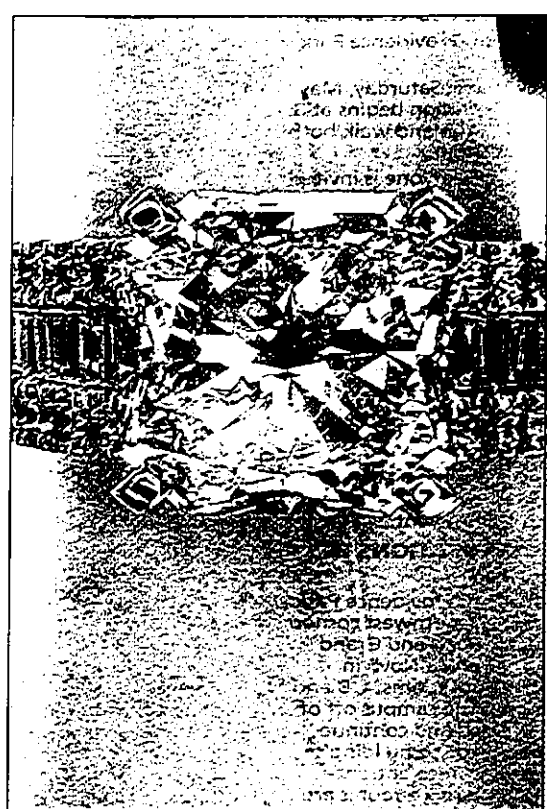
This workshop will help you decide when to start receiving benefits; how to coordinate benefits with your spouse; how tax issues can affect your benefits; how to coordinate benefits with your other sources of retirement income; and much more.

The program will be at the Novi Public Library at 45255 West 10 Mile Road.

Reservations are free, but seating is limited, register

Please see BRIEFS, A17

Quite a rock



Larson Jewelry Design, on Main Street in downtown Novi, recently sold a 5.01 ct radiant cut diamond, GIA certified, with round and baguette diamonds in a custom made mounting. "This was sold to a customer in Florida that had been looking for the last six months," said owner Brian J. Larson. "I met him two weeks ago, found the diamond and made the custom ring in time to deliver it to him in time for his special event. Total price was \$138,000, which happens to be the largest single piece I have done so far. However, the year is not over."

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Novi events

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

Location: Providence Park campus

Time/Date: Saturday, May 12. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Run and walk both start at 9 a.m.

Details: Everyone is invited to participate. The registration form can be accessed on the City of Novi website at http://cityofnovi.org/Services/ParksAndRec/Programs/SenseOfCommunity.asp#EmergencyRun. The event will be staged in the driveway to the Assarian Cancer Center. The Novi Police Department will once again be responsible for all traffic coordination that day, and will maintain traffic flow on the campus during the event.

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

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.

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 man-



New at the library

Kicking off National Library Week (April 8-14), the Novi Public Library officially presented its new historical display case during an appreciation event for library volunteers and staff on April 10. This case was purchased with monies donated on behalf of Hugh and Kathy Crawford, longtime residents of Novi, strong supporters of Novi's history and special guests at the event. The display case is prominently located on the first floor of the Library next to the elevators. Every four months the display case will feature a new theme. For the months of May-August, the theme is Novi — Then and Now. Anyone seeking information or interested in donating or loaning artifacts for the display case can contact library historian Kathy Mutch at (248) 224-4211 or novihistory@novilibrary.org.

agors Walter J. Powrozek, CWS and Joseph J. Lezotte, CFP 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) 957-4452 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, biblical and personal approach for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Speakers will include Fr. Bob

La Croix, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a 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/ParksAndRec/Programs/SenseOfCommunity.asp#EmergencyRun. The event will be staged in the driveway to the Assarian Cancer Center.

PROSTATE CANCER PRESENTATION

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Saturday, May 12

Location: Better Health

GET LISTED!

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gnannet.com; by fax to (248) 659-2892; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

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

Market, 42875 Grand River Avenue, Novi

Details: Gary Lalonde, motivational speaker and prostate cancer survivor shares his story on how he is beating his cancer — naturally — in this free seminar.

Contact: (248) 735-8100 or log on to the web site www.thebetterhealthstore.com

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 stages of grief are available.

NOVI SENIOR CENTER

Location: 25075 Meadowbrook Road

Contact: (248) 347-0414; thegin@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 Cooney 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 fmlana@sunrisefinancialgroupllc.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 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 juliepaquette57@gmail.com; www.metronovibni.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

referring people to each

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

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

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

Charles Boulard, Building Official
 City of Novi

Publish: April 26, 2012

OUR VIEWS

Making it work Novi able to thrive despite Legislature

When one mentions Novi to outsiders, the first thing that comes to mind is 'retail'. From Twelve Oaks (the retail center that put this city on the map in the mid 1970s) to West Oaks to 12 Mile Crossing at Fountainwalk to the Town Center, Novi is known for offering an abundance of shopping opportunities.

And what's one thing that all of the above generate?

Sales tax. Why is that important? Because when the state collects 6 percent of every purchase, from clothing to Cadillacs, it's supposed to turn around and disburse it back to Michigan's municipalities and schools. But for the past decade or so, the state has been withholding those statutory revenue sharing funds and keeping the money in Lansing. The municipalities, like the City of Novi, are then forced to figure out how to make ends meet with less and less state funding.

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That's something that anyone living and working in Novi should voice their opinion about to the state Legislature and Gov. Rick Snyder. There is no diversification of revenue sources, which means Novi must rely on over \$3 billion in taxable property for its revenue. And even when property values fell, Novi did not raise the millage rate.

Even now, with less revenue, city council was still able to approve a reduction in the millage rate from 10.5416 mills (where it's been for a decade) to 10.2 mills -- without impacting city services. An estimated \$981,000 tax reduction will be the result.

The savings for homeowners aren't huge, but any savings nowadays are worth mentioning. A home with a state equalized value, or taxable value, of \$150,000 would see a savings of \$31 with this new millage reduction. These savings are on top of the reductions realized from having a constant rate when values were declining considerably.

When Novi was younger, there was a need to issue bonds to build out. Although Novi would still be considered a relatively young municipality, it's mature enough now that it should be able to pay as it goes. A lot less debt millage is required as it's been paying down its debts (like the library construction) and not issuing new ones for roads, etc.

A number of factors have also given Novi flexibility and put the city in a better position than many of its peers: a smaller workforce; contract negotiations that have changed employee health care and pensions; and less (about 2 percent) of a drop in taxable values.

True, it looks like the city will be asking voters in August to bump the millage up for much-needed maintenance next year, but that should be an easy 'yes' vote for residents to make.

So as Novi continues to maintain services and complete road work, it's forced to rely more than ever on property taxes because the state Legislature has not dealt with the tough issues of how to fairly distribute sales tax revenue.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What is the best item you picked up at a garage sale?



"I found a hammock."
Carol Morrissey
Novi



"I bought a Boston KS multi-size pencil sharpener, like the ones you had in school."
Katy Michalski
Brighton



"I picked up a \$300 sofa and chair."
Ann Ray
Novi



"I got a beautiful picture of a barn with fall scenery in the background."
Louise Holbel
Novi

GUEST COLUMN

From its beginning, Schoolcraft has stood out

By Tim Richard
Guest Columnist

It's amazing that Schoolcraft College ever built a campus and opened its doors at all 50 years ago.

Most community colleges had a definite geographic base. Some, like Highland Park, Dearborn and Benton Harbor, were spawned by a K-12 school district. Others, like Oakland and Kalamazoo Valley, were countywide inventions.

Schoolcraft was unusual — a cooperative venture of five school districts forming a team. There were six at first — Livonia, Plymouth, Clarenceville, Garden City, Redford Union and South Redford. The publisher of the *Redford Township News* killed the "scheme," as he called it, gunning down RU's and SR's participation. The other four districts formed the college under an amended law signed in 1960 by Gov. G. Mennen Williams, a Democrat. A fifth district, Northville, saw a good thing and joined. It was the first multi-district community college in the state.

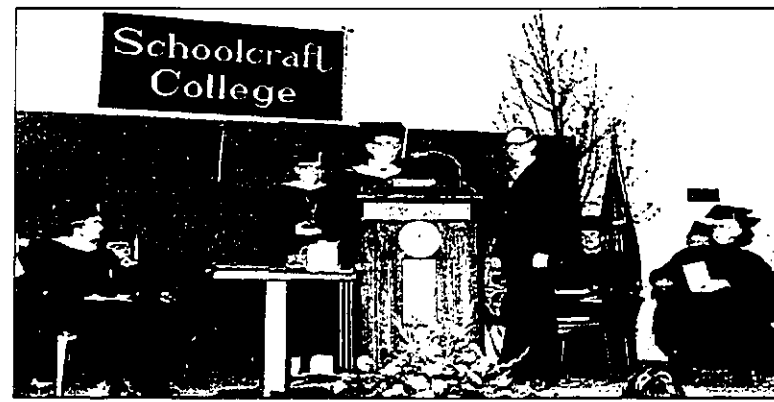
Instead of the bland name assigned by the state — Northwest Wayne County Community College — the founders elected to name the district after one of the state's unsung pioneers: Henry Rowe Schoolcraft (1793-1864), state geologist and ethnologist of Native American tribes, who gained the admiration of poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, who in turn used Schoolcraft's writings as the basis for *The Song of Hiawatha*. In their second try at the ballot, the organizing committee had open support from Gov. John B. Swainson in a letter to the public. Voters said yes Oct. 24, 1961.

There were long arguments about where to build the campus. Only Livonia and Plymouth had the needed 130-acre tract available. Livonia Mayor Harvey Moeke iced it for the city by offering to put in water and sewers. He also persuaded the owners of the farmland at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads to deal gently with the college.

"Colleges are made, not born," quipped Sam Hudson, a historian, one of the organizers, a trustee and the author of *Reaching Out: A History of Schoolcraft College* (1984). But what should a two-year college be like? Early students often admitted to being "draft dodgers" from the Vietnam war. New to the beat, this reporter asked first President Eric Bradner if it would grow into a four-year university. He straightened me out. That was never in the scheme of things.

Transfer programs for students who wished to go on to a four-year university, that was for certain. Terminal programs for those not going on. This included those seeking technical skills for industrial jobs, as well as nursing, health assistant programs and especially culinary arts for top jobs in the hospitality industry. In short, any company that needed skilled teachers to teach employees job skills could look to Schoolcraft for help.

Schoolcraft always has been a



Former O&E editor and reporter, Tim Richard, (right) was awarded an honorary degree from Schoolcraft in 1980. Trustee Harry Greenleaf (member of the board of trustees from 1977 to 1995) is at the podium. Schoolcraft's second president, Dr. C. Nelson Grote is standing behind Greenleaf.

bargain in tuition. An early champion was the late R.T. (Tommy) Thompson, this paper's executive editor at the time. He covered the beat lustily. Tommy had put in a year at Ohio State, but had to drop out when he was maneuvered out of a dishwashing job at a sorority. I think Tommy was pitching for all the kids of limited means.

One other service came to mind: the arts. Wayne Dunlap, hired away from the University of Michigan to set up the arts program, noted a wide, empty valley between Ann Arbor and Detroit. Dunlap and his successor, Richard Saunders, saw the need for a 2,000-seat auditorium catering to (especially) chamber music.

I was with them. "We're getting only part of the value of a college — classroom instruction — and short-changing ourselves in the arts," I said editorially, in a comment that Sam Hudson included in his book. But the majority of hires ruly the public, however, were all for job preparation.

The faculty union caused a few fuses. They disliked the hiring of part-time instructors to teach specialized programs, preferring full-timers who earned benefits and paid union dues. The faculty wanted a non-voting "advisory" seat on the board — a lobbyist and a terrible conflict of interest at bargaining time. Despite my political differences, I made many friends on the faculty. Dr. Grote, the second president, had more than his share of headaches with the faculty, but was well-enough regarded outside the community to be under consideration for state superintendent of public instruction. He was finally hired by a Washington commu-

nity college, which was impressed with his handling of a multi-campus system.

Despite all the local battles over the college's existence, bond issues, purpose and unionization, one thing has been constant over more than 50 years: the support of the governors.

I've already mentioned Williams and Swainson from the early 1960s. A big thanks goes to William G. Milliken, whose 14 years at the governor's desk were preceded by a term at his hometown community college in Traverse City and by his advocacy of expanding community colleges in the early 1960s as a rebellious moderate Republican in the Legislature.

Democrat Jim Blanchard and Republican John Engler had soft spots in their fiscal hearts for community colleges, as did Democrat Jennifer Granholm. Current Gov. Rick (the Tough Nerd) Snyder says he earned three degrees in six years (BGS, MBA, JD) from the University of Michigan, but he'll also tell you that as a high school student he piled up 25 or so advance credits with dual enrollments at his Battle Creek Community College. He's trying to be good to the likes of Schoolcraft.

Charles A. Murray, author of the new shocker *Losing Ground*, opines that "too many people are going to college," meaning four-year universities, and many would be better off learning career skills. Myself, I had 20 or so years of (paid) fun covering the college, took a night Spanish course prior to our journey to Iberia and South America, learned about Mozart in the outdoor chamber concerts and enjoyed watching my Norwegian elkhound track a fox who had a den in a rock pile behind the gym. I wonder if foxes still inhabit the area.

There was always a lot to love at Schoolcraft College.

Tim Richard was awarded an honorary degree at Schoolcraft in 1980 and in 1998 was elected to the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame. He is retired in the northern hamlet of Bear Lake, where his most strenuous activity is fishing for maskinonge (the northern pike).

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Family receives phone threats

Novi police are investigating a series of threatening phone calls made on April 20 to a Novi man on his cell phone while he was at his Chesapeake Drive home.

According to the police report, the victim said the man stated he was going to kill his family and repeatedly asked him if his wife and kids were in the house. While speaking with the officer, the subject called back three times, and when the officer got on the phone he started speaking in a foreign language. The cell phone is a work phone and the victim is going to obtain his phone records. Police are continuing to investigate as well, and are providing extra patrols at his residence.

Man arrested picking up daughter from police department

Novi police arrested a man on April 21 on an outstanding civil warrant for child neglect when he came to the Novi Police Department to bond out his 18-year-old daughter who was arrested earlier in the morning.

According to the police report, the daughter was arrested for possession of marijuana after she was stopped for swerving while driving on 10 Mile Road near Novi Road.

She lied to police about where she was coming from and told police she had nothing illegal in her vehicle. During the search, police found marijuana and a pipe inside her purse.

She was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where she was issued a citation and released after posting bond.

Purse stolen at Tin Fish

A Detroit woman had her purse stolen from the bathroom at Tin Fish on April 21 after she left it sitting in there before leaving the room.

According to the police report, the woman said she went back into the bathroom shortly after leaving and her purse was gone. The purse was worth \$100 and contained \$80 cash, her driver's license, keys and a credit card.

The woman said she remembers being distracted while in the bathroom by an unknown woman, which could have

been a ploy for the theft.

Police have no suspects at this time.

Pills, money stolen from pharmacy

Novi police are investigating a breaking an entering that occurred around 7:38 a.m. on April 22 at a pharmacy on Lewis Drive.

According to the police report, when the officer arrived on the scene the door on the east side of the building was propped open. As he entered the building he noticed the front door had been smashed, and the suspect gained entry to the building by prying the west side entry doors.

The alarm was going off, but no one was inside.

Stolen from the pharmacy was \$200, 29 different types of drugs, 2,898 tablets, in assorted strengths and a small black safe.

Police collected evidence at the scene and are reviewing the surveillance video.

Police have no suspects at this time.

Drunk found asleep at the wheel

A 29-year-old Howell man was arrested for drunk driving after he was found asleep at the wheel of his car on April 22 while it was stopped at the traffic light at Novi Road and 10 Mile Road.

According to the police report, when the officer arrived the man was slumped forward and the vehicle was still in drive with his foot on the brake.

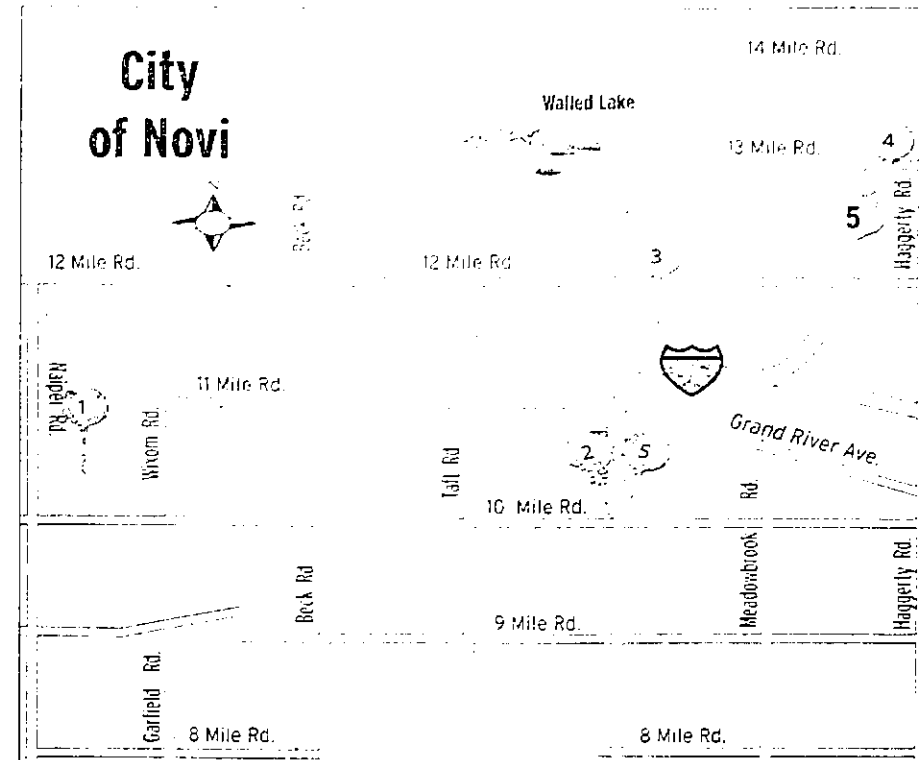
The officer pounded on the window several times and tried to unlock the vehicle before the suspect finally awoke to unlock the car.

He was transported to the Novi Police Department where he was uncooperative and belligerent during booking. He refused to take a breath test and started to yell at another prisoner, saying he was going to beat him up when he got his handcuffs off.

The suspect eventually took the breath test, with a result of .18 percent.

He was issued a citation for operating while intoxicated and driving while license suspended and released after posting bond and when sober.

— Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller.



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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.

NOVI LIONS CLUB
Time/Date: 6 p.m., social; 6:30 p.m., meeting starts.

Location: Leo's Sports Bar & Grill Restaurant, lower level, 40380 Grand River, west of Haggerty.

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Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m., Mondays, April 30 and May 7

Details: For the High Beginning to Low Intermediate English speaker. Plan to have fun in this interactive program with American tall tales, short novels, reading aloud to musical melodies, and more.

Lego Club
Time/Date: 6-6:45 p.m., Monday, April 30

Details: Join us once a month for Lego show-and-tell and building activities. We supply the Legos, you supply the imagination.

Help for Families from OLHSA
Time/Date: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesdays, May 1 and May 8

Details: Meet with an OLHSA (Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency) staff member for support with Medicaid, food, cash, foreclosure, and many other human services.

The Erie Canal - The Ditch That Built Novi
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 1

Details: Join Al Smitley, a retired local librarian, as he explains the building of the Erie Canal and its effects on the settling of Michigan, especially the Novi, Northville areas.

Animga Club
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., Wednesday, May 2

Details: Join us as we discuss anime, talk about manga, and generally have fun.

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Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, May 3

Details: This workshop brings you a broad and diverse introductory-level overview of some of the more popular elements that make up the financial markets.

Kiddie Crafts

Time/Date: 10:30-11 a.m., Saturday, May 5

Details: Toddlers and preschoolers can create a work of art using their imaginations and the supplies that we will provide.

Open Office Hours in the Local History Room
Time/Date: noon-2 p.m., Monday, May 7

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.

AP Test Open Study
Time/Date: 2-5 p.m., Monday, May 7 and Tuesday, May 8

Details: High-schoolers are welcome to study for upcoming Advanced Placement Exams in the Library Meeting Room.

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Time/Date: 7-7:45 p.m., Monday, May 7

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Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., Tuesday, May 8

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In addition to the plantings, activities are scheduled at each location:
• Saturday, May 12

Providence Park Hospital - Assarian Cancer Center, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Join fellow community members for a planting ceremony, light refreshments, and a Japanese-language yoga class following the conclusion of the Emergency Run 5K.

Novi Meadows Elementary/Japanese School of Detroit, 3-4 p.m.

Novi Meadows and Japanese School of Detroit students will share their collaborative art project with the community. Light refreshments will follow a planting ceremony.

Novi Public Library, 4-8 p.m. You're invited to experience Japanese culture by learning to compose beautiful Haiku poetry and constructing Japanese-themed crafts at this open, drop-in program.

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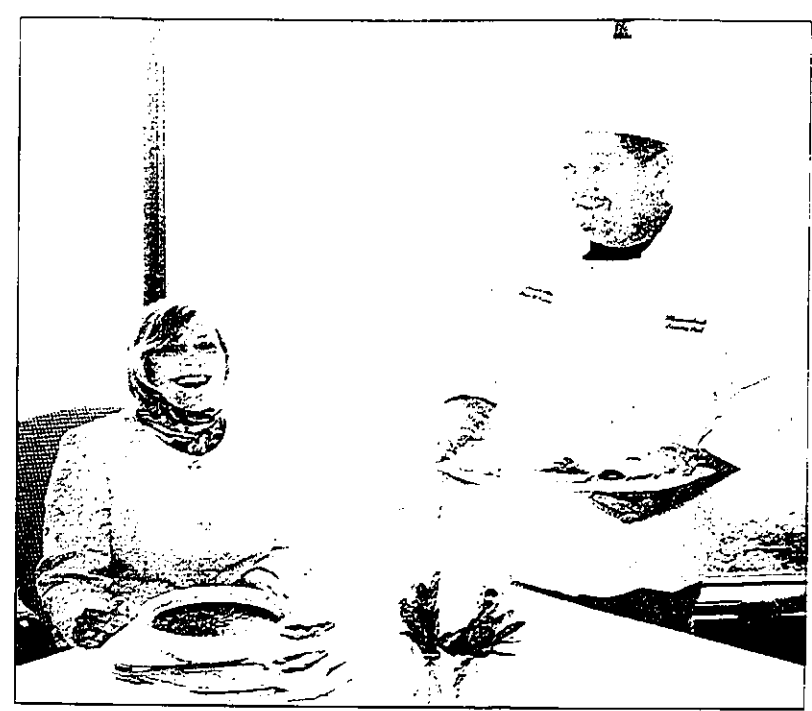
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Novi News online

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Democrats of West Oakland County members Tess Kelly, seated, joins Meadowbrook Country Club chef Steven McKigney in a sampling of the fare they'll have at their May 19 Democrats' Spring Gala at the club.

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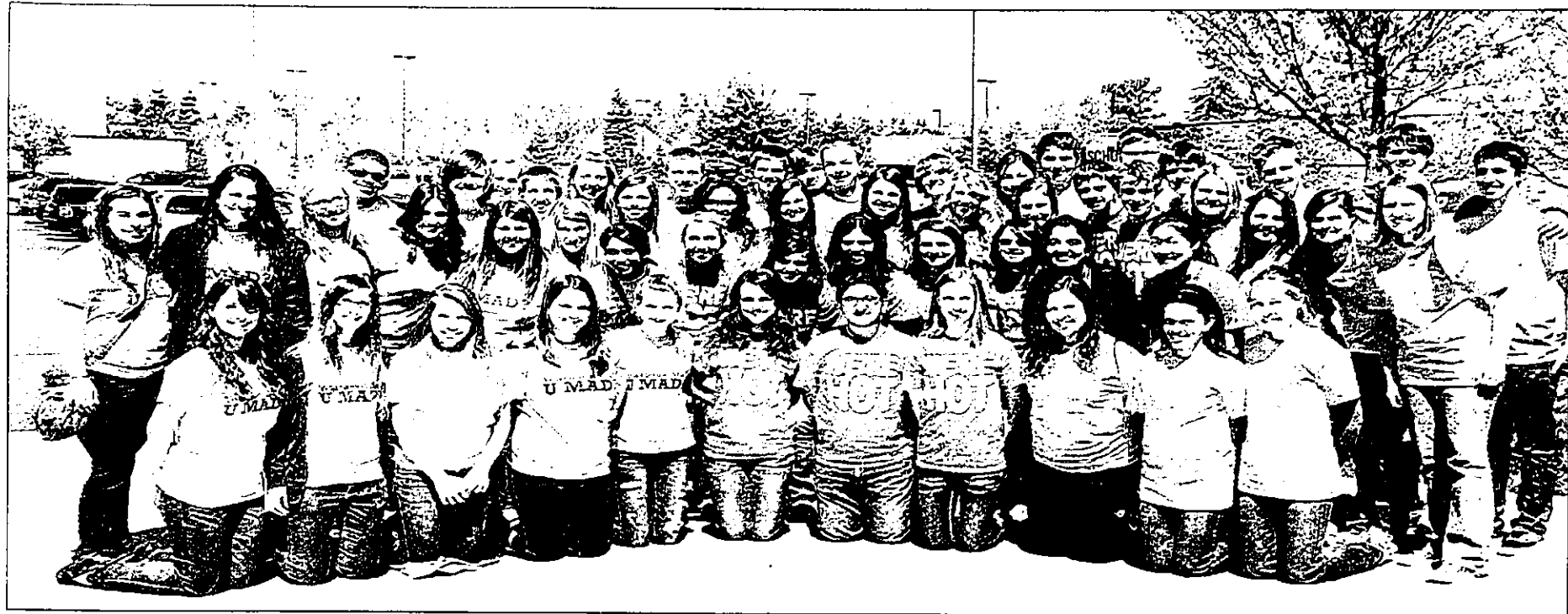
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LYDIA CADENA | ADVISER

Students from The Wildcat Roar, The Reflections yearbook staff and The Cat's Eye News pose for a group photo after returning to Novi High School.

Novi High School media makes headlines at MIPA

By Taylor DesOrmeau
Co-Sports Editor | Wildcat Roar

They stood in a cluster, waiting. Some grasped the hands and shoulders of their peers, others held their hands over their eyes, ready to hurl. Just waiting to hear the name: Novi High School.

More than 2,000 student journalists filled a ballroom in the Lansing Center with their newspaper, yearbook and television news staffs as they waited for the announcements of individual as well as Spartan Awards, April 17.

The Spartan Award recognized to the top student publications in the state and The Wildcat Roar, Novi High School's student newspaper, captured one of only 16 awarded in the state, it's seventh in eight years.

"I was gripping my hands together, like [I was] praying," senior co-editor in chief Pallavi Vadapalli said. "I felt like I was about to faint."

Last year, The Roar didn't earn a Spartan for the first time since 2004. Newspaper advisor Lydia Cadena said the high school schedule change slowed down both newspaper and yearbook production last year. While the newspapers judged were all produced this school year, the yearbooks from 2010-2011 were judged.

"We're getting stuff done quicker this year," senior yearbook co-editor in chief Amanda Kadykowski said. "Last year we had a lot of struggles with the new schedule, but this year we're more used to it."

Although the schedule change may have prevented the yearbook staff from winning its second Spartan Award, the journalists still brought home many individual awards, including first place for caption writing, headline writing, feature photography and academic photography.

Like the yearbook, The Cat's Eye News did not earn The Spartan after winning one last year.

"I obviously wanted to win a Spartan, but I didn't think that we had hands down, perfect, amazing, professional quality," said Evan Nielson, The Cat's Eye News co-executive producer and co-sports editor for the Wildcat Roar.

On every submission for a Spartan Award — including newspaper, yearbook and television news — MIPA judges gave feedback on what they thought worked well and what needed to be worked on. "It's pretty interesting to look at something we created after sever-



ANGELA MERIDETH | REFLECTIONS

Members from The Cat's Eye News wait for the Spartan Award winners to be announced.



STEFANIE PAPASOGLU | WILDCAT ROAR

The Wildcat Roar seniors Katalina Faraon and Dylan Fahome wait to hear their name called for awards at MIPA in Lansing.



ANGELA MERIDETH | REFLECTIONS

Sophomore Matt Hawkins and juniors Rachel Murray, Andrea VanderMey, Alison Trainer and Morgan Cook of The Wildcat Roar hold hands while waiting for the Spartan Award winners to be announced.



TAYLOR DESORMEAU | WILDCAT ROAR

The Wildcat Roar seniors Katalina Faraon and Dylan Fahome wait to hear their name called for awards at MIPA in Lansing.

al months and realize what could have been better," co-executive producer Dustin Moore said. "It's really great to get professional outside judgment on everything because it is something we can definitely learn [from]."

The conference high-light for The Cat's Eye staff was sweeping the weather category. Senior Mariah Smith, junior Sarah Campbell and senior Lance Engels took first, second and third place respectively for weather, continuing the legacy of MIPA award-winning weathermen like Chris Gray and Derek Kim.

"Weather's the one place where I feel at home because I don't feel restricted by a desk and a prompter," Smith said. "I'm able to just stand in front of the camera and show who I am while I'm showing weather."

THE AWARDS

TV NEWS

First Place

Mariah Smith - Weather

Second Place

Dustin Moore - Commercial B

Matt Kearney - Editorial

Sarah Campbell - Weather

Callie Wright - Humor

Third Place

Callie Wright - Studio Talent

Lance Engels - Weather

Honorable Mention

Karla Ayala - Editorial

Callie Wright - Anchor

YEARBOOK

First Place

Staff - Headline Writing

Staff - Caption Writing

Ellie Mulder - People Spread

Jongchan Kim - Academic Photo

Jongchan Kim - Feature Photo

Second Place

Ellie Mulder - People Spread

Jongchan Kim - Academic Photo

Jongchan Kim - Feature Photo

Third Place

Kelsie Auttersson - Graphics

Amanda Kadykowski - Theme Development

Amanda Kadykowski & Michelle Rich - Cover and Endsheets

Honorable Mention

Staff - Sports Writing

Feature

Amanda Kadykowski - Graphics

Ellie Mulder - Sports Action Photo

Amanda Kadykowski - Index

NEWSPAPER

First Place

Pallavi Vadapalli - Feature Column

Morgan Cook - Sports

Second Place

Austin Reed - Sports Page

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Action Photo

Austin Reed & Jasmine Mims - Story Package

Second Place

Pallavi Vadapalli & Kendall Bauer - Pro/Con Editorial

Dylan Fahome - Personality Profile

Dylan Fahome - Diversity Coverage

Matt Hawkins - Sports Feature Story

Lauren Harrington - Sports Feature Photo

Rubini Naidu - News/Feature Photo

Rebecca Chen - Illustration

Evan Nielson & Taylor DesOrmeau - Sports Page

Third Place

Austin Reed - Front Page/News/Spread

Alison Trainer - News Page/Spread

Honorable Mention

Dylan Fahome - Feature Column

Evan Nielson & Kathryn Hong - Pro/Con Editorial

Pallavi Vadapalli - Human Interest

Pallavi Vadapalli - Personality Profile

Bryant Sweet - Sports Action Photo

Rachael Dooley - News/Feature Photo

Emily Sriha - Environmental Portrait

Kathryn Hong - Advertising Layout

Jasmine Mims - Front Page/Magazine Style

Austin Reed - Front Page/News/Spread

Austin Reed - Story Package

Pallavi Vadapalli - Editorial Opinion Page/Spread

Jasmine Mims - Feature Page/Spread

Alison Trainer - News Page/Spread

Evan Nielson - Entertainment Page Spread

Pallavi Vadapalli - News Story

QUOTABLES

"The moments before they started announcing the Newspaper Spartan awards were pure torture; there was this mix of tension and anxiety and my fingers wouldn't stop shaking. The second I saw our name on that screen was the single most surreal moment in my memory. The world just stopped spinning and I just reached out to hug my co-editor in chief, and the rest of the editors. You couldn't have missed the smiles off our faces for hours after. I couldn't have dreamed of a better senior awards ceremony than this year's."

ALLAVI VADAPALLI
editor in chief

"The feeling of winning a Spartan Award this year was exhilarating, especially after last year when we were 30 points [out of 1000] away from receiving it. I'm extremely proud of my co-editor in chief, Pallavi Vadapalli, and my entire staff for working so diligently and hard this whole year. I think this entire experience just goes to show that if you work hard and keep your head up, you're going to get incredible results in return."

AUSTIN REED
editor in chief

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SPORTS

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Mustangs defeat Novi for first time since 2009

Wildcat kickers look to finish more scoring chances

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Despite being ranked fifth in Division I, the feeling of dominance isn't what it used to be among the Novi girls soccer program.

Although still considered one of the state's premier high school programs, the Wildcats (3-1-3, 1-1-0 KLA Central) defeated South Lyon East 2-0 April 17 and then lost 1-0 at No. 3 Northville April 19. Novi hasn't lost to Northville since 2009 and typically mercies East 8-0 with their starters resting on the bench.

One of the Wildcats' biggest issues has been finishing offensive opportunities.

"A game like this almost always comes down to finishing on some of the few chances that you get and that was the case tonight," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said of the Northville loss. "Both teams only had three quality chances to score and they finished one and we did not finish any."

Northville sophomore forward Jamie Cheslik notched the game-winning goal with 17:42 left in the second half to give her Mustangs (4-0-2, 2-0-0 Central) a 1-0 victory.

The Wildcats, who were ranked No. 4 prior to the loss, were outshot 11-7, but were able to keep Mustang star Mallory Weber in check.

"Kaylin Hoomaian did a brilliant job on Northville's star forward Mallory Weber," O'Leary said. "She is a first-team All-State player that is going to Penn State and Kaylin held her without a shot

Please see SOCCER, B4



Wildcat Kelli Timar, left, and Mustang Gabbie Guibord both go up for the ball during their April 19 showdown at Northville High.

Catholic Central earns two convincing victories

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

In order to stay undefeated with Detroit Catholic Central's lacrosse schedule, your team has to play at the top of their game.

With an 8-0 record so far this season, that's exactly what the Shamrocks have been doing. The squad, coached by Dave Wilson, notched two huge wins over Toronto St. Michaels and University of Detroit Jesuit High School last week to keep their record unblemished.

"Our team had yet to see the Canadian influence out on the field," said Wilson of his team's game against St. Mike's—a squad they were picked to lose again. "They do some pretty crafty stuff and while the coaches can describe it and warn about it, it takes a few times to see it before you get used to it. Their stick skills are just so much different and, in some instances, they are insanely good."

Stick skills or not, the Toronto squad could only watch as the clock expired with Catholic Central in control of the game, 11-9. Alec Gilhooly had three goals while Nick Gingell had two goals and two assists in the win. As a team, the Shamrocks won 18-of-24 face-offs.

Earning the win in goal was junior Chris Naubert.

The Shamrocks also took on U of D last week, earning a 15-6 victory over the Catholic High School League foes. Sophomore Sean Birney led the charge for the Shamrocks, scoring three goals and earning an assist in the lopsided win. Gilhooly had three goals.

The Shamrocks controlled the game from the start, going up 6-1 in the first quarter.

Junior Jon Conley earned the win in goal.

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

Wildcat netters stay undefeated in KLA action

Novi girls tennis battles with defending champ Clarkston

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Ranked No. 8 in Division I, Novi's girls tennis team has been cleaning house within the KLA Central Division.

This week, the Wildcats' (6-0, 4-0 KLA Central) latest victims were Plymouth Salem (1-3, 1-2 Central) and Livonia Stevenson (2-2, 1-2 Central), who each had the home court advantage, but still lost 8-1 April 17 and 9-0 April 19, respectively, to Novi.

"Salem battled us and gave us a good match in the three and four singles there, and some of the doubles," Novi coach Jim Hanson said.

It was the non-conference action that matched the Wildcats up with some of the best competition in the state. Novi hosted Division IV No. 2 Ann Arbor Greenhills April 16 before facing Division I's No. 1 Clarkston, No. 6 Ann Arbor Pioneer and No. 10 Troy all at the Ann Arbor Invite April 21. The 'Cats got the best of Greenhills and

ON TAP

Ranked No. 8 in Division I, Novi's girls tennis team (6-0, 4-0 KLA Central) was scheduled to visit No. 7 Northville (4-0, 4-0 Central) two nights ago before hosting No. 3 Saline 4 p.m. today. The 'Cats then compete at the Bloomfield Hills Lahser Invite 9 a.m. Saturday against Div. II No. 8 Lahser, Div. III No. 9 St. Clair and also Holly, but Novi will be without their top two singles players and one of the one doubles players.

Troy, but Clarkston and Pioneer were too much to handle as Pioneer won the invite on their home courts.

"I thought it was a good week for us," Hanson said. "We had a good match with Greenhills. They had a very nice team and we had some unbelievable battles out there."

"You had four of the top 10

Please see TENNIS, B2



NOVI

Novi Wildcat Marshall Saylor throws the shotput on April 17.

Novi boys overcome DQs, defeat Northville

Wildcats rush past Mustangs in final relay to clinch victory

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

A few ill-timed disqualifications weren't enough to help Northville as Novi's boys track and field program won the baseline rivalry meet April 17 at Novi.

The Wildcat boys edged

Northville 72.5-64.5 to improve to 2-0 in the KLA Central Division.

"All and all, I was pleased with both sides and felt that the overall competitiveness of the team for a great rivalry like Novi-Northville was great."

Please see TRACK, B4

ON TAP

Novi (2-0 KLA Central) was scheduled to host Plymouth Salem (1-1 Central) two days ago before preparing for a meet Tuesday at South Lyon (0-2 Central). Meets start at 3:30 p.m.

TENNIS

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teams battling it out. There were a lot of close matches. Our kids have to understand it'll be a little tougher than the teams in the K.L.A.A. We're playing the top 10. Sometimes a good loss is better than a win."

Senior Abby Wang improved to 5-2 at one singles with wins over Salem 6-0, 6-0; Stevenson 6-0, 6-2; Pioneer 6-1, 6-2 and Troy 6-0, 6-0, but lost a tough 7-4(4), 6-7(1), 6-3 match to Greenhills and a 7-6(8), 7-5 contest against Clarkston.

"Abby, it was the best I've seen her ever play," Hanson said of Wang's loss to Clarkston. "Hopefully that goes a long way toward getting her a seed at the state tournament."

Freshmen Erin Day and Dhivya Sri-dar also performed well at two and three singles, respectively, as each got their first tough battles of the season. Day moved to 4-3 in her flight with victories over Greenhills 6-0, 6-0; Stevenson 6-1, 6-2 and Troy 6-7(3), 7-5, 6-3, but lost 6-3, 6-0 to Salem; 6-0, 6-1 to Clarkston and 6-1, 6-4 to Pioneer.

Sridar improved to 5-2 with 6-3, 6-3 victories over both Greenhills and Salem, a 4-6, 7-5, 6-1 win over Stevenson and a 6-1, 6-0 win at Troy. However, she lost 6-2, 6-2 to Clarkston and 6-3, 7-5 to Pioneer.

Junior Caitlin O'Brien made her four singles debut this season in a 6-3, 7-5 loss to Greenhills, but bounced back to defeat Salem 6-2, 6-4 and Clarkston 6-3, 7-5. She also lost to Pioneer 6-2, 6-3 and Troy 6-1, 7-6(4).

Junior Abigail Swain filled in at four singles when O'Brien was injured against Stevenson and pulled out a 3-6, 6-4, 7-5 victory.

"Abigail stepped in and won a very good match," Hanson said. "It was good experience for her in her first year on varsity."

In doubles, it was senior Emily Sheeran and sophomore Amy Zhou who stayed undefeated at 4-0 with a 6-4, 7-5 win over Greenhills, 6-0, 6-0 win over Salem and 6-1, 6-3 win over Stevenson. However, Zhou was unavailable for Saturday's Pioneer Invite, so junior Melanie Murphy filled in as Sheeran's partner. The duo lost 6-2, 6-1 to Clarkston; 6-1, 6-1 to Pioneer and 7-6(3) 6-2 to Troy.

"I thought Melanie did a nice job stepping in," Hanson said. Seniors Emily Kwederis and Ori Nagasaka, now 4-2, had a fairly smooth week, defeating Greenhills 6-2, 6-1 and both Salem and Stevenson 6-0, 6-0, but ran into much tougher foes in Ann Arbor. The duo defeated Clarkston 2-6, 6-1, 6-3, but lost to Pioneer 4-6, 7-6(3), 6-4 and Troy 2-6, 7-5, 6-2.

"I think every match in the two doubles flight, even among other schools, went three sets. The competition level is very close," Hanson said. "There's big moments in the match when you have to capitalize on their faults."

Junior Rebecca Chen and sophomore Asawari Kanitkar improved to 5-1, defeating Greenhills 6-2, 6-1; Salem 6-1, 6-2; Stevenson 6-1, 7-5; Troy 6-2, 6-4 and Clarkston 6-2, 6-3, but lost 4-6, 6-1, 7-6(5) to Pioneer.

"Three doubles was a medal winner. They lost a tough three-set tiebreaker," Hanson said. "We put them together about a week ago. They both played singles last year."

Sophomore Rachel Bailey and Dina Fawaz moved to 4-2 with a 6-3, 6-0 win over Greenhills, followed by defeats of Salem 6-1, 6-0; Stevenson 6-3, 6-1 and Troy 6-4, 6-4, but losses to Clarkston 6-1, 6-0 and Pioneer 6-0, 6-1.

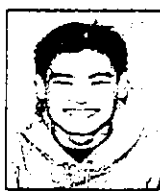
Seniors Angela Huang and Alice Jiang tacked on a pair of five double victories in league play, defeating Salem 6-1, 6-3 and Stevenson 6-0, 6-2.

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

NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Chris Jackett Correspondent

Kim signs to dive into collegiate pool at Columbia



Derek Kim

Novi senior Derek Kim signed with Columbia University's diving team Monday. He was a vital part of Novi's boys swim and dive team last winter, setting the school record as the program's best diver.

Swim & Dive

Novi's swim and dive program, both the boys and girls, were recognized last week by the Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches' Association as All-State Academic teams.

The boys, coached by Eric Lynn, were No. 1 in Division I with a team grade point average of 3.74, beating out No. 2 Ann Arbor Pioneer (3.67) and rival No. 10 Northville (3.41).

The girls, coached by Annette Vander-Mey, were tied with Farmington for No. 4 in Division I with a 3.41 GPA. Romeo was No. 1 with 3.81, Ann Arbor Pioneer No. 2 at 3.77, Ann Arbor Skyline No. 3 at 3.72 and Northville No. 13 at 3.52.

"Not only do we have fast swimmers, but they are smart, too," Novi Athletic Director Christian Wilson said. For full results, visit www.miscaonline.net.

Boys Golf

Novi's boys golf team finished third of 27 teams at the April 19 Farmington Invitational behind a score of 305. Jackson Lumen Christi won with 299 and Rochester Stoney Creek was second with 300.

The Wildcats' top scorers were sophomore Garret Buckley (72), junior Brad Kozinski (76), senior Johnny Walker (77) and freshman Bryan Fegert (80).

On deck for Novi this week was Livonia Stevenson last night and a rescheduled Northville meet 3 p.m. Friday at Walnut Creek Country Club.

Boys Lacrosse

The boys lacrosse team at Novi battled to a 12-11 overtime loss April 18 at Brighton and then a 16-8 win over visiting Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard April 20

after building a 12-2 halftime lead. Against Brighton, the 'Cats were led by Curtis Herzog (three goals, three assists). Kent Burnett (four goals, one assist), Cormac Littleton (one goal, one assist), one goal apiece from Adam Haynes, Lucas Buck and Mark Ghannam, and one assist from Chris Kennedy, who also won 14 faceoffs. Mitch Adams made 25 saves in 53 minutes during the high offense loss.

Two days later, against Gabriel Richard, Novi's leaders were Burnett (five goals, two assists), Herzog (four goals, one assist), Haynes (three goals, one assist), Littleton (two assists) and then one goal and one assist each from Ghannam and Kennedy, one goal each from Keith Pravato and Alex Caprara, and one assist from Derek Stockman. Matt Brasil added 15 faceoff wins and three netminders split time in goal.

Adams had 12 saves on 16 shots in 39 minutes, while Jake Bielenka had four goals against on four shots in five minutes and Alex Kinamon had one goal against and one save in four minutes.

Novi battled Northville Monday and is set to face Notre Dame Prep tomorrow before battling Plymouth Monday and South Lyon Unified Wednesday.

Youth Girls Basketball Camp

Novi girls varsity basketball coach Bill Kelp is hosting a basketball camp 9 a.m.-noon June 18-22 for girls in grades two through nine. Competition will be separated between grades two through five and six through nine.

The camp, which will take place at the high school gym and fieldhouse, will focus on dribbling, shooting, passing, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship and an introduction to the Wildcats' offensive and defensive schemes that led the team to K.L.A.A. Central Division titles for each of the past three years.

Cost to attend is \$120 and gym clothes and shoes are required. Awards and trophies will be given for individual and team competitions, while all participants will receive a T-shirt and outdoor basketball. Register online at www.novi.k12.mi.us/athletics under "Summer Camps."

Contact coach Kelp at bkelp@novi.k12.mi.us for more information.

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

Pavlika sets second school record as 'Cats crush Mustangs

By Chris Jackett Correspondent

A record-breaking performance and a few quick starts helped Novi's girls track and field team cruise to a baseline rivalry victory over Northville April 17 in Novi.

The Wildcat girls won 84-53 to improve to 2-0 in the K.L.A.A. Central Division, taking the lead in the third event and never gave it up. They won 11 of 17 events as senior Sam Pavlika set a school record in her second-straight meet as a Wildcat.

"Sam Pavlika broke the school record in the discus against South Lyon East, and the shot put against Northville," Novi coach Marsha Reid said. "So two dual meets and two school records."

Pavlika's 38-foot-5 shot put toss was 5-feet-7 further than her sophomore sister Taylor's, but also 10-feet-8 further than Northville's top toss. The combo gave the Wildcats a 33-13 lead.

There was a similar one-two punch in the 3,200 race, which Jackie Mullins won in 11:39.45 and was trailed by teammate Hannah Lonnergan in 11:58.94.

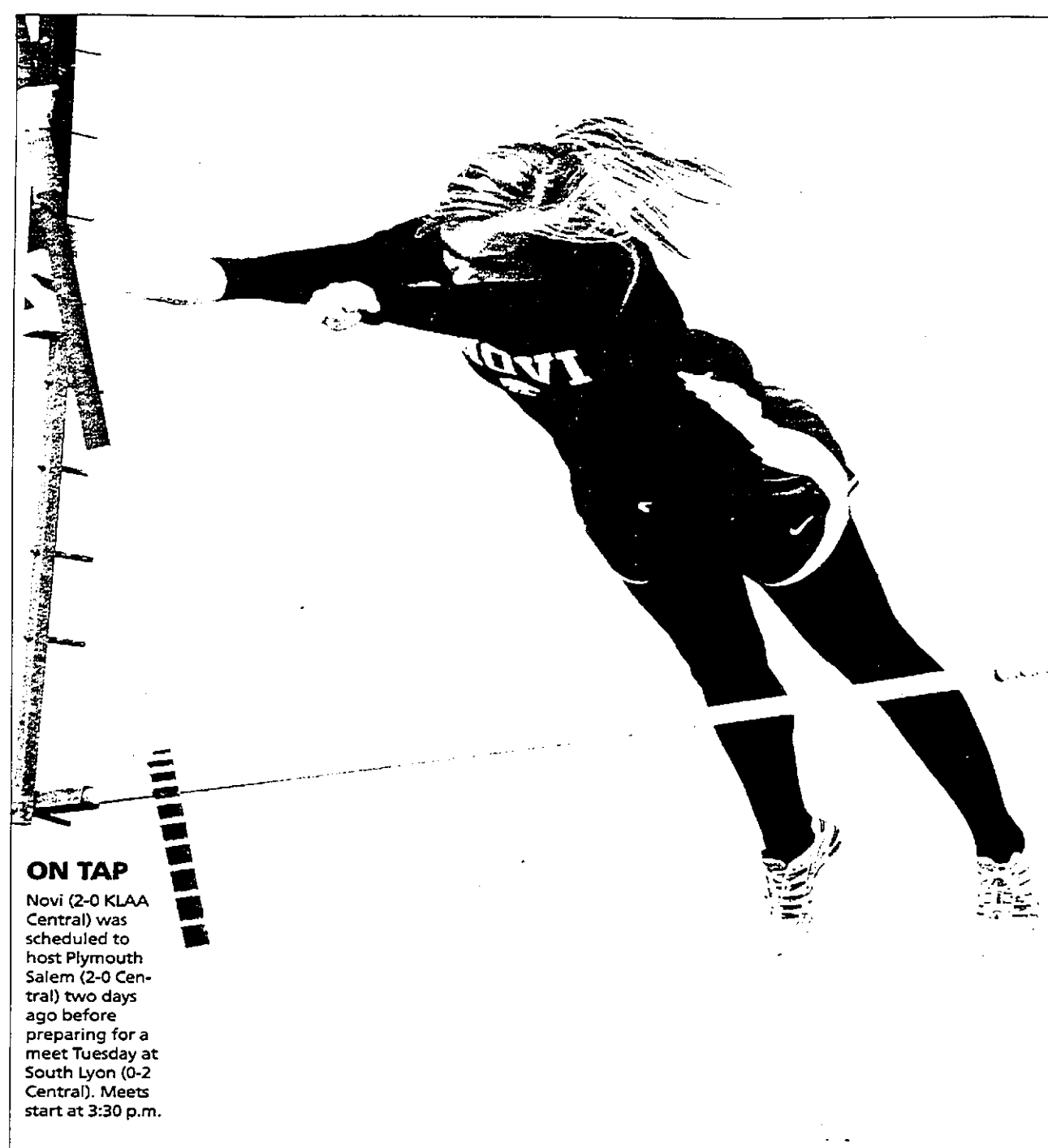
"Jackie Mullins and Hannah Lonnergan had sub-12 minute two-mile times and are showing that they are ready to contend in the distance field," Reid said.

The short runs were also a strong point for Novi, led by D'Mya Davis, who won the 100 dash in 12.87 seconds, and Jasmine Ward, who won the 200 dash in 26.6 seconds.

"I am very excited to see the core group of sprinters continue where they left off," Reid said. "D'Mya has one of the best starts in the open 100 and that definitely gives her an advantage. Conversely, Jasmine has one of the most exciting finishes that it gives a great one-two punch."

Other victories came from Abby Downs (100 hurdles in 16.03 seconds), the 4x200 relay team in 1:50.01, Sam Pavlika (discus in 118-foot-4.75), the 4x100 relay team in 50.99 seconds, Claire Reynolds (300 hurdle in 50.58 seconds), Kerri McMahan (high jump in 5-foot-2) and McKenna Burr (pole vault in 9-foot-0).

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Wildcat pole vaulter McKenna Burr clears the bar during an April 17 meet.

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SOCCER

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on goal. The rest of our defense also played very well. Jacqui Kozlowski, Karissa Koomen and Katie Rudzinski turned in great efforts holding Northville's potent offense in check.

Novi's inability to finish scoring chances has caused them to battle through several close games this season, tying as many opponents as they've beaten. In last week's contest against South Lyon East (2-1-1, 1-1-0 Central), Novi out-shot the Cougars 21-1 and had a 9-1 edge on corner kicks, but only scored twice.

Senior Kelli Timar netted a cross from sophomore Taylor Pavlika into the goal from the top of the six-yard box with five minutes left in the first half to give the 'Cats a 1-0 lead at the break.

Timar also netted the second goal nine minutes into the second half after she settled a cross from sophomore Kendall Kramer and fired it into the side netting from 12 yards out to give Novi a buffer in the 2-0 victory.

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ON TAP

Novi's girls soccer team (3-1-3, 1-1-0 KLAAs Central) was scheduled to host Plymouth Salem (2-1-1, 0-1-0 Central) two nights ago before visiting Livonia Stevenson (3-0-0, 1-0-0 Central) last night. They continue their quest for another division title 6 p.m. Tuesday against South Lyon (0-3-0, 0-2-0 Central) before visiting South Lyon East (2-1-1, 1-1-0 Central) 6 p.m. May 3.



With Mustangs flying all around her, Novi goalie Sam Pavlika makes a punch-save in the first half of their April 19 game.

TRACK

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Novi coach Marsha Reid said.

The Novi boys had to work hard for their victory despite winning 10 of 17 events.

"The meet bounced back and forth all meet," Reid said. "Two of our relays were disqualified and that added to keeping it close."

So, when it came down to the 4x400 relay, our seniors Mike Jocz, Derek Cingel and Eduardo Saigodo stepped in along with sophomore Jordan Love. All had contributed earlier in the meet by placing first or second in other events.

The two disqualifications gave Northville 10 points, allowing the Mustangs to stay close and take the lead a few times throughout the meet.

Cingel's 6-foot-2 high jump put the 'Cats back on top 49-47 and his teammates would maintain the lead through the final five events.

"Strong performances were given in the field events like pole vault, where Collin Beninger placed first (at 12-foot-0) and showed that he is ready to move to the next level," Reid said.

"Additionally, Connor Daly showed great leadership in long jump (first in 18-foot-7.25) and Derek Cingel showed that he is ready to start this season where he left off with a jump of 6-foot-2."

The Wildcats also got victories from Lance Lilla (110 hurdles in 15.16 seconds), Love (100 dash in 10.95 seconds), Dylan (discus in 96-foot-6.25), Zach Masseran (400 run in 52.45 seconds), DaRon Turner (300 hurdles in 42.61 seconds), Jocz (200 run in 22.78 seconds) before Jocz, Cingel, Saigodo and Love won the 4x400 relay in 3:31.62.

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Chiefs mercy Wildcats
Fourth-inning collapse a sign of program's limited depth

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

It only took one bad inning to unravel Novi's season opener on the softball diamond.

Against a talented Canton (4-0) squad playing on their home field, the Wildcats (0-2) kept strong defensively until the fourth inning when the majority of the runs in their five-inning, mercy-rule 10-0 loss were scored.

"The game sounds like it was a disaster, but really we started out pretty well," Novi coach Bob Lulek said. "They scored eight runs in the fourth inning on a couple errors and the girls just fell in after that."

Although Novi's offense only mustered two hits from sophomore Laura Oakley and one from senior Abby Robinson, while the team committed 10 strikeouts, their defense kept them in the game early on.

"She was pretty good, but we didn't put the bat on the ball very well," Lulek said of the Chiefs' pitcher.

It was a groundball to third base that hit the runner in the back on the attempted throw home that started the downward spiral.

Senior pitcher Taylor Scott ended up allowing eight hits, two walks, two strikeouts and four errors as Canton began racking up runs.

"We did some good things, but Canton's a very good team and you can't open the door for them at all and we did that in the

ON TAP

The Wildcats (0-2, 0-0 KLAAs Kensington) hosted Northville (5-1, 3-1 Kensington) in a doubleheader yesterday before Monday's 4 p.m. contest at Livonia Franklin (4-1, 4-0 Kensington).

fourth inning when they really capitalized on our mistakes," Lulek said. "We'll be good 'til Taylor tires out and that's it. If she doesn't hit her spots, we're in trouble."

With little offensive support and no quality relief in sight, the Chiefs scored enough runs to end the game early.

"We just don't have the bodies," said Lulek, who noted the varsity program is down to 10 girls and the junior varsity is at nine after a JV player got a concussion off the field last weekend. "One more injury and we'll probably have to put the teams together."

Lulek said a little more time will also help the team, assuming they could stay healthy.

"Second half of the season, we'll be real competitive," Lulek said. "I've got some nice players, but I don't have enough real good athletes. Canton is probably the best team we're going to see."

The 'Cats also had a doubleheader at South Lyon East last Friday, but the first game was delayed by weather in the fifth inning with the Cougars leading 6-3. Lulek said he's hoping for the rescheduled contest to take place tomorrow.

Novi sluggers show drastic split in doubleheader with Utica Stevenson

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

ON TAP

Novi's sluggers (3-4, 0-2 KLAAs Kensington) were scheduled to host Northville (8-2, 4-0 Kensington) for a doubleheader last night and a 11 a.m. doubleheader Saturday at Grosse Pointe North.

It was an up and down game for Novi's baseball team, which is still looking for consistent pitching and batting performances from each student-athlete.

The Wildcats (3-3, 0-1 KLAAs Kensington) battled Canton, South Lyon East and Utica Stevenson last week to results that were not indicative of the same Novi team taking the field each game.

"We're still trying to figure out who our number one, two, three are to pitch our biggest games in the division," Novi coach Rick Green said.

Novi's week began April 18 at Canton, where the 'Cats dropped a 6-2 decision. Tyler Schwanz gave up six earned runs in four and 2/3 innings, along with three hits, three walks, five strikeouts and three hit batters before Ryan Davis took the mound to record the final out.

"It was a lot closer game than the score indicated," Green said. "Their guy threw strikes and we didn't. It was the first inning that killed us. It was a disappointing game. I thought we were ready to compete."

Logan Regnier finished off pitching duties in the sixth inning, also without recording any hits, walks or strikeouts.

The Wildcats' offense was scattered, as the team didn't score until the sixth inning after falling behind 3-0 in the first and 6-0 later in the game before notching their two runs.

Ryan Caputo, Regnier, Jimmy Eloff and Mario Ferrini each recorded singles, while Regnier and Eloff got runs off an RBI groundout from Grant Wheeler and sacrifice fly

by Schwanz. Novi's April 20 doubleheader at South Lyon East got rained out with the 'Cats ahead 9-1 in the fourth. The teams will look to continue the game and fit in the second one soon.

The next morning, Novi hosted state-ranked Utica Stevenson and pulled out a 4-3 victory in eight innings after finishing the regulation seven innings tied 3-3.

Ferrini started on the mound, recording five hits, three strikeouts, five walks, one earned run and one hit batter in five and 1/3 innings before Regnier came in to pitch two and 2/3 innings while recording one strikeout and two walks.

"They're ranked in the top five," Green said. "(Ferrini) pitched pretty well. I think he started getting a little tired in the sixth."

"We made some key plays. At first we kind of struggled defensively at the beginning on defense. They tried some squeezes and we made double plays out of them."

Regnier's speed was a vital aspect on the offensive side of the win. He went 1-for-3 with two runs and two stolen bases.

"I told him to get the record for most stolen bases in Novi baseball," said Green, who noted the record is currently held by older brother Nick Regnier.

Eloff went 2-for-3 with an RBI and saved the game

with a barehanded throw to first on a low roller to shortstop with two outs to end the regulation inning.

"So far we've beaten two teams ranked in the top 10 with Walled Lake Central and Utica Stevenson. I'm a little disappointed in the Canton game."

The second game of the doubleheader wasn't the same for Novi's defense, as the 'Cats lost 15-4 in a mercy-rule five innings.

Luke Bageris allowed five unearned runs, four walks, one strikeout and no hits in one and 2/3 innings after a series of errors.

Mitch Hall came out and allowed four unearned runs, two walks, one hit and one hit batter without recording an out. Davis came in to close out the second inning, recording the final out to stop the bleeding after the 'Cats spotted their opponents a 9-2 lead after two innings.

Alex King came in to pitch two innings, allowing three runs on one hit, three walks, zero strikeouts, one hit batter and two errors, before Eloff closed out the final inning, allowing three runs (two earned), four hits, one walk and no strikeouts.

On offense, Regnier had one single, two runs and two stolen bases as he chases his brothers' single-season record of 34 stolen bases.

Eloff and Schwanz each added two hits, with one of Eloff's being a double as he notched two RBIs. Ferrini went 1-for-1 with an RBI and Kyle Matel added a single.

SPRING 2012 HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULES

Novi Wildcats

GIRLS SOCCER
All games 7 p.m. unless noted
5/1 6 p.m. South Lyon

BASEBALL
All games 4 p.m. unless noted
4/28 11 a.m. @ Grosse Pointe North (DH)
4/30 @ Livonia Franklin

SOFTBALL
All games 4 p.m. unless noted
4/30 @ Livonia Franklin

GIRLS TENNIS
All meets 4 p.m. unless noted
4/26 Saline
4/28 9 a.m. @ Bloomfield Hills Lahser Invite
5/1 KLAAs North Crossover
5/2 West Bloomfield

BOYS GOLF
4/30 3 p.m. @ Plymouth Salem
5/2 3 p.m. @ South Lyon East

BOYS LACROSSE
4/27 7:30 p.m. @ Notre Dame Prep
4/30 8 p.m. @ Plymouth
5/2 7 p.m. @ South Lyon Unified

GIRLS LACROSSE
All games 7 p.m. unless noted
4/27 @ Saline
4/30 @ Farmington Hills Harrison
5/2 Walled Lake Northern

Catholic Central Shamrocks

BASEBALL
All games at 4 p.m. unless noted
4/25 Divine Child
4/26 @Detroit Western
4/28 11 a.m. @Orchard Lake St. Mary's
4/30 4:30 p.m. @Harper Woods
5/2 University of Detroit

LACROSSE
All games at 7 p.m. unless noted
4/27 7:30 p.m. @Culver Military Academy
4/28 2 p.m. @Western Reserve

TRACK & FIELD
4/27 3 p.m. @Jackson
4/30 4 p.m. Divine Child

GOLF
4/26 3:30 p.m. @DeLaSalle
4/30 TBA @Seaholm Tournament

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2012-2013 BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED CITY 2012-2013 BUDGET at the Regular Meeting of Council to be held on MONDAY, MAY 7, 2012. Said hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the same may be reached, at the Novi Civic Center Council Chamber, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan.

Interested citizens may appear and present written and/or verbal comments on the proposed budget.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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Estate planning and your digital assets; part one

By Dan Hoops
Guest Columnist



Dan Hoops

I recently completed an exhaustive analysis of estate planning and your digital assets. What happens to your e-mail, social network and blog in the event of your death or incapacity? These issues are especially relevant considering that there are billions of e-mail accounts and hundreds of millions of Facebook and Twitter users alone.

I'm going to break this discussion into two parts (see part two in a future edition) considering the complexity of this issue. Part I considers the importance of having some planning options for users of free Internet e-mail. Part II discusses the few options available to people interested in planning their digital legacies.

So what happens to your e-mail account if you are dead or incapacitated? This all depends on which service your e-mail account is registered.

For example, if you have a Yahoo account, the present terms of service provide that there are no post-mortem rights to a Yahoo account. This means, if you were to die, your entire Yahoo account is terminated and no one can access the account or its contents. If you have an e-mail account on the other hand, the terms of service provided by Microsoft include a mechanism where the user's surviv-

ing family members can receive a copy of all data in the account (e.g. all e-mail, attachments to the e-mail, e-mail address book) on a DVD.

Free e-mail accounts are created by users who must accept the terms of service for the particular website in order to access the account. In other words, an eContract is created between the user and the service provider; this contract is binding upon the user's survivors and heirs.

Each service provider has their own set of rules that the account holder agrees to at the time their account is created. So, the terms of service can provide that the account is accessible only by the registered account holder.

Terms of service can provide that the account will be terminated if a surviving family member attempts to access the account. Some terms of service provide that the account will be terminated due to inactivity for a period of months (e.g. a lengthy hospitalization or coma).

Unfortunately, there are no standard terms of service that any of the major service providers follow, whether it is an e-mail service provider, blog platform or Internet social network. In addition to this lack of uniformity, each service pro-

vider reserves the right to change their terms of service after publishing notice of these changes to their users.

Terminating e-mail accounts or restricting access is problematic in the event a person is deceased or incapacitated. People rely less and less on the traditional U.S. mail service to handle their personal affairs, much of which must be accounted for upon their death or incapacity. More and more people file their taxes online, shop online, pay their bills online and handle banking online; all of these transactions are tied to an e-mail address.

A troubling issue for probate attorneys relates to the inability of personal representatives from accessing deceased users' accounts. Only five states (not Michigan) confer this authority under their probate statutes. Without being able to track down whatever information is stored in an e-mail account can be frustrating for those persons appointed as personal representative of estates. Consider writing down your account passwords and keeping them with your estate planning documents.

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Grand opening



Novi's Med Fresh Mediterranean-American Cafe celebrated its grand opening on March 30.

MEDC appoints Watkins to attract Chinese business



Tom Watkins' role in his new position will be to attract Chinese businesses to Michigan.

Tom Watkins, a Northville resident, has been appointed to the International Board of Advisors for Business Development by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

The focus on the board is on establishing formal business development strategies to increase exports to China and an attracting Foreign Direct Investment from China to Michigan.

"China can and must be part of the ingredients necessary to reinvent and revitalize Michigan's economy," said Watkins, CEO of TDW & Associates, a global consulting firm.

Gov. Rick Snyder, who took office a year ago, included China in his first trade mission to Asia. "As we continue to build a bilateral trade bridge with China, Tom will help us shape that strategy," said MEDC Senior Vice President Doug Smith.

China is home to one-fifth of all humanity, the fast growing large economy and a rising middle-class. Michigan offers much of what China needs and wants. Watkins has a life-long

Association and University of Michigan's Confucius Institute. He has an eclectic background serving in a number of leadership roles in both the private and public sectors. Watkins is a former Michigan state superintendent of schools and president and CEO of the economic council of Palm Beach County, Fla.

He is an international educational consultant to GreenTown Schools in Hongzhou, China and an honorary professor at Mianyang Normal University in Siuchen Province, China.

L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County executive, credits Watkins with the idea of bringing Chinese language and culture into all Oakland County Schools.

"Tom's knowledge and understanding of China culture and China's educational system is remarkable and his input simply invaluable to building effective bridges between our country and Asia," said Michael Liu, of CompuPacific.

C. Peter Theut, president and CEO of China Bridge, has looked to Watkins for guidance. "Tom's global vision and relentless commitment to all things China has qualified him as the leading advocate for the diverse opportunities that China offers Michigan," Theut said.

interest in China sparked by a great fourth grade teacher. He has traveled, written about and worked in China for a quarter of a century. He was named the first non-Chinese, honorary board member for the Chinese Association of Greater Detroit (CAGD) and was recently given the 2012 Leadership Trailblazer Award from Chinese Consul General Yang Guoqing and CAGD President Lisa Gray, also of Northville, during the organization's 20th anniversary celebration.

"We gave Tom this award for his unwavering passion, vision and leadership in building economic, cultural and educational bridges to China," said Gray.

Watkins is on the advisory boards for the Detroit Chinese Business

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L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County executive, credits Watkins with the idea of bringing Chinese language and culture into all Oakland County Schools.

"Tom's knowledge and understanding of China culture and China's educational system is remarkable and his input simply invaluable to building effective bridges between our country and Asia," said Michael Liu, of CompuPacific.

C. Peter Theut, president and CEO of China Bridge, has looked to Watkins for guidance. "Tom's global vision and relentless commitment to all things China has qualified him as the leading advocate for the diverse opportunities that China offers Michigan," Theut said.

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Report: Smoking-related fire deaths drop sharply

According to a recent report released by the National Fire Protection Association, 610 civilian deaths in the United States were attributed to smoking material fires in 2010, a number at or near the all-time low and well down from the 1980 levels. During 2010 there were an estimated 90,800 smoking material fires resulting in \$663 million in direct property damage.

Several factors, including a decline in smoking and stricter fire resistant standards on mattresses and upholstered furniture have been credited with the decrease in smoking material fire deaths over the last 30 years. The most recent drops in fatalities and injuries, though, owe much to the "fire-safe" cigarette legislation.

Local firefighters agree with the national report. "The advent of fire-safe cigarettes has done a great job in helping to bring down the number of fire deaths due to smokers," said Tom Kiurski of Livonia Fire & Rescue. "The cigarettes are designed to self-extinguish when not being inhaled regularly. This can bring down the incidents of cigarettes igniting furniture and beds when the smoker has fallen asleep or forgotten about the cigarette."

"Our greatest loss of life from fire is smoking materials, so any effort to reduce the ignition sequence and its effects has helped the fire service," Kiurski added in an e-



Deaths from smoking-related fires, even though they are less likely to smoke than younger adults.

According to Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Communications, "The adoption of fire-safe cigarette legislation is proving to be a giant step forward in reducing the leading cause of home fire deaths."

"NFPA is very encouraged by these numbers, which show the requirements are having the intended consequences," said Carli. "It is clear that our efforts have already made an impact on public safety and will continue to provide further progress in the years to come."

Other key findings in this report show:
• Older adults are at the highest risk of death or injury from home smoking-mate-

rial fires, even though they are less likely to smoke than younger adults.

• One fatal victim in four (24 percent) of home smoking-material fires was not the smoker whose cigarette started the fire.

• Sleeping is the primary human factor contributing to ignition cited for one-third (32 percent) of home smoking-material fire deaths.

• Whenever you smoke, use deep, wide, sturdy ashtrays. • Ashtrays should be set on

something sturdy and hard to ignite, like an end table.

• Before you throw out butts and ashes, make sure they are out. Dousing them in water or sand is the best way to do this.

• Check under furniture cushions and other places people smoke for cigarette butts that may have fallen out of sight. NFPA is a worldwide leader in fire, electrical, building, and life safety. The mission of the international nonprofit organization founded in 1896 is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education.

Livonia Fire & Rescue contributed to this report.

Buenos Aires land: pricey, thriving

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

I understand that there are many new developments along the river in Buenos Aires which is ripe for commercial development. Do you have any information? A Buenos Aires land: pricey, thriving

Buenos Aires has been able to develop its riverfront with a series of shops, restaurants and hotels on both sides of the river. Obviously, the prices per lot involved are substantial as compared to other parts of the city

because of their location. There is an additional degree of benefit since rapid transit abuts these areas, but you are best advised to joint venture with a local company or real estate group so that you maximize your opportunities for investment with local expertise and political connections.

Q: What common fair housing problems arise from community restrictions or rules?

A: In general, community restrictions or rules trigger fair housing problems in one of two ways, either the rules are enforced unfairly or the rules themselves are unfair. For example, a Condominium Association faces potential liability if members of a protected class are singled out for strict enforcement of the rules by enforcement against others is lax. An example is that it would be unlawful to come down hard on African American residents for breaking the rules while ignoring similar infractions by white residents.

The second relates to the fairness of the rules. For example, communities have legitimate reasons to govern resident behavior in common areas, such as hallways, parking lots and outside spaces, but rules that unreasonably target children to limit their behavior in common areas could lead to a complaint of discrimination based on familial status. Of course, rules that have no reasonable relationship to the operation of the condominium would similarly be suspect. The Federal Housing Act bans discrimination in housing because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or disability. Check with your attorney regarding the nature and extent of your rules.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmesner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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What are employers asking your references?

Debra Auerbach, CareerBuilder Writer

References are often the last step in the screening process before an employer extends an offer. While every company has a different policy on references, most will ask for them. What a reference says or doesn't say can sometimes make the difference between getting an offer or not. Greg Szymanski, director of human resources at Genconco Management in Seattle, says that when employers contact references, they're looking to determine if the candidate is the person who presented himself in the interview.

Often what's not said is more important than what is said. And hesitations and dancing in a reference's answers are very telling. The questions employers are asking: **Employment verification:** The standard questions a hiring manager will ask are ones related to your employment. The employer will want to verify that you did indeed work with this reference, the dates of your employment and the reference's relationship to you (boss, peer, etc.). Sean Milius, president of the Healthcare Initiative, an affiliate of global recruiting firm MRNetwork, says employers also want to know why you left. "It is very important that their story matches that of the candidate," Milius says. "If the candidate says it was a 'mutual parting,' but the reference says they were let go or laid off, there will be a problem. The candidate should always be truthful when asked why they left, as the potential employer will check out their story."

Workplace performance: After a hiring manager asks

the basic questions, she might dig a little deeper into your work performance. Common performance-related questions will cover strengths, areas for improvement, ability to work in a team and biggest accomplishments. Sunil Phatak, director of U.S. recruiting at IT staffing and consulting firm Akroya Inc., says the following questions on both hard and soft skills are also often asked:

- What would you say is his strongest attributes?
- How would you describe her interpersonal skills?
- What would you say motivated him most?
- Would you rehire or recommend her for rehire?

Personality and well-roundedness: Szymanski notes that while work-performance questions provide important insight, they don't always give a complete picture of the candidate. "If you want to know what the person is like, you have to ask questions that get at that information in a different way." For instance, an employer may ask, "Would you trust the reference to watch your children if you were away on vacation?" Or "Would you take the candidate to dinner at a nice restaurant with your parents/spouse/significant other?" "The more personal/nonwork-related questions are often useful, not for what the reference says, but [for] what the reference doesn't say and/or the manner in which the reference provides an answer or doesn't answer," Szymanski says.

Who the references are matters, too Sure, a reference's answers hold a lot of weight, but who the reference is can be just as telling to a hiring manager. If



the only references you can provide are your mom, your sister and your best friend, it might raise a red flag with the potential employer. "Most employers would prefer that a job seeker choose a former manager or supervisor as a reference," Phatak says. "This is because references are usually able to deliver a relatively unbiased opinion and are much less likely to be swayed into giving a positive referral if one isn't truly deserved. A manager is also a good pick for a reference because a positive referral from him will hold more weight than one from a co-worker who is similarly ranked. Job seekers should also select references who worked with them for at least a year, have a good understanding of their abilities and can attest to their positive attributes."

Setting your references up for success While you likely won't know the exact questions a hiring manager plans to ask your

references, you can still prepare them for the call. The first thing you should do is tell your references that they are one. While that may seem obvious, it's not always done, and the last thing you want to do is have your references be blindsided by the hiring manager's call. Even if you've used certain references in the past, don't just assume they'll be available or willing to serve as one again. The best approach? Ask your contacts first before giving their information to the employer. Phatak says that if you've done a good job of selecting your references, they'll know you and your work style well enough that they won't need any coaching on the answers. He does suggest that you share the basic job description with your references and refresh them on the position you had and contributions you made while working together. "This is especially helpful if a lot of time has passed since you last worked with them. You don't want your references to be

caught off-guard and failing to recall what it is you even did for them." Szymanski shares this metaphor to summarize the use of references during the hiring process. "Reference checking is one spoke in the wheel of talent acquisition. If you can get as many spokes in the wheel as you can, your hiring will get better. Reference checking is not perfect, but it used in conjunction with other spokes, reference checking can be useful in verifying/confirming what you already know or breaking ties between two or more closely matched candidates."

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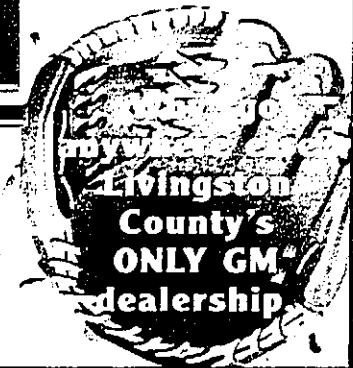
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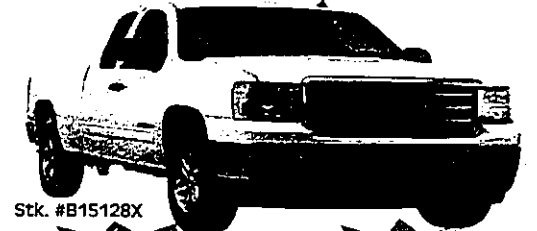
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