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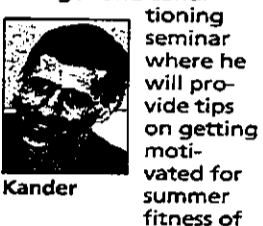
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Meet the Detroit Pistons strength and conditioning coach, Arnie Kander, at The Better Health Market (42875 Grand River, Novi) at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 16 and listen to his free strength and conditioning seminar where he will provide tips on getting motivated for summer fitness of all levels. Arnie Kander is entering his 21st season with the Detroit Pistons. Kander works on the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of injuries for the Pistons, but also designs specific programs that are aimed at enhancing individual players' flexibility, strength and aerobic conditioning.



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Arbitrator sides with Novi's paid-on-call firefighters

City wanted to integrate department, eliminate overnight sleeping

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

The contract squabbling between the city of Novi and the Michigan Association of Firefighters, the union which represents the paid-on-call and auxiliary firefighters in Novi, came to an end last week with an arbitrator ruling in favor of the union on the two most contested issues — scheduling and sleeping.

The city and union spent a year in contract negotiations, but could not reach a deal. The city filed for arbitration in February 2011, and the hearing was held in

November.

The main issues on both sides revolved around the city's request for the full-time firefighters to work together with the paid-on-call and auxiliary (part-time) firefighters Sunday through Saturday on 12-hour shifts covering a 24-hour period, and also on not allowing the paid-on-call crew to sleep while working their night shift.

The current system Novi uses has full-time firefighters working from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday and the paid-on-call firefighters covering the 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. shift Monday-Thursday

and 6 p.m. Friday 6 p.m. through 6 a.m. Monday.

The Novi Professional Firefighters Union, representing the full-timers, agreed to the new schedule in October, but it will no longer be implemented.

Fred Timpner, executive director of MAFF, said he never saw the reason or fairness behind what the city was trying to accomplish.

"I think it was very sad the parties had to go to an outside person to solve this dispute," he said. "There is no way we should have been arbitrating this, and blame should go on the city council because they should be a little more understanding for what these guys do."

Timpner said all the paid-on-call firefighters signed a petition saying they would resign if the contract was awarded in the city's favor because they would not be able to work the day shift or forego sleeping because it conflicted with their regular jobs.

Novi Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Mollo said he was disappointed in the arbitrator's ruling concerning

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Free Movie Night

Novi Town Center will host a Free Movie Night on Saturday, June 16. The family movie "The Zookeeper" will be shown that night starting at dusk.

Along with the free movie, festivities will also include live music by the Chris Brantley Duo as well as participating Novi Town Center restaurants — Diamond Jim Brady's, Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza, Athenian Coney Island, Biggby Coffee and Potbelly Sandwich Works — serving food before the movie. Free popcorn and beverages for sale will be available during the show.

Admission is free with seating available under a large tent to view the 24-foot movie screen.



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The demolition of the Novi Expo Center began Monday and should take up to eight weeks to be completed. The center hosted numerous conventions over the years, as well as Kahlua manufacturer Mohawk Liquor, but has been vacant for the last seven years.

Demolition of Novi Expo Center begins

Property owner's spokesman says plans for commercial development coming soon

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

The excavators took their first swings Monday afternoon at the Novi Expo Center, signifying the start of the redevelopment of the long vacant, 25-acre property.

The facility, which can be seen from I-96 and Novi Road, was built in 1966 and was the

original home of Adell Industries where owner Frank Adell invented, developed and built automotive door guards which are still used today by the Big Three.

It most recently was used as a convention center to host various shows, as well as the Motorsports Hall of Fame, but has mostly been vacant for the last seven years since former president Blair Bowman built his own convention center — Suburban Collection Showplace — just down the road in Novi.

Novi Mayor Bob Gatt called the parcel the "most prime piece of property in the city of Novi."

"That is the best place in the city to build, and I'm hoping

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Cassis hopes to get write result from primary ballot

By Ken Abramczyk
Observer Staff Writer

Nancy Cassis laughs when she is reminded of what she told the *Novi News* in December 2010 after she had reached the end of her term limits in Lansing as a state lawmaker.

At that time, she said she would never rule out a future in politics, though it appeared she reached the end of her eligibility as a state representative and senator. Now, in an improbable turn of circumstances, she's running for U.S. Congress on a write-in campaign, seeking the Republican nomination in the primary election Aug. 7.

"I could not have dreamed what would have happened," said Cassis, 68.

Cassis's decision to run follows U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's inexplicable signature duplication in nominating petitions, which were turned in May 15. Only 243 signatures out of 1,833 that were obtained were found to be valid, far short of the 1,000 signatures required.

The Secretary of State's office notified McCotter of the duplications and informed state Attorney General Bill Schuette in a preinvestigation report. McCot-



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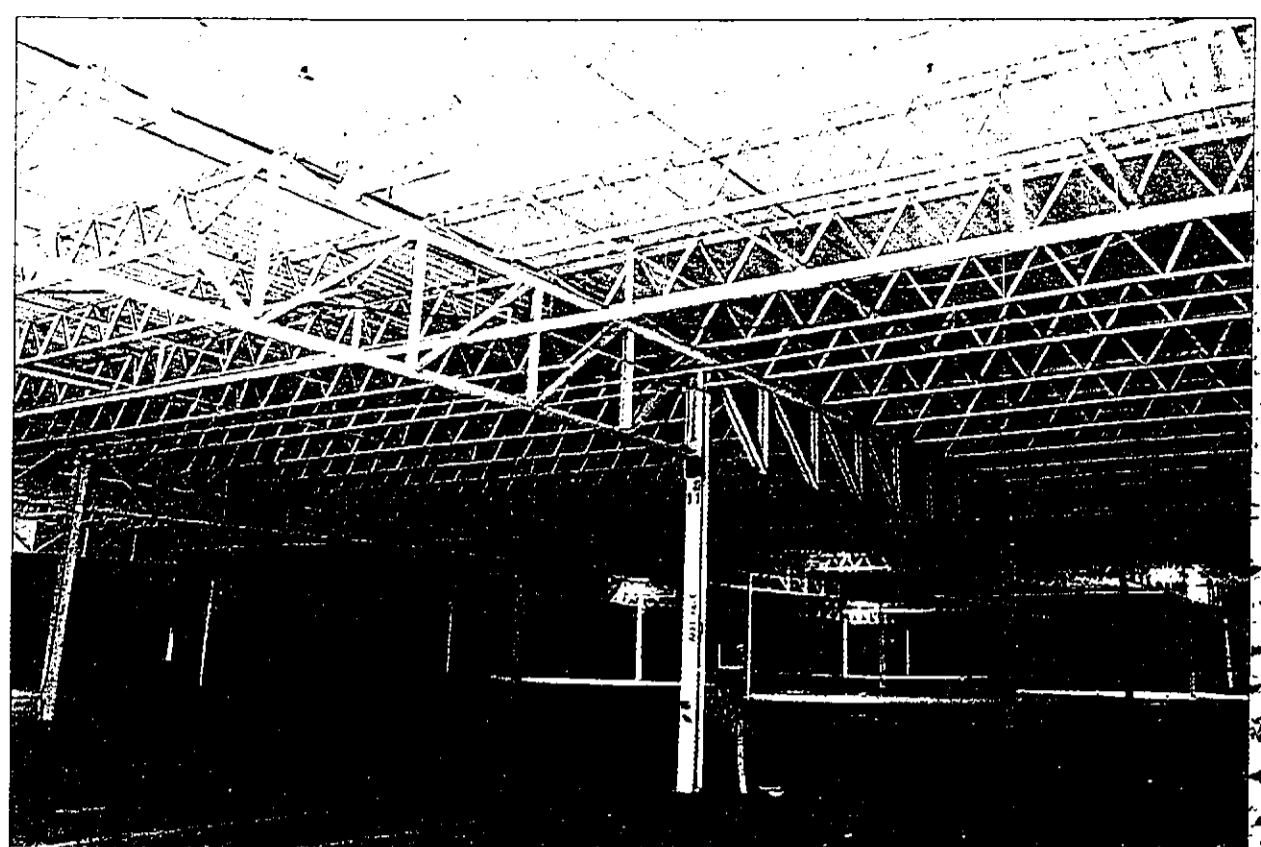
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ing the scheduling, but respected it. "Our goal with combining and integrating was simply to enhance the level of emergency service we provide," he said. Molloy went on to say the department already has "outstanding" response times and believed there were enough paid-on-call firefighters not working the night shift that could have covered the day shift. City Manager Clay Pearson agreed with Molloy that the city was trying to improve coverage and assure that firefighters were in place to

respond as needed. Timper said his members felt like the employer was "treating them like second-class citizens," and when he told them the arbitrator's ruling Sunday they felt "validated." "Someone listened and someone heard them and understood," he said. "They are disappointed we had to go through all this, but are pleased with the ruling." The current contract goes through June 30, 2013, and city officials would not say if they would try to go after similar stipulations once it expires. nmuellet@gannett.com (248) 437-2011, ext. 255 Twitter: @TheNoviNews



A final view of the interior of the Novi Expo Center on June 11. The convention center at Novi Road and I-96 is being demolished to make way for a yet to be announced commercial development.

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EXPO

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we can get something we can all be proud of," he said. "It was an eyesore, and just the fact that it is going (to be torn down) is going to make it better." Kevin Adell owns the Novi Expo Center and, according to spokesman

Mort Meisner, plans for commercial development could be announced in the coming weeks. "Whatever goes here will be successful," he said. The building also has some unique history as Mohawk Liquor made Kahlua there from 1981-92 and the late Jimmy Hoffa, a close friend of

Adell's, was known to take bathroom breaks at the building on his way to Lansing. "Maybe he'll be in the rubble," Meisner joked. Ara Topuzian, economic development director for the city of Novi, said the Commercial Rehabilitation Act, PA 210, which could give the property owners a 100-percent tax abatement for up to six

years, is a major incentive for redevelopment. "Because of the size of the footprint, there is a lot of potential," he said. Demolition of the building is expected to cost \$100,000 and will take six to eight weeks to be completed. nmuellet@gannett.com (248) 437-2011, ext. 255 Twitter: @TheNoviNews

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CASSIS

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ter said he requested that Schuette investigate the signature duplication and inconsistencies, an investigation that is continuing. On May 29, McCotter announced he was going to run as a write-in, but June 2, McCotter decided to end his write-in candidacy and his five terms in Congress, which left Kerry Bentivolio of Milford as the only Republican candidate on the ballot.

GOP backing Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, one of those Republicans involved in the interviews with Cassis, said he never met Bentivolio, but added that he did not agree with Bentivolio's views outlined on his campaign website. "GOP leaders interviewed Cassis last Thursday, along with four other prominent Republicans. Cassis emerged as the unanimous choice of the group that day to be supported as a write-in candidate."

For Cassis, the campaign represents a move back into politics, which ended in December 2010 after eight years in the state Senate, six years in the state House of Representatives and nine years on the Novi City Council. She also worked as a school psychologist for the Novi Community School District until she was elected to the state House in 1996.

Cassis didn't consider a congressional run until she was approached by leaders within the last several days. "The 11th District was thrown into disarray at a very crucial time," Cassis said. "It became apparent that people started to come forward and the party sought me out

that time." As fiscal conservative, Cassis accepted the write-in candidacy to continue to serve the Republican Party. She called the unanimous support of GOP leaders "very, very gratifying" for her.

Challenging process She knows she has a challenge ahead of her. Not only do voters need to support her, they need to check a box and write her name in on the ballot. "It's a two-step process, and we'll be educating people to do that," she said.

Cassis said she and her campaign will be checking with the Secretary of State's office on whether voters can use stickers on the ballot. Cassis believes her 14 years as a state lawmaker give her strong name recognition in one-third of the district. The 11th District covers her hometown of Novi and communities of her former district of Highland, Milford, White Lake, South Lyon and others, extending eastward to Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Troy, and south into the city of Farmington and the western Wayne County communities of Canton Township, Livonia, Northville and Northville Township, Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Cassis and her husband, Vic, have decided to spend up to \$200,000 of their own money on the campaign. "I believe that if you put your own money in it, that you've made that investment, similar to a student going to college," she said. "If that student pays for that tuition, they are more likely to be determined and committed to their goals." When asked about money from the Michigan Republican Party or the Republican National

al Committee, Cassis said the campaign will be looking at fundraising "at all levels." On Monday, she had not yet set up a campaign website.

"The last 72 hours have really been a whirlwind," she said. "The good part of all this I've been a seasoned campaigner at a grass-roots level."

Why her? Cassis said she is up to the challenge of a write-in campaign. "Over the years I've been known as a fiscal hawk, tax-cutter and principled conservative," she said. That experience gives her a platform and a record to send her to Washington.

The election isn't about her, but families, children and grandchildren, and "restoring economic prosperity, ensuring a strong military defense, reducing government intervention in our lives, supporting private enterprise and small business," she said.

Cassis said her experience in education and in Lansing qualifies her to serve. She points to her lead in opposing the Michigan film credits and supporting more transparency in government. "I've taken a strong stance against these giveaways," Cassis said of the film credits. "I respect our governor (Rick Snyder) for taking a strong stance and limiting these giveaways and funds for Hollywood."

Cassis said she does not know Bentivolio very well. She expects she will run her campaign on her legislative record. "He doesn't have the experience that I do as an elected official," Cassis said. "You have to have the respect and trust from constituents."

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The Friends of the Novi Library inaugurated the use of the library patio on June 8. A large group of current Friends and new Friends enjoyed music, food and dancing on the spacious patio in beautiful weather. The evening featured the Detroit-based Marion Hayden Legacy Jazz Trio who provided a delightful Latin beat while folks enjoyed this lovely, versatile gathering space and a spectacular sunset. Julie Farkas, library director, said that this event demonstrated the potential for a variety of outdoor gatherings such as wedding receptions, graduation parties and family reunions. It is currently used as a relaxing spot for reading a good book, eating lunch from the library cafe and library programs. The Friends Spring Fundraiser attracted more than 30 new members to the organization which supports the library with funding, volunteer service and advocacy.

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Novi Town Center advertisement for a free outdoor movie night featuring Zookeeper.

Advertisement for St. John Providence Health System Heart & Vascular Center of Excellence, featuring a woman's portrait and a list of services.

Novi retailers refrain from selling synthetic drugs

Gatt: Adaptable laws needed to make potpourri-looking drug illegal

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer



Gatt

Next door to Novi, in Farmington Hills, teenager Tucker Cipriano faces first-degree murder charges in the April 16 beating death of his father Bob Cipriano.

And while the trial is in its early stages, Tucker Cipriano's long-term use of synthetic marijuana has come to the forefront. Researchers have found

that the addictive synthetic cannabis, which mimics marijuana in several ways, can cause heart attacks, agitation, drowsiness, vomiting and hallucinations.

The legal drug — marked "not for human consumption" and con-

taining a mixture of herbs, spices and sprayed with a synthetic similar to THC — has city leaders and law enforcement officials on the lookout.

Novi police officers recently took inventory of the city, visiting all retail party stores, gas stations, drug stores and tobacco shops, and did not find anyone selling synthetic drugs.

"When the news came back there was absolute-

ly, positively no retail outlet in the city selling that stuff I was overjoyed," said Novi Mayor Bob Gatt.

Gatt, who served as a police officer in Novi for more than 30 years, said the people using the drug are "playing a game of Russian Roulette," and pleaded with residents to be vigilant and make sure it does not pop up in the city.

"It's a dangerous drug

that no one knows the effect it will have on their body, and no one even knows what is in the packet of what they sell as potpourri," he said.

"It's not like anything we have seen before because no one knows what is in the packet."

Novi Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police David Molloy said in May use of the drug is not widespread in the city, but it still was "something that does concern us."

In an effort to combat the drug, the city has urged retailers to continue to refrain from selling the substances and products. Officials also are encouraging them to partner with Oakland County and notify them that they will not sell syn-

thetic drugs and obtain a window decal identifying their store as a place for customers to shop safely.

The reason K2 is able to be sold at stores is because the chemists who manufacture the drug tweak the chemicals used to make it ever so slightly to be in compliance with the law.

Legislation is pending that would make it easier to quickly ban the new substances that are being sold.

"We have to have laws that are more adaptable and more geared toward this synthetic drug," Gatt said, encouraging residents to lobby their representatives.

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Coming up roses

Northville-Novu gardens on display at June 16 walk

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

"All Gardens Great and Small" is the theme for the Garden Walk of the Gardeners of Northville & Novi (The No-No's). This year's event is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 16, based at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St., and self-guided.

The garden club is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, said Barbara Krabbenbos of Livonia, handling publicity for the event, which is held every other year. The club supports Art House garden beds as well as the butterfly farm at Maybury State Park.

Participants on June 16 will enjoy a tour of four gardens in Northville and four in Novi. They're clustered together, Krabbenbos noted, which will make touring easier.

"It varies from year to year," she said of attendance. "I hope we have a lot of interest. Each garden is really unique." Organizers like to recognize gardeners' hard work.

Sue Taylor of Northville Township is founder of the Northville Art House and will have her family home on the walk. A glass blowing studio from Ypsilanti will be displayed during the event, with sales to benefit the Art House.

Taylor and her husband have had their garden in the event before. "The yard has changed enough," she said. "It was fun."

The garden club meets



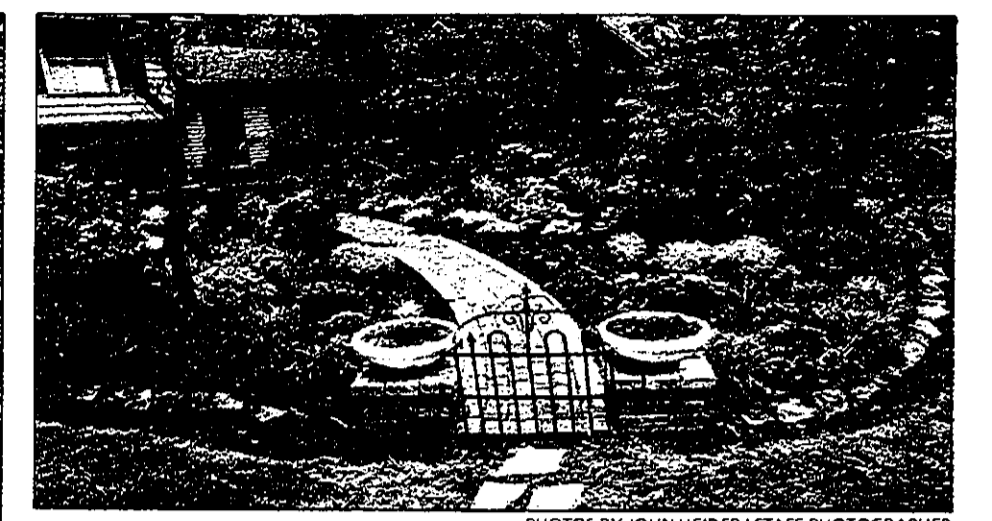
Northville Township resident Sue Taylor's garden features a small stream and pond. The home's garden will be part of the June Garden Walk. Taylor has been working nonstop on the garden since beginning residence there 15 years ago.

at the Art House and Taylor wants to support them. She said she and her husband have done a lot of work on their garden.

The garden walk will include vendors, refreshments, a 50-50 raffle, free used garden and recipe books and access to the

Northville Art House. Tickets at \$10 (cash or check) may be purchased in advance and also on the day of the walk at:

- The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street (located behind the Northville post office)
- Gardenviews, Northville (East Main Street,



Sue Taylor's Northville Township home.



A Solomon Seal plant in Sue Taylor's Northville Township garden.

- downtown Northville)
- Dry Cleaning Shoppe, Northville (Custard Time Plaza at 7 Mile, west of South Main Street)
- Wild Birds Unlim-

ited, 47760 Grand River, Novi (West Market Square Shopping Center, on Grand River Avenue, west of Beck Road)

• Backyard Birds, Plymouth (627 S. Main Street, downtown Plymouth)

Those attending are asked not to bring strollers or wagons. Public restrooms will be available at the Northville Art House. It is a rain or shine event.

The club, part of the Michigan Garden Clubs Inc., hosts monthly speakers. Members also give nonperishable and canned goods to the food banks of Northville Civic Concern and also the Novi Food Bank.

New members are welcome. For more information, visit the club's website: <http://gardeners-northville-novi.org>.

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Summer reading a way to stimulate the mind

Library hosting programs for kids of all ages, adults

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Summer is here and it's easy for students to take a break from everything school related — including reading. But Julie Farkas, director of the Novi Public Library, said summer is one of the best times to read new books, and also can help keep a student's mind sharp as they head into the next school year. "This is an opportunity to keep the cobwebs from growing," Farkas said, channeling her inner youth librarian. "Kids can continue to stimulate their minds by continuing to read." The library's annual summer reading program kicks off Monday, and is packed with a plethora of activities for kids of all ages, as well as adults.

"Read to Me" is for children from birth to those entering kindergarten, "Dream Big" is for students going into kindergarten through going into fourth grade and "Own the Night" is for those entering fifth grade and through high school. Readers are encouraged to keep track of how much they are reading and log them online or in a book. When they reach certain milestones they are eligible for a prize. Students have the opportunity to win up to

five prizes and also have five entries into the grand prize drawing. Suzanne Carpenter, youth and teen collection specialist, said the idea behind the program is to give kids the incentive to spend time reading, and she enjoys seeing a library filled with kids throughout the summer months. "It's really great because sometimes in the summer kids get to try new books they haven't before, and it's nice to see them branch out and try something different," she said. Carpenter said some of the hot books this summer are "Divergent" for teens and "Big Nate" for the younger kids.

All participants who complete their summer reading game are invited to a free party at Paradise Park in Novi. For more information about the summer reading program or to sign up, visit www.novillibrary.org. The Novi Public Library boasts The Library Network's largest circulation of downloadable materials. So it's no surprise that the DIGITALBookmobile — featuring hands-on learning stations to search digital media, download eBooks, use supported mobile devices and more — will make a stop in Novi from

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 20. The 18-wheel tractor trailer will be making stops at various libraries throughout the summer, and through the program roughly 75,000 patrons and hundreds of library staff members have been trained to use a wide variety of modern library services. Julie Farkas, director of the Novi Public Library, said anyone can step on the truck and download materials, or speak with representatives who will help them learn how to use their digital device. nmueller@gannett.com (248) 437-2011, ext. 255 Twitter: @TheNoviNews

Rescuing the Rouge



A group of volunteers works on expanding the bio-swale of the Rouge River. From left (above) are Colleen Crossley, Gwen Markham, Andrew Mutch, Gene Tomlinson, and John and Connie Garbadek. Volunteers helped to plant and mulch native Michigan plants and flowers which will help to slow and filter runoff water near the park as it makes its way to the Rouge. Connie Garbadek (right) was one of many people who showed up for the June 2 Rouge River Rescue day at Novi's Rotary Park.



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Skate Bus

The Skate Bus, a new program presented in partnership with the PLUS Skate Shop in Farmington, will take local skateboarders, ages 6 years and up, to premier skate parks throughout Michigan and Ohio. The bus will travel three Saturdays this summer, with pick-up and drop-off at the Novi Civic Center at 10 a.m. and Riley Skate Park in Farmington Hills at 10:15 a.m. Each Saturday will include two different skate parks. The three trips include:

- June 30 - Saginaw/Bay City
 - July 28 - Lansing/Mason
 - Aug. 25 - Sylvania/Toledo, Ohio
- All skaters under the age of 9 must be accompanied by a parent. Participants should be a lunch.

The deadlines to register are June 15 for week one, July 13 for week two, and Aug. 10 for week three. The cost is \$29 per trip and includes a Skate Bus T-shirt. Registration is going on now at the City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department located inside the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West 10 Mile Road or the PLUS Skate Shop in Farmington. For more information, contact Greg Morris, Recreation Supervisor at (248) 735-5646 or gmorris@cityof-novi.org.

4-H Green Science Adventure Camp open for registration

Michigan State University Extension welcomes back 4-H Green Science Adventure Camp to Novi. This camp, geared for youths between the ages of 5 and 10, incorporates hands-on learning in an outdoor environment. Campers will investigate the science of the natural world with activities in areas such as gardening, cooking, art, and fishing. Campers will be able to experience the great outdoors through hikes, forest hikes, and journeys through the garden. These explorations will be filled with scientific exploration, with an emphasis on learning through an inquiry-based method of teaching. In addition to many outdoor activities, campers will also have the opportunity to experience cooking healthy and nutritious meals that they make themselves using fresh produce from the garden. Participants will learn about the science

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tific aspects of a balanced diet, and the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

This year, three sessions will be held at the MSU Tollgate Education Center in Novi, and one session will be held at the Wolcott Mill Metro Park Farm in Ray Township.

Novi camp dates are as follows: July 9-13, July 23-27, and Aug. 6-10. The one week session held in Ray Township will take place July 30 to Aug. 3.

Camp hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day, with aftercare available at an additional rate. For more information about the Green Science Adventure Camp, please contact Alan Jaros at (248) 347-0269 x232 or jaros@msu.edu.

Garden Walk

The Gardeners of Northville and Novi (aka the No-No's) announce their 5th semi-annual garden walk from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 16 (rain or shine). The theme of this year's walk is "All Gardens Great and Small." Please, no strollers or wagons in the gardens. There will be four gardens in Northville and four in Novi.

Tickets (\$10 payable by cash or check) are available at the Art House, 215 W. Cady Street in Northville (behind the post office) on the day of the walk. There will be maps, refreshments, vendors, a 50/50 raffle and rest rooms available at the Art House.

Items for sale include live plants, pottery, bird houses, fairy gardens, floral designs, stained glass, garden rocks and more.

Advance tickets are available at Garden Views, 202 W. Main Street, Northville; Dry Cleaning Shoppe, 543 7 Mile Road, Northville; Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main, Plymouth; and Wild Birds Unlimited, 47760 Grand River, Novi; as well as at the Northville Art House.

Check out the website for Gardeners of Northville & Novi at www.gardeners-northville-novi.org. They are members of the Michigan Garden Club and participate in a number of civic projects including maintaining the gardens at the Northville Art House as well as the butterfly garden at Maybury State Park.

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Novi Heritage Festival

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 16
Details: To be held at the MSU Tollgate Education Center...

Summer Reading Programs Begin!

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, June 18
Details: Adults, teens, and kids of all ages...

Open Office Hours in the Local History Room

Time/Date: noon-2 p.m. Monday, June 18
Details: On the first and third Mondays of each month...

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Time/Date: 12:30-6 p.m. Monday, June 18
Details: Each day our local Red Cross mobile unit...

Digital Bookmobile

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 20
Details: The DIGITAL BOOKMOBILE sponsored by OVERDRIVE...

Chinese Language Conversation Group

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m.

Monday, June 18

Details: Want to sharpen your Chinese? Adults & Teens interested in practicing the Chinese language...

John the Magician

Time/Date: 10:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday, June 19
Details: In partnership with Novi Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services...

Help for Families from OLHSA

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, June 19 and 26
Details: Meet with an OLHSA (Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency) staff member...

Tie Dye Day!

Time/Date: 3-4 p.m. Tuesday, June 19
Details: Bring a pre-washed, 100-percent cotton T-shirt to the library...

Animanga Club

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 20
Details: Join us as we discuss anime, talk about manga...

Novi Public Library - Regular Board Meeting

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 20
Details: The Library Board Meeting will be held at the Novi Civic Center...



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Walking for a cause

Chelsea Lee, left, and Megan Conen, both 17, were one of many people who took time on Saturday and Sunday for the combined Northville and Novi Relay for Life...

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NAMI support group

The NAMI Metro family support group meetings will take place from 7-9 p.m. typically the second Tuesday and Thursday of every month...

Library clothing drive outcome

The community clothing drive held May 14-19 at the Novi Public Library was organized by the library's student representatives...

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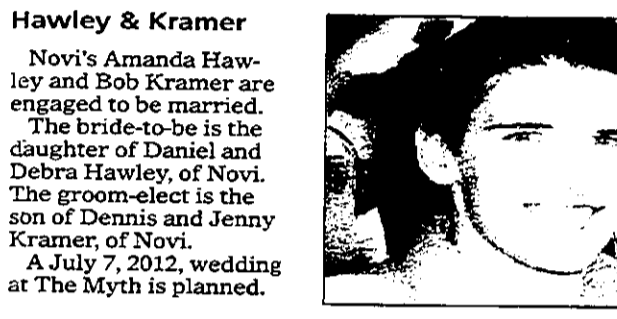
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Carlin & Kelley

Tahlere Elizabeth Carlin, of Novi, and Daniel Gene Kelley, of Williamston, are engaged to be married.



Hawley & Kramer

Novi's Amanda Hawley and Bob Kramer are engaged to be married.

Yatooma's Foundation



Last week, the seventh annual Champion for the Kids Gala and Golf Tournament was a two-day fundraiser benefiting Yatooma's Foundation for the Kids...

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Groth

Groth graduated from Emory University in 2005 where he majored in neuroscience and behavioral biology...

Following graduation, Groth moved back to Michigan and has spent the last seven years in Ann Arbor at the University of Michigan...

to return home, establish myself in a practice, and raise a family. I am thrilled to be with Tyler | Dumas | Reyes.

Groth joins the practice June, 2012. He will primarily be treating patients at the practice's Novi and Birmingham locations.

STIHL advertisement featuring 'GIVE DAD THE #1 SELLING BRAND IN AMERICA' and listing various power tools like chain saws, blowers, and trimmers with prices.

Advertisement for a garage sale event titled 'Let the SALE BEGIN!' with details on coupons, garage sale kit, and pizza offers.

Large advertisement for 'Summer Open House' at Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks, featuring a photo of a family and details about the event on June 9th and 10th.

CHURCH

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Yeager, of Steve Yeager Assoc. Livonia. After dinner, he will answer any questions you may have concerning financial matters. He guarantees this will be a fun evening, not a stuffy, boring presentation; \$5 covers the entire evening.
Date: June 21
Details: Tonight is another of our great informal discussion sessions. These discussions are helpful for the planning of future Single Place speakers, topics and social events. Your input is very important to us. Come join in the friendly conversation; \$5 donation to help cover the cost of refreshments, ice cream and pop.
Date: June 28
Details: If you enjoy a friendly game of cards or like board games, you will have a good time. Some snacks are provided, but feel free to bring more; \$5 donation please. Ice cream follows as always.
Date: July 5
Details: Tonight we will share our special holiday memories, whether they are funny, sad or just special in some other way. You are asked to bring an appetizer or snack to share. Ice cream will follow; \$5 donation please.
Date: July 12
Details: Cards & Games Night. This is a great way to meet new people or just see old friends again. Snacks are provided & ice cream is always served later. Bring a friend; \$5 donation.
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 Traditional - Held in the Sanctuary - 11 a.m.
Sunday School: Nursery - 8 a.m.
 Nursery - 12th grade - 9:15 a.m.
 Nursery - 6th grade/Special Needs - 11 a.m.
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 Location: 41415 9 Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
 Contact: (248) 349-0565
Sundays
 Time: 8:45 a.m., Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship
HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road
 Contact: (248) 427-1175 or holycrossnovi@gmail.com; visit holycrossnovi.org
Sunday Morning Ladies Bible Study: 7:45 and 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service
Alzheimer's Support Group
 Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month
LAKES BAPTIST CHURCH
 Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake
LIVONIA CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia

MEADOWBROOK CON-GREGATIONAL CHURCH

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between 8 and 9 Mile roads
Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Church School: 10-11 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.
Merry Widows Luncheon
 Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., fourth Thursday of each month
Pilgrim Fellowship
 Time/Date: 6 p.m., Sundays
NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY
 Location: 41355 6 Mile Road
 Contact: (248) 348-9030
Sundays 9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children
9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium
10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031
NOVI-NORTHVILLE CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE
 Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

OUR SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth
Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service
PENTECOSTALS OF NOVI
 Location: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
 Contact: (248) 697-8158 or visit www.thepentecostals-softnovi.org
PLYMOUTH-ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth
 Contact: 734-453-0190, ext. 16, or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org
PRaise BAPTIST CHURCH
 Location: 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
 Contact: (734) 748-3898
ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH
 Location: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi
 Contact: (248) 347-7778
Mass Schedule
 Time/Date: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., Sunday; 9 a.m., Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m., Wednesday; 5 p.m., Saturday.
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth
 Contact: (734) 453-0190, ext. 16, or visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org.
Weekend of Centennial Celebration
 The Centennial Festival Eucharist
 Time/Date: 10 a.m.
Details: Service to celebrate official centennial anniversary with Bishop Wendell Gibbs joining for a combined service. Staff is busy with plans for this service including special music and it will be the first use of the banners created by the women and men of the parish. After the service, join the celebration reception and enjoy fellowship with the people of St. John's.
ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
 Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills
 Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com
Saturday Worship
 Time: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship
 Time: 9, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School
 Time: 10:15 a.m.
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
 Location: 201 Elm Street, Northville
 Contact: (248) 348-3140
Vacation Bible School
 Time/Date: 9 a.m.-noon June 18-21
Details: Condordia's Amazing Desert Journey - Where Jesus Leads Us Home
UNITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
 Location: 32500 W. 13 Mile Road, Farmington
 Contact: (248) 737-9191; AdministrativeDirector@unityfh.com
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON
 Location: 25301 Helstead Road, Farmington Hills
 Contact: www.uufarmington.org
Youth Interfaith Journey
 Time/Date: 9:30 and 11 a.m., Sundays
Details: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. Classes are grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age specific education materials for all.
 Contact: Jennifer Teed at (248) 478-7272 or dree@uufarmington.org

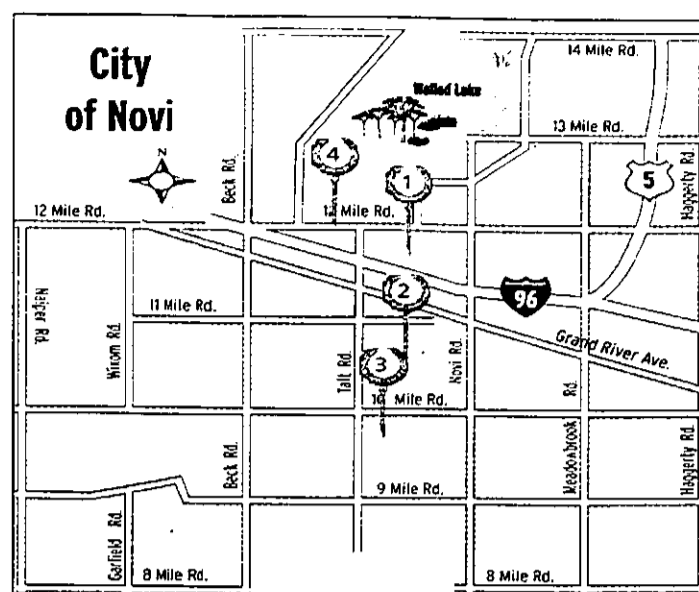
ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Location: 23455 Novi Road
 Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665
Preschool/Kids Choir
 Time/Date: 7:8-15 p.m., every Wednesday
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 Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
 Contact: (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221
OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH
 Location: 770 Thayer, Northville
 Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org
Saturday Worship
 Time: 5 p.m.
Sunday Worship
 Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

NOVI UNITED METHODIST

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
 Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com
Sunday Worship
 Time: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
 Time/Date: 9:45 a.m., first Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
 Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month
Location: In front of the church
Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.
Advent Service
 Time/Date: 9:45 a.m., Sunday
OAK POINTE CHURCH
 Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi
 Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org
Worship Services: 5:15 p.m., Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m., Sunday
ReNew Life Group Ministries
 Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m., every Monday
Details: Overseen by True-North Christian Counseling, offering a variety of support and relational groups: Divorce Care; Grief Share; Life Disrupted (Doing Well At Being Sick); Restarting; Set-

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS



Man caught stealing from Nordstrom

Novi police arrested a man at 6:44 p.m. on June 5 for second-degree retail fraud after he was caught stealing three shirts from Nordstrom inside Twelve Oaks Mall.
 According to the police report, the loss prevention officer at the store saw the suspect take a shirt into the fitting room and leave without it. He then exited the store before he was stopped.
 While inside the loss prevention office, the Novi officer conducted a pat down, finding two more shirts stuffed in the suspect's pants.
 The total value of the items taken was \$268, and the suspect was arrested and taken to the Novi Police Department and released after posting bond. The case has been forwarded to the detective's bureau for warrant review.

Window smashed, items stolen from car

A Novi resident had his Dodge Neon broken into sometime between Sunday and Tuesday while it was parked in the driveway of his residence on Stone Road.
 According to the police report, the victim said the passenger side rear window was smashed and the suspect took two gauges from the backseat, a GPS and radar detector. The total value of the items was estimated at over \$400.
 Police have no suspects at this time.

iPod, iPhone stolen at Novi High School

Two freshmen girls at Novi High School had electronic devices stolen from their school bags during a sixth hour gym class on June 8.
 According to the police report, the teens left an iPod and iPhone in different school bags during class, and when they returned to the locker room the items were missing.
 Police have no suspects.

Police stop drunk driver

A 45-year-old Dearborn man was arrested for drunk driving at 2:54 a.m. on June 9 after a Novi police officer observed his vehicle swerve off the roadway on 12 Mile Road west of Taft Road.
 According to the police report, when the officer approached the car he could smell a strong odor of intoxicants. The driver admitted to drinking and failed field sobriety tests.
 A preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .16 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.
 The driver was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where he was issued a citation and released when sober and after posting bond.
 Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

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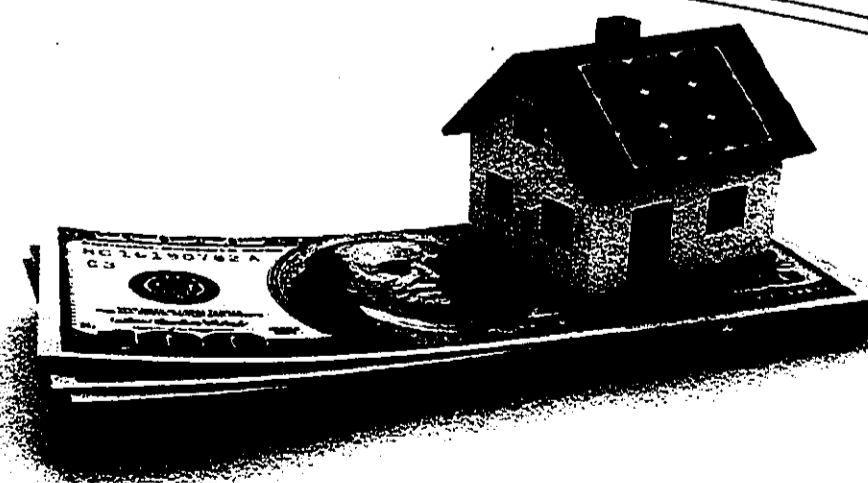
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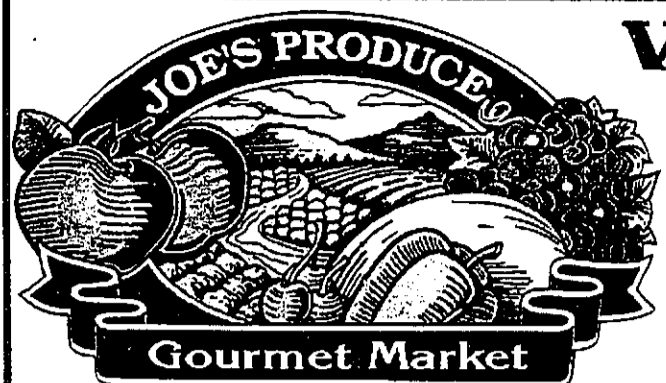
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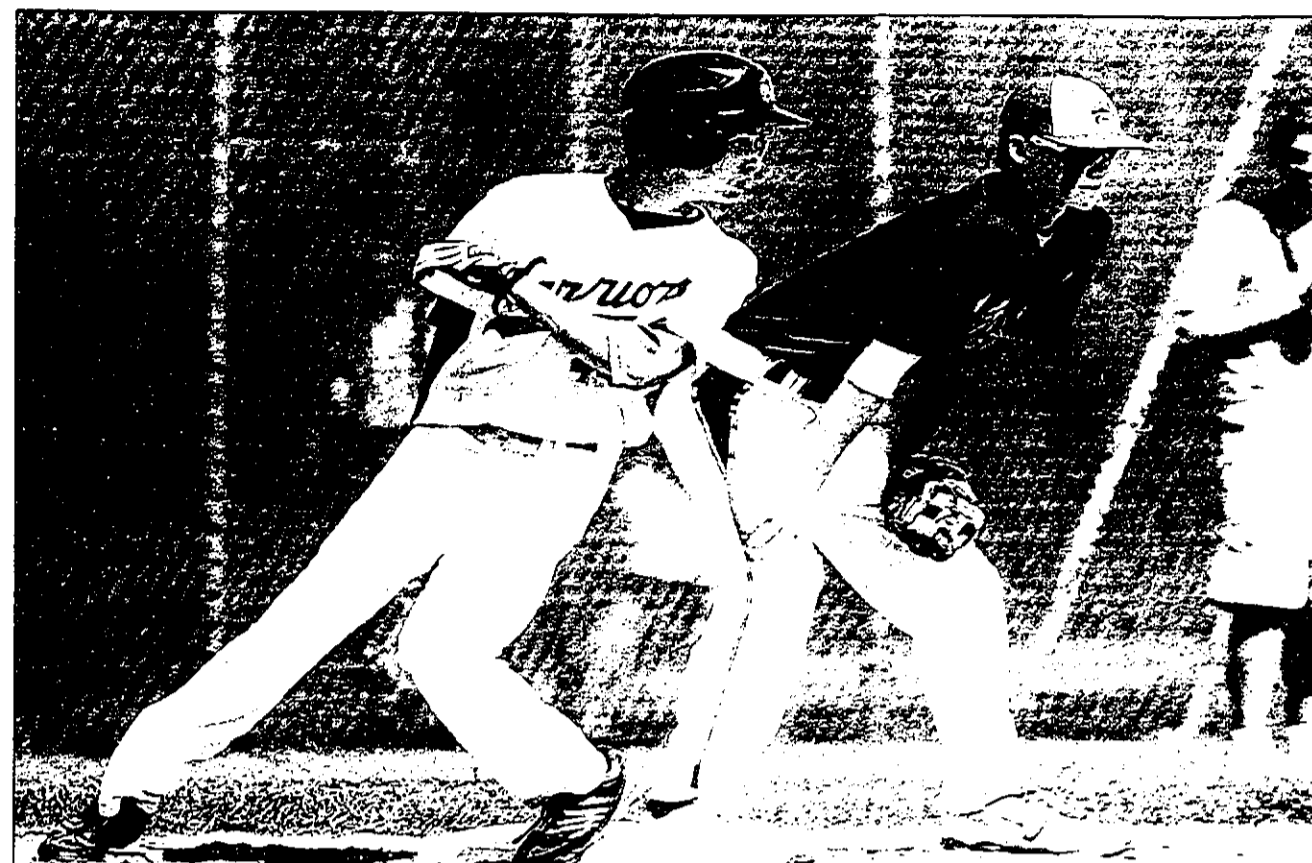
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Wildcat third baseman Tyler Schwanz looks for a throw from the outfield at Brother Rice's Fredy Jehle holds on the bag after advancing from second. Novi lost to Brother Rice in MHSAA regional baseball playoff action on June 9-12, ending their season.

Top-ranked Brother Rice ends Novi's season
Wildcat sluggers denied shot at first regional title since 2000

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

It was a game of defensive plays that Novi's sluggers ended their season on. The Wildcats (21-14) battled but fell 4-0 to No. 1-ranked Birmingham Brother Rice (33-7) Saturday in Novi during their regional semifinal.

"I thought we prepared well all week long," Novi coach Rick Green said. "I thought we were prepared, we just didn't have that many quality at bats."

Novi's lone hits were a fifth-inning double by Tyler Schwanz and a sixth-inning single by Ryan Caputo, both which came after the Warriors clawed their way to a 4-0 lead with a two-run homer in the first inning and two more runs with two outs in the top of the fifth.

Jimmy Eloff took the loss, pitching all seven innings and allowing six hits, four earned runs, one strikeout, four walks and one hit batter.

"He pitched his heart out," Green said. "I thought we played some great defense. We had Mario (Ferrini) at shortstop and he made some good plays."

The only other baserunners Novi got were off a trio of walks, as six Wildcats were struck out. "It wasn't like he was dominating us," Green said of Brother Rice's senior pitcher. "We kind of messed up on a couple baserunning things. They probably had seven calls that went in their favor and we didn't get a single one."

A controversial sixth-inning call in the shallow outfield with two runners on base led to a double play at second base when the Wildcats expected an infield fly rule to be called after the pop out, but it wasn't.

The lack of offense left a bitter taste for the Wildcats, who had one last midweek game



Novi High's Ryan Caputo takes a swing during the Wildcats' June 9 baseball playoff game against Birmingham Brother Rice.

CC heads to state finals
Golf team clears regional hurdle to play for title

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It just wouldn't be a sports season if the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks didn't have representatives in the highest levels of the MHSAA playoffs.

This spring, it's the golf team that earned a right to compete for the ultimate trophy as they cleared the field of tough regional competition and will play in the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Division I state finals this weekend at the Meadows golf course at Grand Valley State University.

The Shamrocks, coached by Bill Hayes, earned a team regional score of 312 to plop the way to the finals. Leading the team was the outstanding play of Charlie Green, who shot a 75 to help propel his team into the biggest tournament of the year. Just one stroke behind was Corey Szmadzinski, who has been saving his best golf of the year for the post-season, while Joey Hanba shot an 80, Patrick Luther shot an 81 and Dominic Scapone carded an 88 in the regional qualifier.

The Shamrocks will see plenty of familiar faces at the finals as local teams like Birmingham Brother Rice, Canton, University of Detroit Jesuit, Pinckney and Plymouth all earned the cut for the finals.

Northville's individual representative in the regional golf tournament, Andrew Sarokin, missed qualifying for the finals.

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

Novi summer sports camps groom next generation of Wildcats

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Although school may be out for summer, the gyms and fields at Novi High School won't be slowing down at all as herds of future Wildcats look to showcase their skills and learn from current Novi coaches and players.

The high school offers 15 different camps for nine different sports, including football, field hockey, boys basketball, girls basketball, volleyball, boys lacrosse, coed swimming, cheerleading and pom-pom.

Girls basketball coach Bill Kelp is heading into his ninth summer camp June 18-22 and said it's a big part of developing the Novi basketball family.

"Every kid that has graduated in our program the last few years has attended our basketball camp," Kelp said. "Helps by putting names with faces, them getting to know the coaches and current varsity players. Current players and former played always come back and help work the camp, be it as a coach or ref."

Kelp also said the formula for the camp hasn't changed much, as it focuses on the fundamentals for second-through ninth-graders.

"(We've) added things throughout years, but a big one is the coaches challenge where a girl gets to challenge her coach each day on anything she wants in front of whole camp," Kelp said. "Coach loses, she does pushups in front of camp and (the) camper usually wins a gift card from Play It Again Sports."

Brian Tass, the boys basketball coach, will be running his first camp as part of the Novi program June 25-28 after spending the past several years doing camps at Waterford Kettering, where he previously coached.

"I would expect to have a great baseline turnout for our camp, from which we can grow the following years," Tass said. "I have always run a camp where we had as many as 75 attend and it was really a prominent part of our program. Campers kept coming back year after year."

Like Kelp, Tass believes the fourth-through ninth-graders coming to his camp this summer could be potential varsity players in a few years.

"Our camp is critical as a lifeline to the program," Tass said. "It's the most fun and accurate way for youth to become acclimated with Novi basketball. I think it gives us a peek into what's coming, but you never really know how a kid is going to grow, as it is an equation of hard work and experience."

The camp itself will give the coaches a chance to see how their players have grown, since many will be assisting as coaches for the younger children.

"My players play the largest and most important roll in our camp," Tass said. "It may be one of the single most important experiences they will have as a Novi basketball player. They do a lot of the teaching and coaching during the camp and pass down what they have learned from me. It is very rewarding for me to see our guys work with the young players. My assistants have always been a huge part of running the camp also from lecturing and demonstration to organization of groups."

The two basketball camps, along with field hockey, each start in June. The boys camp runs from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. for the four days and costs \$100, whereas the girls camp runs from 9 a.m.-noon for the five days and costs \$120. Campers at both camps will receive a T-shirt and the girls will also receive an outdoor basketball.

"Our camp is by far the greatest value of any around," Tass said. "We go all day for four straight days, as opposed to two hours a day for the same or less cost to the campers. They get tremendous amounts of individual attention and immediately become a part of the Novi basketball family. Many of my varsity players over the years were products of our camp."

In addition to basketball, field hockey offers three camps. A "Field Hockey 101" camp from 9-11:30 a.m. June 25-28 for sixth-through 10th-graders, an advanced goalkeeping camp 12:30-3 p.m. June 25-27, and a skills and drills camp 2-4 p.m. July 23-26. Costs are \$120, \$100 and \$50 for the respective field hockey camps run by coach Amy Kilgore.

A trio of swim camps will also take place 11 a.m.-1 p.m. July 9-13 for fourth-through sixth-grade boys and girls, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. July 16-20 for any middle or high school

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The Waza FC West 95 Black boys soccer team won their third State Cup title June 2. Pictured from left to right are (back row) Waza President Mario Scidunas, Ronnie Basin (Farmington Hills), Trevor Nessel (Novi), Jack Sobczynski (Rochester), Kristian Rego (Bloomfield), Tommy O'Connor (Farmington), Graham Keep (Ann Arbor), Ben Holbrook (Northville), Matt Wilson (Novi), Bryan Maxwell (Commerce), coach Dan Diac, (front row) Dom Hajdu (Farmington), Donald Payne (Farmington), Mussa Ibrahim (Ann Arbor), Dalton Amez (Macomb Township), Aaron Krupa (Ann Arbor), Hussain Sandifer (Ann Arbor), Alex Isaevski (Westland), William Juang (Ann Arbor) and Dan Ovesea (Canton).

Wildcat leads Waza U17 boys to another State Cup

Soccer players from 14 different schools combine for championship

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

The Waza FC West 95 Black boys under-17 soccer squad has done it again, winning a second-straight State Cup and their third in the past four years.

This year's final victim was the Grand Rapids Crew Juniors 95 Boys Gold team, who nearly got the best of Waza after taking an early 2-0 lead in the first 15 minutes of the June 2 contest.

But the defending champs battled back with second-half goals from Matt Wilson (Novi) and then a successfully converted penalty kick by Donald Payne (Farmington) to tie it up.

Dan Ovesea (Canton) scored the game winner in extra time while goalkeeper Aaron Krupa (Ann Arbor Pioneer) held off the Crew offense in the waning minutes of extra time.

"It was a very tough and hard fought battle, with injuries suffered by both teams, with the worse being Dalton Amez's broken ankle," Waza manager Chris Wilson said.

The team will be without Amez (Chippewa Valley), a midfielder, for the upcoming Region II Championship Tournament June 23-27 in Saginaw.

Last year, Waza won their first two regional games before a 2-1 loss to Raiders FC from Illinois. Their State Cup run saw them outscore opponents 25-1 in six games. The road to Regionals was a little tougher this year, but the team still outscored opponents 20-6 in six games.

Wilson led this year's State Cup run with five goals and four assists, followed by Alex Isaevski's (Westland John Glenn) five goals and two assists.

Ovesea added four goals and an assist, while Amez contributed two goals and three assists. Several other players chipped in with one or two points during the six-game span.

Krupa had eight saves on eight shots in two games, while Graham Keep (Ann Arbor Huron) stopped 21 of 27 shots in five games in goal.

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

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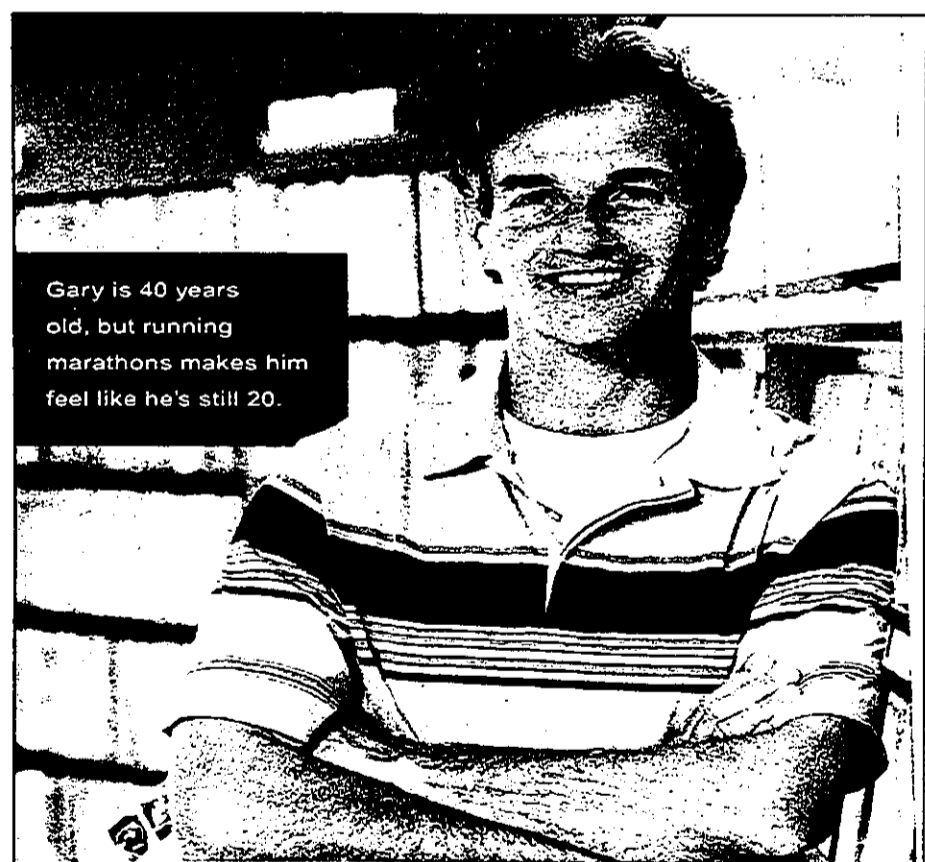
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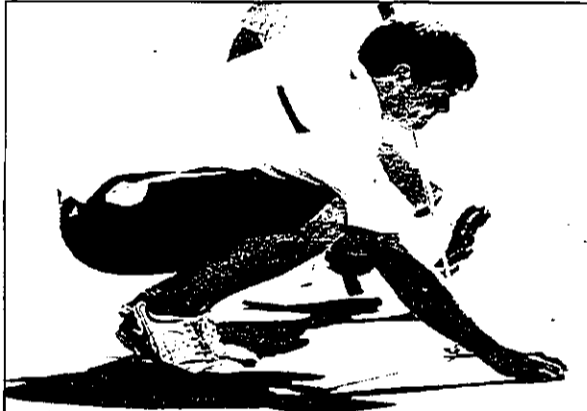
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Wildcat Garret Buckley takes a practice swing on the 17th green on June 7.



Wildcat Jason Carless hits out of a bunker near the 17th green during Novi's June 7 MHSAA golf regionals.



Wildcat John Walker lines up his putt at Pinckney's Timber Trace during Novi's June 7 MHSAA Golf Regionals competition.

NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Boys golf finishes fifth at regionals

After a strong season that added a KLAAs Kensington Conference championship and Oakland County Championship to their trophy case, Novi's boys golf team fell short of qualifying for the June 15 state meet when they finished fifth at Regionals June 7 at Timber Trace Golf Course in Pinckney.

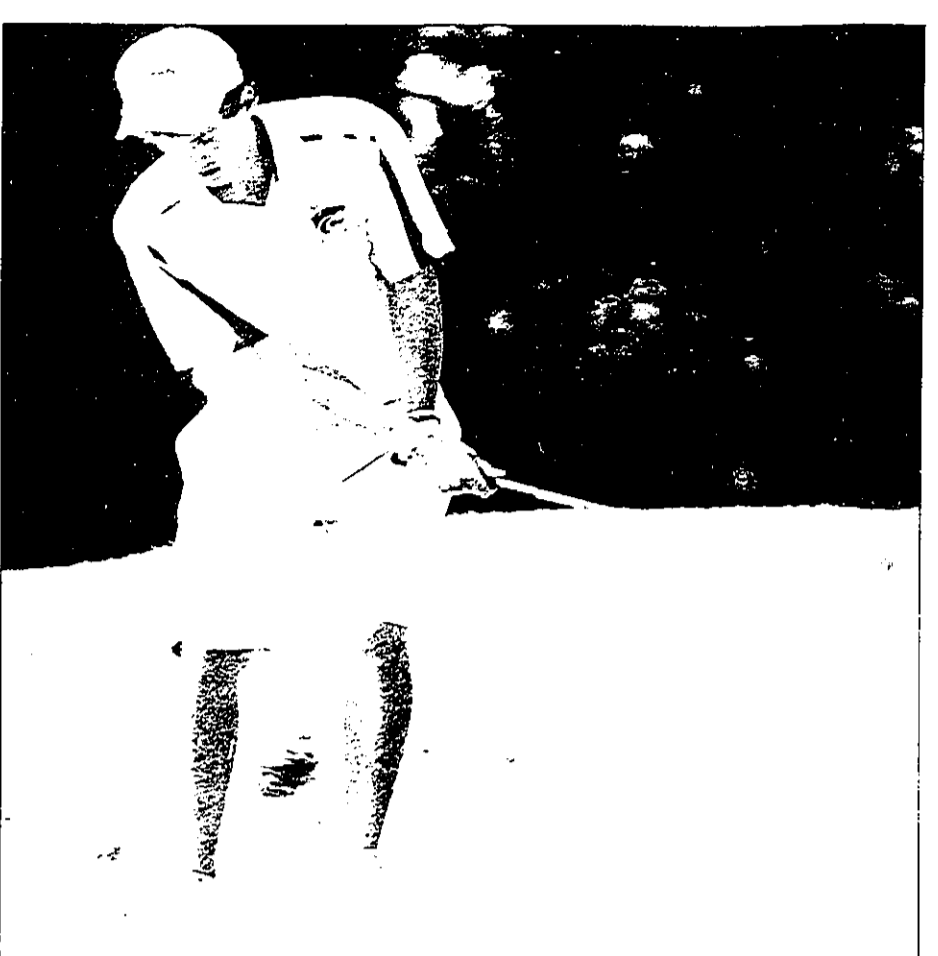
After finishing fifth in their district, where the top six teams qualify for Regionals, Novi landed fifth in Regionals, where only three teams qualify for States. Sixth-place district qualifier Detroit Catholic Central grabbed the third spot at Regionals with a score of 312, edging out White Lake Lakeland's 314 and Novi's 319.

The Wildcats were led by sophomore Garret Buckley's score of 76, which was ninth overall, but almost made the individual cut for players whose team did not qualify. The three individual qualifiers all scored a 75, while Buckley was one of three to score a 76 among individual hopefuls.

Also scoring for Novi was senior Johnny Walker in 18th with 79, junior Brad Kozinski and Bryan Fegety tying for 32nd with 82 and then junior Jason Carless, whose score didn't go toward the four-person team total, finished 56th with 87 among a field of 72 golfers.

Boys Lacrosse

The post-season run for Novi's boys lacrosse team wasn't as long as last year as the No. 17 Wildcats (15-5) ran into a Birmingham Seaholm team on a hot streak. Novi was stopped number four on a five-game winning streak for the No. 19 Bulldogs (11-11), who got the best of the "Cats 19-13 May 29. Seaholm knocked off No. 19 Northville (11-9) — who had just defeated No. 7 Detroit Catholic Central (11-6) 10-9 in overtime three days prior



A Novi Wildcat, leading his teammates to the 17th green, plays at Pinckney's Timber Trace on June 7.

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- Paint the D shapes the same color as the trophy.
- Once paint dries, glue the handles to the trophy.
- Decorate your trophy with personalized message, to Dad.

Optional:

To really make your trophy stand out, paint a small box gold for a base and glue the trophy on top. Add a personal message on box.

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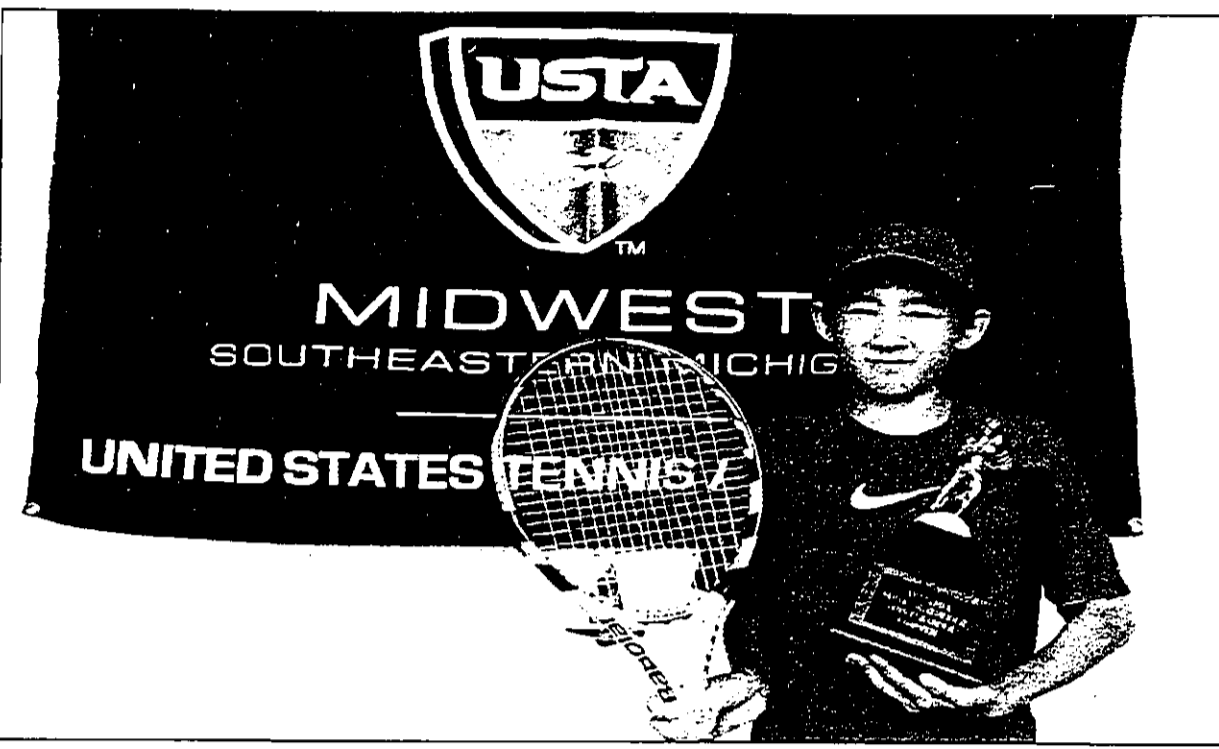
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Young tennis player battles at a level beyond his years

Wen sets sights on Nike Junior Tour championship

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent



Novi resident Alex Wen poses after winning the USTA SETMA district Muthig Qualifier B12 championship recently.

When Alex Wen steps onto the tennis court, he's often mistaken for an undersized freshman. He's not particularly short for his age, he's just a 12 year old who can go stroke for stroke with some of the top 18 year old players in the area. "I started playing when I was 7 years old," Wen said. "My brother started playing tennis and I followed him and I went to the (Sports Club of Novi) and started playing there. Every day when new people see me, they say I'm short for a ninth grader and then they realize I'm 12 and say I'm really good."

Wen, who also plays at The Sports Club of West Bloomfield, regularly competes against varsity high school players from Detroit Country Day, West Bloomfield, Detroit Catholic Central and Novi. "I can adapt to it. They're just stronger," Wen said. "At (Sports Club of Novi), there weren't that many players because they moved off to college." He said Pavan Rao, Andre Liu, Andrew Ying, Andrew Cho and Michael Chang are all Wildcats he's played against during the past two years. The first three filled Novi's two through four singles flights last fall and the latter two were a three dou-

bles team together. "It helps me on my defense and it also helps me going on offense," Wen said. "(Against the) 18 year olds I mostly play defense and wait for them to mess up, or I just go for it." Since he started playing in tournaments at age 9, Wen has amassed a closet's worth of trophies for his accolades. He credits his Sports Club of Novi's Brady Crosby and David Kamisar, Sports Club of West Bloomfield's Joe Brennan and Novi boys/girls varsity tennis coach Jim Hanson's summer sports camp for his quick development. Ranked No. 1 in the southeastern Michigan USTA rankings for 12-and-under boys, and No. 15 among 14-and-under boys, Wen recently won the

USTA SETMA Muthig district qualifier B12 championship, earning a spot at the Nike Junior Tour June 23 in Kalamazoo. "I'm planning on winning it," said Wen, who also figures he'll be in the starting singles lineup as a varsity freshman at Novi in two years. As the one singles player on Franklin Athletic Club's 18-and-under club team, he helped his team finish in Michigan to earn a trip to the Midwest championship August in Indianapolis, where he ranks No. 16 within his age group out all the 12-and-under players throughout Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and a portion of West Virginia. His FAC teammates are all boys and girls one and two singles players from West

Bloomfield, Birmingham, Seaholm, North Farmington and other area schools. But Wen doesn't expect tennis to carry him through life. He doesn't even consider it his top priority right now. "I'm kind of thinking math because studies are more important than tennis," Wen said. "I'm probably not going pro in tennis." Entering seventh grade in the fall, Wen will be taking 10th-grade geometry. He tested out of Algebra I, which high school freshmen normally take, with a 97 percent score. "I have to study a lot at school and we get to go to higher levels," said Wen, who noted some of his classmates tested out alongside him. "Since you only need 80 percent to test out, a lot get in the 80s, so they might not do good in the actual class." Wen took an ACT practice test as a sixth-grader and scored a 29. He's aiming for the perfect score of a 36 when he takes it in high school. On top of tennis and school, Wen took up playing the cello two years ago. He said he really has to manage his time in order to fit everything in, but he enjoys the accomplishments and the journey along the way.

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

CAMPS

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swimmer and then a competitive swim camp for both age groups that runs during both of the other camp times. Cost is \$120 each for coach Annette Vander-Mey's camps. Coach Ashley Karinen will run a cheer clinic 9 a.m.-3 p.m. July 9-12 at Parkview Elementary for girls ages 5-12 and a cost of \$100, while coach Nick Zoroya runs a boys lacrosse camp for fourth- through ninth-graders from 2-5 p.m. July 9-12 at the high school. Cost is \$90 for field players and \$50 for goalies. A volleyball camp for fifth- through seventh-graders will take place 9-11:30 a.m. July 9-12, while an eighth- through 10th-grade camp will run noon-2:30 p.m. the same days. Each costs \$110 with coach Ginette Parsley. Also in line are a series of football camps run by coach Todd Pennycuff. The third- through eighth-grade camp runs 5-7 p.m. July 16-19 and costs \$85, while a \$100 freshman camp will run both 9 a.m.-noon July 16-19 and July 23-26. A \$100 camp for sophomores, juniors and seniors will take place in two segments 1-4 p.m. July 16-19 and 23-26. Wrapping up the Novi summer camp season is a pompon clinic for first- through eighth-graders Aug. 18. The \$40 clinic runs from 9 a.m.-noon for first- through fourth-graders and 1-4 p.m. for fifth- through eighth-graders. Registration for all camps will be done online for the third-straight year. For more information or to register, visit www.novi.k12.mi.us/athletics/summer-camps.

BASEBALL

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June 6 against Livonia Stevenson. They lost 13-11, but even half as much run production could've meant a victory over Brother Rice. Instead, the season ended the high school careers for nine senior Wildcats. Eloff Schwanz, Logan Regnier, Derek Ince, Mike Zugaro, Alex King, Jeff Weber, Alex Davis and Alex Barry graduated earlier this month, leaving quite a few holes in the lineup. "Our expectations at the beginning of the year were to win the division and win the conference and we didn't do that," Green said. "We did manage to send our senior group off with a trophy by winning Districts. They were one of the more competitive groups I've had." However, a core of 10 juniors will be back next spring, led by Ferrini, Caputo, Ryan Davis, Matt Forche, Blake Boron, Grant Wheeler, Kyle Matel, Mitch Hall, Luke Bageris and Mike Eaton. "We've got some good varsity experience coming back," Green said. "We've got to hit the ball better. That's number one. We've got to get better defensively as far as throwing strikes."

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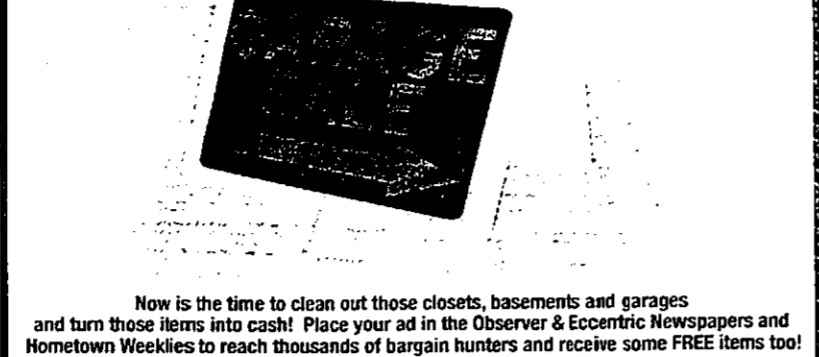
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By Dale Buss Automakers are spending a lot of time these days wringing their hands about whether economically beleaguered and automotively disinterested twenty-somethings will be willing or able to buy enough cars from them...



A glimpse of the new TV ad for ILX depicts 'Millennials' 'parallel lives.'

For Acura because the brand is still trying to recover its bearings after last year's earthquake and tsunami in Japan crushed the sales momentum it had begun to build in the U.S. market...

Acura has some work to do to earn a wider long-term berth in the entry end of the U.S. luxury market. "The brand has been struggling with what it is over the last half-dozen years..."



Acura is counting on the new ILX to engage young buyers.

Indeed, sales of the Honda premium brand are up by 11 percent for this year through May. But the comparison is against a weak year-earlier period. And the ILX launch is important.

than sobering, Accavitti said Acura is positioning the car as "a special vehicle, with the feeling associated with that kind of car, but it doesn't cost you an arm and a leg to get into it..."

Some criticize ILX as simply an up-market version of the Honda Civic, with which it shares a mechanical platform. But Accavitti noted some of the upscale touches for ILX alone...

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