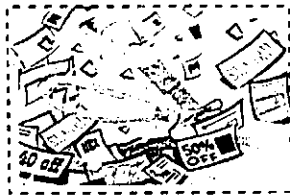




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6 file for special election

By Ken Abramczyk Staff Writer

Five Republicans, including a Milford resident, and one Democrat have filed to run in a special election Sept. 5 to fill the unexpired term of former U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter.

Republican Kerry Benivolio of Milford, the only Republican on the ballot in the Aug. 7 primary for the congressional seat, filed July 16. Former state Sen. Nancy Cassis, former Livonia school board member Steve King, Carolyn Kavanagh of Livonia and Kenneth Crider of Livonia filed Friday to run on

the Republican ballot in the 11th Congressional District, as well.

On July 19, Democrat David Curson of Belleville filed petitions with 2,000 signatures.

Democratic and Republican candidates had until Friday afternoon to file. The signatures were reviewed by the Sec-

retary of State's office Monday to certify the signatures. All were valid, and no candidates withdrew their name from the ballot. Candidates without party affiliation have until Aug. 7 to file. Minor parties that hold a caucus to nominate candidates face an Aug. 8 deadline. Residents in the cur-

rent 11th District will be voting in a special election Wednesday, Sept. 5, and again Nov. 6 to fill the unexpired term. Locally, each of the communities is included in both the former 11th District and the redistricted 11th District.

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Novi resident honored for inspiring social change in Marine Corps



Novi's William Dudley and other members of the Montford Point African-American Marines were recently honored in Washington in a ceremony and presented with this medal.

By Joanne Maliszewski Correspondent

It took a presidential order, but it opened a window for Novi resident Herman Dudley to join the war effort in 1943 as a U.S. Marine in the South Pacific.

Almost 70 years later, Dudley and more than 300 other black veteran Marines were honored earlier this month with a Congressional Gold Medal for "outstanding perseverance and courage that inspired social change in the Marine Corps."

"Receiving this med-

al is perhaps one of the highest points in my life," said Dudley, a Kentucky native and former West Bloomfield resident. "I don't think I have ever been prouder of being associated with an organization than I was that day."

Dudley credits President Franklin D. Roosevelt for the taking the initial action that eventually led Dudley to Washington, D.C., to be honored by the U.S. Congress.

In November 1941,

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Summer fun and learning at Novi Youth Police and Fire Academy

By Lonnie Huhman Staff Writer

It's summer and time for kids out of school to have some fun, which can be a variety of things. But for the group of kids who got to see inside the Novi police and fire departments, it

meant confronting suspects on the police training simulator and putting out a fire with an extinguisher.

Nearly 40 kids from the Novi community, ranging in age from 13-18, successfully completed the Novi Youth Police and Fire Academy — a

week's worth of hands-on experiences that give the participants a look into the daily lives of both public safety departments.

According to Novi Police Detective Jeremy Stempien, it's an enjoyable mix of fun and learning for the kids.

"This is about bridge building with the youth in the community," Stempien said. "We want to open their eyes to how we do our jobs and maybe spark a little interest for those thinking about being a police officer or firefighter."

It did just that.

Nicholas Tewilliger, 14, said he was motivated to attend the academy because he has family members who serve as public safety officials and wanted to learn more about what it means.

"I am thinking about it

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Summer's a great time to read

By Steve Matthews
Guest Columnist

One of my favorite movies - of all time - is *The Princess Bride*. They describe it as, "a classic fairy tale, with swordplay, giants, an evil prince, a beautiful princess, and yes, some kissing." What's not to love about that?

More importantly, at the beginning of the movie, it had this conversation



between a grandson and a grandfather:
The Grandson: A book? Grandpa: That's right. When I was your age, television was called books. And this is a special book. It was the book my father used to read to me when I was sick, and I used to read it to your father. And today I'm gonna read it to you.
A movie that has at its center a grandfather reading to his grandson has to be a great movie. And it was! What I really liked about the movie was that it portrayed that reading can be an exciting shared activity.

In 1987, when this movie appeared, I was the father of two young sons. At that time my oldest son was five years old and my youngest was not even a year old. My wife and I loved reading and we tried to instill a love of reading in our children. We made a commitment to read to our sons every day.
A third son would come along in 1989, and by then part of our family culture was reading. We set aside time every night to read. When we went on car trips we had backpacks full of books for them to read. Reading was just

something that our family did. I continued to read aloud to our boys every night through middle school.
Why did we take reading so seriously in our family? First of all it was fun. Curling up in a chair with one of my boys next to me and a book that we both loved was a great way to spend 15 or 20 minutes. Often it would turn into thirty or forty minutes.
As my boys grew, reading was something that bound us together. Every night it gave us a chance to be with each other. It gave us a chance to talk

and to learn and to enjoy one another.
My wife and I also understood the importance of reading. Reading expands a person's vocabulary, exposes them to new ideas, and gives them perspective. We wanted our sons to be readers because reading would provide a foundation for everything that they would want to do in life.
Summer is a great time to read. Books are available from a variety of locations. I would encourage you to go to the Novi Public Library. Find good books to share with your children. It is time that is

not wasted.
Reading is a great activity. *The Princess Bride* showed that reading helps build a connection between grandfathers and grandsons. I believe that reading helps build a connection between all kinds of people. We need to be a community that reads.
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/vdocsmatthews, or www.novisuperintendent.blogspot.com.

NOVI ON CAMPUS

Michigan State University

Alyssa Breugh, of Novi, is among the 315 students who are beginning classes as medical students at the College of Osteopathic Medicine. The class will take its preclinical training at one of three Michigan sites - on the MSU campus in East Lansing, at the Detroit Medical Center downtown, or at the Macomb University Center in Clinton Township. Following that, they will receive two years of clinical education in one of the hospitals statewide affiliated with the college. The entering class includes 172 males and 143 females, ranging in age from 20 to 40. Two hundred seventy nine are from Michigan, and 20 are from Canada, participating in a special program to increase the number of osteopathic physicians in that country.



Animals visit teen center

(At left) Emily Barnes, 12, smiles as she gets an up-close look at a blue-tongued skink by Lansing's Potter Park Zoo's Bill Gorman. Gorman, the skink, an armadillo and a snake or two visited the Novi Teen Center on July 23 to give the kids a look at some of the zoo's collection. (Above) Gabby Maraderosian, 16, is shocked at how cute the face of an armadillo is as it's held in the hand of Gorman. Maraderosian doesn't attend the center, but was in the Novi Middle School that day for summer school gym class and stopped by to look at the zoo's creatures.

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'Big dream'

Owning Mediterranean eatery means a lot to cousins from Egypt



Alexandria Mediterranean Cuisine's Kareem Ssein scoops out some hot-from-the-oven pita bread during the July 20 lunch hour rush.



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Sam Gabr displays his new Novi restaurant's shish combo at Alexandria Mediterranean Cuisine's location. The Mediterranean restaurant is in the former Grapevine spot.

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Sam Gabr, 22, and cousin Alex Zaki, 26, are excited about their recently opened Alexandria Mediterranean Cuisine in Novi.

The young men have worked in the restaurant field since their teens, having come from their native Egypt. "We know a lot about it," Gabr said of the restaurant industry. "We have very healthy and fresh food. We make our food daily and fresh. They use a lot of olive and vegetable oil in cooking. The restaurant has smoothies and a fresh-squeezed juice bar."

Gabr is moving to Farmington Hills and Zaki is a Canton resident. They're excited about owning and operating their own restaurant in their 20s.

"To have my own business at this age is a big dream," Gabr said. "I'm working hard to get peo-

ple to try my food out." He knows cooking, but has an experienced chef from Lebanon for kitchen work. Gabr said his business neighbors have been welcoming, wishing him "good luck" as he and Zaki prepared to open.

Many people like Mediterranean and Middle Eastern food and its health benefits, he said, good for their business. They've been busy passing out fliers and menus. "I just want to please them and bring them in to try my food," Gabr said. The business partners find their location good for walking; their restaurant has a patio for outdoor dining.

"I have a lot of big businesses around me," Gabr said, including Walmart coming. "The area's really nice."

He has a liquor license but must wait six months to use it. Gabr's quick to praise their fresh homemade bread with garlic. "I have a lot of custom-

ers during lunchtime," Gabr said, noting they're of various ethnic backgrounds, including Indian and Asian.

He's studying business at Oakland Community College and plans to transfer to Oakland University. Zaki's a master's student in accounting at Davenport University. The restaurant is at 43155 Main Street in the

former Grapevine site, and can be reached at (248) 712-1712. Hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Appetizers, salads, soups, entrees and desserts are on the menu. The website is www.alexandriacuisine.com.

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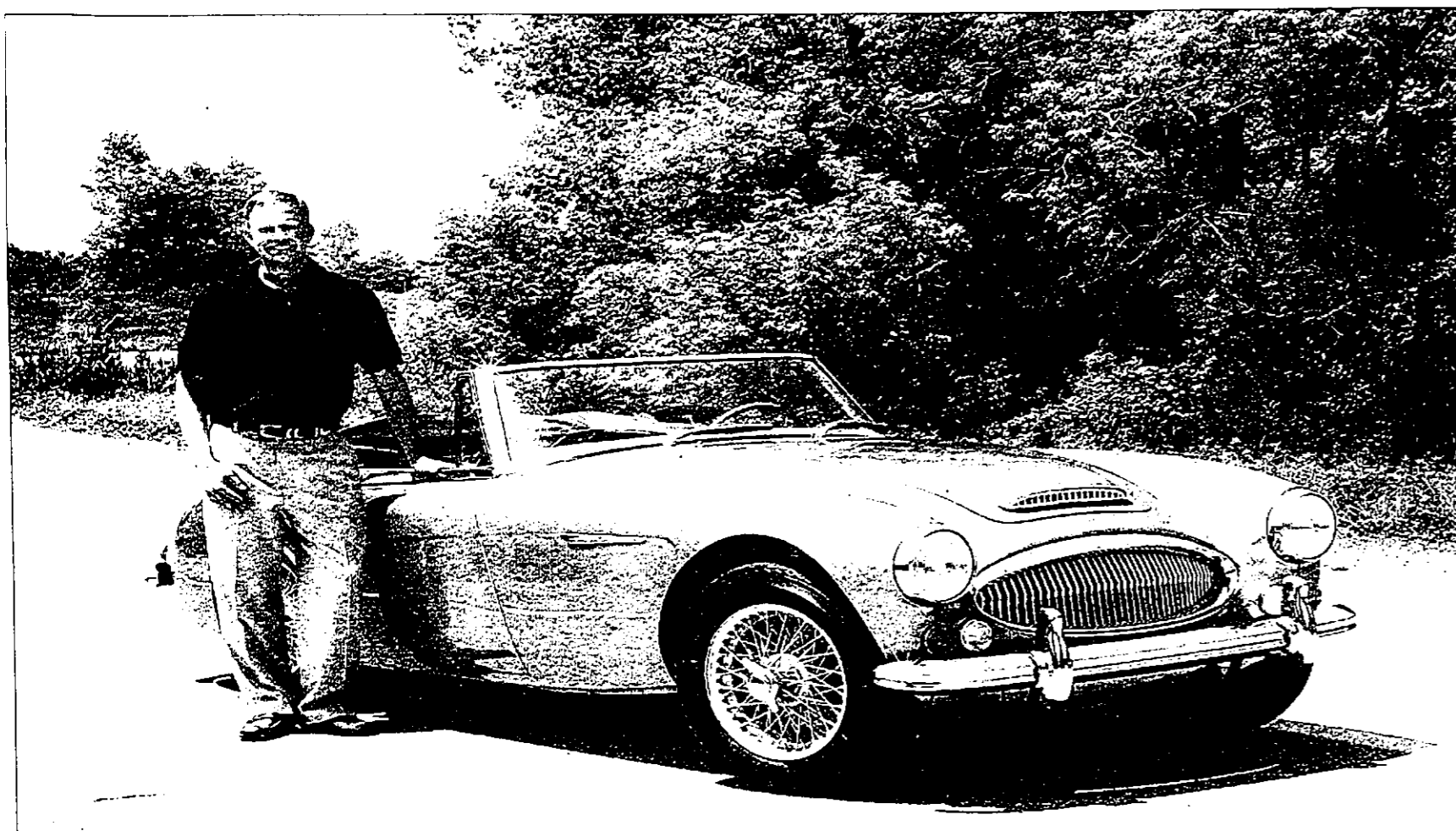
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Daniel R. Frakes of Novi will show his 1967 Austin Healey Roadster in this year's Concours d'Elegance July 29.

'Essence of a sports car'

Novi man's Austin Healey in Concours d'Elegance

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Daniel R. Frakes of Novi won't have far to go for the Concours d'Elegance this July. He'll display his 1967 Austin Healey Roadster.

Frakes was in another Concours d'Elegance around 2000 at Meadowbrook grounds with another Austin Healey. He owns three collectible cars.

IF YOU GO

The Concours d'Elegance will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 29, at the Inn at St. John's, on Five Mile west of Northville Road in Plymouth Township. Some 300 classic and rare automobiles from across the country and the world will be shown. \$25 general admission includes free parking, shuttle and

program book. For information, call (248) 645-8645 or go to www.concoursusa.org. Children age 12 and under are admitted free with paid adult admission. There will be related events in the days leading up to the Concours. There is a motoring tour 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, July 27, departing from The Inn at

St. John's, classic autos will drive the countryside with a stop at Concours' director Richard Kughn's collection. The tour will continue with the final stop for lunch at Mill Race Village in Northville. The buildings at the village will be open for touring. Classic cars and motorcycles, pre-1970, are welcome.

There is also a Saturday night Charity Gala, a ticketed event in St. John's Atrium, to be held 6:30-10 p.m. Saturday, July 28. A City of Northville Concours Preview Party will be 3-9 p.m. Saturday, July 28, with classic cars and free showings of the movie "Tucker" at the Marquis Theater.

He's from a second-generation GM family, his dad having worked as a mechanical engineer for the automaker.

He likes the classic lines and open air feel of British convertible roadsters.

Frakes is married, and he and his wife go boating. He's also a private pilot. His car originally belonged to his brother-in-law who got it as a dental school graduation

gift. Frakes drove it a few years before restoration, noting it does well in terms of collectible value with its color — a combination of gold, pewter and silver.

He's looking forward to the nearby Concours d'Elegance. "I'm excited about the move, with it kind of being in my back yard," he said of the hosting Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township. This will be the second year for the Concours there, and Frakes finds it a good facility for the auto exhibit.

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The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of the law. This test is open to all interested parties. For further information, contact the Novi City Clerk's Office at 248-347-0456.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, MMC, CITY CLERK

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NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2012 FOR City of Novi

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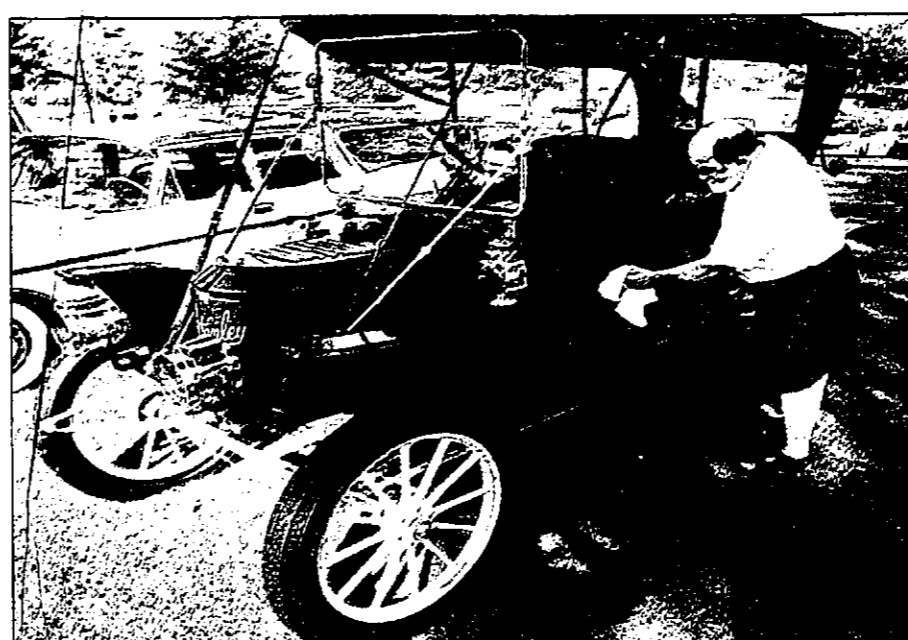
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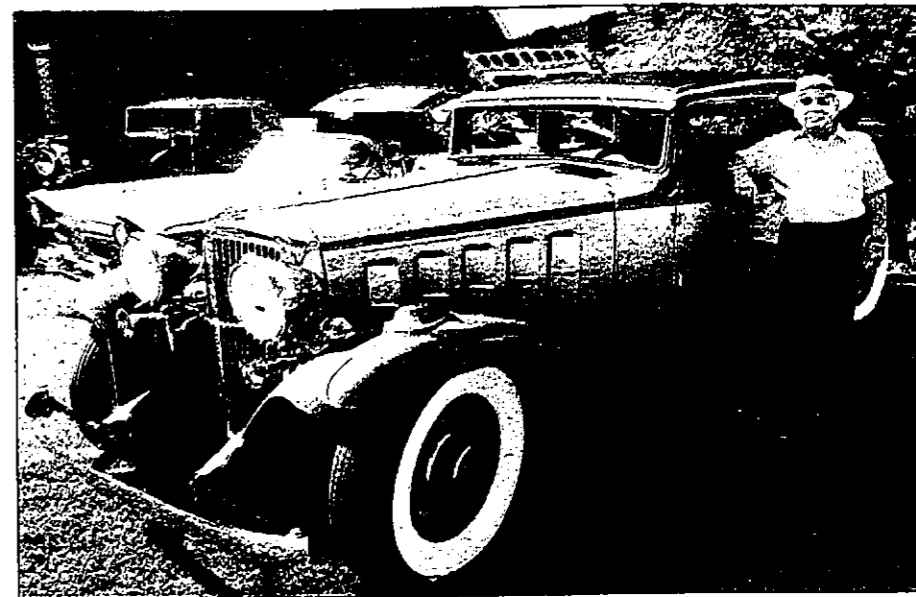
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Concours d'Elegance visitors welcome in Northville



Plymouth resident Gerald Szostak polishes up his 1910 Stanley at the Concours D'Elegance Auto Show media day on July 17 at St. John's Conference Center. Szostak said that there were about 20,00 of the cars made by the Massachusetts-based company that was in operation from 1897-1927.



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Lee Barthell will be showing his 1932 Victoria Nash Coupe at this year's Concours D'Elegance auto show at Plymouth Township's St. John's Conference Center. The Farmington Hills resident (with a Northville mailing address) stands with his car at the show's media preview day on July 17.

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Lovers of vintage automobiles and the annual Concours d'Elegance will enjoy visiting downtown Northville during the event. From 3-9 p.m. Saturday, July 28, downtown Northville residents can park behind Northville Square shopping area, she said, and use the shuttle from there to visit the Concours.

with a shuttle running to their downtown and had a good ridership. We are expecting we will get the same."

Both show visitors and vendors are expected to visit downtown Northville. Northville residents can park behind Northville Square shopping area, she said, and use the shuttle from there to visit the Concours.

A large lot across from the post office in Northville will be available free of charge. There is an admission charge for the Concours d'Elegance.

The staff at Concours d'Elegance," Ward said. Many residents are car owners and have had cars in the show. Also, many are affiliated with the auto industry.

The featured artist, Tom Hale, who did the poster and program cover, has a Northville address with Farmington Hills residency. There will be an exhibit at the Concours site including Hale and other artists with auto-themed art.

"I know that the Concours folks have been delighted with the reception they got," Ward said of the event, which moved from the Mead-

owbrook grounds to Plymouth Township last year. "We're delighted they're in this part of the woods."

There will be 300 exhibitors with vehicles and 60-70 people related to judging. A lot affiliated with the event will be looking for things to do. Northville "provides something for them to do while they're in town for the event," she said, noting the Concours starts on Sunday and those people will arrive early.

Saturday, July 28, will feature Northville's Concours D'Elegance Preview Event and Rare Car Exhibit. Taking place

on Main Street between Hutton and Center streets, the event, sponsored by the Northville Downtown Development Authority and Roush Racing, includes a vintage car exhibition featuring 20 pre-war vehicles. There will be live music throughout the day from jazz duo The Sugar Snaps and swing band The Tom Allport Band.

The car exhibit will run 3-8 p.m. that day. The Sugar Snaps will play 4-6 p.m. The Tom Allport Band 7-9 p.m. Shuttle service, sponsored by Poole's Tavern and Allstate-Joel Schembri Agency, will also be

available from the Inn St. John's in Plymouth Township to downtown Northville on Saturday and Sunday, July 28-29. Hours of operation for the shuttle service are: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, July 28; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, July 29. Visitors to Northville's Concours D'Elegance Preview Event and Rare Car Exhibit can also enjoy walking through town and viewing six art masterpieces from the DIA's InsideOut Exhibit. For information on the event, visit www.downtownnorthville.com.

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Sidharth Chhabra, left, and another parader enjoy a twirling dance as they and others enjoy the July 21 Festival of Chariots in Novi.

Festival of Chariots



Cristina Ley smiles as she enjoys the chants and dances of 'hare krishna, hare rama' as the Festival of Chariots and its singers, dancers and drummers makes its way down Taft Rd. in Novi on July 21.



Piyusha Kalle, center, and Niva Musunoori, right, help to carry the flag announcing the symbolic arrival of the Festival of Chariots to Novi on July 21. The three-story high chariot was drawn by hand along Ten Mile Rd to Taft during the start of the Indian & Hindu celebration of Rath Yatra, which originates and is still celebrated yearly in the Indian town of Puri and commemorates Lord Jagannath's annual visit to Gundicha mata's temple.



The ISKON Festival of Chariots rolls along Ten Mile in Novi.



After the Parade, attendees were offered a free vegetarian meal by the International Society of Krishna Consciousness.



The path of the chariot is symbolically cleaned by a sweeper as it continues down Taft Rd. in Novi.



Parade activities are reflected in a woman's sunglasses.

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A Tremendous Tuesday

(Above) Nikki Van Dis and her kids Krista, 6, and Nate, 4, center, and a few others take in the July 10 Tremendous Tuesdays of the Sizzling Summer Series of concerts and events. Tuesdays' events are held at Fuertst Park and the July 10 meeting featured a presentation by Mad Science. (At right) Mad Science presenter "Florescent Phred" demonstrates how inertia can keep a glass of water steady on a platform as he twirls it around a crowd.



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Melissa Jean Laird and Sean James Giovanni, both of Nashville, Tenn., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Michael and Dorothy Laird, of Novi. She is a 2004 graduate of Novi High School. She then graduated from Central Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in human resources and legal studies. She is employed as a human resources manager by Nashville Skin and Cancer, while also pursuing a master's degree in dietetics.

The groom-elect is the son of James and Colleen Giovanni, of Farmington Hills. He graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School in 2004. He is a record producer and owns and operates the Record Shop recording studio in Nashville, Tenn.

An October 2013 wedding is planned at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.



Sean James Giovanni and Melissa Jean Laird

Davenport Johnson promoted at Comerica

Rhonda Davenport Johnson has been named senior vice president and director of the Comerica Loan Center. Davenport will oversee all Comerica Loan Center operations for mortgage, home equity, consumer and small business loans generated through Comerica's national operations.

Davenport succeeds David Huiskens, who retired after 28 years with Comerica. A 25-year veteran of Comerica, Davenport held positions of increasing responsibility in banking center management most recently as senior vice president and regional manager of Comerica's Oakland region of Michigan banking centers.



Davenport

During her tenure with the bank, she also held positions in Business Banking, new business development, and operations. Davenport holds a bachelor's degree in business and an MBA from Western Michigan University and is a graduate of the Consumers Bankers Association's Graduate School of Retail Bank Management.

She currently serves on the Board of Directors for Hospice of Michigan Foundation, where she is the incoming chair, and the Urban League of Detroit and Southeastern Michigan. She has also served in volunteer positions for the American Cancer Society, Garden City Hospital board of trustees, American Heart Association, United Negro College Fund,

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and United Way of Washtenaw County.

Ravid moves up at Atlas Oil

Atlas Oil has named Daniel Ravid chief administrative officer and vice president of finance. Ravid will also join the company's senior leadership team.

"Dan is a strong addition to our leadership team at Atlas," said Kirk Haggarty, executive vice president and chief financial officer. "He brings considerable experience to us, not only with traditional financial functions but also strategically with his background in M&A and financial advisory services. His skills will be instrumental to our company's growth."



Ravid

In his new role, Ravid will be responsible for leadership and management of the accounting, credit, collections, finance and treasury functions. He will also assume leadership of the Atlas Resource Center which is located in Taylor, Mich.

Ravid came to Atlas in March 2012 in an interim role and possesses 22 years of experience in business management and financial consulting. Prior to joining Atlas, Ravid held the position of managing director, corporate finance at FTI Consulting. He also held positions at PricewaterhouseCoopers and other consulting firms where he performed financial, M&A, restructuring and strategic advisory services. In addition, Ravid held the position of vice-president and general manager

of RRI, a national consumer products manufacturer and distributor that was a vendor to all major retailer chains in the United States. Ravid played an integral role in the financing, launching and long-term branding of several national product lines that grew to become common household names.

Ravid received an M.B.A. with a concentration in finance and accounting and a B.A. in economics, both from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He is also a certified public accountant in the state of Michigan. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants. He and his family reside in Novi.

Lumley, Langley Join Teach For America

Teach For America announced that Joshua Lumley and Paula Langley, Novi natives, have been accepted to the organization's 2012 teaching corps. Teach For America is the national corps of top recent college graduates and professionals who commit to teach for two years in urban and rural public schools and become lifelong leaders in the pursuit of educational opportunity for all students.

Joshua Lumley is a 2008 graduate of Novi High School and 2012 graduate of University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, and Paula Langley is a 2008 graduate of Novi High School and 2012 graduate of Marygrove College. Lumley will teach in The Rio Grande Valley and Langley will teach in New York.



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Getting the hang of it

Learn-to-skate instructor Meredith Bauer, left, plays keep away from student Abby Losey, 4, during a June 27 class at the Novi Ice Arena. The day's class had more than a dozen youngsters on skates as they began to learn their way around a rink. For more information on summer skating programs at the Novi Ice Arena, go to www.novoicearena.com or call (248) 347-1010.



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Debbie Glover, left, of Van Houtte Farms out of Armada sells some fresh vegetables to Nick Zakovich during the July 11 Walled Lake Farmer's Market. The market, located on Maple Rd. near Pontiac Trail, is open every Wednesday through the summer from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Northville set to host 31st NABF World Series

By Sam Eggleston
 Correspondent

They come from New York and Toronto, from Maryland, Ohio and Texas. They are the best of the National Amateur Baseball Federation U16 teams in the country, and they're here in Northville for the biggest tournament of the season.
 Northville is no stranger to the NABF World Series tournament. The community has hosted the event for the past 31 years. For 2012, a full compliment of 12 teams—including Northville's own Broncos—will be taking to the diamonds around town to determine which squad has the right to claim the title of national champions.
 "With a true National Championship at stake, the intensity at every game is tremendous," said Scott Baldwin, director of the NABF Tournament. "Fans of all ages can enjoy watching the best 16-year-old players from around the country."



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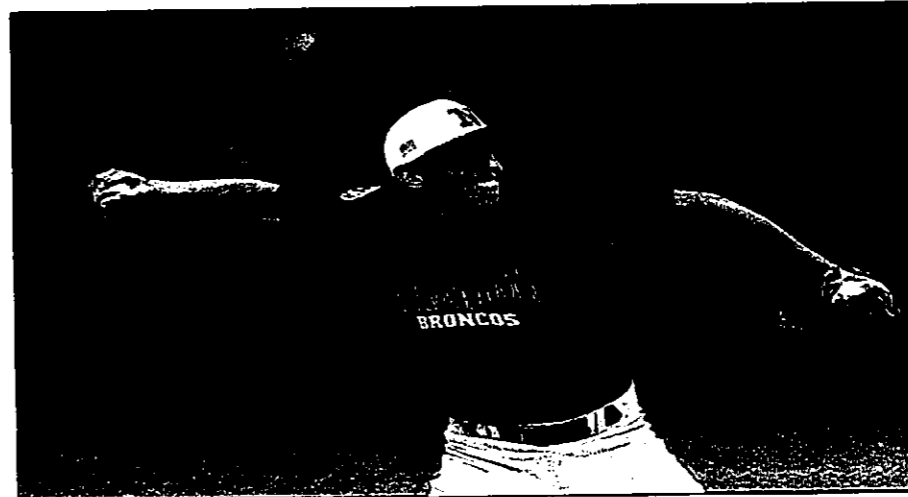
Broncos' Jack Gessert hammers a base hit during last year's NABF tournament hosted by Northville.

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Northville Broncos prepped and ready for World Series

By Sam Eggleston
 Correspondent

When it comes to the NABF World Series tournament being hosted in Northville, there is always one giant upside for the local community—their own team gets an automatic bid.
 The Broncos, who are coached by Ken Cheslik, will be looking to make the most of that opportunity once again this year as the community hosts the World Series for the 31st year.
 "We would like to thank the NABF for offering this tournament and allowing Northville to host it," said Cheslik, who has coached the Broncos in three different World Series tournaments over the years. "It is a lot of fun. It is great for the community and it is great for the kids to have this



Northville Bronco Bobby Nayh makes a throw on the infield during last year's National Amateur Baseball Federation playoffs at Hillside.

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as a goal to be able to play in this tournament." The World Series annually brings in some of the best U16 players in the country. They come from New York, Ohio and even Canada, among others.

Cheslik said that his team will welcome their fellow baseball players to Northville, but that

doesn't mean they'll just step aside and let these top-notch programs have a guaranteed victory. Instead, the Broncos will be looking to make a run at the title themselves.
 "Our goals are to get to the finals, knowing if we can make it that far we can win it," he said. "In order to reach these goals, we can't give up extra outs and we need to limit base on balls."
 Northville has been prepping all season for this tournament and made sure their regular-season schedule was chock full of top-quality teams.
 "We have played in a series of competitive tournaments this summer, in addition to playing in a challenging league," said Cheslik. "We feel many of the teams we played this year are

on par with the teams we will see in the World Series."
 Cheslik said his team expects to see some very solid baseball players who know the key to baseball is not giving up until the final out. In addition, they will likely come across some of the best pitching they've seen all year.
 But Cheslik and the Broncos don't mind—their roster is full of talented players, too. On this year's U16 Broncos team are: Dan Baldwin, Jake Cheslik, Brad Coutts, Mitch Deacon, Tim Eis, Eric Fox, Jake Hansen, Michael Lopez, Jake Slominski, Mitch Sykes, Nolan Waldeck, Evan Wieland and Zach Wilds. The team is coached by Cheslik with assistants Tom Deacon, Todd Eis, Greg Cheslik and Don Slominski.

Pavlika sisters overcome obstacles and rise to top at new school

By Chris Jackett
 Correspondent

Three of Novi's sports teams received an unexpected boost this past school year thanks to a pair of talented sisters from Temperance.
 Sam Pavlika, 18, and Taylor Pavlika, 16, transferred to Novi from Temperance Bedford last fall just one month into their respective senior and sophomore years.

The transition worked in the best interest for both sisters, as both made the varsity squads for each girls basketball, soccer and track at Novi. Sam was the soccer squad's netminder while simultaneously winning the Division I shot put title and All-Area Player of the Year honors with the track and field team, while Taylor was a vital piece to the puzzle with high soccer and track

aspirations for the next two years.
 "I'm just looking forward to the next two years at Novi," Taylor said. "Novi's been really good for me."
 The two girls had to sit out the first month of the basketball season last winter per MHSAA rules, but were happy to join the team after winter break.

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From left, Novi seniors Jessica Jarvis (Bowling Green), Samantha Pavlika (IPFW) and Madelyn Haustein (Ferris State) joined their U18Jaguars soccer teammates at Total Sports Complex in Wixom Feb. 1 to sign their National Letters of Intent to play college soccer.

PHOTO BY CHRIS JACKETT

Q&A for the 2012 U16 Northville Broncos

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Each player was asked the same four questions to give the fans a chance to get to know their Broncos:
 1. Who is your favorite major league player?
 2. What is your favorite baseball memory?
 3. Who do you most admire and why?
 4. What are your future goals?

The Northville Broncos are geared up and ready to play some ball this week in the NABF World Series, which is in its 31st year being hosted in Northville.



DAN BALDWIN
2nd Base/Outfield
1. Miguel Cabrera
2. Playing in Cooperstown
3. My grandparents because they are always there for me and they come to my sporting events whenever possible
4. Playing softball with my brothers and dad in a few years



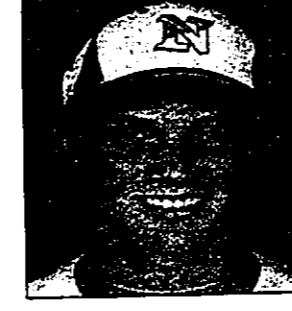
JAKE CHESLIK
Third Base/Catcher
1. Andrew McCutchen
2. Playing in Cooperstown
3. My dad because he always pushes me to do my best and he will always tell me what I am doing wrong so I can fix it and make myself better at whatever I am doing
4. Attend college at Ohio State



BRAD COUTTS
Outfield
1. Troy Tulowitzki
2. Winning the CYO Championship in 7th grade for St. Mike's
3. My dad because he has taught me plenty of life lessons and has given me the opportunity to play all of the sports I enjoy
4. To attend college and become a Physician's Assistant



MITCH DEACON
Center Field/Pitcher
1. David Wright
2. Going to Cooperstown
3. Pops, because he was a great guy who loved sports and came to all of my games
4. Graduate from college and get a good job



TIM EIS
Pitcher/2nd Base
1. Justin Verlander
2. Going to Cooperstown as a U12 Bronco
3. My parents because they support me by going to my games and help coach me to becoming a better player
4. To win a State Championship at Northville HS and to attend college



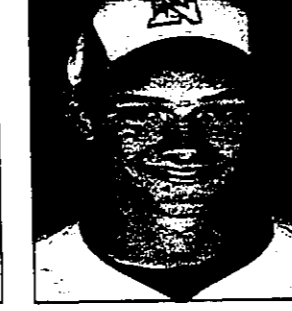
ERIC FOX
Shortstop/Outfield
1. David Ortiz
2. My first home run in Sylvania, OH
3. My mom and dad because they taught me never to give up, to work hard and never take anything for granted
4. To play college baseball



JAKE SLOMINSKI
Catcher/Pitcher
3rd Base
1. Miguel Cabrera
2. Playing baseball in Cooperstown
3. My dad because he has taught me patience, work ethic and how to challenge myself
4. To be accepted to the University of Michigan



NOLAN WALDECK
Outfielder/Pitcher
1. Placido Polanco
2. Hitting an in-the-park home run
3. My grandmother because of her perseverance in life and because she makes every effort she can to come to my games
4. To achieve a good college education and move forward with my life from there



EVAN WIELAND
Outfielder/2nd Base
1. Austin Jackson
2. Hitting my first inside the park home run at Fish Hatchery
3. My father because he got me into sports and he is very successful
4. To become a successful scientist



ZACH WILDS
First Base/Pitcher
1. Prince Fielder
2. Hitting two grand slams in one game run at Fish Hatchery
3. My dad because he is incredibly hard working and a great man
4. To play baseball in college and get a good education

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Some of these players, just like in years past, will go on to careers in professional baseball. You may even be able to say you saw a future MLB All-Star (if you've come to past tournaments), Alex Avila played in our World Series in 2004.

The tournament begins with a skills competition, which took place at Ford Field yesterday, and advances to pool play and into the elimination tournament. It all culminates with a World Series Championship game on Sunday afternoon.

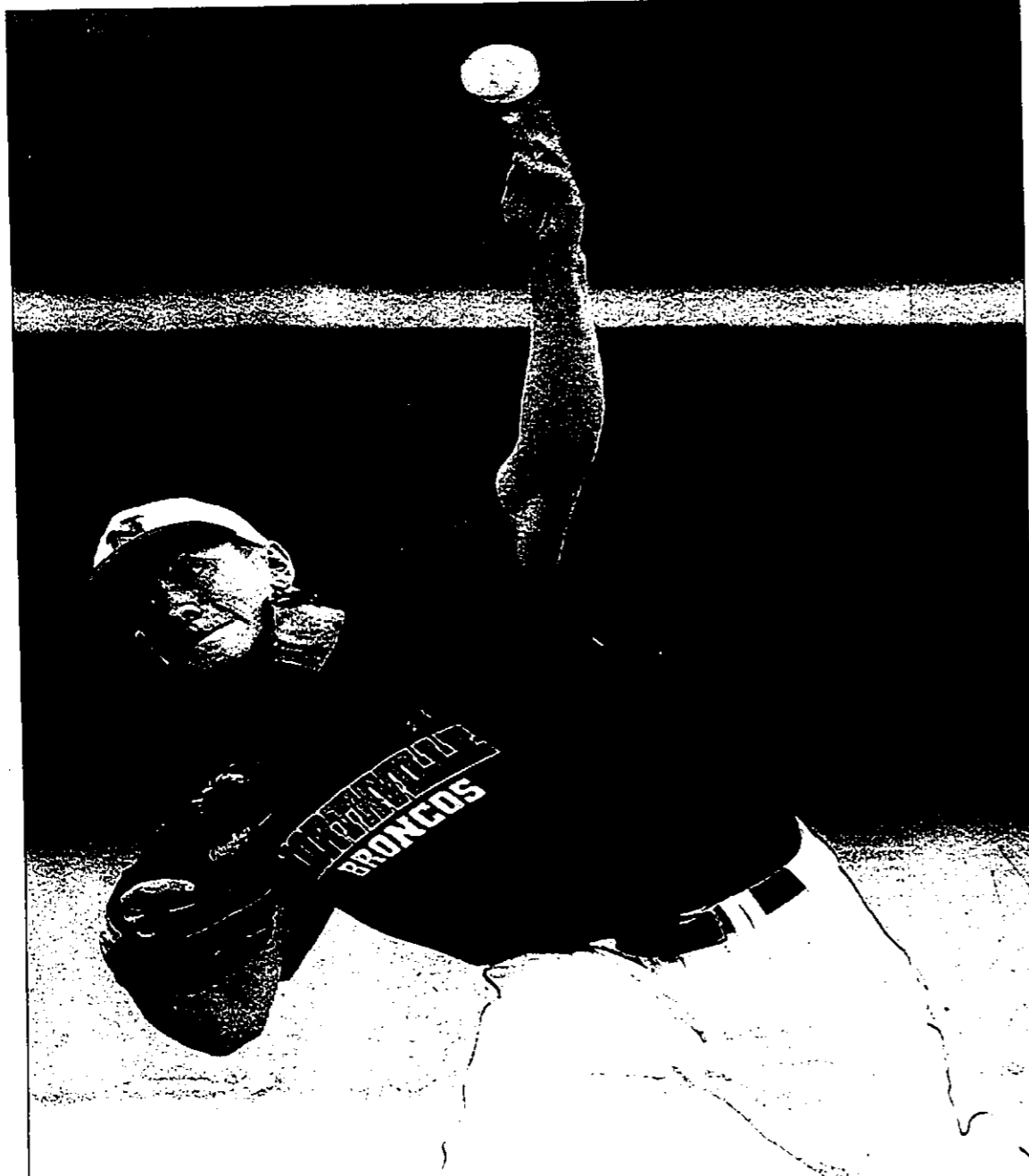
"We expect this year's Series to be the biggest and most exciting so far," said Baldwin.

This year's line-up of teams include the SAYO Grays (Brooklyn, NY), the B45/Marucci Titan-Storm (Long Island, NY), the Allen Baseball Club (Houston, Texas), Creekside Fitness (Youngstown, Ohio), the Northville Broncos (Northville), the Top Tier Nationals (McCook, Illinois), the La Plata Junior Legion Blue (La Plata, Maryland), the Ohio Glaciers (Youngstown, Ohio), Team Cincinnati (Cincinnati, Ohio), the Schenectady Indians (Schenectady, NY) and the Toronto Mets (Toronto, Ontario).

Baldwin said that while the majority of the teams are regional winners who worked their way through tournaments to the NABF World Series, it doesn't mean the local Bronco's automatic bid counts them out of the running.

"Most of the teams coming for the World Series are regional teams, so they are drawing from a far larger population than Northville. Consequently, they are apt to have teams loaded with power hitters," admitted Baldwin. "Northville, on the other hand, is more inclined toward a finesse game. When the World Series officially became a wooden bat tourney two or three years ago, power hitting became less of a factor and great baseball finesse became more important. Northville has become more competitive. We may not have the biggest teams, but we play smart baseball and take advantage of our opportunities. Plus, our kids have been getting great coaching starting at a very young age, and it is paying off."

All games for the NABF World Series program are free admission. Funds are raised to support the tournament through the sale of souvenir programs.



Broncos pitcher Jeffrey Gertley in action against a team from New York during last year's tournament.

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"It was kind of rough at first, but once basketball started, it was a lot easier," Sam said of transferring midway through her senior year.

"Me and my sister practiced like 100 times before we could even step on the court," Taylor added of the few months leading up to their January debut. The girls, who also play premier club soccer with the Novi Jaguars throughout the year, ran into problems at Bedford while attempting to do dual sports in the same season.

"We played basketball and club soccer at the same time. Our basketball coach did not like us being multi-sport athletes," Taylor said. "My sister missed a run-through practice before Districts because she had a soccer thing for her scholarship for college."

Sam secured a soccer scholarship to Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) over the winter after helping her Novi Jaguars team achieve success.

Understanding she'd be benched for one basketball game for skipping practice, Sam attended the soccer event. Her basketball team won the district quarterfinal without her on the court, although she was at the game with the team cheering them on from the sideline.

Upon returning to practice before the district semifinal, she was met with a cold shoulder from her coach despite being a junior captain, so she quit.

"If he would have apologized, it would have been fine," Taylor said of her sister's treatment.

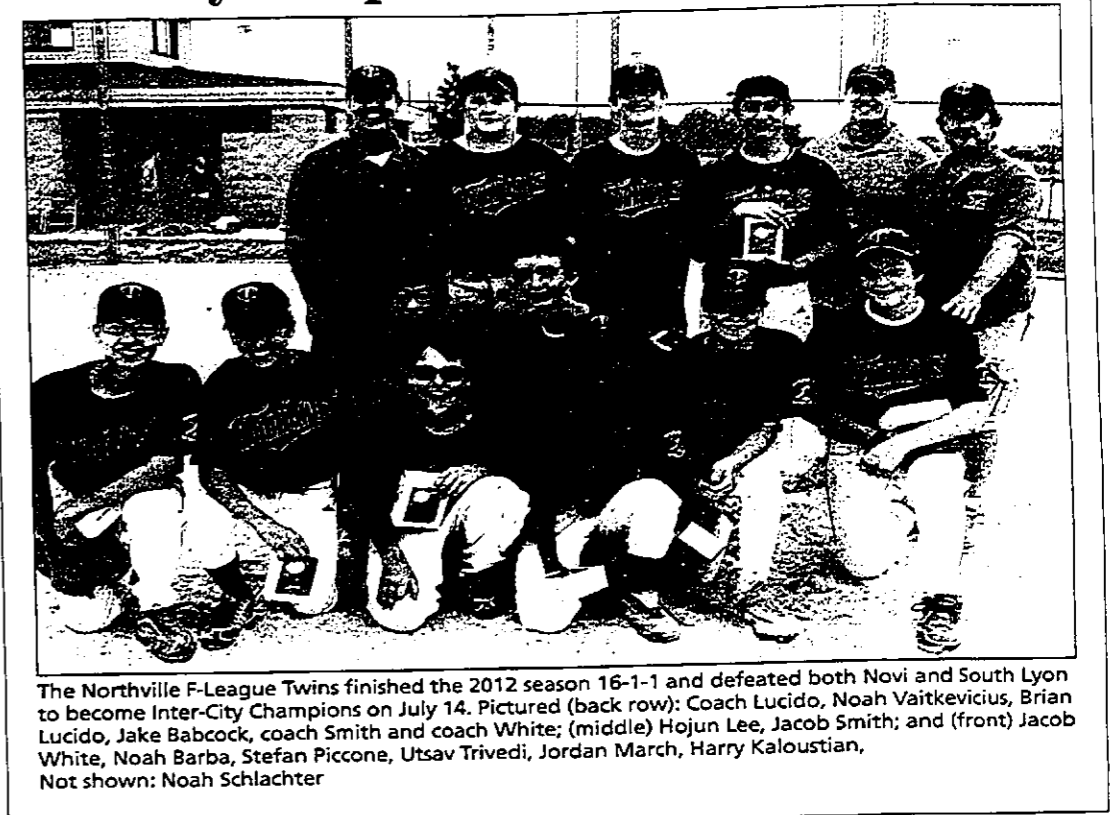
Taylor said she was ready to quit, as well, but decided to finish the season. She had a soccer game during the district semifinal and was consequently benched for the district final, which Bedford lost.

With basketball behind them, the Pavlikas paired with Jags teammate Taylor Pirrone during the Bedford soccer season, but it was mainly a three-girl show with Taylor leading the offense as a freshman.

"Soccer players at Bedford don't know how to play soccer and the coach didn't know that much," Sam said of credit-ing Novi soccer coach Brian O'Leary with helping her continue to grow as a player this past spring.

They also participated in track, and their soccer coach told them to skip a soccer district game because they had

Inter-City champs



The Northville F-League Twins finished the 2012 season 16-1 and defeated both Novi and South Lyon to become Inter-City Champions on July 14. Pictured (back row): Coach Lucido, Noah Vaitkevicius, Brian Lucido, Jake Babcock, coach Smith and coach White; (middle) Hojun Lee, Jacob Smith; and (front) Jacob White, Noah Barba, Stefan Piccone, Utsav Trivedi, Jordan March, Harry Kaloustian. Not shown: Noah Schlachter

Area chock full of All-State lacrosse talent

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Between the Northville Mustangs, the Novi Wildcats and the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks boys lacrosse teams, it appears that there is a complete All-State squad within just a few miles of each other.

Combined the three schools accounted for 18 spots on the All-State squad, ranging from first-team selections to honorable mention.

What's more is that the schools ended up with some All-American selections, too. Northville senior Jakob

Kippola earned field honors in the All-American voting for his performance during play while Novi's Curtis Herzog and Detroit Catholic Central's Brett Mizzi each earned Academic All-American honors for their work on the field and in the classroom.

In the All-State voting, Northville's Kippola (attack), Nick Mezelec (midfield) and Connor Smith, (special teams) all earned first-team honors, a distinction shared by Detroit Catholic Central's Jordan Yono (defense).

Earning second-team honors were Catholic Central's

Nick Gingell (midfield) and Danny Meyers (attack) as well as Novi's Travis Sparling (defense), Tommy McMaster (special teams) and Ken Burnett (attack). Third-team honors were awarded to Novi's Adam Haynes (midfield) and Scott Schramm (defense) as well as Northville's Joe Chase (attack) and Catholic Central's Alec Gilhooley (attack). Honorable mention honors were given to Northville's Joe Kim (goalie) and Max Williams (defense) as well as Novi's Herzog (attack) and Catholic Central's Gerald Perault (defense) and Steve Jerezynski (defense).

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Cubs error free in tourney



The Northville Cubs 12U baseball team were runner ups in the East Summer Classic at Eastern Michigan University. The Cubs went 3-0 in pool play before losing the championship game to the Adrian Lookouts. The Cubs did not commit an error the entire tournament. The tournament wrapped up another incredible season for the Cubs. The third year team finished in second place in the KVBSA travel league Advanced Trammel Division and went 4-3 at the Cooperstown Dreams Park tournament in New York. Bottom Left: Alex Gaff, Robert Ujkaj, Luke VanTiem (bat boy), Owen Marshall, Brandon Rice, Reed VanTiem. Middle Row: Mourad Toussinain, Eamon Horvedel (guest player), Aram Shahrigian, Ryan Perkins (guest player), Matt Whitcomb, Jake Moody. Back Row: Coaches Reed VanTiem, Jim Marshall, Jacob Gaff. Not Pictured: Coach Mike Conniff, coach Nick Lionas, Michael Conniff, Michael Lionas

Honoring the history of Northville soccer

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It's always nice to hear that the hard work and dedication put into a project is still appreciated years later, especially nice to find out how much it is still appreciated 39 years later.

Members of the inaugural Northville Arsenal and Northville High School soccer teams gathered last Friday at Genetti's in Northville to give thanks to the founders of the Northville Soccer Association.

Norman Davis, Dr. Dan Swayne and Dr. Mark Gans were honored last week at the special event, remembering the history of the program and how it came to be. Since then, Northville's soccer program has blossomed, building several state championship teams and a multitude of top-quality soccer players, including many Olympic Development Program regional team selections.

But in 1973, soccer in Northville just didn't exist and Davis, who had just moved into the area with his family, aimed to change that. Motivated to introduce the sport of soccer to Northville, Davis enlisted the help of Swayne and, later, Gans, to found a fledgling soccer league.

Three teams comprised the initial Northville soccer season, playing matches during the fall of 1973 on the Ford Field baseball diamond and outfield. The teams were named after the legendary English soccer clubs: United, Hotspurs and Arsenal. The uniforms were donated, but due to a mix-up, adult sizes were ordered instead of children's sizes and the oversized, bulky jerseys—adorned with a large Donald Duck on the front—were worn anyway.

"Unfortunately, we do have pictures," said Mark Swayne, who helped organize the event. He was one of the players on the inaugural teams.

After several seasons playing at Ford Field, the trio of found-

ers contacted some of the burgeoning soccer programs in southeast Michigan, including Livonia, Farmington, Plymouth, and Novi, to form the Western Suburban Soccer League (WSSL). Participating as the Northville Arsenal, Davis, Swayne, and Gans coached and managed the team.

As the Northville soccer scene continue to grow, Swayne, Gans, and Davis lobbied for the adoption of soccer as a varsity sport at Northville High School. In 1979, an exhibition match was scheduled between the Northville Arsenal and the defending high school state champion team from Livonia Stevenson. The game was played on the Northville football field in front of nearly 5,000 people. The Northville players earned a 5-3 victory in the cold, rainy night and drew enough attention to the sport to help ignite the need for a varsity team.

The Northville Arsenal developed quite the reputation, earning a 43-2-1 record. Six members were on the roster for the Michigan team that competed in the Maguire Cup national soccer tournament and played in the Midwest Division finals. Several players went on to play in the collegiate ranks, heading to Alma, Central Michigan, Clemson, Schofield, and the University of Michigan. In recent years, Arsenal players have gone on to coach youth, club, and Olympic development teams, winning state titles and championships.

After the initial seasons were coached by Ron Meteyer, a Northville teacher, Swayne and Gans shared the coaching duties of the Northville high school program for several seasons. Gans went on to lead the development of the soccer and baseball facilities in Northville that are now home to those recreation programs. Davis retired to Sewanee, Tenn., where he is a volunteer assistant to the University of the South men's soccer program.

U13 Mustangs win Commerce Classic



The U13 Northville Mustangs show off the hardware from winning the Commerce Classic on July 1. The Mustangs beat Grand Rapids Elite, 9-8, in the championship. Pictured: (front, from left) Tyler Demski, Austin Shepard, Alex Tyburski, Joey DeCampo and Jack Grace; (middle) Joe Ruggiello, Matt Waldeck, Dan Bos, Tim Elliott, Josh Gutowsky; (back) head coach Joe Delcampo, coaches Dan Gutowsky, Dan Grace and Dave Waldeck. Not pictured Connor Reinhart.

Broncos capture Frankenmuth title

The 10U Girls Broncos placed first in the Frankenmuth Invitational Softball Tournament, going 5-0 for the weekend. They were also first in the Western Wayne Softball League 10U Gold North Division. Front Row: Natalie Turner, Lia Kraviec, Maggie Petix, Jessica Moody, Elizabeth Whitcomb. Middle Row: Emma Bell, Jane Berry, Brooke Gibbons, Kaitlyn Hesse, Hannah O'Sullivan, Hannah Grant, Anna Timm. Back Row: Coaches Shannon Timm, Dave Timm, Dave Jerome, Kathi Jerome, Lisa Moody



U12 Broncos shine in Cooperstown



The U12 Northville Broncos headed east to Cooperstown in New York to take part in a week-long tournament held at Cooperstown Dreams Park. The Broncos were one of 104 teams vying for the coveted Cooperstown Championship trophy. Northville finished pool play 6-0 but fell to the Somers Nationals 5-1 in the elimination round. The Broncos finished the tournament 6-1.

SPORTS SHORTS

Baseball tryouts

The Northville Cubs U13 baseball team is holding tryouts July 29 (5-7 pm), July 30 (6-8 pm) and Aug. 1 (6-8 pm) at Maybury State Park off 8 Mile Road for the 2013 season.

The Cubs are a fourth-year team that competes in the KVBSA travel league's advanced division. The Cubs finished this season in second place with an 11-6-1 record. The Cubs also went 4-2 in pool play at Cooperstown Dreams Park.

The Cubs play between 50 and 60 games April through July, consisting of about 18 league games, eight weekend tournaments and scrimmages. We also hold indoor winter training sessions beginning in January. More than 90 percent of the Cubs team has been together for three years. We are devoted to creating a fun and focused environment for kids to play baseball and prepare for high school ball if that is their desire.

The Cubs will consider players from Northville or any surrounding communities. Please contact Jim Marshall at jim@northvillebaseball.com if interested in attending a tryout session or if you have additional questions.

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