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Thornton Creek Playground Building Day

After successfully raising over \$100,000 through grants, business sponsorships and school fundraising events, Thornton Creek Elementary School (46180 Nine Mile Road) will be building its new playground from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

This will be a community build, which means that volunteers are needed for the construction process throughout the day. Construction will be overseen by supervisors from Superior Play of Michigan and Northville Public Schools Operations and Maintenance. Volunteers are also needed to donate food and drink and to help at the food table during the day.

Sign up for a shift at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F49A5A623A20-thornton>. For more information, contact Claudia Ordonez, parent volunteer, at jycordonez@yahoo.com.

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Novi High School teacher Dale Rogers starts up the school's new MakerBot Replicator 2 3D printer as student Elijah Howe looks on. The printer allow students to computer design and then "print" three-dimensional objects to learn about engineering.

Novi High School students go 3D

New printer gives computer-aided design students look at their creations

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Novi High School has gone 3D with a new printer that's giving students in courses like CAD and Video Game Design a chance to see their creations come to life.

"This really shows us what we are making will look in real life," said senior Elijah

Panelists: Education reform needed

Funding of schools key issue at forum

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

Everyone on stage at the Education Forum in Novi Monday had a different point of view about the state of public education in Michigan, but all agreed on one thing: Some reforms are needed.

Topics like changing how public schools are funded to seeing beyond standardized tests as ways to measure student performance were discussed by a group of panelists inside the Novi Middle School as part of a forum hosted jointly by the school districts of Novi, Farmington, Livonia, Plymouth-Canton, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Waterford.

Overall, the discussion included student performance and effective schools, teacher recruitment, professional development and evaluation to public finance of education. The forum was moderated by television Channel 7's JoAnne Partan, who also has children in Novi schools.

The panelists included state legislators and school board members as well as local administrators. The forum also included a question-and-answer session with those in attendance. About half of the auditorium was filled with parents, teachers and other com-

Topouzian heading to Troy

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

He helped take the "no" out of Novi, but now Ara Topouzian is heading east and taking his talents to Troy as the president of its chamber of commerce.

Six years ago, he became Novi's first economic development director. At the time, the city had a reputation among developers, contractors and businesses as being hard to work with.

"It's that old notion — but it's not just specific to Novi — and it's a stigma. We try and reverse that," said Topouzian. "I was able to do that quite a bit. I tried for better part of my time to demystify that and change that attitude."

It wasn't just him, though. He said it was a collaborative effort with Oakland County, the Michigan Economic Development Corpora-



Topouzian

tion and, often, commercial brokers.

"Many times they are site selectors," he said. "All it takes is for them to say, 'Don't go to Novi because there is no one there to help you and it'll just be a horrible experience.' Having those connections changed that."

Topouzian said that when new businesses came to Novi, he'd act as a go-between or ombudsman to help make the process smoother.

"It's changed a lot," he said of his time in Novi. "It's more of a teamwork approach."

Although it's basically him and an assistant in the city's Economic Development Department, it's a focus of all city employees in one way or another.

Baby dies on Mother's Day

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff writer

A 7-month-old baby girl was found not breathing inside a Novi Meadows residence Mother's Day and was later pronounced dead after being transported to Providence Park Hospital.

According to Novi Assistant Police Chief Jerrod Hart, police and emergency personnel responded to the mobile home park, which is located off Napier Road, around 3 p.m. to find the little girl unresponsive.

"We started out with the bigger employers in town," he said. "And the first part of this year we began working on the international level, the Japanese businesses. Those are important. What you learn from retention — how they're doing in business and who they're doing business with — oftentimes can lead to business attraction."

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and Graphic Arts 1B. It's been a learning process up to this point, however, for Rogers. The addition of the 3D printer has already added a new dynamic to learning.

"It's been running most days and is giving the students an enhanced way to see their creations," said Rogers. "It helps them better visualize. It's what they would be using in these different industries."

Getting the printer, which cost around \$2,100, has been huge for the students, and it's Rogers' hope they can expand upon its use. Purportedly, it's the best desktop 3D printer on the market, with a resolution capability of 100 microns and a massive 410 cubic inch build volume. It aims to be the easiest, fastest, and most affordable tool for making professional quality models.

It can make multiple interchangeable parts that help the students make more professional looking prototypes. The MakerBot



A computer screen with a three-dimensional rendering of it appears in the reflection of Novi High instructor Dale Rogers.

Replicator 2 Desktop 3D Printer is designed with the renewable bioplastic PLA in mind. According to the makers of the printer, PLA is the most popular build material in 3D printing because of its strength and ability to make very large prints without cracking or warping.

Before Rogers said, the students would create their designs out of wood after designing them with software on the class' iPads and computers. The software, AutoCAD and Inventor, used for the printer was already known to and used by the

students, so it's not a big adjustment. This software is made by Autodesk in Novi.

Rogers said once created, the students import their designs into the software that came with the 3D printer to ultimately produce the objects.

Novi High is one of the few in the state to have this capability. The Oakland County Schools' Technical Campuses have 3D printers, but they are bigger and more expensive.



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A castle with towers - an example of what Novi High's 3D printer can turn out.

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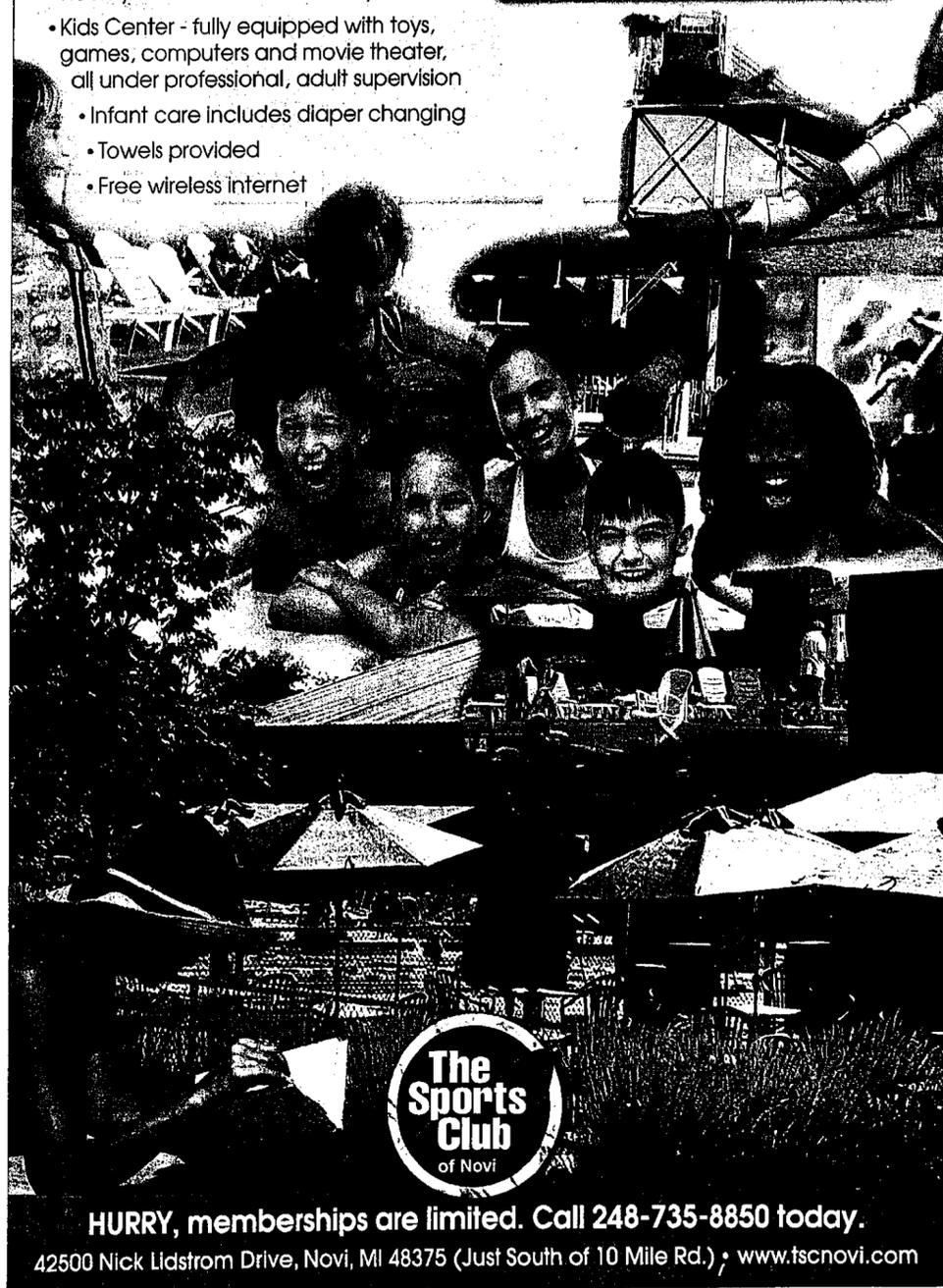
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See electric vehicles up close at Schoolcraft show

Demos, displays, ride and drive on tap

The latest technology and products for electric vehicles will be on display from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 8, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia at the fifth annual Michigan Electric Vehicle Show.

The free show (and rally), the largest event for EV owners and exhibitors in the Midwest, takes place on the main campus (Parking Lot North) at Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads. The public is invited to see all kinds of EVs and plug-in hybrid cars up close, talk to the owners

and ride or drive many of the cars around the Schoolcraft campus. The EVs include Ford Motor Co.'s C-MAX and Fusion; Chevrolet's Volt; Nissan's Leaf; Tesla's Roadster and Model S; Mitsubishi's i-MiEV; Detroit Electric Roadster; Toyota's Prius Plug-In; Think EV; Smart EV; plus electric scooters and performance EV motorcycles.

Other vehicles on display will include conversions like Chevy S10, Austin Healey Sprite, Fiat X19, Ford Escort, PT Cruiser, Porsche Box-

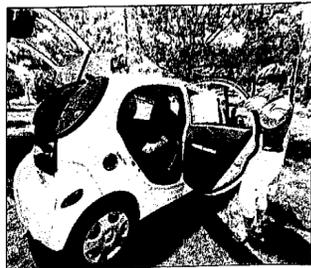
ster and even an electric jet-ski. Highlights of the event in recent years have been a 1916 Detroit Electric, a 1976 Citicar and drag-pull racing electric tractors.

"This is the largest event of its kind in the Midwest," said Larry Tuttle, president of the Michigan Electric Auto Association. "Besides learning all about the latest EV technology and talking to people who drive EVs every day, visitors can 'Ride and Drive' and watch the OEM and conversion EVs compete in an exciting Solo Auto-

cross Race."

Event co-sponsors are Schoolcraft College and the Michigan Electric Auto Association in partnership with Clean Energy Coalition, DTE Energy, Greening Detroit and O&E Media. Event organizers see the show as an educational and entertaining way to raise awareness of the general public about electric vehicles.

Several vendors who provide equipment, services and resources to the EV industry and EV owners will be on hand, including DTE Ener-



The fifth annual Michigan Electric Vehicle (EV) Show will feature cars like this from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 8, at Schoolcraft College.

gy Electric Vehicle Program; Charge Now and Clipper Creek charging stations; Sunventrix; Pro-tean Electric; McNaughton-McKay Electric Co.; and many others.

Refreshments will also be available. Jacques' Tacos will be onsite selling gourmet food from its mobile food truck.

Last year's show attracted more than 2,000 visitors.

Read more about the fifth annual Michigan Electric Vehicle Show at www.michiganevshow.org.

Start Friday off at Walsh with a taste of Michigan's economy

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Mayor Bob Gatt credits the city's manager and staff members for making Novi "the greatest city in Michigan," and he's going to make sure everyone hears that at tomorrow's Business Roundtable Breakfast at Walsh College.

Gatt, along with State Sen. Mike Kowall, R, 15th District, and Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, will hold an open discussion on the state's current economic climate hosted by the college's president, Stephanie Bergeron, from 7:30-9 a.m. Friday in Room 502 on the Novi campus.

"It's a privilege and an honor to participate in economic roundtable discussions with giants like Senator Kowall and County Executive Brooks Pat-

erson," said Gatt.

"I will be proud to exclaim how Novi is a leader amongst municipalities in the region with a balanced budget, a very strong rainy day fund, a growing work force and the only city in Michigan to reduce taxes last year without any corresponding drop in services to the community," the mayor added.

Gatt said he'll be sure to mention Novi's beautiful parks, first-class library, "and the fact that we live in a safe city with the finest police and fire departments anywhere to be found."

Gatt is currently serving his first two-year term after being elected mayor in November 2011 will seek re-election in the fall. Previously, Gatt served two four-year terms on the Novi City Council from 2003-

2011, and he spent 27 years in law enforcement with the Novi Police Department.

"As one of Southeast Michigan's largest business colleges, we believe it's important to take an active role in educating the community on current issues in the region," said Walsh College President Stephanie Bergeron. "We are very excited to host some of Michigan's brightest economic minds on our campus."

Kowall is serving his first term in the Michigan Senate after being elected in November 2010. He also served in the Michigan House of Representatives from 1998-2002, and most recently was the supervisor of White Lake Township. Kowall currently chairs the Senate Economic Development Committee.

"This promises to be a stim-

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ulating discussion," said Kowall, R-White Lake. "We have recently come out of some rough times economically here in the state, but we have put better policies in place, and most indicators show that we are now much healthier."

L. Brooks Patterson is serving his sixth four-year term as Oakland County Executive after winning re-election in 2012. Patterson oversees a \$780 million recommended annual budget for the county, which encompasses nearly 4,000

employees.

"I will most certainly thank Brooks Patterson for being a model leader, someone who I have admired and respected for many years," said Gatt. "It's a wonderful event that I am looking forward to."

A complimentary continental breakfast will be provided by the Suburban Collection Showplace and President Blair Bowman.

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community members.

Novi parent Kathleen Hood attended the forum to hear what the ideas were to improve the current situation in public education.

"I think the Legislature and Gov. Snyder are steamrolling and trying to undermine public schools," said Hood. "I'm deeply concerned and think something needs to change."

Proposal A

In their opening statements, some of the panelists pointed to Proposal A and its impact on public financing of schools, mostly the negative aspects. Passed by voters in 1994, Proposal A was used to reform school financing and cut-and-keep property taxes. It restricts school districts from asking their voters to increase property taxes for ongoing school operating expenses.

Novi Board of Education President Dennis O'Connor, who is also a trustee with Oakland County School Board Association, said one of the main things the public needs to know on a local level is that, "we're trying to operate our local school districts on an even playing field."

But he said this is growing more difficult as money from Proposal A is transferred to high education. He said the question remains in Michigan, "Why does Lansing con-

tinue to raid the state aid fund in terms of funding for K-12 public education... I do think we deserve at the local level to have the funds that are constitutionally provided to us under Proposal A."

He said for 2013 approximately \$400 million in state funds generated from Prop A are being transferred to colleges and universities, which, he added, have other ways to generate revenue that K-12 schools can't. Going forward, he thinks Michigan needs to address this inequity so the playing field can be balanced.

Farmington Public School Superintendent Susan Zurvalec also said public financing had become a hot issue. She said in general there were at least four areas that needed to be brought to the forefront: preparing students for the global world; addressing the growing inequities or opportunity gap among students; recruiting talented teachers; and supporting them.

The last area is financing education, and Zurvalec said many of her parents are concerned about it. She said for the last six years it's been a never-ending cycle of cutting budget and staff. According to Zurvalec, in Farmington schools the operational budget revenues have declined by \$20 million in a budget that was \$154 million.

"I believe it's pretty well established that we think Proposal A is pretty broken and our fund-

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much prior to Topouzian's role, and it led to companies like Tognum and Mando setting up shop in Novi.

It's not known yet who will take over his position here, but he'll be gone at the end of the month and taking over Troy's chamber on June 3. That organization includes approximately 700 members in a city of more than 80,000.

This won't be his first chamber job, though. Prior to coming to Novi,

Topouzian was the president of what is now the Greater Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce.

"I was told of the (Troy) position being open at the beginning of the year and I threw my hat in the ring," said Topouzian. "I didn't have any real expectations at first."

He was the board's eventual choice, topping 65 other applicants. Even though he'll be working in Troy, Topouzian says he plans to continue living in Farmington Hills with his wife and children.

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Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Depending on where you are working and your attitude towards



Owner Victor Visocchi and the local staff of ProTect Painters, which completes residential and exterior painting projects in the western Detroit area.

it, work can be a blessing or a curse. Whether you are a business owner or an employee, if you are not a blessing for you, the problem is not the work itself but the work you are doing. To quote James M. Barrie, "Nothing is really worth unless you would rather be doing something else." Many hard working entrepreneurs were once unproductive employees. Now, with their wagon hitched to their own star, work is the stuff of their dreams. Many productive employees, who were once unsuccessfully self-employed, now understand the blessings of employment. These people become the most valuable of resources — the entrepreneurial employees who loves his or her work. Work feeds our stomachs with food and our spirit with accomplishment. Work creates, produces, energizes and fulfills all things humans need for survival and happiness. Life is short. Keep searching until you find work you can love. I did.

NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

ABWA's Hand of Friendship Tea

Members of the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) will host a community tea on May 19 at the Novi Public Library.

This free event, entitled Hand of Friendship Tea, will create an opportunity for area women to connect and enjoy a warm cup of tea or coffee. Baked goods have been donated by Maria's Italian Bakery, The Pastry Palace and Perfect Desserts. The tea will be held in the West Room of the Novi Public Library from 2-4 p.m. and is open-house style.

Cooper Standard reports first quarter financials

Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. (NYSE: COSH), the parent company of Cooper Standard Automotive, a global supplier of automotive seal-

ing, fuel and brake, and fluid transfer systems, announced financial results for the first quarter ended March 31.

"During the quarter, our global leadership team stabilized European performance and focused on improv-

ing operational processes around the world," said Jeffrey Edwards, CEO, Cooper Standard. "We also continued to actively pursue profitable growth opportunities to meet our customers' growing needs in emerging markets." The company reported revenue of \$747.6 million for the

first quarter of 2013, compared to \$765.3 million for the first quarter of 2012. Sales were predominantly impacted by vehicle production declines in Europe and unfavorable foreign exchange of \$4.8 million.

Gross profit for the quarter was \$120.3 million or 16.1 percent of sales, compared to \$121.7 million or 15.9 percent of sales for the first quarter of 2012. Gross profit margin was positively affected by lean manufacturing and restructuring savings, partially offset by expenses asso-

ciated with vehicle launches, higher staffing costs and customer price concessions.

The company reported net income of \$20.7 million or \$0.86 per share on a fully diluted basis in the first quarter of 2013, compared to \$23.8 million or \$0.90 per share in the first quarter of 2012. Net income for the quarter was affected by pre-tax restructuring charges in North America and equity earnings from non-consolidated joint ventures of \$2.7 million.

Kroger fights cancer



The Kroger Co. of Michigan, based in Novi, presented the American Cancer Society with a check for nearly \$480,000 in support of the statewide Making Strides Against Breast Cancer effort. The check presentation was the culmination of fundraising efforts by Kroger for the 2012 American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event season. Pictured (l to r) are Beth Grant, executive director, American Cancer Society; Brandon Barrow, assistant consumer communications manager, The Kroger Co. of Michigan; Liz Filipowicz, director of Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, American Cancer Society; Kerri Cross, associate director, American Cancer Society.

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in February offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit online at www.advantageoakland.com/expand, or call (248) 858-0783.

Women's Business Enterprise Certification Orientation

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June 12: Facebook for Business (Beginner)

May 23, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Learn about funding sources and valuable resources available to small business owners and entrepreneurs. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with bankers to discuss specific business financing needs and learn about banker member products and services. The focus is specific to start-ups and second stage businesses. The special guest will be Martin Lavelle, Senior Associate Economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Detroit Branch. Sponsored by the Oakland County Community Reinvestment Act Association. Fee: This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

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Parkview Elementary School students enjoy an April 25 matinee presentation of "The Lion King" by their fellow fourth-grade students.



Parkview Elementary School music teacher Matt Ownby, far left, leads his fourth-graders in a production of The Lion King on April 25 in a matinee presentation for the school.

NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

YAF participants

Several Novi High students were selected for the 51st Annual Michigan Youth Arts Festival at Western Michigan University May 9-11. MYAF nominations based on top qualifying State Solo & Ensemble performances: MYAF Honors Band - Jiwoon Choi, Jennifer Hepp, Katelyn Patient, Brenna Cameron. Small Ensemble Nominations - Flute duet of Weixi Li and Megan Liu; and the Brass Quintet including Brenna Cameron, Jennifer Hepp, Daniel Larson, Akane Okamoto, and Shannon Rouston. Outstanding Soloist nominations - Jiwoon Choi and Megan Liu. Nearly 1,000 Michigan high school student-artists have been invited to attend this year's festival. The students, chosen from more than 250,000 across the state, are selected via a rigorous adjudication process adhering to exacting artistic standards. The invited scholars represent multiple artistic disciplines, including creative writing, dance, media arts, instrumental and vocal music, music composition, theatre, and visual art. 2013 marks the 51st anniversary of this three-day event featuring workshops and master classes for the stu-

dents, alongside student performances and exhibitions that are open to the public.

Students, host a blood drive

The American Red Cross is offering two opportunities this summer to help high school seniors and high school sponsored groups earn money by hosting a blood drive. High school seniors will have the money forwarded to their college. (It's a great addition to add to resumes and college transcripts that you are a Red Cross blood drive coordinator, and it's also good for community service hours.) High school-sponsored groups can earn money for their organizations. The amount of money that can be earned depends on how many pints are collected. This program will help support the expected slump in blood collections during the summer months when the need for blood often goes up. Interested participants should contact Diane Risko as soon as possible at (313) 549-7052 or Diane.Risko@redcross.org for further information.

Earth Day poster contest winners



The Walled Lake Consolidated School District Energy Management Department recently hosted its second annual Earth Day poster contest. One student from each division (elementary, middle, and high school) was selected for their exemplary job in highlighting everyday actions we can take to help conserve our resources. There were over 240 entries in this year's contest. The winners of each division are: Minoru Kai, a fourth-grade student from Pleasant Lake Elementary (right); Emily Albright, an eighth-grade student from Sarah Banks Middle School (middle), and Ashley Bock, an 11th-grade student from Northern High (left). "These students' posters were reproduced and will hang in the 19 schools throughout the District as a reminder of what each of us can do to conserve our precious natural resources," said Mindy Miller, district energy manager.

NOVI ON CAMPUS

Albion College

Student Christopher Mantay, of Novi, demonstrated some outstanding academic work at Albion College's Elkin R. Isaac Research Symposium. Mantay presented an original project titled "This is Noise: An Aesthetic Examination of Punk Rock Music" during the two-day celebration of student research, scholarship and creative activity. Mantay also received the Jack F. Padgett Award in philosophy. Mantay was also elected to the Albion College chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest honorary society. PBK inclusion is reserved for liberal studies students in the top percent of their

class. He is majoring in philosophy and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program.

He is the son of Dale and Julie Mantay of Novi and a graduate of Northville High School.

Two local students received academic awards at the college's annual Honors Convocation held late last month. College faculty choose these recipients from among the most exemplary students in all academic departments.

Austin Probst received the Outstanding Public Policy Major Award. Probst was also elected to the Albion College chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest honorary society. PBK inclu-

sion is reserved for liberal studies students in the top 10 percent of their class. Probst is majoring in public policy and sociology, with a concentration in the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Leadership in Public Policy and Service and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program. He is the son of Wayne and Christina Probst of Wixom and a graduate of Walled Lake Western High School.

Joseph Silvestri received the Marilyn Young Vitek Merit Scholarship in biology. He is the son of Giuseppe and Josephine Silvestri of Novi and a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE UPDATES

Motorcycle Safety Program

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. In a statewide effort to improve motorcycle

safety, the state of Michigan has increased the funding for The Detroit Metro Regional Motorcycle Safety Program administered by School-

craft College's Continuing Education and Professional Development department. This additional \$54,499 in grant money will

allow for more Returning Rider Basic Rider and Advanced Rider Courses this year. The emphasis of this state effort is to get motorcyclists who are riding without an endorsement into a safety class and to ensure they are riding legally. More information is available http://www.ridesafe2rideagain.com.

CEPD offers both basic and advanced rider courses taught by professional, certified instructors who have a passion for both riding and riding safety. More information, including registration process and fees, can be found at www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd/motorcycle

CEPD also received a \$42,533 grant to purchase 10 new motorcycles and seven sets of high visibility riding gear for participants in classes.

WALLED LAKE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Konicki wins National Merit Scholarship

Walled Lake Northern High School student Christine Konicki won a National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship and will be using it towards her studies at Massachusetts

Institute of Technology (MIT) where she will be studying material science and engineering.

Konicki is the daughter of Robert and Karen Konicki. She is the president of the Spanish Club, chairperson for Elementary School Tutoring for Interact Club, an AP Scholar with Distinction, editor of Walled Lake Northern's literary magazine, and a Gold Medalist in both calculus and statistics for the KLAAS Science and Mathematics Olympics.

The 2,500 Merit Scholar designees were chosen from a talent pool of more than 15,000 outstanding Finalists in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program.

WL's three high schools among the

nation's best

All three high schools in Walled Lake made the Newsweek best 2,000 public high schools in the nation those that have proven to be the most effective in turning out college-ready grads. Of the 37,000 high schools in the U.S., Newsweek ranks the top 2,000.

Walled Lake Central High School ranked 341, Walled Lake Northern High School ranked 656, and Walled Lake Western High School ranked 1285. Based on the criteria, all three Walled Lake high schools rank in the top 3.5 percent of all high schools in the country.

The list is based on six components: graduation rate (25 percent), college acceptance rate (25 percent), AP/IB/AICE tests taken per student (25 percent), average SAT/ACT scores (10 percent), average AP/IB/AICE scores (10 percent), and percent of students enrolled in at least one AP/IB/AICE course (5 percent).

"Annually, the Newsweek list affirms that our high schools are offering the appropriate curriculum that challenges students and gives them an advantage in being successful in the future," said Kenneth Gutman, Walled Lake Consolidated Schools superintendent.

Flower Parade



Parkview Elementary School teacher Rhonda Speaker gets some flowers from Ashley Cherinawsky, left, and Max Kinter during the school's May 5 Flower Parade Day - a teacher appreciation effort where students brought in flowers for their instructors. School Principal Jennifer Michos, left, and visiting school board member Tracey Cadwell look on.

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CITY OF NOVI VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Notice is given that the Novi City Council will be interviewing applicants for appointment to the following Boards & Commissions:

- Beautification Commission
- Historical Commission
- Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee
- Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Commission
- Planning Commission
- Zoning Board of Appeals

If you are a registered voter and interested in volunteering to serve on a City Board or Commission, information about the various Boards and Commissions is available at www.cityofnovi.org or at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375, (248)347-0466.

The deadline for filing an application (available on the website or at the City Clerk's office) is Friday, May 24, 2013. All applicants will be required to be present at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2013 in the Council Chambers to be interviewed by City Council. All City Council meetings are televised.

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NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ATTENTION: FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANIES

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Food Service Management Companies and/or their representatives may submit proposals to:

Novi Community School District
Educational Services Building
25345 Tnft, Novi, MI 48374
Attn: Steven Barr

The Novi Community School District Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals or to accept the proposal that it finds, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the school district.

A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2013 at 9:00 am at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Tnft, Novi, MI 48374.

All proposals must be submitted no later than 10:00 am on June 14, 2013. All proposals should be delivered in a sealed envelope and addressed to the Novi Community School District and be clearly marked: Food Service Management Proposal.

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Fire departments ink mutual aid agreement

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

The City of Northville Fire Department and Novi Fire Department have entered into an automatic mutual aid agreement (AMA), which will have both providing resources upon request to each other at no cost in time of emergencies or need. Northville Fire Chief James Allen said the arrangement

has become more common and it makes sense. He said the department has been exploring this partnership with Novi for some time and views it as a beneficial thing for both communities.

"A lot of departments are going this route. We're recommending that we go this way," said Allen.

Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan said there is no

training like real structure fire situations, so this will allow the city's volunteer department to gain further experience in hazardous situations.

According to Allen, the AMA agreement provides an engine or ladder from Northville to Nine Mile Road and east to Haggerty Road, and west to Napier Road. In return, Novi will respond to any major fires or other major

incidents within the City of Northville.

Under the AMA language, resources will be given for situations involving situations like a "confirmed structure fire" which is identified by a first person caller, police officer or firefighter on scene, or multiple calls to dispatch.

Novi's Director of Fire Operations Jeff Johnson said of the AMA, "This coverage provides

a safer working environment at these labor intensive fires and offers sound risk management practices."

"This past November, Novi entered into an AMA with Wixom. However, neither has called upon each other since it went into effect.

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Family of fallen officer holding benefit for memorial

By David Veselnek
Staff Writer

Holding a "pump and run" event is just the kind of thing Cheryl Farquhar knows her brother, Livonia Police Officer Larry Nehasil, would have enjoyed doing.

"He worked out a lot at the gym; he had big muscles," said the Lansing resident and Livonia native. "He was kind of a gym rat."

Farquhar and other family members decided to hold a "pump and run" event this weekend to help raise money for the Livonia Fallen Heroes Monument.

The first-time event will feature a weightlifting and running competition, and will take place on May 17 and 18 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center and Larry Nehasil Park on Five Mile.

Those who participate will compete in a bench press competition Friday at the recreation center, and then run a 5K the next day starting at the park. Organizers will factor in the bench press score with the race time to determine the winners of the event.

Farquhar said the family wanted to do something to help pay for the monument, which will honor those public safety officers in Livonia who have fallen in the line of duty.

"We wanted to do something that was very productive," she said. "When the city started developing the memorial, we thought what can we do to help raise money for this?"

Nehasil was killed in January 2011 in Walled Lake while working undercover. He was wounded while exchange-

LARRY NEHASIL MEMORIAL PUMP AND RUN

What: Weightlifting competition, 5K and kids' run
When: Friday-Saturday, May 17-18
Where: Livonia Community Recreation Center and Larry Nehasil Park, Livonia
Why: To raise money for the Livonia Fallen Heroes Monument

How: Cost for the event is \$30 beforehand, \$35 the day of. Register online at register.superiortiming.com or in-person via paper applications at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. Registration will also take place at the park the morning of the run.

ing fire with a burglary suspect, and died from his injuries.

In February, the city of Livonia revealed the plans for a monument to Nehasil and other police officers and a firefighter who have died in the line of duty for the city. Funds raised during the pump and run will go toward funding the monument.

"We want to make sure this isn't all about Larry," Farquhar said. "These

other people have given their lives too."

The goal, Farquhar said, is to raise more than \$3,000 to help with the costs.

Several area companies and groups have stepped up to help sponsor the event, which currently has more than 100 participants signed up. Such businesses and groups include Biggby Coffee Livonia; Cross-Fit Lower Town; Ein-



Officer Larry Nehasil

stein Bros. Bagels; In Stock Marketing Services, LLC; Madonna University; Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation; Detroit Bagel; New Balance-Detroit-Farmington Hills; Powerhouse Gym-Milford; and Superior Timing. She said businesses they have approached have been very will-

ing to donate money or goods for the event, one she hopes continues on in future years.

"We've had a lot of support in the community," she said.

Anyone interested in registering for the event can do so online at register.superiortiming.com. Paper applications can also be found at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. Registration will also take place at the park the morning of the run. Cost for the event is \$30 beforehand, and \$35 the day of. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Farquhar via e-mail at farky2@sbcglob.com, or through the Facebook event page titled "1st Annual Officer Larry Nehasil Memorial Pump and Run, 5K and Kids' Run."

Oakland County and Detroit public safety agencies link up

All Oakland County and City of Detroit public safety agencies will now be able to communicate directly with each other and coordinate responses to cross-border emergencies thanks to the leading-edge software of Oakland County's OakWIN interoperable radio system. Detroit has provided their talk groups and other technical data which the OakWIN software utilizes to make the communication link between Oakland County and Detroit police, fire and EMS radios. OakWIN is supported by CLEMIS, or Courts Law Enforcement Management Information System, a regional public safety data-sharing consortium.

Detroit joins the ranks of Michigan State Police and public safety agencies from all counties surrounding Oakland which can communicate directly with Oakland County law enforcement and fire departments. Livonia Police and Fire departments also recently began communicating with the OakWIN system.

Novi Police Chief and CLEMIS Chair David Molloy knows firsthand that enabling first responders in neighboring agencies to directly communicate with each other is the key to an effective response.

In 2010, using the OakWIN system, Novi and Farmington Hills police officers coordinated the capture of a man who robbed an elderly resident in his garage near 9 Mile and Haggerty roads in Farmington Hills. He demanded then grabbed the victim's keys, ran to a nearby vehicle and fled. An eyewitness obtained the suspect's license plate. That information led officers to the 20000

WHAT ARE OAKWIN AND CLEMIS?

OakWIN is an Internet Protocol-based radio system which requires specific equipment, software, and codes in order to be able to use and monitor the system. It utilizes the Open Sky technology developed by Harris Public Safety and Professional Communications, a company which equips the U.S. military. Farmington Public Safety was the first agency on OakWIN in 2003. The final Oakland County agencies came online in 2010. Southfield Police and Fire opted not to be on the OakWIN system. However, because of OakWIN's advanced software, they are able to communicate with all agencies on the system and other agencies outside the county. OakWIN cost \$47.7 million to implement. The system was paid for through grants and a monthly phone surcharge on all wireless and landline phones in Oakland County.

block of Woodland Glen in Novi where they spotted the suspect vehicle. Farmington Hills and Novi police set-up a perimeter using OakWIN and arrested him without incident when he returned to his car.

"OakWIN's state-of-the-art technology which provides interoperable radio communications enhances the safety of Oakland County and now Detroit residents by ensuring a timely and coordinated response among neighboring agencies," Molloy said.

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Food Addicts Anonymous reaches out to change attitudes toward eating, self

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Linda P. of Novi, a retired registered nurse, had been thin until she quit smoking at age 40.

"I'd lose some, gain it back, gain more back," the now 66-year-old recalled of her relationship with food. She gained 60 pounds.

Linda, a former Northville resident, got help from Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous.

The group originated in the Boston area, Linda said, and has been around about 14 years. It's mostly in the U.S., but also in Australia, England, Mexico and Germany.

She recalled hiding food for herself, and going back for thirds.

"I took a chance, went to a meeting and got help right away," Linda got a sponsor and would call her every morning for food planning, along with attending multiple meetings.

It's a 12-step free program connected to a higher power. "It was like a miracle for me," she said. "I couldn't believe it."

Her craving for excessive eating went away. "That was about six and a half years ago and Linda's still in touch with a sponsor, although not daily. "I'm having a ball doing a lot of things I couldn't do before," she said.

She's 5 foot 3 and weighs 116 pounds. "This is kind of where I started out all those years ago." She does ballroom dancing, travels, attends social events and cooks food for others that she doesn't eat.

Linda encourages those who've struggled with diets and being uncomfortable physically, as she was, to attend the upcoming informational meeting (see infobox).

"It's so much better now." She appreciates the emotional and spiritual support she received to handle life events without excessive eating. "I had support of other people."

She knew from her nursing work signs of substance abuse addiction, and realized she needed help. "So I came to realize I was powerless over it."

Meetings at Crossroads Presbyterian typically run about 14-15 people, she said, with an Ann Arbor Saturday site drawing around 40.

Linda emphasizes turning eating choices over, "letting somebody else be in charge of what you eat."

The weekly meetings at Crossroads are 6 p.m. Fridays. Those with food obsession, overeating, under-eating or bulimia are encouraged to attend.

Linda shared these additional "stories of hope" from FA:

• Karen discovered FA as a 33-year-old single woman who still lived with her parents. Not yet married, at 269 pounds, she despaired of getting married, yet her fondest desire was to marry and have children. She started her first diet at 11 years old, and this started the pattern of losing weight by dieting, then gaining it back. She dieted herself all the way up to 269 pounds. Her eating was out of control. That was five years ago. Through FA, Karen has lost over 120 pounds and has kept it off for five years. She has learned to take care of herself physically, emotionally and spiritually. Today, she is married and the mother of a year-old baby and is still wearing a size 6.

• Nancy came to the FA program at 53. She had been put on insulin by her doctor. At 190 pounds for most of the last 20 years, she watched helplessly

as her health deteriorated. She was on medicine for high cholesterol, high blood pressure, pills for diabetes, and now she had to inject herself with insulin. Her eyesight was going because of the high sugar content in her blood and she was frightened she would lose her vision. A friend suggested the FA program. Through the help of a sponsor, an excellent and individualized food plan, and the FA meetings, she was able to change her eating and her numbers - blood pressure is

now normal, blood sugar normal, cholesterol normal. She looks good, and enjoys life to the fullest.

The program emphasizes addressing addiction on every level. Food addicts first get help refraining from their addition. Much like AA, they go through a planned, disciplined way of eating that leads to the addict's release from food cravings, obsession and self-abuse.

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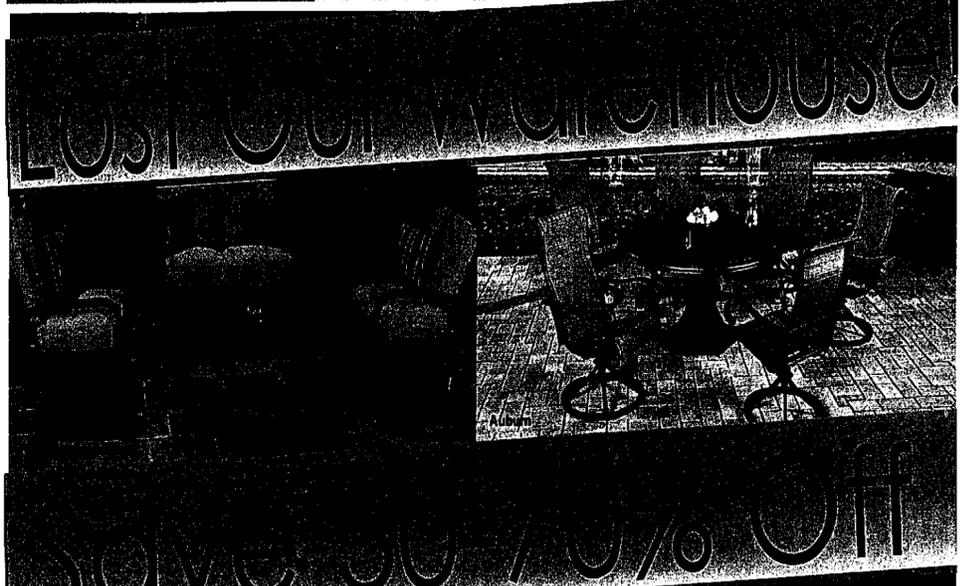


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Wildcats struggle at Royal Oak

Novi faces strong teams at annual tournament

By Terry Jacoby
Correspondent

ON TAP Novi (7-14) played South Lyon on Wednesday and will host the Madonna Tournament this weekend.

The Novi softball team has been riding sort of a rollercoaster this season and last week the Wildcats struggled after a very successful week in which they won seven straight games. Despite the rough showing, Novi coach Bob Lulek got a look at the future on Saturday as he called up a few junior varsity players to compete in the Royal Oak Tournament. And he liked what he saw.

Please see **SOFTBALL, B4**



The Northville Mustangs girls tennis team captured first place in the Midland Quad tournament. PHOTO COURTESY OF NORTHVILLE TENNIS

Clean sweep

Northville tennis team wins KLA title, division and conference crowns

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

ON TAP The Northville Mustangs girls tennis team is slated to be back on the court when they play in the regional tournament at Novi High School tomorrow. The top teams will advance to the state finals.

The squad, coached by Linda Jones in her first season at the helm, picked up 34 points to capture the Kensington Lakes Athletics Association title last Saturday, taking first place in eight out of nine flights.

The team can add that trophy to the Central Division and Kensington Conference title they earned this season with a 9-0 record.

Northville waltzed through the KLA tournament in style, picking up individual titles in all but one flight. In the No. 1 singles flight, Northville's Reeshma Kumar, a freshman, didn't go down without a fight, falling in the semi-finals to Grand Blanc senior Sabrina Dass, 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 (3).

"The match lasted over two ours as the girls battled for the win," said Jones.

The Mustangs didn't have quite the battles on their hands in the other flights, however. At No. 2 singles, Emma Worley beat Salem's Chelsea Yu, 6-3, 6-2, for the top spot while Northville's Claudia Ma beat Grand Blanc's Allison Stevens, 6-2, 6-2 at the third singles flight.

At No. 4 singles, Mustang Alex Jeanotte topped Hartland's Claire Holden, 6-1, 7-5, for the top spot.

The doubles team swept, following the lead of No. 1 doubles pair Anika Mulkerji and Danielle Romano as they beat Novi's Caitlin O'Brien and Amy Zhou, 6-1, 6-0.

Please see **TENNIS, B4**



JOHN HEIDER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Wildcat pitcher Mallory Daschke goes into a windup before firing to the plate during Novi's May 8 game against Salem High.

CC marches toward post-season

Shamrocks top U of D in CHSL semi-finals

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

ON TAP The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks lacrosse team will be back in action when they play in the East-West Showcase this weekend. There will be three games played at Catholic Central tomorrow night and the remainder of the games will be played Saturday at Cranbrook. Please visit www.alllacrosse.com for complete schedule of events.

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks knew this season was going to be full of challenges and some of the toughest teams they've ever faced, and 2013 has proven true to that outlook.

"This year, the team has picked up an 8-6 record, with their only losses from Michigan-based teams coming from undefeated Brother Rice, which beat Catholic Central twice, and from the University of Detroit Jesuit High School. The team's other losses have come from St. Michael's of Toronto, Culver Academy in Indiana and perennial Illinois state champions, New Trier.

The Shamrocks have had some momentum on their side as they march toward the post-season, and they added to that by avenging one of their losses this year with a 14-10 victory over U of D in the Catholic High School League tournament semi-finals.

Alex Giltooly scored four goals and had an assist in the win while Ben Senkowski had five goals.

The Shamrocks did, however, fall to Brother Rice in the championship game, 16-10.

It was a 10-5 game in favor of the Warriors at the half.

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Shamrock goalie Chris Naubert makes a save.

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Shamrocks stay No. 1 in Relays

Farmington Hills' Malinowski helps CC win another Observerland title

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

If you want to be part of the Catholic Central track and field team, you don't go away during spring break. That has been coach Tony Magni's longstanding policy. It's reminiscent of what Bo Schenbeckler declared when he was hired to coach the Michigan football team: "Those who stay will be champions."

Magni and the Shamrocks who stayed were champions again May 4 in the 43rd annual Observerland Relays at Farmington High School.

CC won three field events and scored well in a majority of others to capture the winner's trophy for the fifth consecutive year with 86 points. Livonia Churchill was the runner-up with 60, Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth were tied for third place and Farmington Harrison completed the top five.

"We lost some kids who went on spring break and are not with us," Magni said. "When they see we won again, when they go back to school, they feel kind of bad. They wish they were with us. They chose spring break, which felt good

for a week. This is something these kids will remember for a long time, longer than that one week.

"We don't need sunshine in Florida. Our sunshine is winning here." One of the athletes who stayed is senior Jack Malinowski of Farmington Hills, who will end his high school career with a perfect record at the Observerland Relays. He made multiple contributions to the team effort, finishing third in the 110-meter high hurdles with a personal best of 15.70, and he helped the Shamrocks get second place in the high jump, shuttle hurdles and 1,600-meter relays.

"I was here as a freshman running the shuttles," Malinowski said.

"We were able to place first or second almost every year. It's nice to go out with a win, going 4-0 at this meet.

"It's been a great year. I'm looking forward to the championship races now and getting ready for my future."

Malinowski said he did well last year and wanted to have a repeat performance this year.

"I can say I did that and helped the team greatly," he said. "I ran very well in the 110s and finished with a PR. In the high jump, I went 5-11 and was an inch off my PR. I'm going for 6-1, that's my goal this year. In the 4x4 and shuttle hurdles, I came out here and did what I was supposed to do, so I can't be disappointed with my races today."

CC field events
The Shamrocks had a solid start in the field events as expected, taking first place in three of the four it entered.

Junior Dylan Roney led the Shamrocks to victories in the shot put and discus, combining efforts with David Houle and Shane Campau in both.

CC also won the long jump with the team of Dan Jassop, Jason Kyles and Justin Monroe, and it was second in the high jump.

The Shamrocks didn't win any of the track events, but they scored well in most and won the meet with an all-around, good performance.

In seven relay races, CC was no lower than

fifth place with two runner-up finishes and four thirds. It didn't compete in the pole vault and didn't score in the 1,600 run, 100 dash or 400 relay.

"Coming out of the field events with 38 points, you're sitting pretty good, and we knew we'd get some here and there," Magni said. "I told the kids, 'Every point counts. If you're sixth and you can catch the guy in fifth place, go get him. That's another point.'"

"As long as a lot of kids don't have to double and you can spread the sprinters out to give them enough rest between races, you'll do well. Obviously, you need some kids to perform well and they really did tonight."

Northville, Novi win KLAA track titles

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Talk about a successful week for area track teams.

The Northville Mustangs girls track and field team captured the top spot in the KLAA Conference Championships last Friday at Livonia Churchill High School, a feat that was matched by the Novi Wildcats boys team.



The Northville Mustangs girls' track and field team poses with the KLAA championship trophy after taking first last weekend.

Novi's 3,200-meter relay team captured third place, finishing in 10:08.98.

Boys KLAA championships
On the boys' side of the KLAA championship meet, the Wildcats started the day off with a first-place finish by Ali Taha in the long jump as he leapt 20-feet-7.5 inches, while fellow Wildcat Connor Daly took second with 20-feet even. Novi also benefited from a second-place finish in the pole vault by Collin Berenguer, who cleared 12-6.

For Northville, Anthony Sources dug deep and found a little extra speed to take the top spot in the 400 in 51.15 seconds—just 0.6 seconds faster than Plymouth's second-place runner. Ryan Flanagan took third for Northville in the event, finishing in 52.08—a personal best time for him.

Jason Ferrante continued his impressive season and remained unbeaten in the KLAA as he won the 800 in 2:00.46, while fellow Mustang Dan Sims, who is also undefeated in the KLAA, took first in the 1,600 in 4:26.73, followed closely by Nick Noles in second in 4:27.54. Sims and Noles reversed roles in the two mile as Noles ran to first in 9:50.17, followed by Sims in second in 9:50.19 and Conor Naughton in 9:55.65 for third.

For the girls, Northville picked up 142 points, leading second place Salem's 103 points and Livonia Churchill's 98 points. Novi's girls team finished fourth with 92.

On the boys' side of the KLAA title fight, Novi took first place with 131.5 points while Northville captured second with 109 and Livonia Stevenson and Salem each had 70 points to tie for third place.

ON TAP
The regional track meet, which features Northville, Novi and Detroit Catholic Central, will be held Friday at Milford High School.

missed the top spot in the mile, finishing less than two-tenths of a second behind the winner from Salem with a time of 5:04.59. Right behind her with a 5:17.12 was teammate Erin Zimmer for third place. Coleman did come back for a win, however, topping the field in the 3,200 run with an impressive 11:29.92 while Zimmer took third in 11:38.28.

relay team took second in 1:45.74. The 1,600 relay team was second as well, finishing in 4:07.5.

For Novi's girls, Taylor Pavlika took first in the discus with a throw of 133-feet-9 inches, while Kerri McMahon took first in the high jump with a leap of 5-3. McMahon also took third in the 400, running a 1:00.19.

Jordan Love took first in the 100 dash for Novi, finishing in 11 seconds flat, before turning around and winning the 200 dash in 22.33 seconds, followed by Taha in a tie for second with a 22.41. Taking second in the 800 was Brian Barnes, who ran a 2:01.83. Barnes also finished in third place in the mile run, finishing in 4:27.7.

Novi also took first in the 800 relay and second in both the 400 and the 1,600 relays.

"It was a great win for our program and for Northville High School," said Northville girls coach Tim Dalton. "The last time Northville's girls team won the conference was 2008. Our team continues to get better every day while working towards our goals. Our focus now shifts to the regional meet this Friday."

The Mustangs earned a first-place finish from

Lauren Rodriguez in the 100 hurdles with a time of 14.83 seconds, while Morgan Robertson finished second in 15.07.

Alexa Abbott was speedy in the 100 dash, finishing just shy of first place with a 12.43 race for second. She also took second in the 200 dash with a time of 26.02. Alison Robinson ran to second in the 800, finishing in 2:24.64. Rachel Coleman bare-

ly missed the top spot in the 3,200 run with an impressive 11:29.92 while Zimmer took third in 11:38.28.

The Mustangs' 3,200-meter relay team took first at the KLAA championships with a time of 9:34.61—a full 10 seconds ahead of the second-place team from Churchill.

Northville's 400 relay team took second in 51.17 seconds, while the 800

relay team took second in 1:45.74. The 1,600 relay team was second as well, finishing in 4:07.5.

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Northville softball team making late-season run

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Northville Mustangs softball players made the best of their week as they pounded out several victories to swing the late-season momentum in their favor.

The squad, coached by Jim Ritz in his first year leading the team, picked up two convincing wins over John Glenn, 12-2 and 19-1, after picking up two wins against Novi, 7-2 and 1-0. The team also split their doubleheader with South Lyon, winning the opener, 1-0, and falling in the nightcap, 2-1.

ON TAP
The Northville Mustangs are slated to be back on the softball diamond when they play next week in cross-over action. They will play Monday in the Kensington Conference cross-over game and then Wednesday in the KLAA cross-over.

team's offense while sophomore Lexi Tiller, Swart and Chapetis had two hits each with Tiller knocking a hard double and Chapetis slapping a triple in the win.

Northville climbed to 10-13 overall and 7-8 in KLA play with the victories. They have won nine of their last 13 games after starting the season 1-10.

the mound was a combination effort from pitchers Jessica Jones and Zwarka, allowing five hits between them. The Mustangs had zero errors in the contest.

The nightcap wasn't as kind to Northville, handing them their only loss of the week as they fell, 2-1. The Lions picked up the win on a two-run single with two outs in the bottom of the sixth.



Freshman Alison Zwarka posted her first win, throwing over five innings to help Northville top Livonia Franklin.

Northville 1, South Lyon 0
South Lyon 2, Northville 1

In a Central Division doubleheader, the Northville Mustangs split their games against the South Lyon Lions.

"We are so proud of every one of our players tonight, individually and as a team, for the effort, focus and enthusiasm they brought to both games tonight," said Ritz. "It was a great win for this team and the program in a little short in game two."

Northville 7, Novi 2
Northville 1, Novi 0

There are few things sweeter than sweeping a doubleheader against your cross-town rival—just ask the Mustangs, who beat Novi in both games of their twinbill last week.

In the opening game, the Mustangs completed a previously-postponed contest that was halted in the fourth inning. Northville didn't miss a beat, scoring five runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to leap out to an advantage and hold on for the victory behind the pitching of Zwarka. Nicollette Thibodeau pitched the

opening innings prior to the postponement and is currently out with an injury.

Leading the team on offense was Petrucci, who had two hits while Nayh and Jones and Rounsifer each scored once.

"Alison Zwarka has done a phenomenal job replacing our injured senior pitcher, Nicollette Thibodeau," noted Ritz. "The defense has made tremendous strides and the bats are coming around. The underclassmen are learning what it takes to compete in this league and they are performing."

while picking up a double on offense.

Northville 9, Livonia Franklin 2

The Northville Mustangs softball team picked up their first win of the season when they got their boot going and outscored the Livonia Franklin Patriots, 9-2, on April 29.

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In the first game against Westland John Glenn, the Mustangs followed the lead of Jones as she went the distance on the mound and also showcased her offensive prowess at the plate. The junior gave up just four hits and one run in the 19-1 victory while also going 2-for-4 while at bat.

Shannon Rounsifer had three hits to lead the

team's offense while sophomore Lexi Tiller, Swart and Chapetis had two hits each with Tiller knocking a hard double and Chapetis slapping a triple in the win.

Northville climbed to 10-13 overall and 7-8 in KLA play with the victories. They have won nine of their last 13 games after starting the season 1-10.

the mound was a combination effort from pitchers Jessica Jones and Zwarka, allowing five hits between them. The Mustangs had zero errors in the contest.

The nightcap wasn't as kind to Northville, handing them their only loss of the week as they fell, 2-1. The Lions picked up the win on a two-run single with two outs in the bottom of the sixth.

opening innings prior to the postponement and is currently out with an injury.

Leading the team on offense was Petrucci, who had two hits while Nayh and Jones and Rounsifer each scored once.

"Alison Zwarka has done a phenomenal job replacing our injured senior pitcher, Nicollette Thibodeau," noted Ritz. "The defense has made tremendous strides and the bats are coming around. The underclassmen are learning what it takes to compete in this league and they are performing."

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Wildcats score 32 runs in a pair of wins on Saturday

By Terry Jacoby
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ON TAP
The Wildcats played South Lyon on Wednesday. They also host the annual Armed Forces tournament on Saturday with games against Lakeland and Wyandotte Roosevelt.

While green is the dominant color for the Novi Wildcats, don't be surprised if the baseball team goes pink for the rest of the season. "It's going to be hard to not see those pink bats again," said Novi coach Rick Green after the team hosted its annual Breast Cancer Awareness tournament on Saturday.

With pink bats in hand, the Wildcats pounded out 32 runs in back-to-back wins over Detroit Country Day and Rochester High School.

They even broke an "unofficial" record for most runs in an inning. Down 2-0 heading into the third inning, the Wildcats scored 14 runs in the third to break the game open.

"I don't remember scoring 14 runs in an inning," Green said. "It was really amazing. And Rochester wasn't making any errors. We got those runs on solid hits. I've never seen a team hit like that in one inning."

Novi improved to 13-10 overall, 8-4 in the KLAA.

During that inning, Novi pounded out nine hits as they won 16-2 thanks in part to six extra base hits.

Tyler Whitehead went five innings (three strikeouts, two runs allowed) to get the win for Novi.

It was quite a day at the plate for a number of Wildcats. Bryan Klosterma had a tape-measure home run, a double, two

walks and three RBI. Kyle Matel also reached base all four times, walking twice, scoring twice and driving in a pair. Michael Mitchell had two hits, two runs scored and two RBI.

Charlie Richter made his varsity debut a day to remember. In his first varsity at-bat, Richter drilled a double and scored a run.

Keaton Figurski had a hit, scored twice and drove in two runs and Andrew Turk had a hit and scored twice. Mario Ferrini (a double), Mark Czapski (an RBI), Jared Casaccia (two RBI) and Andrew Stefan (two RBI) all had hits in the win.

Country Day

The Wildcats hosted Country Day in the first game on Saturday and fell behind in that game as well — and responded in kind. After trailing 5-0 in the first inning, Novi stormed back to win going away, 16-6.

Mike Beaton started and got the win. The senior allowed eight hits and five earned runs in three innings. But his teammates picked him up with their bats. Luke Bageris pitched well in relief, striking out three with no hits.

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Northville
On Thursday, Novi lost a pair of games to rival Northville in a make-up game at Northville.

The game began with Northville having the bases loaded, two outs and a 2-1 lead in the third inning. But Ferrini got a big third out to keep it a one-run game.

The Mustangs scored twice in the fifth inning to take a 4-1 lead. The Wildcats scored twice in the sixth to make it 4-3 and that ended up as the final score.

"We had opportunities in this game but couldn't get the big hit," Green said. "We started off the sixth with three straight hits and scored twice. But we could have scored more. We also had chances in the fourth and led off the seventh with a double and didn't score."

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Great week for Novi soccer Wildcats edge state-ranked Northville and Adams

By Terry Jacoby
Correspondent

The Novi soccer team finished off a very successful week with a 3-2 win over Rochester Adams on Saturday. Adams came into the game as the No. 10 ranked team in Michigan.

The Wildcats improved to 10-1-2 on the season.

Novi opened the scoring 8 minutes into the game when Erin Dircks beat a defender on the right sideline and sent a great cross into the box that found a charging Taylor Pavlika who one-timed the ball past the Adams keeper.

Adams scored 12 minutes before the half to tie it at 1-1.

Novi scored 6 minutes into the second half when Pavlika sent a corner kick into the box that Kendall Kramer controlled after it bounced around.

After Kramer's shot was blocked by a defender, Katrina Koomen delivered the rebound into the back of the net for a 2-1 Novi lead.

Nine minutes later, Dircks took in a great split pass from Pavlika and scored on a mini break away to make it 3-1.

Adams scored 2 minutes later off an indirect free kick. But Adams could only generate one more shot on goal for the last 23 minutes of the game.

Novi finished with seven corner kicks to three for Adams. Novi had 24 shots to seven for Adams.

Northville
On Thursday, the Wildcats edged rival Northville 1-0.

The Wildcats scored the only goal just 42 seconds into the game. Pavlika took a throw-in from the 35-yard

line that was controlled by Dircks. She sent the ball to the back post where a scramble occurred and Cat Nussion was able to poke the ball out of the scrum into the goal.

"We had some great chances during the game but the Northville goalie made three or four great saves to keep her team in the game," said Novi coach Brian O'Leary. "Jade Antolec made some key plays on Northville corner kicks, grabbing a few and punching away a few to earn the shut-out in goal."

The Wildcats defeated South Lyon East 5-1 last Tuesday.

Novi opened the scoring 9 minutes into the game when Sydney O'Donnell took a great drop pass from Chloe Allen and fired the ball past the keeper. Two minutes later, Nussio knocked in an Allen cross to make it 2-0.

ON TAP
The Wildcats, who played Salem on Tuesday, host Livonia Stevenson on Thursday.

Just 1 minute into the second half, Novi scored again.

"It was our best goal of the game as we combined many consecutive passes and the play ended as Allen beat a defender to the base line and sent a great cross over top of the keeper's head where Nussio headed the ball into the goal," said O'Leary.

South Lyon East would make it interesting as they scored a really nice goal on a great job from a wide angle to cut the score to 3-1 with 16 minutes left.

But the Wildcats scored two more goals in the last 8 minutes of the game.

The first was scored by Pavlika with the assist to O'Donnell. The second was scored by Dircks on a great cross from Kramer.

"Defensively, Kaylin Hooman and Karissa Koomen played outstanding and Christina MacMillan played well in her first game back in three weeks from a bad ankle sprain," O'Leary said.

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Northville golf team riding high, getting wins

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

Talk about using momentum to the maximum — the Northville Mustangs boys golf team took a win in the NextTee Invitational last Monday and transferred all of that momentum into their three dual meets this week.

The result? Three big wins for a team that is suddenly looking to challenge for the Central Division title and all with remarkable consistency.

The Mustangs, led by coach Jeff Balagna, picked up dual meet wins over South Lyon East, 154-157, Novi, 154-157, and South Lyon, 154-157. The Mustangs are currently 5-2 on the year and are just one match behind Central Division leader Novi.

"I just hope we can build on this momentum that we have going," said Balagna. "We are playing some really solid golf."

The team will be looking to challenge not only for the Central Division title, but beyond — especially if they continue to play at the level they are at currently.

ON TAP

The Northville Mustangs boys golf team will be back in action when they play today at 8:30 a.m. against Livonia Stevenson at 3:30 p.m. The team will then play Saturday at Temperance Bedford. They will then play Tuesday at Salem before playing a week from today at South Lyon East. Both games start at 3:30 p.m.

"This is shaping up to be a very interesting and exciting finish to the season," Balagna said. "We have the potential to do something very special, but we just have to perform."

Against South Lyon last week, the Mustangs were without their No. 1 player, Andrew Sarkin, but were led in style by senior Matt Evasic, who shot an even-par 36 to lead the way. Andrew Stevens was just one over, carding a 37, while Todd Goebel shot two over for a 38. Rounding out the scores was senior Alec Cleverger, who shot a 43.

"I was a bit concerned that we would have a little bit of let down

after the emotional win on Monday, but the boys came out firing," said Balagna.

Against Novi, the Mustangs followed the lead of Brad Minniear, who shot a one-over 37 while Sarkin shot a 38 and Goebel carded a 39. Stevenson rounded out the team score with a 40.

"I was very pleased for Brad, he didn't play his best golf on Tuesday (against South Lyon East), but he bounced back to earn medalist honors," Balagna said. "It seems that when one player has an off day, someone else is there to pick him up. That is what makes this team so special. On Tuesday, Brad had an off day and Matt Evasic played outstanding. Today, Matt has an off day and Brad plays great golf."

The victory was the first for Northville's golf team over rival Novi since losing the past three head-to-head matches. The Mustangs finished the week with a win over South Lyon, led by Evasic and Goebel in the victory.

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

SOFTBALL

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In the first game on Saturday at Royal Oak, the Wildcats fell to Walled Lake Northern 14-8. Novi led by four runs until three errors in the fifth inning led to a 10-run inning for Northern.

Freshman Nicole Ireland had a home run, single and walk in her first varsity game. "She has a chance to be something really special," Lulek said. "She is going to be a big part of this program for the next four years."

Another freshman, Madison Brandenstein, had a single and RBI. "She's very quick and played well for us," Lulek said. Senior Miranda Hanby also came up big with a double, two singles and three RBI. Anna Greulich also played well for Novi.

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Christina Oakley each had a single.

Lake Orion

The Wildcats dropped their final game of the tournament to Lake Orion, 21-1.

"They are very good but they aren't 20 runs better than us," Lulek said. "We just didn't play well or with any intensity. We didn't hustle, which was very frustrating to see."

Kailey Opat had a double for the Cats.

Northville

On Thursday, the Wildcats dropped a doubleheader to Northville in a makeup game. After a scoreless game through three innings, the Mustangs scored five runs in the fourth inning and won 7-2 in the first game.

Casey Lawler, Kasey Lowney, Jenna Lowney and Hanby (double) all had hits for Novi. Northville won the second game 1-0. Daschke pitched a solid game for the Wildcats, giving up only three hits and no walks.

Salem

The week started with a doubleheader loss to Salem. The Wildcats dropped the first game 10-2 and the second game 18-5.

In the first game, Daschke, Opat, Hanby and Anna Greulich all had hits. In the second game, Casey Lawler had a double, single and two RBI. Daschke smashed a double and Opat and Jenna Lowney each had hits.

Three games equal three tough losses for Northville

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

If Northville could go back in time and change some things about this year's girls lacrosse season, they would probably take a long, hard look at the past three games.

The team went 0-3 for the week by a combined seven goals. They fell to Plymouth twice, 9-8 and 13-10, in tough match-ups and bowed to Canton, 9-6.

Against Canton, the Mustangs played the entire second half down a player after one of the Northville Mustangs drew a yellow card and a subsequent red card at the end of the first half. The game went into halftime tied, 4-4.

Mustangs pick up two KLAA wins

The Northville Mustangs boys lacrosse team collected big wins over two KLAA foes in Canton and Howell and suffered a loss against a talented Troy team last week.

The team picked up a 13-1 victory over Howell and rolled to a 21-7 domination over Canton last week in KLAA play. The victories boosted the Mustangs to a 4-2 KLAA record, though they fell to 6-8 overall with a 9-6 loss against a solid Troy team earlier in the week.

Against Howell last Friday, the Mustangs celebrated senior night with a strong defensive showing and a slew of goals from multiple contributors as they jumped out to a 10-1 lead in the first half and didn't look back. Alec Melucci had five goals, Joe Chase had two goals and three assists, while John Cooke collected three goals and two assists and Jake Fuller had an assist and a goal each.

Blough had 14 saves on 21 shots for the win in goal while Gozior picked up six ground balls and went 14-for-17 on face-offs. Handsome Glover also shared time on face-

Grace Guibord had two goals and an assist in the loss.

Taking the loss in goal was Kaji Maisano, who had 17 saves on the night.

In total, Northville was tagged for 47 penalties on the night. In Northville's first game against Plymouth last week, the Mustangs trailed 5-1 with 10 minutes remaining in the first half before fighting back to score four goals to tie it by halftime, 5-5. Northville then came out in the second half and opened the scoring to take the lead, but Plymouth answered with two goals of their own for a 7-6 advantage.

The game continued back-and-forth as Northville tied the game, 7-7, on a goal by Claire Beaudoin with 7:04 remaining, only to have Plymouth notch another a minute and a half later to regain the lead. Beaudoin, who is a midfielder, has been an outstanding transitional player for the Mustangs this year, as marked by her two goals in the contest.

Northville scored again at 5:16 off a shot by Grace Guibord, but they couldn't hold Plymouth off

as they tallied the final goal of the game for the win.

Maisano took the loss, making nine saves out of 18 shots on goal. Beaudoin and Guibord had two goals each while Erin Vogel put forth an outstanding effort, scoring four goals on the day for the Mustangs. Erin MacDonald won six face-offs.

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NORTHVILLE SPORTS ROUNDUP

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Soccer team tops Saline

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Earning wins in the dual meet for the girls team were the 4-by-200, 4-by-200, 4-by-100, and 4-by-200 relay teams as well as senior Rodriguez (100 and 300 hurdles), Chloe Abbott (100 dash), Alison Robinson (1,600 run and 200 dash), Lindsay Walters (400), Rachel Coleman (800) and Erin Zimmer (3,200).

Northville's girls team finishes the season with a 4-1 dual meet record, which was topped with the win over Stevenson. It was the last meet of the season, and was senior's night for both teams.

"We have a great group of seniors that really stepped up as leaders of this team," said Dalton. "They should be very proud of what they were able to accomplish at Northville High School both in the classroom and on the track."

For the boys team, the squad ended the season with a 2-3 record following their loss to Stevenson. Despite the loss, Langston said he was proud of how his team came out, especially with the post-season on the very near horizon.

"A lot of our athletes are beginning to look beyond the division, at conference, regional and the state level," he said. "I was pleased that no one over looked Stevenson. We had some really great performances turned in."

Earning wins in the meet were Bailey Edwards (200), Jason Ferrante (800), Anthony Sours (400), Dan Sims (3,200) as well as the 4-by-800 relay team.

NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Terry Jacoby
Correspondent

Wildcats serve up second place at KLAA

The Novi tennis team finished tied for second place on Saturday at the KLAA 'A' Tournament hosted by Novi.

Northville served up 34 points and ran away with the tournament title. Novi and Brighton finished tied for second with 17 points in the 12-team tournament. Grand Blanc was fourth (13 points) and Walled Lake Northern fifth (12).

The Novi doubles teams played well as four of the five teams went 2-1 on the day.

The No. 1 doubles team of Caitlin O'Brien and Amy Zhou beat Canton (6-0, 6-3) and Brighton (6-2, 6-0). The No. 2 doubles team of Rachel Bailey and Dina Fawaz defeated Plymouth (6-0, 6-0) and Brighton (7-6 (4), 6-4). The No. 3 doubles team of Rebecca Chen and Aswari Kanitkar defeated Lakeland (6-1, 6-0) and Grand Blanc (7-5, 6-2).

The No. 4 doubles team of Harika Bollineni and Melanie Murphy beat Canton (6-0, 6-0) and Brighton (6-2, 6-2).

At No. 5 doubles, Abigail Swain and Carolyn Zhang beat Grand Blanc (6-2, 6-1).

Erin Day defeated Canton 6-2, 6-1 at No. 1 singles and Younlee Lee beat Livonia Churchill 6-2, 6-1 at No. 2 singles.

The week started for the Wildcats with a 9-0 win over Canton last Tuesday.

Day (6-1, 6-1), Lee (6-0, 6-4), Dhivya Sridar (6-0, 6-3) and Allison Lollo (6-3, 7-6 (3)) all won singles matches for the Wildcats. The No. 1 doubles team of O'Brien and Zhou won 6-2, 6-0; the No. 2 doubles team of Bailey and Fawaz won 6-1, 6-0; the No. 3 doubles team of Chen and Kanitkar won 6-0, 6-1; the No. 4 doubles team of Bollineni and Murphy won 6-0, 6-1; and the No. 5 dou-

bles of Swain and Zhang won 7-6 (1) and 6-4. Last Wednesday, Novi lost to Grosse Pointe South 8-0.

The Wildcats are 9-3 overall and 7-1 in the KLAA. Novi will host regional action starting on Friday at Novi HS.

Wildcats on par for big season

The Novi golf team teed up another successful week, beating Salem, falling to talented Northville by just three strokes and playing well at the NextTee Invitational.

"The Wildcats are 5-1 in KLAA and in first place. "The boys are playing well," said coach Brad Huss. "Garret (Buckley) is starting to peak and he shot 3-under for 18 holes in a qualifier for the U.S. Open to finish as second alternate last week."

"If everyone peaks in the next month then we could have a very special year. We are going to keep working towards that goal of peaking at the correct time."

On May 7, Novi defeated Salem 148-154 at Fox Creek. Buckley led the way with an impressive 35. Mike Wenzl shot a 37 and Brad Kozinski and Jason Carless each fired a 38.

Byan Fegert had a 42 and Billy Ullie fired a 44. Last Thursday, the Wildcats fell to the Mustangs 157-154. Kozinski shot a 37 and Wenzl carded a 38. Carless, Buckley, Fegert and Ullie all shot a 41.

The Wildcats fired a 298 to take ninth place at the NextTee Invitational at Oakland Hills on May 6. Carless led the way with a 72.

Buckley and Wenzl each fired a 71. Kozinski and Fegert both shot a 76. The Novi golf team will take on Salem on Thursday at Walnut Creek. The Wildcats also will play at a tournament on Saturday hosted by Bedford at Legacy Golf Course.

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Catholic Central wins Harbor Springs Invite

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks have the kind of team that can win under almost any condition — which is precisely why they have a top ranking in the state for Division I teams.

The Shamrocks proved their depth in the Harbor Springs Invitational this past weekend when they not only won the 36-hole event that was played on the Moor course at Boyne High-

ON TAP

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks golf team is slated to be back on the course when they play Monday in an invitational tournament starting at 8:30 a.m.

As a team, the Shamrocks shot a 598 over the 36 holes, collecting a 300 on the first day and a 298 on the second day.

They were led on the first day by seniors Corey Szmadzinski and Phil Ritchie, who shot 74 each, while juniors Dominic Mancinelli and Daniel Ault shot 76 and 78, respectively. On the second day, Ault shot a 72 to lead the team while Mancinelli carded a 67 and Ritchie and Szmadzinski shot 74s. In total, all of the players ended with a 150.

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Knights score early, often in lopsided win

By Sam Eggleston
Correspondent

It was the kind of game where the stat keeper was starting to nod off. Not because it was a defensive struggle, but because it was a completely one-sided affair.

The Northville Knights Rugby Football Club turned in a dizzying amount of scoring as they dominated Shelby, 80-5, last week on their home field in Stevenson. Shelby is a Division III team and played Northville, a Division II squad, as part of a divisional cross-over game.

"The match was over pretty quickly," said Northville coach Ron Cornell. In total, the Knights romped into the try zone 14 times as multiple rugers scored several times in the rout.

Leading the way was the stellar play of R.J. Holloway, who found his way over the goal line three times — a feat only matched by the play of Grant Miller, who also scored three times for the Knights.

Troy is the current Division leader with a 4-1 record while Grand Blanc is 3-1-1 and Howell is 3-2.

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ON TAP

If the Northville Knights won their game Wednesday against Okemos (after the sports section went to print), they will play Saturday at Farwell Field in Detroit. The field is located at 4500 East Eight Mile Road.

ma and Zach Harthun, while John Attalah, Joel Attalah, Cole Gavigan and Chris Davis each scored a try apiece.

Ricky Lenczewski made five conversions on the day.

"The Knights are currently 2-1 on the season and need a win this week in order to advance to the post-season. They were scheduled to play against Okemos Wednesday (after the sports section's deadline), which is 0-4 on the season and have been outscored 120-22 on the season.

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'Cats win dramatic championship game

By Terry Jacoby
Correspondent

The Novi boys' lacrosse team held on — and we really mean held on — Friday to win the Kensington Lakes Athletic Association championship with a dramatic 7-6 win over Brighton.

In a defensive battle throughout most of the game, the Wildcats took a 3-0 halftime lead. Novi outscored Brighton 4-2 in the third quarter to take a commanding 7-2 lead into the final period.

A breakthrough chipping away at the lead by dominating the face-offs. Said Novi coach Eric Hoffman. "We were losing the battle there and Brighton's offense started to click a little."

With the Wildcats ahead 7-6 and playing a man down, Brighton went on the attack looking for that tying goal. Brighton moved the ball around trying to find the best shot. They found that perfect shot and scored, but the clock reached zero before the ball hit the net and Novi held on for a 7-6 win.

"It was a great team effort by both teams," Hoffman said. "We just played a more complete game than Brighton, but they showed a lot of heart coming back at the end and making it close."

Justin Danks led the Cats in scoring with three goals and one assist. Mark Ghanann and Chris Kennedy each had a goal and an assist. Alex Caprara and Lucas Buck each had one goal.

Mich Adams had 11 saves on 17 shots for Novi. "We threw the ball away a few times and had a hard time getting the ball back," said Wilson. "We were resilient and showed a lot of heart by clawing their way back into it. 14-10," said Catholic Central coach Dave Wilson.

Rice added two late goals to seal the victory. The Shamrocks did lead that game, 2-1, in the opening minutes of play,

Canton

On Wednesday, the Wildcats knocked off Canton 16-1. Danks, John VanDermy, Buck and Austin Nicholson each scored two goals. Justin Lipski, Brian Stewart and JT Lyon scored their first of the year.

Also scoring goals were Caprara, Kennedy, Nick Gasparotto and Ryan Moore.

Defensively, Spurling, McMaster and Sheeran each had two takeaways and Schramm had one. McMaster had three ground balls and Sheeran had two. Schramm and Spurling each had one.

North Farmington

On Tuesday, Novi played its best offensive game of the year in a 20-2 rout of North Farmington. Buck led the way with seven goals. Keith Pravato, Nicholson and Michael Worth scored two apiece.

John VanDermy had five assists and Lipski had two assists. Ghanann, Caprara, Kennedy and Derek Stockman each had an assist. Along with Werth scoring his first and second goal of the year, Jionni Ivy, Jonathan Nofar and Ryan Moore each had their first varsity goals.

Defensively, McMaster led the way with four takeaways and five ground balls. Schramm had three takeaways and one ground ball. Sheeran had three ground balls.

Adams had six saves on seven shots.

Wildcats lacrosse girls continue to show improvement

The Novi girls' lacrosse team dropped two of three games last week but coach Caitlin Warda is seeing plenty of promise and hard work from the young Wildcats.

Canton

Novi's week started with an 11-7 loss to visiting Canton last Monday. "It was a much closer game than the first time we played them," Warda said. "We started off strong and we kept through the entire game."

The game was very close almost the whole way until Canton scored three straight goals to go ahead by three. We were unable to push it on offense enough to compensate."

Each time Novi scored, Canton seemed to answer right away. "We played a tough game and at the end of the day I was very proud of them considering we were missing two of our leading scorers, Gina Salemi and Megan Paul," Warda said.

South Lyon

On Wednesday, Novi lost to host South Lyon 17-2. "This game was hard for us," Warda said. "From the start of the game, South Lyon played strong. Their team is so high developed in comparison to ours that it was hard to fix the mistakes we made. We were unable to win the faceoffs and gain possession of the ball. Once we lost it, it seemed as though it was next to impossible to get it back."

Farmington Hills Harrison

On Friday, the Wildcats played much better and posted an impressive 11-5 win over Farmington Hills Harrison.

"This was a good confidence boost for us," Warda said. "We had a tough start and played below our ability in the first half. After a quick pep talk at halftime we managed to pull it together and bring the score from 5-3 to 11-5."

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6-1, 6-3, while the second doubles team of Elizabeth Sakorafis and Jordan Hermitz beat Novi's Rachel Bailey and Dina Fawaz, 6-1, 6-2.

In the third doubles flight, Northville once again beat Novi as Chloe Page and Paige Bial won, 6-1, 6-2, over Rebecca Chen and Aswari Kanitkar. The scene was repeat-

ed at No. 4 doubles as Northville's Shannon Williams and Libby Quinn pounded out a hard-fought 6-4, 6-2 win over Novi's Harika Bollineni and Melanie Murphy.

The fifth doubles flight found Northville's Amelia Albanelli and Molly Bis beating Walled Lake Northern's Julia Clyma and Emily Crawford, 6-0, 6-1.

Northville 6, Ann Arbor Huron 3

The Mustangs also took on and defeated the River Rats of Ann Arbor Huron in a non-conference dual meet last week.

"It is these non-conference matches that we really need to get our 'get tough' face on and realize that we can compete with the other top five schools in the state," said Jones. "It also prepares us for the state tournament coming up at the end of the month."

The team topped Ann Arbor, which is ranked in the top 10 in Division I currently, with wins from Ma and Jeannette in the singles flights and from the doubles teams of Romano and Mulker, H, Sakorafis and Hertziz, Punge and Baal, Williams and Quinn and Albanelli and Bis.

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