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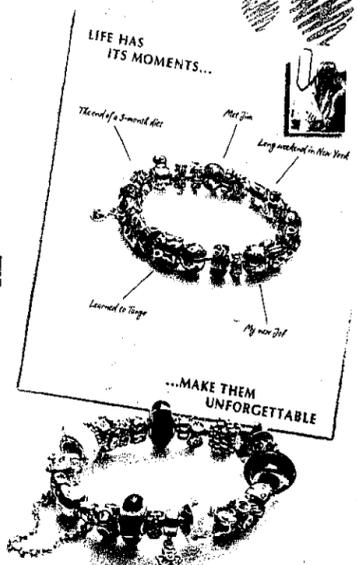
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# Contribute to the earth by planting trees

### Arbor Day celebration Saturday at Lakeshore Park

By Kelly Murad  
STAFF WRITER

In honor of Earth Day Tuesday, Novi residents focused their efforts on being environmentally aware while saving their green thumbs for the weekend.

The City of Novi is hosting its annual Arbor Day celebration Saturday, at Lakeshore Park, located at the south side of South Lake Drive, west of Old Novi Road. The festivities begin 10 a.m. at the Lakeshore Park trailhead with the ceremonial tree planting and reading of the proclamation by Mayor David Landry.

The city is expecting at least 200 volunteers to assist in the planting and mulching of 250 trees and shrubs.

Among a variety of small trees, seedlings and large trees planted will be red bud and spruce.

"We're planting a mixed variety of trees and shrubs for different kinds of wildlife and habitats," said Novi Parks and Forestry Operations Manager Steve Printz. "We've planted quite a few trees at ITC Community Sports Park and now we're trying to shift some of our focus to another park."

"Lakeshore Park is more of a passive recreation park and we want to continue with that theme."

The annual event, which was previously held at ITC Community Sports Park, will focus its efforts on the back part of Lakeshore Park this year.

"We're spreading the wealth of trees to ensure that we're planting trees in the best locations of our parks systems," said Tracie

Ringle, communications and resource development supervisor for the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.

Along with planting trees, community members will assist in the removal of invasive species such as Garlic Mustard.

Snacks, beverages and equipment will be provided for the volunteers, who will also receive a tree seedling with instructions on how to grow it at home.

"It's a lot of fun," Printz said. "I enjoy it and I think the city enjoys putting it on. We're all working together for a common cause."

For 2007, Novi received its 16th designation as a National Arbor Day Foundation Tree City USA.

Novi was among the 111 Michigan communities to qualify as a Tree City USA by meeting the four standards of having a tree board or department, tree care ordinance, comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance.

Novi also became the eight-time recipient of a Tree City USA Growth Award.

"It's given to tree cities who have an increased level of improvements and tree care," Ringle said.

According to the foundation, Novi received this award for demonstrating progress in areas of its community forest program such as computerized tree management system, tree planting and maintenance, tree inventory and analysis, education and public relations, and continuing education for staff.

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## Arbor Day

Saturday, April 26  
10am-12pm  
Lakeshore Park  
601 South Lake Drive  
south side of South Lake Drive,  
west of Old Novi Road

Snacks, beverages, equipment and gloves will be provided  
SOURCE: City of Novi



**Earth Events**  
Parkview Elementary School children join in with musician and ecologist Tom Hodgson as he entertains them Monday with songs about the earth, recycling and wildlife. It was all part of Parkview's activities for Earth Day.

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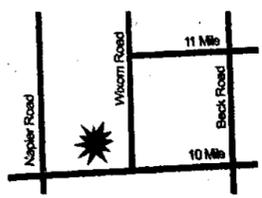
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extend the invitation for them to do it right here on the campus and equally share risk and reward." Adding one more piece to the puzzle, construction of the Medical Office Building, which will house the vast majority of Providence physicians, is near completion with numerous doctors already moved in.

"We were the first tenants," said Stephanie Herrle, Providence Rehabilitation Services physical therapist who moved into the new building in the first week of March. "This gym is larger than our previous gym."

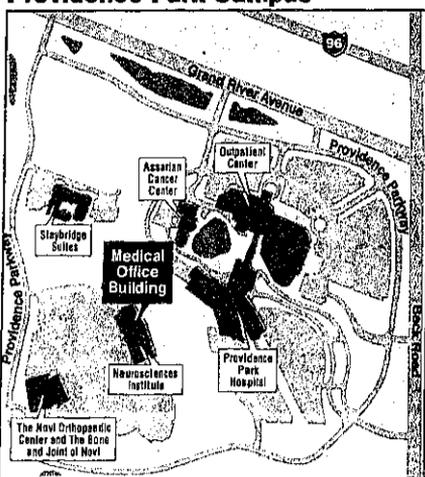
Providence Rehabilitation Services, which used to be located in the current hospital, provides physical and occupational therapy, and will provide speech therapy once a therapist is hired.

Once the new hospital opens, the current hospital will house outpatient services, along with some offices for administration and specialty physicians.

By May 1, doctors are expected to move into the Medical Office Building, which is entirely leased out to 55 Providence physicians, said Lou Martin, account executive of marketing and public relations for Providence Park Hospital.

"They own the buildings and we own the land," Casalour said. "We're also tenants. We pay rent

### Providence Park Campus



SOURCE: St. John Health

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to the building to have our rehab center in there."

The medical offices are located in the northern portion of the 210,000-square-foot building. In coming months, the southern portion will open as the Neurosciences Institute, which will include a teaching auditorium and surgical teaching skills lab.

#### Designing doctors

Dr. Jeffrey Weingarten's office

was the first to open at the current hospital 14 years ago.

"It's been an evolution," he said. Weingarten has been involved with the planning and implementation of the Medical Office Building's information technology services.

"Our entrance is going to have three, 47-inch, vertical LCD monitors with the digital directory for the Medical Office Building," he said. "It's going to be a public information kiosk."

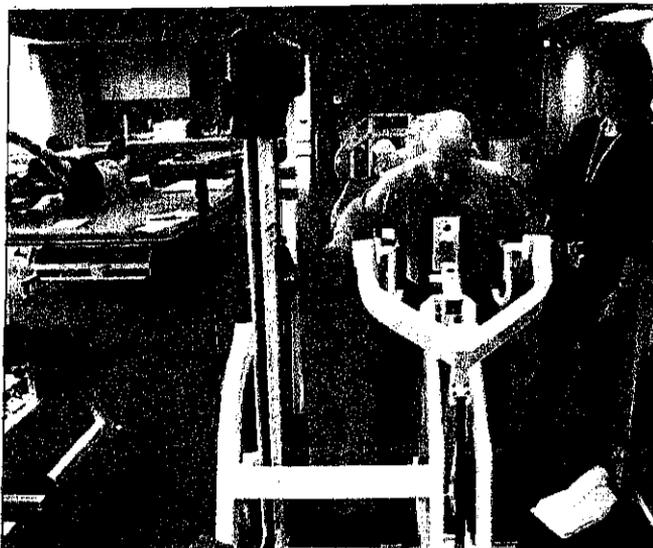


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With the assistance of physical therapist Stephanie Herrle, right, Raymond Chandonnet works on some rehabilitation inside the new Providence Park Medical Office Building.

Weingarten also said there will be touch-screen monitors on each floor providing patients directions to their doctor's office when they exit the elevator.

"It's a highly service-oriented facility to care for our patients," he said. "The digital directory will

connect the high-tech infrastructure of our building to that of the new hospital."

There will be a connector linking the Medical Office Building and Neurosciences Institute to the new Providence Park Hospital.

"To have the doctors being the ones designing it really makes a big difference," Martin said.

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## Novi schools and St. John Providence partner in excellence

By Chris Jackett  
STAFF WRITER

While some kids grow up wanting to be a doctor and take the interest to college without experience, Novi students are getting a first-hand look through the Partners in Excellence program.

The first-year program, coordinated by Novi High School Science Department Chair Bill Dunbar, has opened up a world of opportunity for students with St. John Providence Park in Novi.

"The power of it is that it is real world. The kids see it beyond the classroom," he said. "The kids are examining medical careers and traveling to the hospital four times a week. We've also connected our special ed kids for vocational training at Providence Park. It's just been a great partnership and the benefits for both communities have just been incredible."

#### First-hand experiences

The new medical career explorations course Dunbar teaches at the high school is the centerpiece of the program. Speakers from various medical fields visit the

class on Mondays as students alternate on group trips to the hospital the other four days.

"Through observing these different careers, I know what careers are boring, what careers involve a lot of responsibility and what careers have more person-to-person contact, rather than computer-to-person contact," said MaryBeth Shively, a 17-year-old senior in the class. "There are many assumptions regarding careers in health care and this class has opened my eyes to a number of health care possibilities, rather than the normal doctor, nurse and pediatrician."

The class has opened a lot of students' eyes as they've been able to witness surgeries, learn how to give injections and take ultrasounds.

"Being in this class has not only allowed me to see some of the things that go on behind the scenes at a hospital, but it also teaches me things that I don't want to do or don't like, which is just as important as figuring out what you do like," said 18-year-old senior Lauren Shelar, a future zoologist.

"Before this class, I thought that I wanted to work in a hospital all the time and possibly be a nurse,

but once I got into it, I realized that everything isn't like they show you on 'Grey's Anatomy.'"

Darlene Ephraim, corporate director of occupational health with St. John Providence, collaborates with Dunbar to make the program successful.

"It gives the students the opportunity to see what's out there in the medical profession," Ephraim said. "Many patients, as they walk through, comment they wish their children had this opportunity."

#### More than a class

Beyond the course, elementary school students will be donating 500 self-written books to the hospital on May 12, an event various high school departments are assisting with. Additionally, many high school art students spent their spring break painting an aquatic mural in the emergency room and the choir sang for patients last Christmas.

"It's a growing program. It's just beginning. The hospital hasn't even opened," Dunbar said. "Being able to see that stuff and network with professionals, we have a large number of high

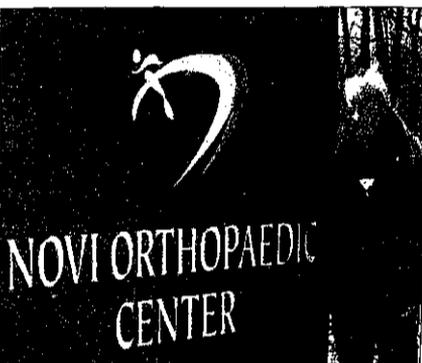
school kids that are volunteering."

Natalie Krick, a 17-year-old junior art student, recently designed the logo for the Novi Orthopaedic Center. The logo is displayed on the center's sign and letterhead.

"It was definitely a life-long experience learning the process of developing a logo and meeting with clients," Krick said.

Ephraim said the student involvement will help to usher in future generations of volunteers and medical providers.

"The program is absolutely amazing. It's probably been one of the most rewarding experiences of my career. I get to talk with students and I'm looking forward to their successes," said the 22-year St. John Providence employee. "I see this as a wonderful partnership in the future of health care. You always want to do something to change lives and this does that."



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## Outlook for jobs brighter in 2009

### ■ Oakland County seen as key spot in Michigan

By John Wisely  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Oakland County will lose another 4,400 jobs this year before adding 1,200 jobs in 2009 and 5,600 jobs in 2010.

according to two University of Michigan economists.

George Fulton and Donald Grimes presented the 23rd annual Oakland County Economic Forecast last Thursday to about 750 business and government leaders in Novi.

The forecast was welcome news on two fronts: The county lost 23,000 jobs in 2006-07. And as one of the most affluent counties in the nation, Oakland is expected to lead the state out of its economic downturn.

So, any sign of job growth in

the county is a key indicator that Michigan's recession may be ending, economists have said.

Since 1986, the forecast has had an average margin of error of only 1.5 percent, Fulton said.

The county can expect job gains in health care, business services and technology, with continued losses in manufacturing, real estate and leisure sectors, the forecast said.

"The economy of Oakland County has improved pretty appreciably in a tough environment," Fulton said. "Oakland has consistently scored a significant



L. Brooks Patterson

that the county posted consecutive

number of job gains."

If the prediction plays out, it would mark the first time since 1999-2000

years of job gains.

"I'm confident that we will offer a glimmer of hope," said County Executive L. Brooks Patterson. "It's important to see the glass as half full."

Patterson pointed to his Emerging Sectors initiative, which recruits growing industries to the county, as an example of attracting the jobs of the future. Last week, Patterson announced the initiative passed the \$1-billion milestone for new investment in the county.

Some of the businesspeople

who gathered at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi to hear the presentation said the assessment tracks with what they are seeing.

"It's not too rosy, which is realistic," said Don Clayton, a partner in the Southfield accounting firm of Clayton & McKerrey PC.

Kent Pederson of Charter One Bank said he already sees some small- to medium-size businesses that are surviving and even growing.

"Not everybody is struggling," Pederson said. "We still have a pulse."

Never invest in something that you don't fully understand. Before you write a check, make sure you know exactly what goes into an investment, along with its potential benefits and risks.

• Know your risk tolerance. If you're losing sleep over the fate of your investments, you may be taking on more risk than you should. On the other hand, however, you may sometimes need to move outside your "comfort zone" to achieve your financial objectives. If, for example, you invest too conservatively, your portfolio may not provide enough growth potential to keep up inflation, which, over time, can be a real threat to

your financial security.

• Work with a financial advisor who knows your situation. An ethical, professional financial advisor — someone who knows your needs, goals and investment preferences — should only recommend investments that are appropriate for you.

Between your awareness of the various regulatory agencies and your own informed actions, you can feel confident about your ability to invest — and that's a good feeling to have.

This column was provided by Mark Whiffeld, financial advisor, Novi Town Center, 43240 11 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

## Who's looking out for individual investors?

If you've been investing for a while, you know that there are few guarantees in the investment world and that, in one way or another, you're going to be taking some risks with your money. Still, you'd like to know that you're participating in a system that is fair to everyone and that is governed by rules. So you may ask yourself: "Who's looking out for me?"

Fortunately, you're not alone. In fact, a variety of government agencies and industry groups are working to protect you. Let's take a quick look at some of them:

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These agencies, and others involved in the investment world, work hard to protect your interests — because the capital markets, as a whole, will always benefit when investors are confident that they are participating in an equitable system.

But, despite the work of these agencies, you still need to take steps to defend yourself against "unpleasant surprises" down the road. Here are a few ideas to consider:

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## New Novi Chamber of Commerce director; Maynard joins hospital

The Novi Chamber of Commerce announced that Linda Daly, business services manager for Telcom Credit Union, accepted the position of administrative director for the Novi Chamber of Commerce effective May 5. Bob Thorne, chair for the Chamber, said, "I was very pleased when Linda accepted our offer to take the position. Linda comes to us with a great depth of experience in organizing, planning and leadership. I'm sure that her skill sets will play a crucial role as we move forward to double the size of the membership and activities of the Novi Chamber of Commerce."

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#### Patterson makes endorsement for Oakland County Commissioner

L. Brooks Patterson, announced he is endorsing Lou Csordas for Oakland County Commissioner.

"Lou Csordas has the experience and expertise to have an immediate impact as the Oakland County Commissioner for District 9 (Novi/Northville)," said L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County chief executive, in a state-

ment. "I have watched Lou perform as the Mayor of the City of Novi, and I am aware of his private sector experience in finance and insurance. As a fiscal conservative, he will be a great asset in the tough economic times facing the county and I look forward to working with him."

Patterson gave his endorsement of Csordas at a luncheon attended

by more than 100 people at the Novi Outback Steakhouse on April 19.

Csordas said he will seek appointment to the Finance Committee and the Personnel Committee as a county commissioner.

He is employed by U.S. Health and Life Insurance Company based in Sterling Heights.

Csordas is vice president of Corporate Communications and manages large, self-funded health benefit programs for the company.

Csordas is the immediate past Mayor of the City of Novi and has

lived in Novi for 30 years.

#### Robert Maynard, M.D., joins Botsford Hospital medical staff

Robert Maynard, M.D., recently joined the Botsford Hospital medical staff.

Dr. Maynard, a Pleasant Ridge resident, is board certified in internal medicine. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the American Society of Echocardiography, the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology and the Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography.

He practices at Consultants in Cardiology located at 30055 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 220 in Farmington Hills, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Suite C206 in Novi and 14555 Leyan Road, Suite 403 in Livonia.

Dr. Maynard received his medical education from Wayne State University's School of Medicine. He completed his internship and internal medicine residency at McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University. He also completed a cardiovascular medicine fellowship at the Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Anlin Development Sells Novi Facility for \$1M

Anlin Development Co. sold the property at 46695 Magellan Drive in Novi for \$1.09 million, or about \$68 per square foot. IPG Photonics purchased the building, which will be its new showroom and laboratory for laser related processes.

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# MY PUBLIC SAFETY

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## Novi resident's court case dismissed against Kid Rock

By Chris Jackett  
STAFF WRITER

Novi resident Kelly Ann Kozlowski was awarded \$100,000 in damages and \$100,000 in attorney's fees in her case against musician Kid Rock during a one-day trial in Pontiac last Friday, part of a back-and-forth series of lawsuits between the two parties.

Kozlowski, 29, sought more than \$25,000 from the 37-year-old rock star, born Robert J. Ritchie, for emotional distress.

"She had not been injured and, if this had been anyone other than Kid Rock, the lawsuit wouldn't have happened," said Bill Horton, Ritchie's attorney.

A jury of four men and three women reached a 6-1 decision in favor of Ritchie after 90 minutes of deliberations. Ritchie left the courtroom after the first 30 minutes of deliberations and did not return.

The jury heard testimonies from Kozlowski, her mother, a mental expert and the Clarkston Police sergeant who responded to a phone call regarding the March 8, 2007 incident.

"Job couldn't take the stand. He really wanted to tell his side of the story," Horton said. "It was a damages-only trial, so the judge ruled that he didn't see (Kozlowski) after that night, so he didn't have anything relevant to say and couldn't take the stand."

The lawsuit stemmed from an evening at Ritchie's Clarkson studio in March 2007. According to court documents, after Kozlowski and a friend met the rock star at a bar that night, he invited them back to his studio. After an argument, Kozlowski alleged she was pushed into a snow bank outside the studio, and took legal action against Ritchie for assault and battery.

After several witnesses were interviewed by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, the claim was tossed and Ritchie sued Kozlowski for false light invasion

of property, defamation and trespassing. Kozlowski counter-sued for emotional distress from seeing her name in the media regarding the event.

After Kid Rock failed to appear at deposition dates scheduled last fall, Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Shalini Kumar dismissed Ritchie's case Nov. 14, 2007.

"Mr. Ritchie made a comment that he thought I treated him unfairly because of his celebrity status," Kumar said Monday. "I treated him no differently than I'd treat anyone else, and I think he was upset by that."

Ritchie had protested Kumar's

The letter, posted at bands.goandmichigan.com, was not enough for the appeals court to give his case a listen and grant a "redo."

Ritchie did get his full day in court Friday, but as a defendant for a trial planned to determine if he would pay Kozlowski in her counter-suit for emotional distress, Ritchie went and Drew Norton, Kozlowski's attorney, refused to comment on the case or whether his client would appeal the decision.

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## SIRIUS radio believed stolen; purse missing from Novi pub

Between 9 p.m. April 14 and 7:41 a.m. April 15, an unknown suspect stole the SIRIUS Satellite Radio from a vehicle parked on Telford Circle, near Nine Mile and Haggerty roads, reports said.

### POLICE BRIEFS

#### Purse missing from Library Pub

According to recent police reports, a woman's purse was either lost or stolen between 1-9 a.m. April 14, from the Library Pub, located on Grand River Avenue.

The woman, who had been hanging out with friends, said she returned home shortly after 1 a.m. and realized she forgot her purse and cellular phone at the bar.

At about 9 a.m., the woman returned to the Library Pub to search for her purse and phone, but neither her nor the manager were able to locate them, reports said.

The black purse contained the woman's wallet with \$100, \$300 in gift cards, driver's license, social security card and check-book, among other items.

According to the report, the woman has since cancelled her credit cards, checking account

and replaced her cellular phone.

According to the victim, she arrived at the retail store in High Point Plaza at about 1:20 p.m. and upon returning to her vehicle at about 1:45 p.m., she noticed the dashboard of the 2007 Cadillac Escalade was partially removed.

The woman believes she locked the door, but there were no signs of forced entry.

There was a vehicle occupied by two men in their mid-20s parked near the Escalade when she arrived at the store, but the vehicle was gone when she returned, reports said.

It is unknown if the other vehicle was involved or witnessed the incident. There are no suspects or evidence at this time.

An unknown suspect attempted to steal a navigation system from a vehicle parked in front of Office Max at Haggerty and Eight Mile roads, reports said.

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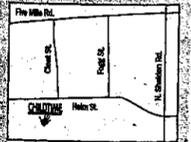
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## Coping with autism

By Tracy Estes-Mishler  
SPECIAL WRITER

Alison McClester will love her 7-year-old daughter, Magen, no matter what.

Diagnosed with autism at 6, McClester, 27, of Novi, said, though it's been hard, her daughter is the love of her life and autism is just an obstacle the mother and daughter duo will learn to cope with together.

"It is hard to be a single mother and raise a child with autism," McClester said. "But the more and more I read about it, the more I understand that it's up to me to help her grow and possibly get better."

The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke estimates three to six children out of every 1,000 will have autism. Males are four times more likely to have the disorder than females.

Bringing awareness  
April is Autism Awareness Month and the Abilities Center, in Walled Lake, is hosting several events to help parents understand autism and how to raise a child with the disorder.

**Party in the park**  
Hosted by: Abilities Center  
Price: Free  
What: Open house to help parents of autistic children gather resources and information about autism.  
Where: Commerce Place, 2076 E. West Maple, Suite B-204, Walled Lake  
For more information on the Abilities Center, visit www.AbilitiesCenter.com or call (248) 926-0909.



Jill Spokojny Guz helps student Avery down the slide at the Abilities Center, in Walled Lake.

"I always wanted to be a therapist, and though Magen has autism, it won't make me love her any less."

McClester said learning to raise a child with autism has been an up and down journey.

"We call it the Abilities Center because we focus on abilities, not disabilities," said Jill Spokojny Guz, occupational therapist and president of the Abilities Center. "We think all children have strengths and abilities, and we help them reach their maximum potential whatever that may be."

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The Abilities Center is a private therapy center, around since 1994, providing physical, occupational, music and speech therapies, as well as summer camp and special events to all children who are not functioning at their utmost potential.

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Spokojny Guz said things to look out for are engagement, not maintaining eye contact and lacking relationships with other people.

"Autism is a diagnosed condition," she said. "Children can physically look normal, and that's the hardest part with parents. Because their children are not functional. They don't know how to play. They tend to have a lot of tantrums and it can be hard to learn language."

Spokojny Guz said 70 percent of the children seen at the Abilities Center are autistic with one in eight autistic children being boys.

"The issue with autism is there are a lot of theories and anecdotal information from parents about

the disorder," she said, "but we really need scientific studies with control groups to really understand what autism is and what the best treatments are."

For autism, the Abilities Center specializes in the D.L.R. Floor Time (Development Individualizes Relationships) approach, which includes sensory integration, speech and language pathology and other functional programs. Classes include spinning wheels, which teaches children to bike ride.

"All children want to learn to ride a bike and that definitely helps with self-esteem," Spokojny

helping the children and the other 50 is supporting and educating the parents. They really are the children's best teachers and play a vital role in their children's lives."

"It's really difficult to be a parent of an autistic child because there is no one to say this is what you have to do to fix the problem," she said. "The challenge is we have no answers."

"As professionals, we need to help the parents as much as we can. There are lots of resources in the Detroit area alone that are invaluable, like the Michigan Autism Association Oakland County Chapter."

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## Red Robin staff saves the day for fearful family



Novi Red Robin restaurant employees Louis Christopoulos, left, Ken Butcher and Mary McNeil (not pictured) all assisted a guest who was having a seizure in the restaurant on April 5.

For the staff at the Novi Red Robin restaurant, a Saturday afternoon is normally a steady flow of hungry customers and a routine schedule.

However, on April 5, they had to act fast as a 19-month-old child began having a seizure.

"One of our team members was walking around in the dining room and saw a woman crying and fumbling around in her purse," said Mary McNeil, a manager at the restaurant who was on duty around 3 p.m. the day of the incident.

The server, Louis Christopoulos, ran to find general manager Ken Butcher, a former emergency medical technician, while mid-manager and bartender Amy Carriere called 9-1-1.

"One of my servers ran up to me because they knew I had medical training in the past," Butcher said. "The grandmother had laid her down on the floor because she didn't know what to do."

The grandmother had been sitting and holding the child while the mother was in the rest room, where she was quickly retrieved by restaurant staff members.

"There was no response. Her eyes were rolled back and she was foaming at the mouth," McNeil said of the child. "A high temperature is what brought the seizures on."

Butcher, who was an EMT seven years ago before switching to restaurant management, said his past training taught him infants are susceptible to a body temperature-induced seizure, allowing him to deal with it appropriately.

"I got down and checked her vitals to make sure she was OK and breathing. She was really

warm, so we took off whatever clothing we could and we got some cold towels and wrapped her up," he said. "By the time 9-1-1 got there, she was screaming like Bloody Mary."

It wasn't the first time Butcher had to deal with a customer in trouble. He said an adult female customer at a different restaurant four years ago stopped breathing and had no heartbeat. He had to perform CPR right away, and saved her life in the process.

He said the situation with the infant was a little more extreme.

"The situation is always elevated when you see a small, helpless child. Your training kicks in,"

Butcher said. "The fast reaction by our staff is what I'm most proud of."

The child and her family members, whose names were not known to Red Robin employees, were transported to a nearby hospital, also unknown to the staff.

The mother returned to the restaurant later that night to pick up a to-go order and tell the staff the child was safely recuperating in the hospital. The food was on the house.

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**CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider:

Case No. 08-018 filed by Gardner Signs for Huntington Bank located at 43200 Ten Mile Road.

Gardner Signs Inc. representing Huntington Bank is requesting a three-foot square foot area variance and a one-foot height variance for an 8 x 8 foot sign mounted ground sign measuring forty-eight (48) square feet to be located at 43200 Ten Mile Road for the Huntington Bank and the Village Point Shopping Center. Property is zoned B-3 and located north of Ten Mile Road and east of Novi Road.

Case No. 08-019 filed by RMJ Development for 25280 Sealey Road RMJ Development is requesting a variance to continue the nonconforming use of outdoor storage for building materials, contractor's equipment, appliances and to park RMJ Development vehicles on the property located at 25280 Sealey Road. Property is zoned I-1 and located north of Grand River Avenue and east of Sealey Road.

Case No. 08-020 filed by L. & A Architects Inc. for Theo Ball located at 21090 Haggerty Road.

L. & A Architects Inc. is requesting one ten (10) foot front yard parking setback variance, one variance to the required number of parking spaces, one five (5) foot side yard dumpster setback variance and one variance to the requirement that loading areas be screened from view from any public right-of-way, including free way right-of-way and adjacent properties for the Theo Ball restaurant located at 21090 Haggerty Road. Property is zoned FS and is located north of Eight Mile Road and east of Haggerty Road.

Case No. 08-022 filed by 1601 East Lake Road.

Applicant is requesting one four (4) foot side yard setback variance and one five (5) foot rear yard lot coverage variance for the construction of a new 328 square foot detached garage to be located at 1601 East Lake Road. Property is zoned R-4 and located north of Thirteen Mile Road and west of Novi Road.

Case No. 08-023 filed by Erickson Retirement Communities for Fox Run Village located at 41000 W. Thirteen Mile Road.

Erickson Retirement Communities - Fox Run Village is requesting an extension to allow the continued placement of a temporary construction identification sign located at 41000 W. Thirteen Mile Road. The sign was originally approved in ZBA04-012 for one year and granted a three year extension in ZBA04-117. The property is zoned RM-1 and is located north of Thirteen Mile Road and west of Novi Road.

Case No. 08-024 filed by 23770 Meadowbrook Road.

Applicant is requesting one 8.3 foot aggregate side yard setback variance for the addition of a new attached garage to an existing nonconforming structure located at 23770 Meadowbrook Road. Applicant's property has an existing 4.2 foot north side yard setback. Property is zoned R-4 and is located east of Meadowbrook Road and north of Malott Drive.

(4-24-08 NN 410385)

**NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT TSLUP 08-008**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Josh Malik of Anglin Properties is requesting a temporary Special Land Use Permit to allow time for the termination of lease agreements for outdoor storage of recreational vehicles located on the property at 46700 Grand River Avenue, an OST district, from May 9, 2008 through November 9, 2008.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary special land use permit.

This request will be considered at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, May 9, 2008 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Robin A. Working and must be received prior to May 9, 2008.

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Frog Force robotics wraps up rebuilding year

By Chris Jackett STAFF WRITER

Novi High School's Team 503 Frog Force robotics team returned from the Georgia Dome in Atlanta last weekend empty handed, although the trip to the world championships was enough to place the students among Michigan's elite.

Frog Force won the FIRST Robotics Great Lakes Invitational at Eastern Michigan University on March 29 after forming an alliance with teams from Huron Valley and Romulus. The Novi team, which consists of 47 students, also won the Engineering Inspiration Award.

Team 503 was looking to reclaim their 2005 world title in Atlanta and got off to a strong start last Friday, the first day of competition, by winning four of their first five matches.

"At one point, we were in seventh place," said first-year coach Craig Hepler, who has been a mentor since the program was founded in 2001 when his oldest son, Jeff, was a freshman. His youngest son, Eric, also competed with the team until he graduated last spring.

last year and only retaining five seniors, the trip to the world championships and the regional life were still a success for what some would call a rebuilding season. Craig Hepler is confident the large group of current sophomores will help the team next year.

"Every year, we seem to get better as far as our methods. We still have a ways to go. I don't think we'll ever reach perfection," he said.

The team's robot, Pulverizing Patel, was created with the help of parent mentors and mentors from sponsor Inter Automotive.

It was able to perform well as it traveled counterclockwise around a track on a 27-by-54-foot field while shooting a 40-inch colored ball over an overpass obstacle during a two-minute, 15-second competition run.

"Our robot was designed to pick up the ball and shoot it over the overpass," Hepler said. "There were quite a few different designs out there."

Team 217 ThunderChickens of Utica Community Schools in Michigan won the world championship with a robot that had an arm and flung the ball over the obstacle, rather than shoot it. The team from Huron Valley Schools that Novi partnered with at the regional competition also did well, finishing third of 84 teams in the Cune Division.

"It makes it cool to be smart," Hepler said of the robotics competitions. "In so many things, it's not. It's cool to show physical prowess on the football field or basketball court. (A speaker at the



Team 503 Frog Force members Tyler Odom, Gavin Patient and Vritika Singh stand with coach Craig Hepler, mentor Manoj Srivastava and their robot, Pulverizing Patel, at last weekend's robotics world championships at Atlanta's Georgia Dome.

competition made a point when he said) this is the only sport all the kids can go pro in."

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OBITUARIES

GLADYS F. BARNUM

Gladys F. Barnum, age 86, of Novi, formerly of Northville and Kalkaska, passed away peacefully on April 18, 2008. She was born on August 20, 1921 in Saginaw, MI to William and Lillian (Barnick) DeLude. She was united in marriage to Harold E. Barnum on March 6, 1945. They spent 44 loving years together until his death on April 17, 1987. Gladys, a homemaker, enjoyed playing bridge and gardening. She was an avid reader, enjoyed by her beloved children, Ronald (Kathy) Barnum and Joy (Bruce) Mach; her dear brother, Jack (Eleanor) DeLude and sister, Ruth (Marvin) Simonson; her adored grandchildren, Gregory Barnum, Melissa Barnum, Jason (Alaina Schroeder) Mach and Randy (Jari) Mach; and her cherished great grandchildren, Tyler and Logan Mach. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and her brother Douglas DeLude. A Time of Gathering will be held Sunday, May 4, 2008 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. with a Memorial Service at 3 p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. Pastor Terry Nelson from Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in South Lyon will be officiating the service. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate memorial contributions to Marywood Nursing Care Center, 36275 5 Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48154 or Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg Rd., Livonia, MI 48154.

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Work of Art! William Richardson of Suffolk, Va., works on crafting shaker-style robot boxes at last weekend's Sugarloaf Art Festival at Novi's Rock Financial Showplace. Richardson was one of many crafters and artists who demonstrated their trade during the three day festival which ended Sunday. The boxes are made mostly of cherry and birch wood.

Resident could have a shining moment on 'American Idol'

By Chris Jackett STAFF WRITER

Novi resident Kurt Schreimueler together with David Barrett and Dan Yessian wrote a song called "You Believe in Me" a decade ago. The song is now one of 20 finalists in the American Idol Songwriter contest.

"The song is 10 years old. It's interesting because we did it 10 years ago at Dan's studio," Schreimueler said. "Dan's son and staff produced him and we just sent it in."

The winning song, out of a pool of thousands, will be sung by the season seven "American Idol" winner during the final show next month.

Votes are tallied at http://songwriter.americanidol.com, where anyone on the Web can register, listen to the 20 songs and rate each song through April 23. "You Believe in Me," co-written by Schreimueler and sung by Chicago vocalist Helen Darling, should not be confused with another song titled "You Believed in Me."

pick the music (at Oak Pointe)." He's also composed songs for television and radio commercials in his private studio, similar to "You Believe in Me" co-writers Barrett and Yessian. Barrett was also the writer of the NCAA men's basketball tournament's anthem, "Ode to a Shining Moment."

Schreimueler thinks the other songs in the top 20 are good enough where any of them really have a shot to win.

"They're good, so who knows. It's a level playing field. A good song should be able to transcend any singer," he said. "You're only as good as the last song you wrote."

Schreimueler prefers the songwriter's lifestyle to that of a singer because it allows him to lead a simple life.

"The nice thing about being a writer is that you're not in the public eye. You can still go to Hiller's grocery store," he said. "As a songwriter, you're more behind the scenes. I'd hate to be Kelly Clarkson because you'd always have people coming up to you asking for autographs."



Oak Pointe Church director of music ministries Kurt Schreimueler is the co-author of a song that is one of the top 20 finalists in the American Idol songwriter contest.

Chinese available at Meadows; HS cameras running

School Board Meeting Highlights

Novi Meadows' teachers Laura Pennycook and Diane McCurdy reported to the board about Chinese world language tutoring and grant. Starting this fall, grades five and six will be able to learn Pinyin Chinese in addition to the current German, French, Japanese and Spanish language options already available to grades five-12. Mandarin Chinese is already being taught to seventh-12th grade students.

reported to the board the district's MEAP score results from fall 2007 testing. Novi placed among the best in Oakland County, with scores in the 90th percentile for most categories.

Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations Gail Credit provided a short demonstration of the surveillance camera capabilities at Novi High School. The cameras offer a clear, color, zoomable perspective of much of the high school's interior.

The board discussed modifications to the renovation bylaws, administration and relations portions of the NEOLA board poli-

cies. Many of the modifications will be reviewed and updated at policy committee meetings and further discussion on other sections of the policy will be discussed at the next three regular board meetings.

Beils and Superintendent Peter Dion recognized the high scores of Chemistry Olympiads Josh Lumley, Ruihao Zuo, Ryan Lumley and Sudharshan Mohanram. Josh Lumley and Zuo participated in a second test yesterday for the chance to potentially participate this July in the International Chemistry Olympiad in Budapest, Hungary.

as part of a four-person team from the United States.

The board adjourned to executive session at 9:45 p.m. May 1 at the Educational Services Building, 23435 Taft Road.

were taken from the Thursday, April 17 regular meeting of the Novi Community School Board by Chris Jackett. All board members were in attendance. Next meeting: 7 p.m. May 14 at the Educational Services Building, 23435 Taft Road.



ON CAMPUS

University of Nebraska Kate Elsa McClintock, a junior from Novi majoring in journalism and mass communication, was honored April 6 at the University Honors Convocation by being named a High Scholar. This signifies that a student is either in the top 10 percent of their class or has a 3.6 cumulative grade-point average or higher.

St. Mary's College Bethany Greenham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Greenham of Novi, was named to the Dean's List for fall semester 2007.

University of Northwestern Ohio Angelo John Meyers, a student from Novi, was named to the Dean's List for winter quarter 2008 for the College of Business.

Northwood University Tyler W. Mouch will be a freshman at Northwood University this fall and is a recip-

ient of the Free-Enterprise Scholarship for the 2008-2009 academic year. The Free-Enterprise Scholarship is \$5,000 per year with renewal options yearly if criteria is met. The scholarship is awarded to a student who has exhibited academic excellence during their high school years. Mouch, the son of Bob and Jan Mouch of Novi, will graduate from Novi High School this spring and will work toward a business degree from Northwood University.

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## EVENTS

### Novi Parks Department Summer Camps

DETAILS: The Novi Parks Department is offering more than 15 new camps this summer with new campers for everyone. New camps include Farm Camp, Mountain Biking Camp, Shorties for Shorties preschool sports camp, Sports Camps - cricket, bowling, cheer, football and tennis, Crazy Science Camp, Lego Camp, Dance Camp - ballet and Hip-Hop, Painting Camp, and Circus Camp. Camp Lakeshore returns this summer with field trips to Pump It Up, Detroit Science Center, Red Oaks Wave Pool and the Detroit Zoo. Registration is now open. For more information or to register, visit [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org). There is a \$5 discount when registering online. CONTACT: (248) 347-0400

### Second City Theatricals "Sex and the Second City"

WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS: 8 and 10 p.m. FRIDAYS: 7 and 9 p.m. SATURDAYS: 8 p.m. SUNDAYS: 10 a.m. LOCATION: Second City Comedy Club, 42705 Grand River, Novi. DETAILS: The Second City Theatricals is a division of the world famous Second City comedy theater presents this last paced musical comedy men, women, love and marriage and everything in between. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased directly through The Second City box office by calling (248) 348-4448, or going to <http://www.secondcity.com>

### Earth Day Computer Recycling

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. LOCATION: Best Buy, 21051 Haggerty Road, Novi. DETAILS: Have your eWaste recycled safely and securely by Great Lakes Electronics. Consumers are encouraged to bring old computers, palm pilot, telephone equipment, televisions, VCRs and other household appliances (under 100 pounds) to be safely disposed of. Staffed collection trucks will be stationed at the store. Great Lakes Electronics offers state-of-the-art security destruction. Memory devices such as computer hard drives will be accepted at the event and shredded at their Detroit facility. This destroys all data in security compliance with federal acts and requirements. CONTACT: For more information, visit [www.recycleelectronics.com](http://www.recycleelectronics.com)

### Webkinz Extravaganza

DATE: Friday, Saturday and Sunday. LOCATION: Hattie's Hallmark, 41630 West 10 Mile Rd., Novi. DETAILS: Hattie's Hallmark is having a Webkinz Extravaganza with games, coloring contests and prizes for all children. Free Webkinz with \$10 purchase for first 500 customers. CONTACT: (248) 348-2270

### Paw Print Inn Open House Giveaway

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. LOCATION: Paw Print Inn Resort & Spa, 41249 Vineville Court, just off Meadowbrook Road between Grand River and 11 Mile Roads, Novi. DETAILS: The public is invited to tour the facility for pets. Paw Print Inn & Spa provides a luxury hotel and spa atmosphere and amenities for pets and their owners. CONTACT: (248) 615-8500 or go to [www.pawprintinn.com](http://www.pawprintinn.com)

### Novi 4th Grade Roller Skating Party

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday. LOCATION: Bonaventure Roller Skating Rink. DETAILS: This meet and greet party is for all Novi fourth graders (Class of 2016). The kids have an opportunity to meet other fourth graders in the district, plus the principals from Novi Meadows. Lots of fun games and prizes planned. Sorry, no siblings please.

### Waltonwoods Craft Show Fundraiser

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday. LOCATION: Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks Retirement Community, 27475 Huron Circle (adjacent to Twelve Oaks Mall). DETAILS: Vendors are needed for the craft show. Rent a six foot table for \$20. All proceeds will benefit the Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Craft Show is free and open to the public. CONTACT: For more information, call Barb at (248) 735-1500

### 2008 Women's Commission for Oakland County

TIME/DATE: 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 7. LOCATION: Board of Commissioners' Auditorium in Pontiac. DETAILS: The Commission's forum will focus on Women's Empowerment with emphasis on health, leadership, economic autonomy and violence against women's safety. The community is welcome to speak on issues related to these topics or on any other issues affecting women in Oakland County. Guests are invited to speak for up to 5 minutes on an area of need for women.

### "Kokonut Kapers"

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8; Friday, May 9 and May 16; Saturday, May 17. Also, 2 p.m. Saturday, May 10; Sunday, May 11; Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. DETAILS: The Novi Theatres presents this musical comedy comedy that features fast-paced action, a treasure chest of jokes, high school antics, pirates and a lot that moves as swiftly as a hurricane. Fifty-two young actors, several from Novi and Northville, star in the show which is directed by Henry Wetzel from the Detroit Repertory Theatre. Ticket are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors. All seats are reserved. Tickets are on sale online at [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org) and at the Novi Parks office in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. CONTACT: For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

### Art Van Furniture Store Events

LOCATION: 27775 Novi Road, Novi. CONTACT: (248) 348-8922. Race For the Cure Entries DATE: Thursday, May 1-Friday, May 16. DETAILS: Art Van is pleased to be a sponsor of the 17th Annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure, May 31 at Comerica Park. Those interested in participating in the race can pick up entry forms in the store. **Cinco De Mayo Activity Sheets** DATE: Saturday, May 10. DETAILS: To celebrate Cinco De Mayo, children will receive a festive activity sheet, while supplies last. **Kids Castle Mother's Day Giveaway** DATE: Saturday, May 3-Saturday, May 10. DETAILS: Children visiting the store will receive a special gift to give to mom for Mother's Day, May 11. Kids Castles are supervised play areas for children. While supplies last. **Second City Tickets** DATE: Saturday, May 10. DETAILS: Visit the store and pick up a voucher good towards complimentary admission for two to an upcoming performance at The Second City in Novi. Vouchers are available to the first 50 interested guests. While supplies last.

### Providence Park Job Fair

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 17. LOCATION: Providence Park Medical Building, Conference Rooms A, B and C, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi. DETAILS: The Job Fair is to recruit new employees for its upcoming hospital that is currently under construction. Recruiting for RNs, CRNAs,

### Pharmacists, cardiac sonographers, respiratory therapists, radiology technicians, CT technicians, ultrasound technicians, physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, speech language pathologists, occupational therapists, environmental services, food and nutrition services and more. Full-time, part-time and contingent positions are available on all shifts. There will be on-site interviews. Please bring your resume. Presentations about the hospital and small tour groups also available. For a complete listing of open positions, visit [www.stjohn.org/jobopenings](http://www.stjohn.org/jobopenings). For more information on the Providence Park Job Fair, please call Work Life Services at (248) 465-4570.

### 7th Annual Founders Day Festival-Wixom

TIME/DATE: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 18. LOCATION: Gibson Park, 48005 Pontiac Trail. DETAILS: Entertainment and activities for all ages related to the 1800-1950's era including vintage tractors, cars, blacksmith, woodcarving, petting farm, crafts and games, and much more. No admission fee. Parking is off Old Wixom Road.

### Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce

Since 1963, the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce has proudly served as West Oakland's Regional Chamber, serving the communities of Commerce Township, Union Lake, Walled Lake, Waterford, Wixom, Wokwama Lake and White Lake. Our purpose is to improve the quality of life for businesses and residents in the Lakes area. We act as a unified voice on behalf of the business community, provide a forum to discuss and review topics of interest, serve as a source of information and development programs that are responsive to the needs of the communities we serve. LOCATION: 305 N. Pontiac Trail, Ste. B, Walled Lake. CONTACT: For more information visit [www.lakesareachamber.com](http://www.lakesareachamber.com) or (248) 624-2826.

### Ambassador Meeting

TIME/DATE: 9:15 a.m. Friday. LOCATION: Chamber office. Programs Meeting TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 30. LOCATION: Chamber office. Women in Business Dinner Seminar TIME/DATE: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 1. LOCATION: The Maples Club, 31260 Wakefield, Novi (south of 14 Mile Road, between Decker and Welch roads). DETAILS: True Colors personal success seminar with Jennifer Davidson. Learn tools for developing improved communication skills, greater understanding of self and others and how to create more meaningful relationships. Cost is \$25 per person, includes dinner.

### Home-Based Business Roundtable

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, May 8. LOCATION: Chamber Boardroom. DETAILS: Topic for discussion is "The Best \$100 I Ever Spent." Cost is \$10 for lunch, no cost if you bring your own lunch. Registration by May 5 is required for lunch. **31st Annual Spring Golf Scramble** TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Monday, May 19. LOCATION: Edgewood Country Club, 8399 Commerce Road, Commerce. DETAILS: Lunch and registration at 11 a.m. Shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$110 per golfer before May 14, \$120 per golfer after May 14. Four-some and T-sign paid by May 14 is \$500, after May 14 is \$540. Includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, buffet dinner, contests, awards and prizes.

### Novi Chamber of Commerce

The chamber is celebrating 40 years of business, representing more than 500 members. Our mission is to be a responsible, proactive advocate of business interests in the greater Novi area. We are business and professional people working together to enhance the life of our community and the businesses in it. For more information, visit [www.novichamber.com](http://www.novichamber.com) or contact the chamber office at (248) 349-3743. **Chamber Luncheon** TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. net-working. Noon-1 p.m. lunch and speaker, Wednesday, April 30. LOCATION: Bonetish Grill, 43304 11 Mile Road. DETAILS: Guest speaker Kimberly C. Greenspan, President

### of The Alternative Board - Metro Detroit, who will speak on "Seven Steps to Generating a Tidal Wave of Referrals." Cost is \$25 for luncheon with a charity donation and \$20 for luncheon only. The Novi Chamber will match your \$5 contribution to Novi Youth Assistance which provides scholarships to teens attending the Summer Teen Center. Please RSVP to the Chamber by April 28.

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### Makeover will be revealed during the morning session and lunch offers a well-known keynote speaker. More than 20 breakout sessions. Those attending include: Walsh College alumni; Walsh Business Leadership Institute members; small business owners in southeast Michigan; The City of Novi is co-hosting the event and has invited every small business in the city, and the Greater Novi Chamber is a partner and all partners receive discount admission. From April 16-May 1, tickets are \$50 for Walsh alumni, chamber members and partners, and \$75 for non-members. After May 2, all tickets are \$100. If you wish to exhibit, the cost of \$500 includes two tickets, a six foot table, free wireless Internet, electrical outlet, continental breakfast, lunch and afternoon wine reception. Only 12 tables left. For more information or if you'd like to attend, visit <http://smallbusinessconference.walshcollege.edu> or call (248) 823-1392.

### Confidence on Ethics

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. Thursday, May 22. DETAILS: Walsh College and The Michigan Women's Tax Association offer this conference especially for CPAs who need to earn CPE credits. Tickets are \$20 for attendees; \$50 for Walsh alumni, MWTA and BLI members, and \$75 for all others. Full breakfast and networking begin at 8 a.m., followed by the program at 9:30 a.m. featuring Paul McKenney from Varum, Riddering, Schmidt and Howlett; Jennifer Sanderson from The Rehmann Group and Linda Hagan, PhD, from Walsh College. Call the college for more information.

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### Novi Public Library

LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile Road. HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. CONTACT: (248) 349-0720. Details: Kids in grades K-4 can join us for the monthly Lego show-and-tell and building activity. We supply the Legos, you supply the imagination. How to Write Your Life Story TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday. DETAILS: This six week workshop with writing coach, G. Rose Tuley, is for those who desire to write and reflect on their life and put on paper (scrapbook or journal) their best memories and lessons learned in life. At the end of the workshop, each participant will have produced a collection of stories, with photos and other memorabilia. It will be a keepsake that can be passed on to future generations. Please register. **Wit at NPL** TIME/DATE: 7-8 p.m. Wednesday. DETAILS: For grade 5 and above. Try your hand at this new video gaming phenomenon. **Novi Writers Group** TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, May 3. DETAILS: Inspirational environment for writers to collaborate, critique and create with other writers. Facilitated by local writer Kathy Mutch. Writers of all genres, ages 18 and older, are encouraged to participate. Please register online or call the library.

### Walled Lake City Library

LOCATION: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake. HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday; closed Friday. CONTACT: (248) 624-3772 or e-mail to [admin@walledlakelibrary.org](mailto:admin@walledlakelibrary.org) **Classical Music Series** TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. first Tuesday of each month. **Friends of the Library Meeting** TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Tuesday of month. **Book Discussion Group** TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. third Tuesday of each month. DETAILS: Drop in for informal discussion. Bring a bag lunch, check library for current book selection. **Preschool Story Time** TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. every Tuesday. DETAILS: For ages 2-4. Registration required. **Story & Snacks Family Time** TIME/DATE: 6:30 every Tuesday.

### Novi Community School District Board of Education Meeting

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, May 7. LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 25345 Tall Road. CONTACT: (248) 449-1204

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### Meadowbrook Road, Novi

Native Grasses and Wildflowers. TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday. DETAILS: This course is for all gardeners interested in how to use native grasses and wildflowers in their landscape. You will learn how to determine which plants will perform best in your garden. The cost is \$20 per person. CONTACT: (248) 858-0887 or e-mail [smithim@okgov.com](mailto:smithim@okgov.com) or visit [www.msus.edu/okland](http://www.msus.edu/okland)

### Providence Center for the Healing Arts

LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center; 47601 Grand River Ave. CONTACT: (248) 465-5455. **Wanted: One-time Art Workshop Instructors** DETAILS: We are looking for people who have an art or craft that they would like to share in our series of one-time workshops. **Colored Pencil Workshop** TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m.; second Tuesday of every month. DETAILS: Beginners welcome. **Ceramics Class** TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday. DETAILS: Explore the Art of playing with clay. Express yourself in this three-dimensional art form. \$10 lab fee. Call to verify class times. **Knit'n'Yarns** TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday. DETAILS: Join others and create hats and shawls for those in need. **Meditation** TIME/DATE: Meditation for individuals or groups by appointment. **DETAILS:** Learn proper breathing techniques that can be used at home or on the job to help reduce stress; class held in reflection space; Cancer Center. **Therapeutic Yoga** TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. Monday - Yoga for Kids with Parents; 12:30-1:30 p.m. Monday - Yoga for Backs; 6-7 p.m. Tuesday - Mixed Level; 11 a.m.-noon Wednesday - Meditative Yoga; 12:15-1:15 p.m. Wednesday - Mixed Level; 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday - Prenatal Yoga for Backs; 12:30-1:30 p.m. Friday - Beginner/Intermediate; 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday - Mixed Level; 10:45-11:45 a.m. Saturday - Yoga for Backs. DETAILS: \$10/walk-in, \$80/10-class card, \$45/5-class card. Lunch and Learn Yoga 7-week session is \$60. Registration required. Classes also held at Providence Hospital, Southfield. Call for details. **Massage Therapy** TIME/DATE: By appointment. DETAILS: Therapeutic massage is effective for stress and tension; chronic fatigue; pain and headaches. Everyone is welcome. Patients undergoing treatment should bring physician's referral; \$50/60-minutes. **Create with Kathy** TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. - noon each Monday. DETAILS: An opportunity to express yourself artistically in our peaceful and inspirational creative arts studio. Kathy provides guidance in a variety of techniques and projects. \$5 suggested per session. **Food for Life Cooking Classes** TIME/DATE: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, through April 22. DETAILS: 8-week series about cancer related nutrition topics and cooking demonstrations,

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### Makeover will be revealed during the morning session and lunch offers a well-known keynote speaker. More than 20 breakout sessions. Those attending include: Walsh College alumni; Walsh Business Leadership Institute members; small business owners in southeast Michigan; The City of Novi is co-hosting the event and has invited every small business in the city, and the Greater Novi Chamber is a partner and all partners receive discount admission. From April 16-May 1, tickets are \$50 for Walsh alumni, chamber members and partners, and \$75 for non-members. After May 2, all tickets are \$100. If you wish to exhibit, the cost of \$500 includes two tickets, a six foot table, free wireless Internet, electrical outlet, continental breakfast, lunch and afternoon wine reception. Only 12 tables left. For more information or if you'd like to attend, visit <http://smallbusinessconference.walshcollege.edu> or call (248) 823-1392.

### Confidence on Ethics

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. Thursday, May 22. DETAILS: Walsh College and The Michigan Women's Tax Association offer this conference especially for CPAs who need to earn CPE credits. Tickets are \$20 for attendees; \$50 for Walsh alumni, MWTA and BLI members, and \$75 for all others. Full breakfast and networking begin at 8 a.m., followed by the program at 9:30 a.m. featuring Paul McKenney from Varum, Riddering, Schmidt and Howlett; Jennifer Sanderson from The Rehmann Group and Linda Hagan, PhD, from Walsh College. Call the college for more information.

### Novi Rotary Club

TIME/DATE: Noon every Thursday. LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road. DETAILS: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information; [www.novirota.org](http://www.novirota.org).

### Females In the Family Business Affinity Group

TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. third Thursday of every month. LOCATION: Walsh College Troy Campus. DETAILS: Walsh Business Leadership Institute invites women who own, are partners in or work for family businesses. Items discussed will be common issues; and women can share solutions in a nonthreatening, noncompetitive, non-sales round-table. Registration is required. CONTACT: Jan Hubbard, [jhubbard@walshcollege.edu](mailto:jhubbard@walshcollege.edu)

### American Business Women's Association Meetings

TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. second Wednesday of every month. LOCATION: DoubleTree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd. (formerly the Wyndham Garden Hotel). DETAILS: Local chapter provides many advantages to today's working women and offers a strong community service program which includes raising money for scholarships. CONTACT: [www.abwa-novi.org](http://www.abwa-novi.org)

### Food for Life Cooking Classes

TIME/DATE: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, through April 22. DETAILS: 8-week series about cancer related nutrition topics and cooking demonstrations,

### Michigan State University Extension

LOCATION: 28115

### Novi Public Library

LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile Road. HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. CONTACT: (248) 349-0720. Details: Kids in grades K-4 can join us for the monthly Lego show-and-tell and building activity. We supply the Legos, you supply the imagination. How to Write Your Life Story TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday. DETAILS: This six week workshop with writing coach, G. Rose Tuley, is for those who desire to write and reflect on their life and put on paper (scrapbook or journal) their best memories and lessons learned in life. At the end of the workshop, each participant will have produced a collection of stories, with photos and other memorabilia. It will be a keepsake that can be passed on to future generations. Please register. **Wit at NPL** TIME/DATE: 7-8 p.m. Wednesday. DETAILS: For grade 5 and above. Try your hand at this new video gaming phenomenon. **Novi Writers Group** TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, May 3. DETAILS: Inspirational environment for writers to collaborate, critique and create with other writers. Facilitated by local writer Kathy Mutch. Writers of all genres, ages 18 and older, are encouraged to participate. Please register online or call the library.

### Walled Lake City Library

LOCATION: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake. HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday; closed Friday. CONTACT: (248) 624-3772 or e-mail to [admin@walledlakelibrary.org](mailto:admin@walledlakelibrary.org) **Classical Music Series** TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. first Tuesday of each month. **Friends of the Library Meeting** TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Tuesday of month. **Book Discussion Group** TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. third Tuesday of each month. DETAILS: Drop in for informal discussion. Bring a bag lunch, check library for current book selection. **Preschool Story Time** TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. every Tuesday. DETAILS: For

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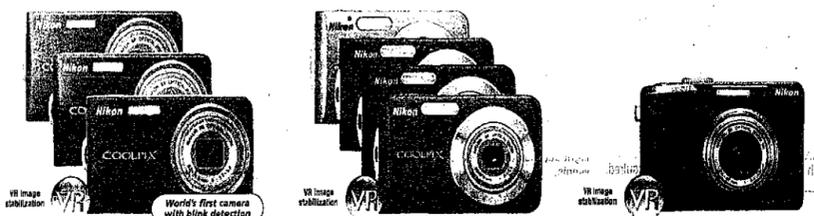
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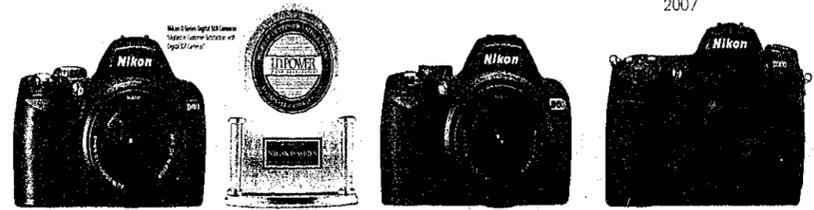
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**LOCATION:** Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road  
**DETAILS:** This informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. There is no charge. Child care is available; registration required.  
**CONTACT:** Lisa Molloy (248) 334-3595

**Bereavement Support Group**  
**DATE:** Third Tuesday of each month  
**TIME:** 7:30-9 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
**DETAILS:** The meeting provides the opportunity for those in grief to share their story and to learn about the phases and tasks of grief. All are welcome; no fee.  
**CONTACT:** Michael M. Meyer, Doctorate of Ministry

**Angela Hospice Groups**  
**DETAILS:** Grief support groups include general grief, loss of a spouse, women's grief, parents who have lost a child and a grief support quilters group. All groups are led by bereavement professionals and trained volunteers.  
**LOCATION:** Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia  
**CONTACT:** Joan Lee (734) 953-6012

**General Grief Support Groups**  
**TIME/DATE:** 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month  
**DETAILS:** Open to all losses.  
**Less of Spouse/Significant Other Support Group**  
**TIME/DATE:** 6:30-8 p.m. first Tuesday of month  
**Men in Grief**  
**TIME/DATE:** 6:30-8 p.m. fourth Monday of month  
**Suicide Loss Support Services**  
**DETAILS:** Individual and family services offered free for those who have lost a loved one through suicide. Call (734) 464-7810 for more information.

**Heartstrings: Parents Who Have Lost a Child**  
**TIME/DATE:** 7-8:30 p.m. first Thursday of month  
**Grief Support Quilters' Group**  
**TIME/DATE:** 1-3 p.m. first and third Wednesday of month

**DETAILS:** Register by calling (734) 953-6012

**DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital Support Groups**  
**LOCATION:** 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce Township  
**CONTACT:** (248) 937-3314

**Alcoholics Anonymous Support Group**  
**TIME/DATE:** 10 a.m. every Sunday  
**DETAILS:** No pre-registration required. For information, call (248) 937-3314.

**Alateen Support Group**  
**TIME/DATE:** 10 a.m. every Sunday  
**DETAILS:** Intended for teens dealing with someone with an alcohol problem. No pre-registration required. For information, call (248) 706-1020.

**Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group**  
**TIME/DATE:** 2-3:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month  
**LOCATION:** Krieger Center (South Garden Entrance)  
**DETAILS:** Designed to allow caregivers to share tips and offer support to each other; for questions or directions call (248) 937-3314.

**Breast Cancer Support Group**  
**TIME/DATE:** 10-11:30 a.m. second and fourth Thursday of every month  
**LOCATION:** Sinai Center for Women, next to the hospital's South Garden entrance.  
**DETAILS:** This support group is for any woman diagnosed with breast cancer.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 937-5163

**Breast Cancer Support Group**  
**TIME/DATE:** Noon the third Wednesday of the month  
**DETAILS:** Free year-round program for persons afflicted with lung disease. Provides support and information. Pre-registration not required. For information, call (248) 937-3314.

**H.U.G.S. Group for Parents**  
**TIME/DATE:** 7-8 p.m. third Thursday of each month  
**DETAILS:** Support and counseling to parents who have suffered a pregnancy or newborn loss. No pre-registration required.

**CONTACT:** (248) 937-4847 for more information.

**Journeys Cancer Support Group**  
**TIME/DATE:** 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Monday of every month  
**LOCATION:** Lobby of the Cheraich Cancer Treatment Center  
**DETAILS:** Support group for those with cancer or who are related to or know someone living with cancer.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 937-5163

**New Parents Support Group**  
**TIME/DATE:** 10 a.m. second and fourth Wednesday of each month  
**LOCATION:** Hospital Conference Center  
**DETAILS:** A supportive environment for families to share their struggles. Learn how to resolve issues after the birth of a child and discuss concerns such as sleep deprivation and coping with the emotions of parenting.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 858-7766

**Postpartum Depression Support Group**  
**TIME/DATE:** 6:45 p.m. every Thursday  
**DETAILS:** Postpartum depression can happen anytime within the first year after childbirth. Symptoms include sadness, lack of energy, trouble concentrating, anxiety and feelings of guilt and worthlessness.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 937-5220

**Support for Smokers**  
**DATE:** First and third Tuesday of each month  
**DETAILS:** Provides education and support to quit smoking; no charge; no pre-registration.  
**CONTACT:** Call (248) 937-3314 for more information.

**Psychotherapy & Counseling Services**  
Northville Counseling Center  
Anxiety/Agoraphobia/Panic Attack Support Group  
**TIME/DATE:** Second Wednesday of each month  
**DETAILS:** Call (734) 420-8175 for more information.

**Neighborhood Baby-sitting Co-op**  
**DETAILS:** Using the co-op, you and your children can make friends and get what you need accomplished without the little ones in tow. Also enjoy a mom's night out and other social events.

**CONTACT:** Sue Tracz (248) 380-0998.

**Friendship Circle**  
**TIME/DATE:** 1 p.m. second Thursday of each month  
**LOCATION:** St. James Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile Road, between Taft and Beck roads  
**DETAILS:** Social group for all widows and widowers.  
**CONTACT:** Norbert Monson (248) 851-6730, Florence Voight (248) 477-3032, Joy Iovaldi (248) 348-9138 or joyivaldi@earthlink.net

**Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples**  
**TIME/DATE:** 7 p.m. second Thursday of each month  
**LOCATION:** Witch's Hat Depot, 300 Dorothy St., South Lyon.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 437-5496 for more information.

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  10. *Losing It: And Gaining by Life Back One Pound At A Time* by Judith Bartnell
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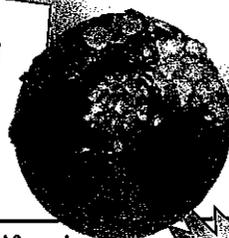


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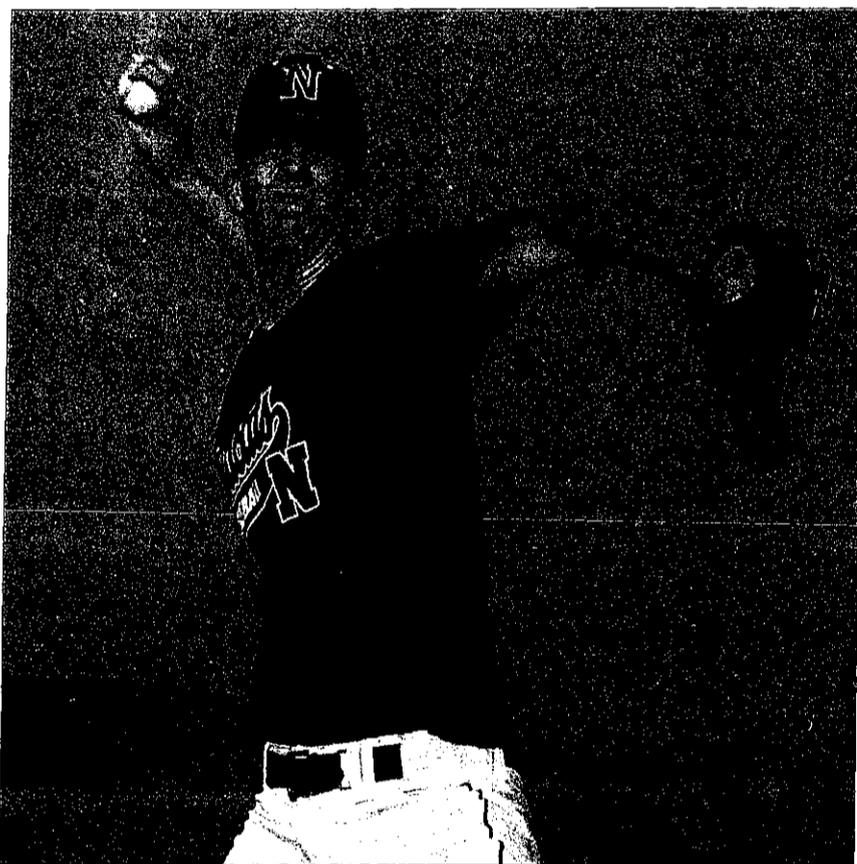


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Tyler Scott shows off the form that has helped him start the season a perfect 4-0.

### Hard-throwing righty is headed to Toledo

By Jeff Theisen  
SPORTS WRITER

Novi head baseball coach Rick Green has no hesitation in who would get the ball if the Wildcats had to win one game.

Tyler Scott would get the ball, and so far he's shown why.

After Friday's win against Lakeland, Scott is 4-0 for the Wildcats.

"Tyler is the big tall 6-5, 6-6 guy that you would like to have on the mound," Green said. "His velocity is the best on the team. He throws 86, 87 miles per hour.

"In my mind, he's made the most improvement as far as his mechanics and

throwing strikes."

#### Stepping up

Scott didn't have the year he wanted as a junior. He would show signs of brilliance, but struggled for the consistency that a No. 1 starter needs.

A heavy dose of offseason workouts have fixed Scott's mechanics, which is paying big dividends on the mound.

"Last year he wouldn't hit 80 because of his mechanics," Green said. "His mechanics have improved and he's picked up six or seven miles an hour on his fastball.

"The consistency is a lot more there than it

has been in the past. He just wanted to prove that he is a better pitcher than he was last year."

The walks are down and the wins are up. Keeping the defense in the game is a huge benefit to pitchers.

"When he's throwing strikes, the defense is playing well," Green said. "They're on their toes and ready for the ball to be put in play.

"It's very important to locate those pitches for a strike. It's important to get that first pitch over for a strike, and it's important to be able to throw a curveball on the next pitch and get it over the plate."

See SCOTT, 3B



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Novi's Erin Zerlo comes out for a save in front of Northville's Sarah Stern (5).

## 'Cats come up just short

Northville soccer beats Novi for first time since 2004, 1-0

By Jeff Theisen  
SPORTS WRITER

#### STORY CHAT

What do you think? Tell us at [WWW.NOVINews.COM](http://WWW.NOVINews.COM)

Novi head coach Brian O'Leary and his team isn't used to losing, but he knows the losses will supply lessons for a more important time of the year.

The Wildcats lost 1-0 to Northville at home Friday in a game that featured two of the top teams in the state.

O'Leary obviously would've liked the win, but he said his teams in the past have gained a lot from the few losses.

"Last year, the loss that we had and the two ties that we had, all three of those games were the biggest help to our team all season," O'Leary said. "The wins don't really do that much for you. It's those losses and things that don't go right for you.

"We'll learn."

The lone goal came off a long rush by Theresa Yankovich. She brought the ball up the middle of the field and passed it off just before hitting the penalty area. The pass came right back to her, and Yankovich was in with space and buried the ball in the upper-

right corner of the net with 23:42 left to play.

"Theresa made a great play on that goal," O'Leary said. "That's about the difference in the game is she kind of stepped up and made that play."

O'Leary made a furious late run, going with five midfielders and three forwards to try and get the equalizer. They almost did.

Off a free kick, the ball was headed on and got past Northville keeper Elana Ryznar, but defender Tori Wright cleared the ball just before it went in with just more than five minutes left.

Ryznar made four saves to collect the shutout.

Novi had a few quality chances to score, and one of the best came early.

Jenna Carosio came up just shy of being able to track down a

See SOCCER, 2B



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Novi's Claudia Miculici plays against Northville.

## Novi Roundup: Tennis wins tourney

### Track finishes second at Berkley Invite

By Jeff Theisen  
SPORTS WRITER

The Wildcat tennis team knocked off rival Northville 6-2 to start a busy week of matches.

Novi rolled through the singles, with Amanda Border, Jackie Wang, Sara Carlson and Jennifer Felcher (1-4 singles respectively) winning their singles matches. Lauren McCloskey and Megan Wenzl came back to win in three sets after dropping the first set. Teodora Gavric and Kellie Wallen

also picked up a win at No. 3 doubles.

"We swept the singles and won a very close match at No. 1 doubles," Novi head coach Jim Hanson said. "It was a good comeback for our girls."

Ann Arbor Huron handed the Wildcats a 5-3 loss Thursday. "We probably played our best match of the year," Hanson said. "We came up just a little short."

Picking up wins for Novi were Carlson, Felcher and Jenna Snyder and Julia Thomas at No. 4 doubles.

The Wildcats blasted through their spring classic, winning every flight against Stevenson, Canton and Walled Lake Central.

"Our tournament was a matchup of teams that will be in

the KLAAs," Hanson said. "We did a nice job and took care of business.

"It was a very nice week for us. We had three good outings."

#### Soccer

Novi (6-2, 3-0) shutout Hartland 2-0 April 16.

Nikki Greenhalgh scored on a breakaway just four minutes in to open the scoring. Jenna Carosio picked up an assist on the goal.

Kelsey Laux sent Mary Reid in, and Reid scored after knocking in her own rebound with eight minutes left in the game.

Novi dominated control of the ball, outshooting Hartland 21-0.

"The defense did a great job of stopping all of Hartland's attacks,"

Novi head coach Brian O'Leary said. "Starting defenders Megan Burns, Rachel Barnet, Taylor Pyden and Katie Barry did an outstanding job, as well as defensive subs Katie Caruso and Brooke McMahan."

#### Track

The Novi boys track team placed second at Saturday's Berkley Invite.

Brother Rice won with 46 points, one more than Novi at the 20-team invite.

Garrett Farley scored a first-place finish in the pole vault, clearing 11-8. Mike Blaszczyk

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# RIVALRY ON THE PITCH



Photos by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Novi's Kelsey Laux and Northville's Kelsey Fiscus fight for the ball during Friday's game.

## SOCCER: Novi comes up short

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breakaway pass before Ryznar came out to make a sliding save less than seven minutes in. Another quality chance came with 13:45 left to play. A long free kick was shipped into the box and headed on. The header got past Ryznar and appeared to be heading into the net, but Toni Wright cleared the ball just before it went in. The Wildcats got another free kick just outside the penalty area in the closing minutes, but Megan Burns' shot went off the wall and was cleared. "I was real pleased with the pressure we put on in the end," O'Leary said. "By the end of the game, I had two defenders, five

midfielders and three forwards and we were playing great. It showed me that we can switch to that and it will work." Novi wouldn't seriously threaten again, and Northville got to celebrate a win the Mustang seniors had yet to celebrate against Novi during their careers. "It's two good teams and two very even teams," O'Leary said. "It was pretty back and forth. You get about five chances and probably two of them are great. If you score two and they only score one, you win. You've just got to capitalize on your five."

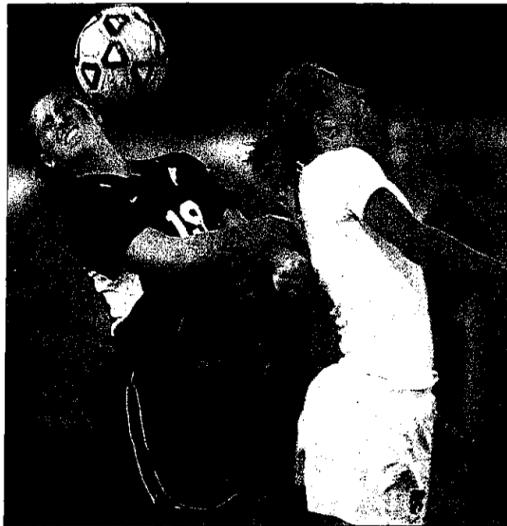
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Novi's Taylor Hoover throws the ball in.



Novi's Jenna Carosio dribbles the ball against Northville.



Novi's Katie Chaklos, right, and Mustang Kelsey Fiscus go up for a header.



Before a corner kick, Wildcat goalie Erin Zerlo, second from right, finds a huge gathering in front of the net.

# Wildcats spring to action

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won the 3,200 meters in 9:51. Tyler Mouch had a pair of third-place finishes in the shot put (47-5) and in the discus (139-11). Luke Maxfield placed third in the pole vault (11-0). The 4x100 relay team of Dan Zhang, Brett Kuhn, Tyler Barnes and Arshaun Hall finished fourth (44.6).

"We had so many close chance points that slipped away which would have surely resulted in a first-place finish," Novi head coach Chris Payton said. "I am very proud of how we did."

## Baseball

Novi slipped past Howell 3-2 April 16. Pat Schlenke led the offense with two hits and a run batted in.

The Wildcats split a pair of games Friday and Saturday. Friday, Novi beat Lakeland 10-1 behind a complete-game victory from Tyler Scott. Home runs came from Garrett Green and Jacob Walker. Phil Celiski and Mark Heard each knocked in a pair of runs.

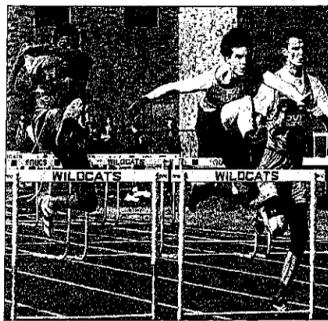
Lakeland won the second game by mercy. Novi rebounded with a 12-2 win against Fenton in the first game Saturday at home.

Northville merited the Wildcats' in the second game, 15-3.

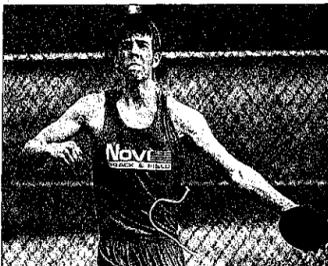
## Softball

The Novi softball team lost 7-3 April 16 to Howell. Lauren Shelar led the offense with two hits. The Wildcats also lost 4-0 and 7-0 to Lakeland on Friday. Paige Henley took the loss in the opener despite not allowing an earned run.

"We're getting better," Novi head coach Bob Lulek said. "We



A couple of Wildcats, including Joe McNamara, right, compete in the 110 meter hurdles at a home meet.



Wildcat Shane Dunbar throws the discus during a home meet against visiting Milford.

just got to find a way to score some runs."

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Novi No. 1 singles player Amanda Border serves to her Northville opponent Haley Johnston.

## Sports Shorts

### Novi Volleyball Camp

The Novi volleyball coaching staff is hosting a summer volleyball camp at the high school. All Skills Camp Grades third-sixth - 9-11:30 a.m. July 21-24 Grades seventh-ninth - 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. July 21-25

Grades seventh-ninth - 9-10:30 a.m. June 23-25 Hillers Camp Grades seventh-ninth - 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. June 23-25 Libero (Defensive Camp) Grades seventh-ninth - 5-7 p.m. June 23-25 Those interested can register through Community Education.

### Novi Wildcat Boys Basketball Camp

Novi boys basketball coach Cory Heltsch is hosting a boys basketball camp June 16-20 at Novi Middle School for boys entering second-ninth grades in the fall. Grades second-fifth will go from 8:30 a.m.-noon and grades sixth-ninth will follow from 1-4:30 p.m.

The cost of the camp is \$140 and will include a week of instruction, T-Shirt and outdoor basketball. A boys and girls basketball camp for boys and girls from grades K-ninth will take place July 21-25. The fee is \$65. A shooting camp for kids in second-fifth grades runs 12:30-2 p.m. For grades sixth-ninth, the camp runs 2:15-3:45 p.m. For more information or registration, call (248) 449-1206.

### Novi Lady Wildcat Basketball Camp

Novi girls basketball head coach Bill Kelp is hosting a basketball camp June 16-20 at Novi

High School for girls entering second-ninth grades next year. Grades second-fifth will run 8:30 a.m.-noon, and grades sixth-ninth will go from 1-4:30 p.m. The cost of the camp is \$140 and includes a week of instruction, an outdoor basketball and T-shirt. Awards and trophies will also be presented. For more information or registration, call (248) 449-1206.

### Schluter's Hoop Camps

Former Novi boys basketball head coach Pat Schluter is hosting several basketball camps this summer at the St. James Catholic Church.

A boys basketball camp for kids in grades fourth through seventh will run June 16-20. Grades four and five will run 8:30 a.m.-noon and grades six and seven will run 1-4:30 p.m. Cost of the camp is \$130 and includes a week of instruction, T-Shirt and outdoor basketball. A boys and girls basketball camp for boys and girls from grades K-ninth will take place July 21-25. The fee is \$65.

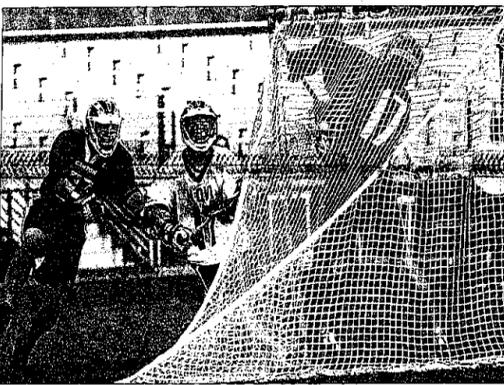
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A basics camp for grades K-one is 8:30-10 a.m. and grades second-third will run 10:30 a.m.-noon. Schluter will also be hosting the All Area 4 Start Basketball Camp with South Lyon head coach Daren Clayton. This camp is for the more experienced basketball player. Cost for all camps is \$165. The boys camp runs July 7-11.

Chester Pyzik on April 16 used a 6-iron on the hole 4 (130 yards) of the West course at Links of Novi. It was his first ace of his golfing career of more than 60 years. Bill Arndt used a 5-wood on the 163-yard hole 3 at Riverbank Golf Course in South Lyon. Bob Radke used a 7-wood on the 147-yard hole 5 at Riverbank Golf Course.

## Novi, CC schedules

<b>Soccer</b> 4/30 vs. Lakeland, 7 p.m.	4/30 at OL St. Mary's, 4 p.m.
<b>Lacrosse</b> 4/24 vs. W.L. Northern, 8:30 p.m. 4/28 vs. Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.	<b>Lacrosse</b> 4/26 at Toledo St. John's, 1 p.m. 4/29 at DeLaSalle, TBA 4/30 at OL St. Mary's, 7:30 p.m.
<b>Tennis</b> 4/25 at Pioneer Invite, 8 a.m. 4/28 at Lakeland, 4 p.m. 4/30 vs. Brighton, 4 p.m.	<b>Track</b> 4/25 at Jackson relays, 4 p.m. 4/28 at OL St. Mary's, 4 p.m.
<b>Baseball</b> 4/25 vs. South Lyon (DH), 4 p.m. 4/26 home doubleheader vs. Athens, Allen Park, 11 a.m. 4/28 at Hartland, 4 p.m.	<b>Golf</b> 4/24 vs. DeLaSalle, 4 p.m. 4/30 at Brother Rice, 4 p.m.
<b>Softball</b> 4/25 vs. South Lyon, 4 p.m. 4/26 at Lahser Tourney, TBA 4/30 at Hartland, 4 p.m.	<b>CC</b> <b>Baseball</b> 4/26 vs. Divine Child, 11 a.m.
<b>Track</b> 4/29 vs. Lakeland, 4 p.m.	



Gooooooooooooooooo! Novi's George Riegel gets a shot past the Canton goaltender.

## SCOTT: Novi's star right-hander headed to Toledo

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### Big at the plate

While he stands out on the mound, Scott is no slouch with the bat either. On Saturday, he smacked three hits, including a home run and three RBI in a 12-2 win against Fenton. "He's hitting well. He's got a couple of home runs, and he's actually our leading drag bunter," Green said. "He does everything well. He's spraying the ball

around the field a little bit more this year. He's getting stronger."

### Quiet leader

While Scott brings the heat on the mound, Green said the senior leader does a good job of maintaining his cool. He might get upset with a call every now and then, but he doesn't take it out on anyone else. "He's pretty tough. I've never really seen him lose his cool," Green said. "He's a really good leader. I would say he's more of a

quiet leader. He leads by example on the field."

While the season has started out great for Scott and the Wildcats, Green thinks Scott will actually improve on his speed as the weather continues to warm. "I expect him to even get better," Green said. "I see no signs of him showing the inconsistencies of last year."

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## Spikers

The third graders in Novi played a great volleyball season. They learned many skills and set the base for a league that hopes to grow next year.

# CC roundup: Baseball sweeps U-D, track second at Elks relays

By Jeff Thelsen  
SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central (5-5-1, 4-2) swept a doubleheader from U-D 8-0, 12-4 April 16.

Shamrock pitching dominated the first game. Eric Becker struck out 12 and allowed just two hits through five innings. Trevor O'Connor struck out five more in two innings of scoreless relief.

In the second game, Jake Hansen, Ryan Houska and Steve Harding had two hits each.

Tony Thomas picked up the win, allowing three earned runs in four innings with nine strikeouts.

Steve Harding collected three hits on the day to pace the bats. Brother Rice swept a doubleheader from CC on Saturday, 6-1 and 3-0.

Hansen picked up the lone RBI on the day.



Baseball photos submitted by Ann Houska

**Jake Hanson looks for the ball as he rounds the bases against U-D.**

the win in goal. "It was a great win because we lost the last two games to top-30 ranked teams in the country — No. 8 Brother Rice and No. 28 Western Reserve Academy," CC head coach Dave Wilson said. "I was really surprised by the way U-D came out defensively, but I was very happy with the way we

responded by executing the basics."

**Track**

The Shamrocks knocked off Catholic League foe U-D 83-45 Monday after placing second at the Dearborn Elks relays. On Monday, the Shamrocks got

a big lift by sweeping the discus and placing 1-2 in the shot put, 1,600 meters and in the 400 meters.

Mike Martin won the throws, launching the discus 153-10 and the shot put 53-9.5.

Other wins included Scott Sansovich in the 100 hurdles (15.3), Alex Toloff in the 1,600 meters (4:37.3), Harrison Hall in the 400 meters (52.3), Sansovich in the 300 hurdles (41.9), Zach Oleski in the 800 meters (2:00.2), Brendan Curran in the 200 meters (23.1) and Austin Zebrowski in the 3,200 meters.

The 4x800 relay team (8:56.4), the 4x200 relay (1:34.8) and the 4x400 relay (3:40.3) also were victorious.

At the Elks relays, Adrian won with 47 points, with CC five points back in the 12-team meet.

Wins came from the shot put team of Martin, Mike Still, Nick Landry and John Widmer for a combined 178-5; the 6,400 meter relay team of Oleski, JP Zebrowski, Scott Hoffman and Dan Jonik and the distance medley team of Spencer Hall (800), Harrison Hall (400), Austin Zebrowski (1,200) and Toloff (1,600), 10:55.

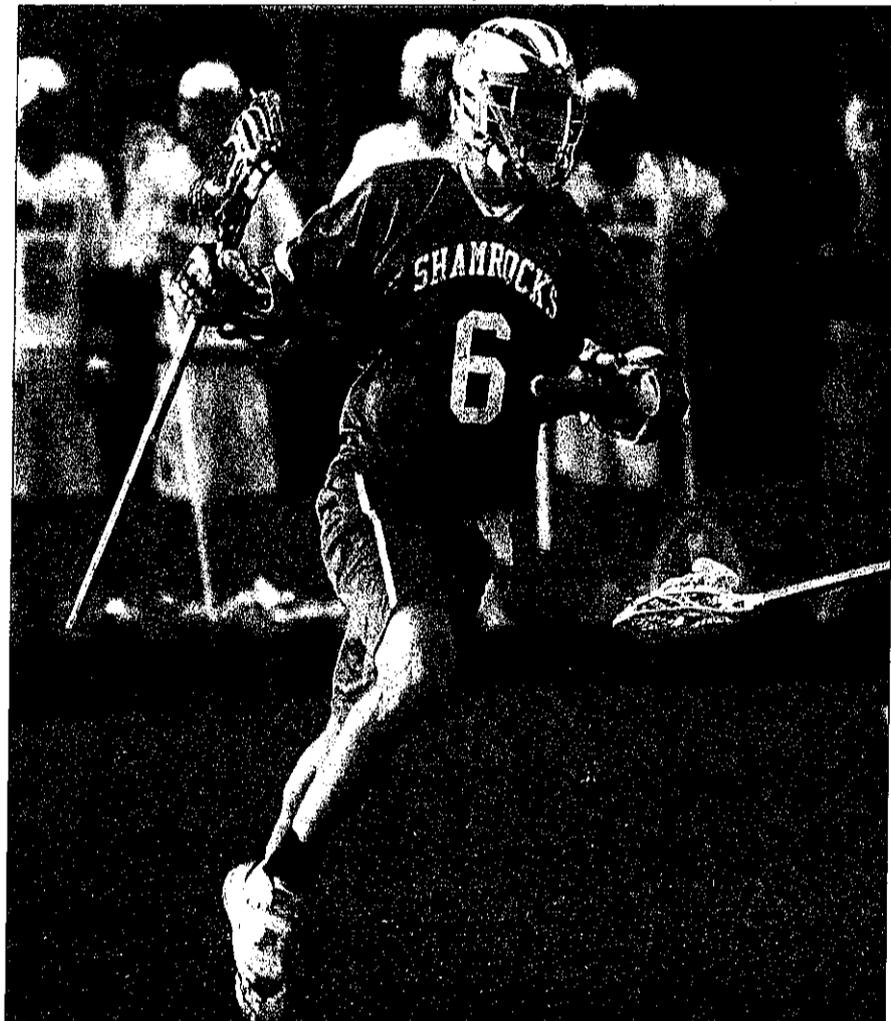
CC took second in the discus with Martin, Dylan Young and Widmer throwing, as did the 3,200 relay team of Brandon Schneider, Michael Domperre, Jonik and Oleski.



Jeff Wood clears the ball against Northville.



Kevin Lerg stands guard in front of the Catholic Central goal.

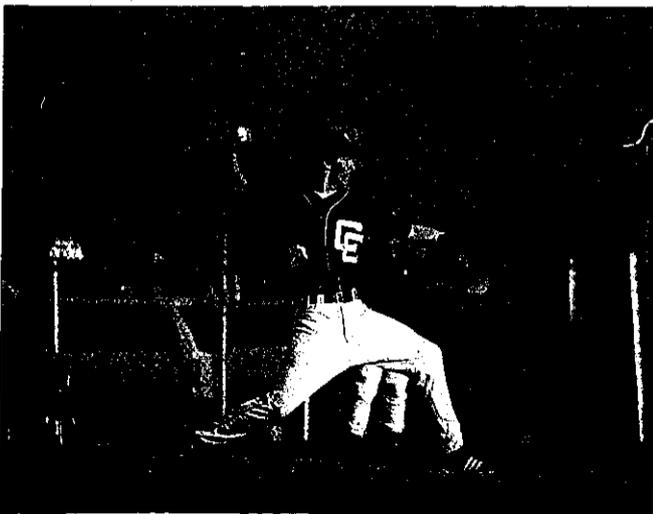


Jake Christenson works in space during a recent game.

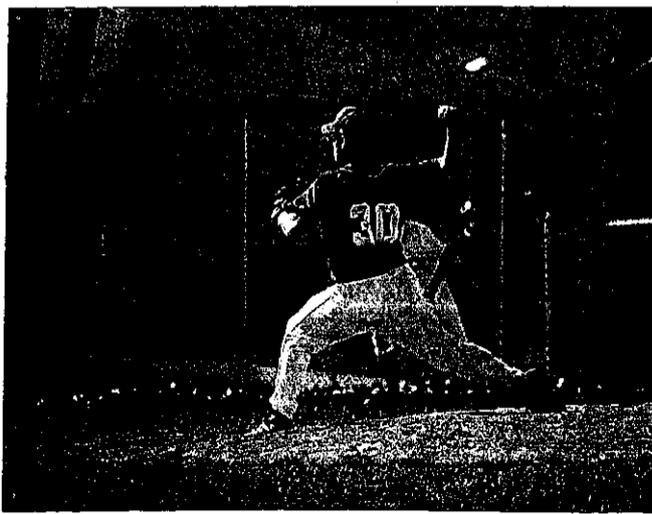
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Thomas goes head-first into second base against U-D.



Tony Thomas delivers a pitch against U-D.



Eric Becker gets ready to unleash a pitch against U-D.