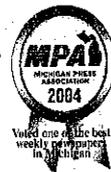




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Cities may share police, fire

County may fund feasibility study

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Oakland County Commissioner Jeff Potter (R-South Lyon) says the county may fund a study that looks at Wixom and Walled Lake sharing police and fire services.

Potter said the county's potential role in this endeavor will depend on whether the two communities are interested in such a concept.

With public safety funding representing one of the largest costs of communities' general fund these days, many municipalities are combining resources.



Potter said if the two cities are interested in such shared services, the county could pay for consulting services or a study that could analyze shared emergency services, including the creation of a shared department.

Mike Dorman, city manager,

of Wixom, population 14,000, said Wixom and Walled Lake, population 6,800, have combined on many endeavors in the past.

"We have a long-standing history of cooperative ventures, doing things together," Dorman said.

"It makes sense to investigate different types of mechanisms to elevate our level of services while maintaining or reducing costs. That's my goal."

Dorman said Wixom and Walled Lake students are part of the Walled Lake Consolidated School District, for example, one of the largest school districts in the state. The two cities are also mem-

bers of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

They are also part of a nine-member cable television commission and the seven-member solid waste authority, the Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southern Oakland County, Dorman said.

He noted that the two cities have also worked together in the area's narcotics enforcement team and even shared purchases of radar machines.

"We need an opportunity to study this," Dorman said.

"Change can be good. We think the time is right. Nothing ventured, nothing gained."

Walled Lake City Manager Jerry Walker was not available for

comment at press time.

Dave Coulter (D-Ferndale) said a public safety cooperative venture is in the study phase for the communities of Royal Oak, Ferndale, Hazel, Madison Heights and Pleasant Ridge.

"We are studying the feasibility of establishing a regional fire service," Coulter said. "This wouldn't have happened five years ago, because cities want to operate independently. But with city finances these days being as tight as they are, they are looking at ways to save money. It's really a financial necessity that's brought the parties to the table."

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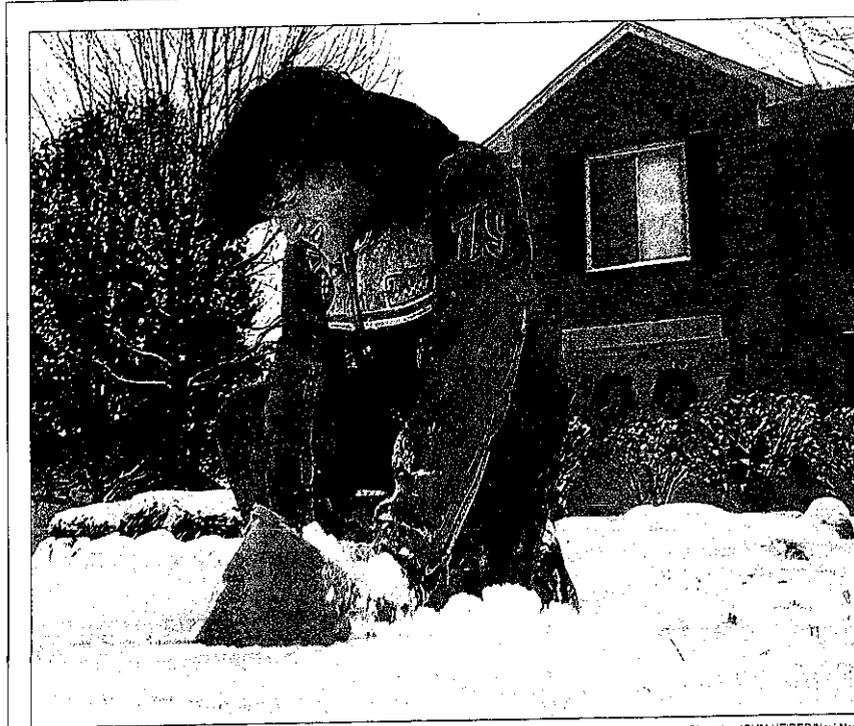


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Snow day

Adam Anselmo, 16, with a day off school after Thursday night's heavy snowfall, works on making a structure out of snow at his Stone Rd. home Friday morning. Anselmo was using a bucket to pack the white stuff into blocks.

Senior funding secured

Mrs. Kathy Crawford goes to Washington

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Lifelong Novi resident Kathy Crawford has been an advocate for senior citizens for a long time.

This week, the former senior citizen coordinator for the city of Novi was able to use her knowledge in our nation's capital.

Congressman Thaddeus McCotter (R-Michigan) appointed Crawford as a delegate to the four-day 2005 White House Conference on Aging that ended yesterday at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C.

"She's a wonderful person, dedicated to helping her fellow human beings,"

K. Crawford

McCotter said. "She should be an inspiration to us all. I know she is to me."

Scheduled only once a decade, the first conference took place in 1961. Subsequent meetings were held in 1971, 1981 and 1995. Crawford said about 1,200 delegates from across the U.S. attended this year's historic event.

"It's tied into funding and policy making for the aging population," she said.

Crawford received a phone call from a staff member in McCotter's office months ago asking her if she would be available to attend.

"They wanted someone who's been involved in the aging net-

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Automotive expands in Novi

Supplier to set up shop in the spring

By Tracy Mishler
STAFF WRITER

Jeff Dafler expects a bright future for the Timken Automotive Company in Novi.

Phase one of Northern Equities Haggerty Corridor Corporate Park is near completion, and Dafler, spokesman for Ohio-based Timken, anticipates the company's big move sometime mid-spring.

"We're expanding to a wider focus," Dafler said. "(This is) an opportunity to have a facility that is still closely located to our major automotive customers but at the same time have the space we need for sales and a technical center."

With operations in 27 countries, sales of \$4.5 billion in 2004 and more than 26,000 employees, Dafler said the Novi location is an excellent choice for Timken's new location.

"(Novi) is a growth-minded community and a great place for our new technical center," he said. "We are a growth-minded company, and that's the reason Novi was attractive to us."

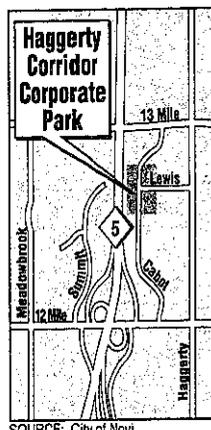
In business for 106 years, Timken produces steel, precision components, bearings and bearing assemblies for the automotive industry.

Matt Sosin, vice president of Northern Equities, said Timken has signed their lease for 45,000 square feet.

"This new facility will create jobs and enhance the tenant mix in the area," Sosin said. "It will definitely make Novi a destination for larger companies."

Sosin said the corporate park is 85-95 percent complete, and he expects the groundbreaking for the 200-acre phase two fac-

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SOURCE: City of Novi

Fred Moschetta's friendly face makes Fox Run inviting

Novi resident makes a point of serving his community

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Fred Moschetta attributes much of his success to his gift of gab. Not only does the man enjoy talking, but he also says he has the ability to make people feel welcome and comfortable — a trait that fits in perfectly with his job at Fox Run Retirement Village in Novi.

Moschetta is the director of sales and marketing for the establishment. His self-described personality in being an open, warm, friendly, honest, fun and creative person who enjoys laughing, enables him to oversee all the sales operations for new people moving into the Fox Run community.

Some of his responsibilities include: helping people sell their homes in order to move in to Fox Run; hosting a number of events such as luncheons and outreach programs; and taking care of advertising plans including television, print and direct mailings.

Moschetta has lived in Novi for the last two-and-a-half years, and prior he lived in Livonia for 10 years. When Erickson, the company that owns Fox Run, asked him to open the sales and marketing office at Fox Run, he realized the beauty that Novi possesses.

"I really liked the area quite a bit and thought it would be a great place to raise a family and to call home," Moschetta said. "That's exactly what we did, and we built our home."

Moschetta explained that on average, Fox Run draws over 150



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Fox Run Village director of sales Fred Moschetta, right, welcomes Naples, Fla., resident Paul Benivegna to the Novi community.

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County may fund feasibility study

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Coulter said the county wants to assist communities in collaborative ventures.

"We see this as a great idea, but a lot of things can stall the progress of combining services," he said. "Independent studies can help communities get past the hurdles they face. This is the wave of the future."

Board has budgeted funding

Although funding for such a project has not been awarded yet by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, Potter said money would come from the county's Capital & Cooperative Initiative Revolving Fund.

The county has already budgeted \$210,000 for applicant communities who want a shared services study.

Potter believes that such a proposal would be approved by the board, since members had talked about it at a meeting in June.

Dorman recently wrote a letter to the county inquiring about such a study for Wilson and Walled Lake.

"There's always been a lot of discussion about government

working more efficiently," Potter said.

"The concept was just reviewed by the board leadership, although program specifics have not been approved by the board," Potter said.

"It's too soon to say if this will be approved," Potter noted that South Lyon has a shared school and city administration building.

"This saved the community about \$750,000 in construction costs, plus annual savings in maintenance, utilities and operations," Potter said.

South Lyon, Salem Township and part of Green Oak Township also share a library.

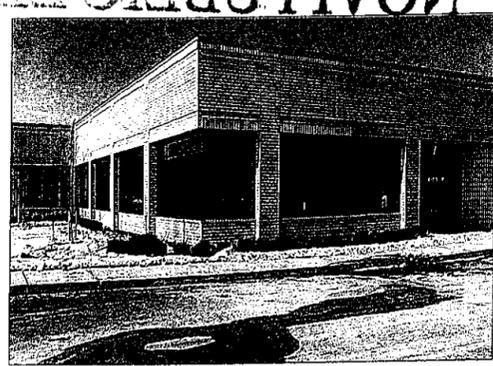
"By sharing services, we got twice the library for half the price," he said.

Potter said the county doesn't really have any specific plan or ideas about how communities should deliver their services.

"We're poised to offer some technical assistance if they want it," Potter said. "The ultimate decision is with the communities."

He said the board is still dealing with implementation and criteria for the county's help, so which cities will get the actual funding for a shared services study is still weeks away.

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facility to begin in the coming months.

Novi Assistant City Manager Clay Pearson said the city is

looking forward to hosting Timken and anticipates several more jobs coming into the city.

"The announcement of Timken coming in to establish their company further is positive for our city to diversify the tax base," Pearson said.

"It's an important commitment for the investment and jobs that Timken will be bringing."

Pearson said there would be continued growth of businesses

in Novi.

"This is a great virtuous circle," Pearson said. "We have great schools, quality of life and we work hard at preserving woodlands and wetlands."

"Novi is a good city for businesses like Timken looking to expand further."

Pearson said there is diverse mix of businesses in the city.

"There are several large corporations with several employees,

but there are more smaller businesses to add balance," he said.

"Novi has a little bit of everything, and I believe that is why it will continue to grow and do well."

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Novi resident makes a point of serving his community

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people at their luncheons.

"For our outreach programs, we go out to senior groups and retirement clubs within the communities," he said. "We personally meet people here in our community and tour probably 50 people a week and introduce ourselves."

Moschetta is also involved in many facets of the Novi community. He serves on the architectural committee in his subdivision, called Camden Court.

He has been active in the Novi Chamber of Commerce and recently joined the chamber board of directors.

"I think it's important to be a part of your community and to take pride in where you live," Moschetta said. "Fortunately, I happen to live and work in the same city, so I wanted to do my share and take part in whatever I can to help out in any way possible. That makes it that much easier to be a part of everything the city has to offer."

Moschetta said his is a unique neighborhood where everyone knows each other and is very friendly. That also makes it more

Fred Moschetta

Age: 40
 Occupation: Director of Sales and Marketing for Fox Run Retirement Village
 Family: wife, Jennifer; two daughters, Madison and Reesa, who both attend St. Michaels in Livonia.
 Hobbies and/or interests: He enjoys spending time with his family, as his daughters keep him and his wife busy with all of their activities. Both are involved in dancing, and he enjoys swimming.
 Advice: "Know your product well," Moschetta said. "Know the people you're working with. Know the people you're working for. Be comfortable in creating personal relationships. Be confident in yourself and your product. Take pride in what you do."
 Schools: He graduated from St. Alphonse High School in Dearborn and earned a bachelor's degree from Cleary University and a master's degree from Central Michigan University.
 Years in business: He has been with Erickson Retirement Communities, the company that owns Fox Run, for 12-and-a-half years. He worked at Henry Ford Villages, another retirement home owned by Erickson, for eight years, and at Fox Run for the last four-and-a-half years.
 Grow up in: Dearborn

enjoyable for him to be involved.

Prior to Fox Run, Moschetta worked at Henry Ford Village, another retirement home owned by the Erickson organization.

"Over the years of working for Erickson, I've met a lot of wonderful people and I've learned from all their experiences, which they truly have a joy in sharing with you," Moschetta said. "What

I enjoy most, and what's rewarding to me, is seeing people move here and enjoying the lifestyle that they can have. I just feel good about the work I do."

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Preserving Michigan's Waters

The Senate unanimously approved Senate Bills 850-852, 854 and 857, a bipartisan initiative that establishes a system to protect ground water and preserve the Great Lakes for future generations to enjoy. The measures put a system in place to manage new water withdrawals that have the potential to damage our natural resources. The bills also implement an interim standard to protect key designated trout streams by defining critical zones around the streams.

The package emphasizes a cooperative approach to managing water resources, promoting groups to work together with the state Department of Environmental Quality to resolve potential problems before any damage is incurred. Finally, it establishes a permitting program for water users withdrawing more than 2 million gallons a day.

Clearly our water resources are

critical for the long-term health of Michigan residents and this legislation takes a measured approach to protecting it based on sound science.

Medicaid Whistleblower Protection

With an \$8 billion budget, Michigan's Medicaid program represents a substantial portion of the state's budget. While the current rate of fraud is not known, estimates place it between 3 and 10 percent, meaning that up to \$800 million in tax dollars could be lost annually.

To address this problem, the Senate approved House Bill 4577, sponsored by state Rep. David Law of West Bloomfield. The measure establishes safeguards for citizens that report specific cases of Medicare fraud, protecting potential whistleblowers from retaliation. It also authorizes the courts to award whistleblowers a percentage of proceeds, should their information prove correct.

Similar legislation already exists in 14 other states and the city of Chicago and has produced significant reductions in fraud and waste.

Helping Michigan Manufacturers

Recognizing Michigan's struggling manufacturing sector, the House and Senate have approved bills that will reduce manufacturing business taxes.

The measures are expected to clear the Legislature and be presented to Gov. Granholm for his signature this week. There is much more to do, but this legislation represents the first step in bolstering Michigan's manufacturing sector.

As always, your comments are welcome and appreciated. You may reach me by e-mail at sen-nacassis@senate.michigan.gov, or toll free at 1-888-38-NANCY.

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State Senator Nancy Cassis, a Novi Republican, represents the 15th Senate District, which includes the townships of Commerce, Highland, Holly, Lyon, Milford, Novi, Rose, West Bloomfield and White Lake; as well as the Villages of Holly, Milford and Wolverine Lake; and the cities of Novi, Northville (the portion in Oakland County), Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom.

Mrs. Kathy Crawford goes to Washington

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work," she said.

"They really need to have someone attending the conference who is in touch with the senior population in their area," she added. "You also have to be a senior citizen yourself to be a delegate."

Baby boomers now retiring

This year's conference theme, "The Booming Dynamics of Aging: From Awareness to Action," focused on the fact that this era is now dealing with the needs of the first generation of retiring baby boomers — those born after the end of World War II.

Previously, Crawford developed programs for 35 senior centers in Oakland and Livingston counties as an employee of the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency.

"She retired as a city of Novi employee in March 2004 after working with the city's seniors for almost 25 years.

Crawford's hardly been sitting by the fireplace knitting since then. She formed her own company, Kathy Crawford Communications, and has been invited to speak at several workshops for senior directors on how to be more innovative in their programming.

One of the titles of her presentations is "Programs with Pizzazz."

"I think TV has presented some interesting challenges for senior directors, because seniors today want to be informed and entertained," Crawford said.

She believes the biggest challenge for senior directors, however, is the fact that they have to organize programs for residents who range in age from 50 to 100-plus.

Conferences, book writing

In October, Crawford traveled to San Antonio to give a workshop on senior center programming at the National Recreation and Park Association annual conference.

She also writes a book for senior directors called "Sir Up Some Fun," which offers program ideas for each month of the year.

"Seniors are looking for convenience, safety, accessibility to transportation and other aspects of the community," Crawford said.

She noted that being a senior citizen is different today than it used to be. Seniors are more active, healthier and living longer than in past generations.

"I think age is just a number," Crawford said. "I know people in their 80s who are more active and vital than people in their 20s, 30s and 40s."

She's currently collaborating with a friend on a book about their recent five-week trip to England which they plan to self-publish.

After that, she wants to write a book about what it's been like to live her entire life in Novi.

As a delegate at the national conference, Crawford voted on policies and issues relating to seniors that will help establish federal funding.

"Today, we are looking at 78 million baby boomers nationwide," Crawford said. "That's really going to create a challenge for communities across the nation."

For more information about the 2005 White House Conference on Aging, visit www.whcoa.gov.

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THE HOLIDAYS & YOUR ALLERGIES

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Police officers ready to grill

Fund-raiser set at Novi location

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Det. Kevin Rhea and Ofc. Jerry Stempien are ready to start the grilling.

The Novi Police Department staffers won't be grilling suspects, however.

They'll be grilling meat, chicken, fish and vegetables at bd's Mongolian Barbecue in Novi as "guest grillers" at a special fund-raiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society on Tuesday.

Patrons can make reservations to eat at the restaurant at either 6 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. by calling (313) 570-2546 by the end of the day tomorrow.

Donations will be accepted at the door. Diners are asked to donate \$20 per person for the meal. The management at the Novi restaurant has agreed to lower the price of the normally \$13.99 meal to only \$10.99 per person, with the difference in price going to the charity.

Tips at the grill, raffles and 50/50 contests will also be part of the event.

The two officers are part of a 48-member Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training in Michigan.

Members of the team, who hail from many communities, will complete April 30 at the St. Anthony's Triathlon, an Olympic-distance triathlon in St. Petersburg, Fla. About 7,000 people are expected to participate in the event.

"This is the biggest group of triathletes that they've ever had," Rhea said.

The swim will be 1.5K, which is .93 miles; the bike race is 40K, which is 25 miles; and the run is 10K, which is 6.2 miles.

"We've committed to raising \$3,900 apiece," Rhea said. Just a

Can't attend? Donate online

Those who can't attend the event on Tuesday can donate by credit card online to one or more of the following members of the Leukemia & Lymphoma team in Training in Michigan by visiting their individual Web sites:

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Guest grillers Officers Jerry Stempien (left) and Det. Kevin Rhea (third from left) invite the community to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society fund-raiser Tuesday night at bd's Mongolian Barbecue downtown Novi. Pictured with the Novi Police Department members and Mongo Man are (left to right) John Powers, restaurant general manager; Rhonda Alonzo, Team in Training member; and Dana Cooper, restaurant manager.

portion of that covers the travel, lodging and entry into the event.

Rhea said bd's Mongolian Barbecue has helped the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society raise money to find a cure for these blood cancers at several events.

"John Powers and all of his staff at the Novi restaurant have been great to work with," Rhea said.

"One of our core values at bd's Mongolian Barbecue is community," Powers said. "Through our guest grilling events, we're able to help individuals and groups raise money for great causes like the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society."

How they got involved

Stempien used to be a member 10K, which is 6.2 miles.

"We've committed to raising \$3,900 apiece," Rhea said. Just a

"One of my partners died of leukemia," he said. "He was 24." Stempien noted that when he played football for Central Michigan University, one of his teammates was diagnosed with leukemia.

"He was diagnosed about two and a half years ago, was in remission for about two years and is showing signs of a relapse now," Stempien said. "He's a survivor."

Rhonda Alonzo of Farmington Hills is another member of the Michigan team. Her father, Richard Richardson, who lives in the Upper Peninsula, has lymphoma.

"He was diagnosed about two and a half years ago, was in remission for about two years and is showing signs of a relapse now," she said.

Rhea competed in the

Honolulu Marathon in 1999, but he's never competed in a triathlon. Stempien has done 5K runs and Alonzo does aerobics and 5K to 10K races.

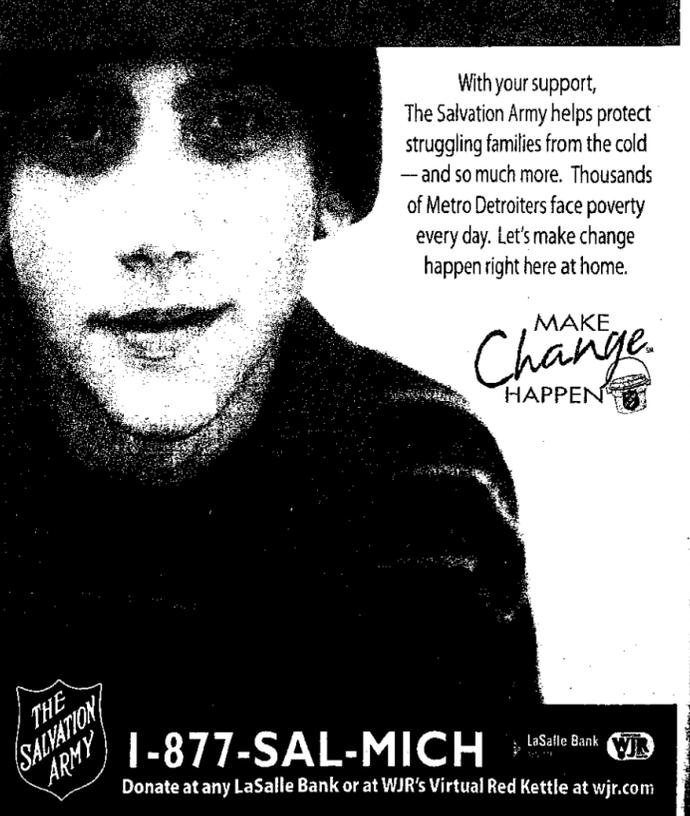
"They're all in training, working out five to six days a week. We swim twice a week, bike once a week and run twice a week," Rhea said.

All three said they think about people suffering from cancer when the training seems like a grind.

"When you think about what these poor people have to go through during their treatment, our training is nothing," Alonzo said.

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POLICE REPORT

Boy charged in assault case

A 15-year-old Farmington Hills boy has been charged with aggravated assault following an incident Sept. 17 involving a 13-year-old Novi boy at Fountain Walk shopping center in Novi.

The Farmington Hills youth appeared in Oakland County Probate Court in Pontiac on Monday, but the case was adjourned because the 15-year-old's attorney could not be there, according to Police Chief David Molloy.

The court referee rescheduled the boy's appearance to Jan. 10. "We are going to follow this case through to the end due to its assaultive nature," Molloy said.

The incident occurred about 9:30 p.m. on Sept. 17 when three juveniles were walking by the American Fitness store near Dick's Sporting Goods and a car drove by containing three or four occupants.

The occupants yelled something at the juveniles who were walking, according to police. The car continued, then stopped, spun around and came back. At least two teenagers got out of the car and approached the three teens who were walking.

They made one of the teens get down on his knees and apologize. "The two of them started kicking the kid," said Det. Kevin Gilmore of the Novi Police Department.

As the 13-year-old Novi boy got up, one of the teens allegedly punched him in the face, fracturing his jaw in two places.

Murder trial set for March

Jury selection is scheduled to begin March 13, 2006, in Judge Michael Warren's courtroom in Oakland County Circuit Court in Pontiac in the People vs. Mykolaitis murder case.

Kevin Mykolaitis, 37, of Farmington Hills, has been charged with first degree murder in the death of Cameron Sanders, 26, of Novi.

Novi police were notified when Sanders' body was found in a wooded area just south of Twelve Oaks Mall by a passerby on the afternoon of April 14, 2003.

More than two years later, Oakland County Prosecutor David Goreyca announced the issuance of a warrant in the Novi homicide on April 27, 2005.

Mykolaitis was charged May 4, 2005, with first degree premeditated murder, a felony punishable by life; felon in possession of a firearm, a five-year felony; and two counts of possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, a two-year felony.

Following an intensive investigation, Novi Police discovered that Sanders and Mykolaitis, who originally met in a series of thefts and insurance frauds leading up to the murder.

According to police reports, in 2002 they incorporated a business for an unstated purpose under the name of Extensive Enterprises.

In February 2003, they took out a \$600,000 life insurance policy, known as a key man policy, naming each other as beneficiaries.

A week before the murder, Mykolaitis called State Farm Insurance to verify that Sanders had paid the insurance premium on their policy.

Following Sanders' murder, Mykolaitis filed a claim for \$600,000 under the policy. State Farm has refused to pay.

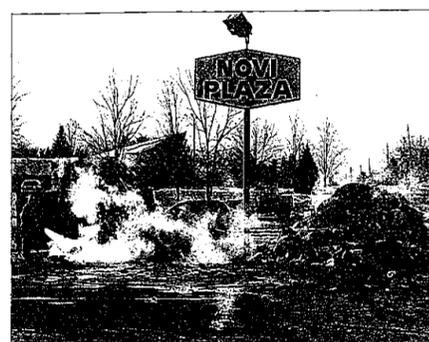


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Fire at Novi Plaza lot

Novi firefighters responded to a trash fire in the parking lot in front of Little Caesar's Pizza at 41467 10 Mile Road at 1:46 p.m. Dec. 7 in the Novi Plaza. According to the fire department report, a garbage truck's load had caught fire while in transport. The driver then pulled into the parking lot and dumped the load. The fire was extinguished and overhauled using equipment from Dixon Towing to spread the trash out. The trash was loaded into another waste container and removed from the area. Three units were assigned to the fire, and six personnel responded. Firefighters responded at 1:51 p.m., and the scene was cleared at 4:04 p.m. There were no injuries.

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Wedding bells in their future

Novi Rotarian proposes at holiday party

By Tracy Mishler
STAFF WRITER

Diane Collin had nothing but shock on her face when Todd Lockhart got down on one knee and proposed marriage Friday night.

"I never thought he would ask me in front of 130 people," said the 43-year-old Plymouth Township resident. "I love Todd very much, and of course the answer would be yes no matter where he asked me."

Lockhart, treasurer of the Novi Rotary Club and next year's club president, planned the proposal weeks in advance and said he was extremely nervous leading up to the big moment at Rotary's annual holiday party at the Rock Financial Showplace.

"I was about 99.9 percent sure she'd say yes," said the 48-year-old CPA for Cooper Standard Automotive.

Lockhart said the entire proposal was pre-planned, and every Rotarian knew about him popping the big question.

"The plan (was) to have a special raffle prior to dinner and Diane was going to win it," he said. "We had a cover story for everything. There was no way she could have known."

Rotarian Ginger Barrons said it was hard to keep the big secret.

"We've all been very excited about this," said the owner of Red Carpet Keim Reliable Real Estate in Novi. "Todd and Diane really are a perfect couple, and we're all very happy for them."

Past, present and future

Lockhart and Collin met on a blind date in May 2004 at the Box Bar in Plymouth.

"I believe it was love at first,

agreed they would wait until next summer for the big day, in order to blend both families together.

"We need to sell my home in Plymouth," Collin said. "We'll probably move into Todd's home in Novi."

Collin said she would like to see the couple honeymoon some place warm, like Fiji.

"Maybe someplace where we can combine scuba diving and hiking," she said. "That's what's so great - we have so much in common and pretty much like to do the same activities."

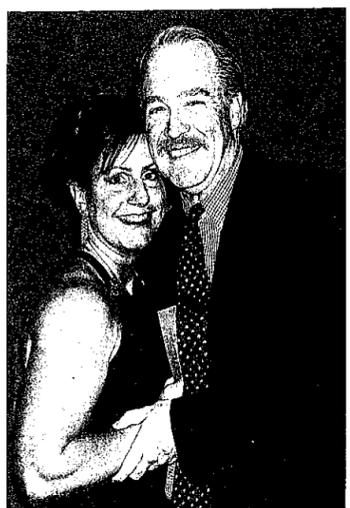
Lockhart said he is looking forward to the two being together.

"It's really cool when you find that someone you are truly in love with," he said. "I know I've found her."

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Todd Lockhart proposed to the love of his life, Diane Collin, Friday night at the annual Novi Rotary Club holiday party.



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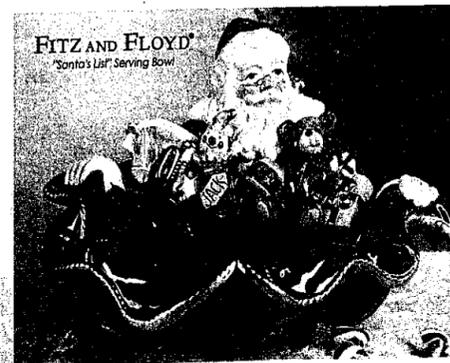
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Car crazy! A pair of well-deserving individuals win vehicles

Longtime donor shocked by phone call

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Frances DeBasco is driving in style this holiday season.

The longtime volunteer at Children's Hospital of Michigan's Festival of Trees benefit won the grand prize in a raffle Dec. 4 after her ticket was pulled after the festival ended.

The festival took place at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi this year for the first time.

DeBasco, of Farmington Hills, won a 2006 Ford Fusion SEL.

"It's a four-door, V6, red metallic with dark gray interior, bucket seats, 6-speed automatic and brand spanking new," she said.

The sticker price on the vehicle donated by Tom Holzer Ford of Farmington Hills is \$22,755.

It was fitting that DeBasco was the grand prize winner as she has been a contributor to the downtown Detroit hospital for about 10 years and worked in sales this year at the festival.

"I get advance notice when the raffle tickets are coming out," she said. "They send me something in the mail inquiring if I want to buy a ticket."

The raffle tickets were \$50 each, with the proceeds going to the hospital.

"I usually buy two tickets, but this year I bought four," DeBasco said.

She has to pay sales tax on the car and will receive a 1099 tax form stating the value of the car. The Internal Revenue Service considers the car winnings, much like if a person won money at a casino.

"Anything over \$2,000 in win-

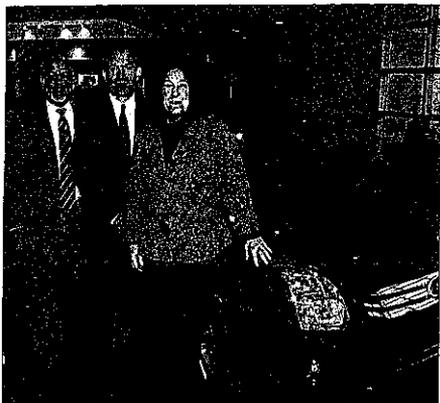


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Frances DeBasco of Farmington Hills was the lucky winner of a 2006 Ford Fusion, compliments of Tom Holzer Ford, at the 2005 Festival of Trees raffle Dec. 4 at Rock Financial Showplace. Pictured at the Farmington Hills dealership the day she picked up her new ride are Brian Burke, left, of Tom Holzer Ford and Mark Merlanti, president, Festival of Trees.

nings, you have to pay tax on it," she said.

DeBasco, who said she donates to about 15 charities said she and her family members were thrilled when she won the new car.

"I figure God was telling me I should take this car because I drive a sports car, and my mother has been after me for years to get a different car," she said.

DeBasco said she'll be storing her sports car for the winter and driving her new Fusion.

She learned she had won the grand prize when a festival staff member called her Dec. 4.

"Everybody was shocked," DeBasco said. "This is the first time I've won anything of this magni-

tude."

The second prize in the raffle was a seven-night Cancun, Mexico, package which included round-trip air fare for two and accommodations courtesy of Worry-Free Vacations.

The third prize was a \$1,000 shopping spree at Menger department store.

DeBasco noted that she has not only been a Festival of Trees volunteer and contributor for many years, but she also used to work as a volunteer at the hospital assisting with at-risk babies.

"I think Children's Hospital is a wonderful hospital that deserves every penny it receives," she said.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

With his brand-new Jeep Commander in the background, Carlos Wentworth goes to get a hug from his wife Elanda after receiving the 2006 model in a give-away from Novi's Lifetime Fitness.

Fitness club member wins Commander

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

While driving home from a dinner a week ago in their 1998 Dodge pickup, Carlos and Elanda Wentworth of Flat Rock, passed a billboard on the freeway.

"There was a Jeep Commander advertisement on it and (Elanda) asked if I noticed," Carlos said. "I said, 'Notice what?' She said, 'That sign about the Commander, what do you know about those?' I said they're nice little trucks."

But little did he know that about a week later he would be trading in his Dodge for a brand new Jeep Commander. Elanda, his wife of 25 years, knew, but kept the secret very well.

When the couple's son, Dean, called his mom and asked if she was going to be busy on Monday, Elanda said she worked a 12 hour shift the night before, she had to work Monday night, and she had to work again Tuesday night.

But when Dean told her why he was asking, Elanda made every effort to be there.

Carlos won the vehicle as a joint-promotion between Lifetime Fitness and Jeep, which ran from Oct. 1 through the end of November. Any members of Lifetime Fitness who either enrolled in a sports membership or upgraded to one were automatically entered to win a 2006 Jeep Commander.

Lifetime Fitness currently has 45 clubs across the United States and received entries from every one.

Fortunately for Carlos, his name was pulled from the hundreds of submissions. He was on hand last Monday to receive his prize.

"Golly, I find this so hard to believe," Carlos said. "I've never won anything like this in my life."

Carlos explained that last Thursday, while working at International Transmission Company in Novi, he was asked to come in on Monday morning to finish up some work. He usually works out in the field, so asking him to come into the office was quite unusual.

He came in that morning and started working on different jobs,

when a co-worker asked if he could ride over to Lifetime Fitness with her so that she could take care of some things, and he had to pick up a gift card.

"I rode over here with her, and on the way out she said there was one more thing I had to do."

She led Carlos down the hall and out a side door to a roaring crowd of family and friends and a brand new Commander.

"It just hasn't hit me yet," Carlos said. "I was already planning to wait until 2007 before replacing my vehicle because we just bought a home, so financially we couldn't make due until then. I usually keep cars for 10 years or longer, so this is a very good thing."

The Wentworths are originally from Louisville, Ky. They moved to Flat Rock on Sept. 3, 2003, and Carlos started working for ITC on Sept. 15. He joined Lifetime Fitness last month.

"This is absolutely fantastic," Dean said. "I never thought anyone in my family would win something like this. That's what's so hard to believe about it. You hear about other people who win stuff, and you never think it's going to be you. Then when it happens in your family, it's just awesome."

Festival's new home works out

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Festival of Trees President Mark Merlanti said organizers like the event's new location in Novi.

The Children's Hospital of Michigan annual fund-raiser, which ran from Nov. 25 through Dec. 4, took place at Rock Financial Showplace for the first time this year.

The larger space provided a perfect venue for the holiday benefit, according to Merlanti.

"We were happy to be in Novi at the Rock Financial Showplace," he said. "We had lots of room for the displays. I think the patrons enjoyed having more room, and with enough room for a stage we had entertainment back again. We were very pleased with being in Novi!"

Merlanti said the turnout was good.

Kandi Karban, executive director of the Festival of Trees, reported that this year's festival attracted about 25,000 people — more than last year's event.

In the event's raffle, 2,000 tickets were printed, with 734 of the \$50 tickets sold, she said.

With more people coming to the event, organizers hope to attract additional volunteers for next year's benefit.

"Last year, we needed 2,000 vol-

unteers. But because we made the event five times bigger this year, we needed 4,000 volunteers," Karban said.

"We probably had 3,000-plus," she said. "We were still able to run slowly. It was a wonderful first-year

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Granddaughter to receive a special gift

Novi woman wins newspaper Felicity contest

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Donna Smith of Novi has an extra special Christmas gift for her granddaughter, Christi, this year. Smith learned last Thursday that she had won the second prize in "Felicity: An American Girl Adventure Trivia Contest" featured in the Nov. 24 Gift Guide supplement in the Novi News, Northville Record, South Lyon Herald and Milford Times. Smith answered the three questions about the American Girl Felicity correctly after watching

"Felicity: An American Girl Adventure" Nov. 29 on The WB Network and mailed her entry before the Dec. 1 deadline. She won a set of six hardcover Felicity books and a hardcover copy of "Very Funny, Elizabeth!" valued at \$87.90. The grand prize winner won an Elizabeth doll plus paperback book and accessories valued at \$107. Elizabeth Cole is Felicity Merriman's best friend. Smith entered the contest because her 10-year-old granddaughter, Christi Dupree of Dallas, loves American Girl dolls. "She's very into the American Girl products," Smith said. Dupree is the daughter of Deborah and Bob Dupree of Dallas and the granddaughter of Donna and Dick Smith of Novi. Smith said when she read about the contest in the advertising sup-

plement, she thought, "This is another way I can communicate with Christi." Dupree has been interested in the dolls since she was about 5, according to Smith. "She has a lot of Felicity items," Smith said. "That's one of her favorite American Girl dolls." Smith did tell her granddaughter she had entered the contest. "I think she's going to be pretty excited when she finds out I was one of the winners. She's a very prolific reader, so this will be good for her." Smith was quite surprised when she received the call last Thursday about being one of the two contest winners. "I looked in the paper last week, but thought it was a little soon to be announced since I knew the deadline was Dec. 1," she said. "But, when I hadn't heard anything by the end of last week, I assumed I hadn't won." Smith is looking forward to seeing her young granddaughter's expression when she opens her new series of Felicity books.

"One of the things Christi likes about the American Girl products is the quality," Smith said. "She has some of the items since she was 2." In fact, Dupree bought her first Felicity doll with her own money when she was only in the first grade. Smith believes the dolls are popular because of their size and the stories associated with them. Dupree also watched the recent Felicity movie. "This particular story teaches the history of the American Revolution, so it's very educational," Smith said. Smith noted that her granddaughter has also visited the American Girl House in Chicago. "Girls can have lunch with the dolls, and they even provide a special highchair for the dolls," she said.

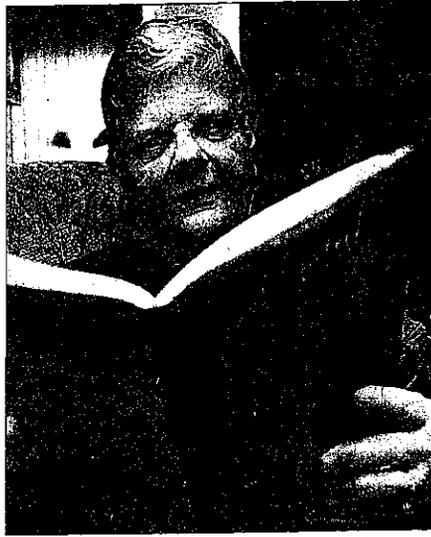


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Donna Smith's 10 year old granddaughter Christi Dupree, who lives in Dallas, will be getting a number of American Girl Felicity Books after Smith won them in the News' trivia contest.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Ice Arena to hold activities over holiday break

Holiday Learn to Skate Camp 11-11:45 a.m. Dec. 27-29. The camp is open to ages 6 and up, with each group limited to just six skaters. The cost of enrollment is \$65, and skate rental is available for \$2 per day. Learn to Skate camp participants are welcome to attend open skating noon-1:50 p.m., free of charge. Skate with Santa will take place on 3-4:50 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18. Registration for the winter session of Learn to Skate (Jan. 4-Feb. 18) begins on Monday, Dec. 12. Bring in three canned food items during the month of December and receive 50 percent off admission to public skating. All food collected will be donated to the Oakland County Food Banks. Free skating event noon-1:50 p.m. Monday, Jan. 2 in honor of United States Figure Skating's National Skating Month. For more information, call Novi Ice Arena, (248) 347-1010 or www.noviicearena.com.

SWOCC holds workshops

Sign-up has started for orientation and workshops to learn more about television production. The

schedule of winter workshops is:

- Winter Orientation: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11
- Producers Workshop: 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17
- Studio A Four-Week Workshop: 6 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 17-Tuesday, Feb. 7
- Studio B, 2-Session Workshop: 6 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 18 and 25; Monday, Jan. 23 and Jan. 30; Wednesday, Feb. 15 and Thursday, Feb. 16
- Remote Workshop: 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9
- Adobe Premiere Edit Workshop: 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23

Tune in to HGTV Wednesday

Novi resident Nina Cambron will appear on the HGTV show "That's Clever!" on Wednesday. Air times are noon and 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. In this episode of the show, Lydia Dierwechter of Newmarstown, Pa., fashions a felted wool purse; Cambron creates whimsical fused glass and later a mixed media clock; and Mary Smith crafts a lamp work fall leaf necklace in St. Charles, Mo.

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Through the looking glass

Providence's cancer center hosts 'Mad Hatter' tea party.



A view through a glass divider in the center's lobby as guests browse through the tea sampling.



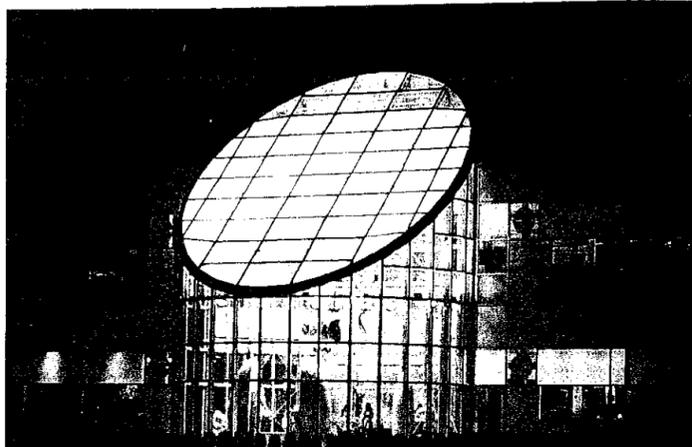
Just some of the many tea pots made for the event. Some were made by patients and staff and others by students at Novi High School.



Guests gathered to talk, eat snacks and listen to music.



Nancy Wellesman and her son Zachary, 3, stopped by to view the tea pots and enjoy the party.



Providence Hospital's Assarian Cancer Institute shines brightly in the night at the corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue.



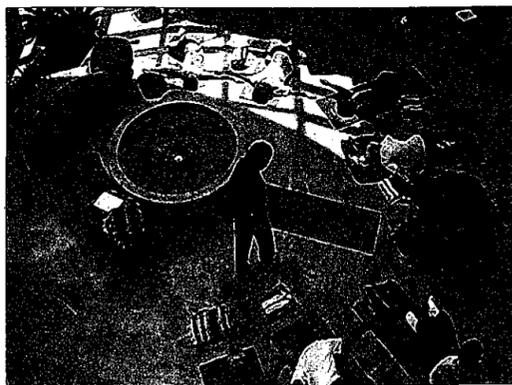
Guests of the tea party were treated to music played on the harp by Novi High School student Katy Opperman.



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HEALTH

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Hatha Yoga is being taught at Providence's Assarian Cancer Center in Novi.

Renewal of mind, body in '06

It is the time for New Year's resolutions! Many of us have contemplated the year gone by and are considering self-improvements for the year ahead. Now it is up to us to make a change for the better.

The Center for the Healing Arts at Providence Assarian Cancer Center in Novi is very proud of its yoga program and invites you to join a class to begin the New Year. The yoga instructor, GeAnne Geraghty, comes with several years of teaching experience. Her training is in "Hatha Yoga" which is the most widely practiced form of yoga in this country. It is the branch of yoga that concentrates on physical health and mental well-being. Hatha yoga uses body postures, breathing techniques and meditation with the goal of

bringing a sound, healthy body and a clear, peaceful mind. The regular performance of the combined Hatha yoga postures and practices has been observed to enhance overall health and both prevent and reverse disease.

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BUSINESS

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Recovering from a fire

Dentist opens temporary office

Dr. Brigiddane Murphy, a Novi dentist, was in shock and in disbelief after a fire in late August closed down her office, just two doors down from Weinstein Jewelers. Dr. Brigiddane had opened up her dental practice in October of 1997.



Dr. Murphy

"I had designed everything from the ground up to give my patients comfort in their dental care and to help relieve anxiety," Murphy said. The smoke and water had ruined everything in the dental office. The Novi firemen had been gallant in using her dental office as a fire barrier to help save her office and the other stores in the Italian Epicure Plaza.

Upon entry, the damage was everywhere, we cutting tiles, broken glass, and supplies. It looked like a war zone. The dental equipment started warping immediately and the floors showed evidence of seven inches of water. The firemen had helped Murphy salvage her computers, patient charts, and U of M dental diplomas and certificates. "I was afraid that I was going to lose everything - my patients, my business, my staff, and my life's work after seeing the fire on all the local television stations," Murphy said. "I was devastated, but it is so minor as compared to what Gary Weinstein had lost, his business and his family. I've known him since I opened eight years ago on Grand River. I took care of his kids and his wife."

Immediately, 15 local dentists

started calling Murphy offering her space in their offices, while her office was being rebuilt. This outpouring of help inspired Dr. Murphy to appreciate what she has and work hard to rebuild.

Dr. Warkowicz of Novi Reconstructive Dentistry on Grand River let her use his office for emergencies and minor dental work immediately after the fire, until she found a temporary location.

"The just gave me a key, showed me where everything was. He hardly knew me and I was extremely appreciative of his help," Murphy said. "This city is filled with kind and generous people. I knew that I made the right decision to practice in Novi."

After looking at all of the offices, Murphy opened up at Dr. David Salahi's office, Progressive Dental, 21580 Novi Road Suite 100 in Novi in the Adco Nova Professional building just north of

8 Mile Road. This office has allowed her to resume normal hours and operation and even keep her office phone number (248-380-9330).

All of the staff came back to work and patients were called to come in.

The office at 42010 Grand River has been gutted and is finally ready for reconstruction. The roof is structurally sound and the burned-out buildings have been demolished.

The long wait has been frustrating for Murphy, since she hoped to be back in the office within a couple of months, but it may take as long as or longer than January or February of 2006 to rebuild. The long wait and delays have been caused by insurance determination of the cause of the fire, other insurance delays, and requirements and permit approvals by the City of Novi.

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Brigiddane Murphy
Dentist

metic dental training at the prestigious Nash Institute in Charlotte, North Carolina," Murphy stated. "It was something that I have always loved to do and was working to offer my patients my new techniques of whitening and makeovers of just one tooth to whole mouth. I can even take out white spots from braces with a simple technique that mimics whitening procedures."

With a new office, new equipment, and new dental techniques,

Murphy says her office will be better than ever before and is designed to improve patient care and patient comfort. It will still be airy with windows at each dental chair for the patients to look out, and she's planning on having a section of the office become a whitening spa.

"I can't wait to move back in," said Murphy. "Just look for us to return this winter. We are now ready to see patients in our temporary office."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Bonefish Grill opening in Novi

Novi Town Center announced the upcoming opening of Bonefish Grill seafood restaurant. Bonefish Grill specializes in fresh fish, featuring a mouth-watering variety of eight or more fresh fish on the menu daily. Flown in every morning, inspected for quality then cut and weighed by hand, the fish is cooked to perfection on Bonefish Grill's signature oak wood-burning grill.

For the non-fish center, Bonefish Grill offers a wide selection of dishes, from USDA prime beef and pork tenderloin to freshly prepared pasta and chicken dishes, created with innovative and delectable ingredients.

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in the Center."

Slated to open in late-January, Bonefish Grill will be open for dinner seven nights a week.

GolfTech relocates

GolfTech owners Jim Kitchen and Dennis Kitchen, have moved the store location to 41300 W. 10 Mile Rd. For more information, call (248) 426-2266.

Clothing drive

Crosswinds Communities, a Novi-based company building single-family homes and townhomes in more than 18 locations in southeast Michigan, announced the kickoff of their Fourth Annual Clothing Drive. Last year's drive resulted in more than 700 bags of clothes donated to the homeless and needy.

The company is requesting area residents donate new and used winter clothing. Items needed include jackets, hats, gloves, boots, socks, pants, shirts, sweaters, and undergarments.

This year's drive benefits the Crossroads Soup Kitchen, a non-profit social service organization located on Forest Street in Detroit. Crossroads gives support to any member of the community by providing advocacy, short-term material aid such as food, clothing, and transportation, and helping people plan for their future. Drive organizers hope to increase the intake of clothes from 700 bags last year to 900 bags this year.

Clothing can be dropped off at Crosswinds' main office at 41050 Vincent, to the attention of Joe Bach. Personal pick-up is also available and can be arranged by calling (248) 867-0563.

Holiday party contest

Salone Nadwa and Day Spa of Novi recently announced a holiday company party contest for local businesses. In 200 words or less, Salone Nadwa is asking businesses to submit in writing why they should win a holiday party at Salone Nadwa and Day Spa and why their boss is the best. Entries should be sent to Holiday Company Party contest, Salone Nadwa and Day Spa at 43236 11 Mile Road, Novi Town Center, Novi, MI 48375.

Entries may also be dropped off. The deadline to enter is Wednesday, Dec. 21.

The winning company will be able to schedule their three-hour holiday party at a time when it is convenient for their employees and Salone Nadwa and Day Spa. Salone Nadwa and Day Spa would also like to spread some holiday cheer and goodwill and invite the victims of Hurricane Katrina to come for complimentary spa services during the month of December. The men and women

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If possible, include a photograph with your submission. Briefs can come in the form of press releases or announcements, and the Novi News reserves the right to edit for length and content. For more information, call (248) 349-1700, ext. 113.

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Cars4Charities will handle the entire donation process, from start to finish. They'll turn the unwanted vehicle into cash and send the entire net proceeds to any charity the owner selects. To claim a 2005 deduction, the title must be signed and postmarked by Dec. 31.

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- Winners in each category will receive a pizza & this combo courtesy of Pizza Marvelous & have their drawing printed in the December 22th edition of the Novi News

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Exhibits: The 2005 My Hometown Novi Photo Competition winning photographs will be exhibited at a reception to be held at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi at a date following the close of the competition. Additional entries may be selected for exhibit or for publication as outlined in the release form. Photographs randomly selected from among entries received may be published in the Novi News during the course of the competition to promote the competition and to encourage additional entries.

Work(s) Eligible: Photographs submitted should be an image that represents the photographer's interpretation of the competition theme of "My Hometown Novi".

- Each photographer may submit up to five photographs.
- Each photograph will be judged as an individual entry.
- Altered photos (any alteration that distorts the original image) are not eligible for prizes. There is no residency requirement for entrants.
- All entries whether submitted by amateurs or professionals will be judged as a single group.

Specifications: Entries must be 8" x 10" photographic prints, window matted using white matte board. Using the format shown on the entry form, provide name and contact information on the back of each photo entered. Labeled photographs must be submitted with a completed entry form and entry fee by the November 3, 2006 deadline. Keep a copy of your entry for your records; photos will NOT be returned.

Judging: Preliminary judging will be of the prints as originally submitted.

Entry Form: Complete the entry form. Form may be photocopied, but submitted entry forms require an original signature.

Contest fees: Each photo entry is \$5. Photographers can enter up to five photographs. Checks or money orders should be made payable to "City of Novi 2005 Photo Competition" and be submitted with the completed entry form and matted photograph(s). All contest fees are non-refundable.

Contest deadline: November 3, 2006 is the last day that photos and entry fees will be accepted for the competition. (All entries must be received at the Novi News office by 5:00 p.m. or postmarked by that date.)

For more information contact Cal Stone at 248 349 1700 or Kathy Match at 248 224-4211.

Entry forms and rules can be found online at www.novi.news.com, at the Novi News office (104 W. Main, downtown Northville) or at the Novi Civic Center (45175 W. 10 Mile Road) Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department.

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"In the Weeds"

TIMES/DATES: Various times, Wednesday-Sunday
DETAILS: Tickets are \$15 and \$20 and may be purchased at the Second City Box Office, on-line at www.ticketmaster.com or (248) 645-0666.

"After the Breakstalk"

DATE: Saturday through Dec. 17
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Maybury Park Programs

LOCATION: Maybury State Park, Eight Mile Road between Beck and Napier roads.
CONTACT: (248) 349-8390

Holiday Event

DATE: Saturday
TIME: 1 p.m.
DETAILS: Children are invited to make an ornament to decorate the Maybury Farm Christmas Tree. The tree is located in the parking entrance, off of Eight Mile Road. Children's admission will be a homemade ornament for the Maybury Farm Christmas Tree. The cost for adults is \$3.

Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, Jan. 3
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-4410

Providence Center for the Healing Arts Exhibit

DATE: through Jan. 31, 2006
LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi

DETAILS: This is the fourth annual "Mail Hater Tea Party," a free show of original artwork by patients, families and associates, as well as juried pieces by Novi High School students. A reception will be held, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6. Cookies are encouraged.

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CONTACT: (248) 344-0470

Holiday Band Concert

DATE: Sunday
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

DETAILS: The Novi Concert Band will be performing with Dr. Dan Kochyana, Conductor. A Sing-a-long and refreshments will be included.

All-Academy Holiday Ball

DATE: Friday, Dec. 30
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Red Wings Game

DATE: Tuesday, Jan. 3
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
DETAILS: The fee is \$65 per person, including bus, admission, raffle and snack.

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LOCATION: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake
CONTACT: (248) 624-3772
Mrs. Claus' Elf Party
DATE: Thursday, Dec. 15
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: This party is for ages 3-8. There will be stories, games, crafts and holiday treats with Mrs. Claus.

Weekly Story Hours

TIME/DATES: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Wednesday; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Thursday
DETAILS: Includes stories, crafts, finger plays and games. Designed for ages 1-5. No registration required.

MOMS Club of Novi

DATE: First Thursday of each month
TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
DETAILS: The Moms Offering Moms Support (MOMS) is a non-profit support group, for mothers who choose to stay at home with their children, work out of their homes, or work part-time.

Breast Cancer Support Group

DATES: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month
LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom
DETAILS: Come for encouragement, help, hope and prayer. Drop in for five minutes or longer.
CONTACT: Nancy or Susan, (248) 926-8332 or harvestfellowship@comcast.net

Neighborhood Baby-Sitting Co-op

DATE: Second Thursday of each month
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot, 300 Dorothy St., South Lyon
DETAILS: This group provides information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their families. Mothers of multiples living in and around the Kensington Valley school conference are all welcome.
CONTACT: For more information, (248) 437-5496.

Benefit for NPL Capital Campaign Fund

DATE: Saturday
TIME: 10 a.m.
PLACE: Emagine Theatre at Fountain Walk
DETAILS: This is a special screening of the new film, "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." All proceeds from ticket sales benefit the NPL Capital Campaign Fund. Individual tickets are \$6. A family pack of four tickets is \$20. Tickets are available for purchase only at the Novi Public Library.

Help Match the Walker Million-Online

DETAILS: You now can make a donation online to help the library match the \$1 million Walker challenge grant. Just go to our Web site (<http://novilibri.com>), and select the "Make a Donation" button on the homepage.

Give the Gift of Reading

DETAILS: Novi Public Library is a collection point for The Gift of Reading program sponsored by the Detroit Free Press. New books suitable for reading to children up to age 6 can be dropped off at the library through today.

Story Time Notes

DETAILS: Story Times for kids ages 1-5 are now underway. Brochures listing the days and times of each drop-in story time are available in the library.

Walled Lake Library Events

DATE: every Monday and Friday
TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginning 7:30-9:30 p.m., in immediate
LOCATION: Novi Ice Arena, 42400 Arena Drive
DETAILS: No partner needed for lessons in this pay-as-you-go

Line Dancing

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TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginning 7:30-9:30 p.m., in immediate
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Battle of the Books Registration

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Library Board Meeting

DATE: Wednesday
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: City Council Chambers at the Novi Civic Center
DETAILS: Community members are welcome to attend. Meetings are also broadcast live on cable channel 13.

Friendship Circle

DATE: Second Thursday of each month
TIME: 1 p.m.
LOCATION: St. James Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile Road, between Taft and Beck roads, between Wixom and Livonia
DETAILS: This service is open to all faiths and is a service of hope.

Health Prayer Service

DATE: First Monday of each month
TIME: 4 p.m.
LOCATION: First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road
DETAILS: This service is open to all faiths and is a service of hope.

Women's Prayer Support

DATE: Saturday
TIME: 9-10:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom
DETAILS: Come for encouragement, help, hope and prayer. Drop in for five minutes or longer.
CONTACT: Nancy or Susan, (248) 926-8332 or harvestfellowship@comcast.net

Providence Medical Center Classes

LOCATION: Providence Park, Novi, 47601 Grand River Avenue
CONTACT: (888) 440-7325, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Novi Toastmasters

DATE: First and third Tuesday of the month
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road
TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.
DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and practice leadership.
CONTACT: Colleen, (248) 685-9226

New Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) chapter

DATES: Wednesday
TIME: 11 a.m., weight-in; 11:30 a.m., meeting
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
DETAILS: \$30 per annual membership includes lunchbooks \$1 per meeting. New members welcome.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0414

Yoga Classes

DATE: Beginning Monday, Jan. 9
TIME: 12:30-1:15 p.m., Monday; 6-7 p.m., Wednesday, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Friday
LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi
DETAILS: The cost is \$10/walk-in; \$80/10-class card; \$70/7-week evening sessions.

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WHERE WE STAND

The Holidays: Keep it safe this season

It's a trite message worth repeating: Stay safe this holiday season. That means don't drink and drive. Ask for help if you need when it comes to shoveling the driveway. And be mindful that decorative Christmas trees and fashionable fireplace stockings can easily spark a home fire. Review again your family's strategy in case fire breaks out in your home. Make sure children know how to exit a burning building and identify a meeting place outside so family members know everyone is safe. More than that, have your furnace checked, clean your chimney and clean your dryer vent. Last week, a clogged dryer vent destroyed a one-year-old Oakland County home. Don't be the next statistic. These are simple tasks often overlooked during a busy holiday season. Left unattended, they can also spark much sorrow. Toward that end, we remind residents once again about the hazards of drunk driving. Be a good friend, spouse and neighbor. Make sure those you love don't hit the road if they've had too much to drink. Office parties, holiday parties and family get-togethers are popular places for people to overindulge themselves. But such functions need not be excuses to overdo and potentially cause harm to innocent victims. These are old lessons, with familiar footsteps. Be smart this holiday season. And keep those you love safe by making good decisions.

Corrections:

In last week's article, "Jewelers partner with PTB pair," Paul Dupell is not manager of Novi Jewelers but rather coordinated the fund-raising effort. The photo of the Novi Rotary senior party on page 22A of last week's edition incorrectly identified the student. It is Lauren Felcher. In the Nov. 24 story "Funiculars of the future offer many alternatives," an incorrect phone number was given for Guardian Memorial Society. It is (888) 251-2200.

Retailer rings the Salvation Army's bell

At the end of service at my church Sunday, our pastor gave an invitation for salvation, which he does religiously. Then, as we rose to leave, he let us know that Target has decided that Salvation Army bell-ringers are no longer welcome at the retailer's 1,313 stores nationwide.

The Christian charity uses funds it collects between Thanksgiving and Christmas to help local ministries for the poor by providing meals, groceries, toys and help with utility bills. Last year, the Red Kettle Campaign took in \$90 million — with \$9 million of that coming from Target customers, according to Christian World News' Web site, www.cwn.com.

Thankfully, other retailers are stepping up to the plate. Mervyn's, which was sold by Minnesota-based Target several months ago, made an exception to its no-solicitation policy and will allow the bell-ringers at its 257 stores.

That's just smart business. I don't have a crystal ball, but I'd be willing to bet that Target's bottom line will feel the effects of the ban's backlash. For me, the bell-ringers are as much a part of the holiday tradition as nativity scenes. (Oops, I forgot — now those are under fire as well.) The sound of those bells clanging is like the smell of burning leaves in the fall. The volunteers who greet shoppers with a "Merry Christmas" and a smile are gracious, whether we drop coins into the kettles or not.

Target says the new policy was necessary or else they'd have to let other non-profit groups solicit too. Well, that's not true. Sometimes you can make exceptions to the rules. Many of their customers don't care if Target gives something like \$2 million a week nationally to organizations — they want to see, hear and help the bell-ringers help those less fortunate.

I'm not advocating a ban on Target. You can be more effective by helping the Salvation Army. Locally, the Novi Rotarians are pulling two-hour shifts Saturday at Marshall Fields at the Twelve Oaks Mall. Fifteen Rotarians will be ringing bells at the west and south doors from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. At a time when this holiday is being watered down with political correctness, put a little Merry back in Christ-mas by dropping your spare change (or more) into the red kettles.

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LETTERS

Back off Bush

Yesterday marked the 64th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941. It was a day that will live in infamy, as FDR described it, in which 2,300 lives were lost, fewer than on 9/11. At 10:45 EST President Bush gave a half-hour speech describing the improvements to the Iraqi people's lives since the US overthrew Saddam Hussein. Based on the radio and TV coverage here in Detroit I would have to say that both events were historically unnoticed. To the best of my knowledge only Fox News, which is restricted to cable or satellite subscribers, carried the President's speech. Is it any wonder that the American people are unable to arrive at any intelligent evaluation of important events that impact their lives, such as the Iraq war? It leaves politicians completely free to fabricate their version of "truth."

Since the Democratic party is the current party trying to regain political power, let's look at their criticism of the Republican president and his administration with regard to the conduct of the Iraq war. "There have

been no 'weapons of mass destruction' found; therefore, Bush lied." First of all, what do the Democrats consider WMD? Two ordinary commercial airplanes filled with fuel, as the World Trade Center in New York on 9/11 and some 3,000 people were murdered, more than were murdered by all the Japanese bombs at Pearl Harbor. What on earth qualifies as "mass destruction" in the eyes of the Democrats? The fact that their version of such weapons, whatever that may be, were not found by a search team certainly doesn't even mean that they didn't or don't exist. Everyday we hear of suicide and roadside bombs killing dozens, or scores, of people in Iraq. Certainly the Muslim extremists do not pick these explosives out of the thin air. Why can't the storage places for these explosives be found, especially since Iraq is now an "occupied" country?

It has also been stated that since no WMD's were found, and that there is no proof of a direct connection of Saddam Hussein with 9/11, there are no American interests involved. All this in spite of the fact that it is well known that Baghdad has long

been a city of safe haven to Muslim extremists, and to some degree it still is, even though "occupied." It would certainly be interesting to know just what planning for 9/11 and other terrorist attacks may have taken place in Baghdad.

Now let us return to history. It was under the leadership of President Johnson and the Democratic Party that the Vietnam War was initiated in earnest. What justifiable interests did the US have in that war? Incidentally, it was Pres. Nixon, a Republican, that brought that war to an end. And what about FDR, leader of the Democratic Party in 1941 when Pearl Harbor was attacked? FDR not only declared war on Japan, but Germany and Italy as well, neither of which had any direct part in the attack. So, Democrats, let's try to bring some semblance of honesty and sense to your criticism of Pres. Bush and his administration. Your unwarranted attacks would be impossible if the media, the educational system and the common sense of the American people were not way below par.

Richard Reising, Libertarian
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Tax cuts won't change the future of Michigan

And the harsh squabbling and political posturing pouring forth from Lansing's Capitol dome, one persistent theme has been sounding loud and clear: Cut business taxes.

They've been talking ad nauseam about the subject since Gov. Jennifer Granholm proposed a couple of years ago a far-reaching overhaul of the Single Business Tax (SBT), the state's main levy on businesses. It raises about \$2 billion a year for the state.

Talk reached a crescendo last month when it looked as though the governor and Republican legislative leaders had agreed on a tax-cut-and-jobs-growth package. That fell apart in a spasm of partisan finger pointing. Granholm now has her "21st Century Jobs Fund" underwritten by something like another \$2 billion in tobacco settlement money.

Legislative Republicans are now in a year-end frenzy pushing a new interim tax plan. It would give manufacturers a credit to the SBT equal to 15 percent of the property taxes they pay on plant and equipment. That would cost the state treasury around \$500 million. Naturally, nobody is talking about how they would plug this particular hole in an already precarious state budget. When it comes to the long

haul, however, the change can't hurt much and might even help a little. After all, with General Motors planning to close a bunch of plants and Delphi planning a little marginal tax relief from the state might make a difference to some business trying to decide whether or not to close plants in Michigan.

But tinkering around the edges of the state's tax structure isn't going to do much to help us overcome the worst economic crisis since, well, the Great Depression. The restructuring now going on between General Motors, Delphi Corp. and the United Auto Workers union are going to proceed largely unaffected by anything our political masters in Lansing might do or say. That's how top business experts see it.

For example, consider the cuts in the SBT. The Big Three automakers and their Tier One suppliers — like Delphi — pay the bulk of it. But what nobody seems to remember is that over the past five years SBT taxes have been cut by a total of \$1.5 billion. The auto industry's share of this big tax break doesn't seem to have done much to save off what's now taking place; GM

and the Ford Motor Co. are losing billions. The saddest part of what's going on in Lansing: The lemming-like know-nothing to the new dogma that any solution to our economic ills must include tax cuts. A hard look at the evidence shows just how silly this shibboleth really is.

Here's some data from a soon-to-be released report compiled by Michigan Future, Inc., a highly regarded economic think tank. By the way, it uses the same tools as does the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce — taxes per capita, taxes per employed resident and taxes as a percentage of personal income.

Michigan is not a high tax state. In fact Michigan today is slightly below the national average. That's a switch from 1993, when the state embarked on its tax cutting program. Back then, Michigan's tax burden ranked a bit above the national average.

Has cutting taxes since 1993 improved Michigan's economic performance? Nope. Our per capita personal income has dropped by 2.3 percent, while employment declined by 7.6 percent.

Are other high performance states suffering because they are high tax states? No, again. Growth in per capita personal income for high tax states (except for California and Colorado) has outstripped that for low tax states.

Conversely, the five states with the lowest per capita tax burden — Tennessee, Alabama, South Dakota, Oregon and South Carolina — are all below the national average in

per capita personal income growth since 1993. Data recently released by the U.S. Census shows the states with the highest median household income are Connecticut, New Jersey, Maryland, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

What is common to all these states is the country's best educated populations, good universities, knowledge based economies and easy access to amenities like recreation and culture.

Insightful readers will realize at once that cutting taxes bleeds money from exactly these essential components for a successful economy in a globalized 21st century. Or put another way: We could save money in the short run if we didn't insist on clean drinking water.

Anyone want to try that? Lou Glazer, president of Michigan Future, puts it succinctly: "When you actually look at a state's relative prosperity, there is no evidence that low taxes lead to high economic performance. Indeed, it may well be that the opposite is true."

Here's the first thing we all need to do: Stop. Squint. Think. Substituting economic ideology driven by knee-jerk ideology for a hard look at the facts is no way to get us out of the jam we're in.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan. He would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@hennet.com.

Message to seniors: Savor the moment now

It's been 10 long years since I've seen them all, but I remember the moment like it was yesterday.

It was June of 1995 and I, and the rest of my classmates were at Chene Park in Detroit, walking across the stage one-by-one, receiving our diplomas from Birmingham Groves High School.

Mine was a fragmented class, with many groups banding together throughout the years, but for one day we were united as one in a grand showing of accomplishment and pride. It

was almost as if we became a giant family that day. Ten years later our family was reunited at Fifth Avenue in Royal Oak. It was a successful party, as many showed up. People spoke of their great careers, their new families and great lives.

But just as it was a high to see everyone again, a low descended upon us just as quickly when word of a death in the class came across our e-mails. We had lost one of our own.

Michael Verdon, a fine human being and great friend to many, had passed away. A young man I had

known since the first grade, who never had a negative thing to say about anyone, was gone.

His positive influence on the class of 1995 was evident on Dec. 7, as once again, many united. But this time it was to pay their respects and to say good-bye. The sense of family was once again brought to the forefront.

Sure we all came from different backgrounds, and sure we all didn't appreciate what we had back in high school, but I'm unwilling to bet we all do now. Unfortunately, the saying, "you don't really appreciate what you have until it's gone" is true. But the point is, Novi High School seniors should do their best to appreciate and respect everyone in their class now because you never know when you're going to need a shoulder to lean on. Put aside petty dif-

ferences and shake someone's hand. In the grand scheme of things, that stuff is going to be long forgotten when you get out into the real world.

Try to befriend as many in your class as possible, because as I was just reminded, life is very precious.

I wish I had stayed in touch with Michael throughout the years, but the memories I have of him as a boy who grew up into a great guy will stay with me forever. I'm very thankful to have known him, as I am to know the rest of my class. I'll be waiting for the next reunion with anticipation and sorrow.

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Singing for the holidays

Senior choir warms up their vocal cords for holiday favorites

By Tracy Mishler
STAFF WRITER

Edward Papelian will never stop singing. Since 1932, Papelian has been belting out tunes with his church choir and now with the Fox Run Community Singers.

"Singing has always been an important part of my life," said the 88-year-old Fox Run resident. "All the residents here really get such a great joy from singing with each other, and I'm really happy to be part of it."

The Fox Run Community Singers got together at 7:30 p.m. last Friday for their annual holiday sing-along and shared several holiday favorites in the community center's living room.

"It's all about pure fun and the enjoyment of singing," said Phyllis Gambino, Fox Run volunteer choir director and vocal instructor for the Franklin Road Christian School. "Everyone loves to sing during the holidays, and that's why this particular sing-a-long is important."

Gambino, a vocal instructor since 1970, said she works with the choir twice a week during the winter and spring seasons. "It's fun to have the people just tossing out songs they wish to sing," she said. "They really are energized, and I love every minute with the res-



Submitted photo

Phyllis Gambino, Franklin Road Christian School and director of the Fox Run Community Singers, shared her talents at the annual Fox Run Holiday Sing-A-Long.

idents." Dr. Fred Gruse started the sing-along sessions at Fox Run.

"The residents really like singing all the old songs, even those who can't carry a tune," said the 74-year-old retired family physician. "I use to play the piano a long time ago. About a year and a half ago, Phyllis and I decided it would be great to put a choir together and get the residents singing."

Gruse said there are more than 45 members in the Fox Run choir, not including members of the men's and women's groups. "We need the joy of singing in our lives," Gruse said. "It's fun and it helps our lungs and breathing. It even gets us active and enjoying new things."

The seniors sang several songs, including "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer," "White Christmas," "Silver Bells" and "Frosty the Snowman."

"We also include old songs in our sing-alongs like 'Old Mill Stream,' 'I've Been Working on the Railroad' and 'Can't Help Loving that Man,'" Gruse said. "We probably have 100 different songs at one time to choose from."

Sue Weirich said music is an international language and singing is a way of relaxing. "It's nice to be able to share good times with people," said the 72-year-old resident. "I've enjoyed music my entire life, and it's definitely an important part of the holidays."

Weirich said Christmas is a special time of the year and doesn't think it would be the same without music. "Getting together at Fox Run and singing during the holidays is very important for us residents," she said. "It's almost like we're family." Gruse said he would love to see more people join in the choir. "This is a good way for keeping your mind clear and meeting new people," he said, "especially during the holidays. It's good to spend cheer and enjoy the things you love doing with the ones you love and care most about!"

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SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Friday 12/16	8:45 a.m. - Pancan Bread	12:45 p.m. - Bingo
9 a.m. - Stretch and Strength	10 a.m. - Body Recall	2:30 p.m. - Massage
10 a.m. - Lunch	11 a.m. - Blood Pressure	
12:30 p.m. - Dupli. Bridge*	11 a.m. - Blood Pressure	
12:45 p.m. - Bingo	11 a.m. - Blood Pressure	
2:30 p.m. - Massage	12:30 p.m. - Clogging*	
	2:4 p.m. - Estate Planning with Karen Stewart, by appointment	
Monday 12/19	9 a.m. - Stretch and Strength	
10 a.m. - Body Recall	11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Computer Lab open noon	
noon - Lunch	12:15 - Contract Bridge*	
12:30 p.m. - Pinochle*	1:2 p.m. - Line Dance	
2:30 p.m. - Massage	2:30 p.m. - Massage	
6:30 p.m. - Clogging*		
Tuesday 12/20	9 a.m. - Pancan Bread	
9 a.m. - Line Dance	10 a.m. - Asian Pacific cancelled	
10 a.m. - Bookmobile	10:30 a.m. - Computer Lab open noon	
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Lunch		

* Activities will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Phone (248) 347-0414.

Tea-time talent

Rachel Boye, 14, a dancer with Karen's School of Dance in Milford, brings some holiday entertainment to a Monday afternoon tea-time gathering at the Novi Senior Center.

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Shamrocks rule Norsemen

The top-ranked Division I Catholic Central hockey team overcame a slow start and almost the fourth-ranked Division I Grosse Pointe North, 5-0, on Saturday.

CC forward Dan Barczak started the scoring at 3:39 of the first period on a giveaway in front of the net. That goal was the only score of the first period with CC outshooting Grosse Pointe North, 5-3.

The second period was played very defensively, and neither team could muster a goal. CC dominated the play, only allowing one shot on goal while recording 11 shots but not scoring.

Grosse Pointe North freshman goalie Eric Rotkrinker played well during the first and second period, giving up one goal and stopping 15 Shamrock shots.

Nursing a one-goal lead going into the third period, the Shamrocks finally started to click when they scored four goals in a five-minute span. Senior defenseman Mike Maviglin took a pass from Dominic Seala and slapped it home from the blue line for a 2-0 Shamrock lead. Steve Jankowski scored for CC just three minutes later on an assist from Adam McGee.

The Shamrocks scored two more goals just 30 seconds apart

on goals from Tim Buttery and Doug Raymond. Both goals were assisted by Nick Kroll with Wade LaFever assisting on the fifth and final goal.

Senior CC goalie Ross Tashjian faced only five shots all night but made some quality saves and recorded his second shutout of the year.

The Shamrocks outshot the Norsemen 30-5 and improved their record to 6-1-0. Grosse Pointe North's record stands at 3-2-1.

Catholic Central's next game will be against Orchard Lake St. Mary's on Saturday at 8 p.m. at Compuware.



Great job, 'Cats!
The Novi freshman volleyball team took first place at the Saline Invite, held Dec. 10 at Saline High School. The team is coached by Angie Herbst.

'Cats fall in basketball opener

The Novi Wildcats just couldn't get things rolling in their direction in basketball action last week, falling to Walled Lake Western, 61-56.

The team was without starter Sean White, who sat the bench with an ankle injury. His absence made a difference as the Wildcats struggled right out of the gate, falling behind 7-0 in the opening minutes.

The 'Cats fought back, closing the gap to 15-12 by the end of the first quarter. By the end of the second, Walled Lake had increased their lead to 28-23.

Novi overcame the deficit during the fourth quarter, coming within two, 58-56, with just a minute left in the contest.

Walled Lake added three points in the final minute to seal the victory.

A.W. Stanek led the Wildcats in the losing effort with 16 points while Todd Janer added 14 and Trevor Borsak notched 12. Denard Branch of Walled Lake led all scorers with 23.

Novi fell to 0-1 with the loss.

Wild 'Stangs look strong

The Northville-Novi Wild 'Stangs gymnastics team showed despite their small size this year, they're ready to compete.

The team, led by coach Erin McWatt, scrimmaged each other in the annual Green-White meet. The green team edged Orange, 98.95-98.85.

"The girls are off to a great start to what we anticipate being a great season," McWatt said. "The team is already showing improvement with four new 'rookies' including one freshman with the potential to become an all-around contributor scores in the vault from Lauren Duda (8.35), Jill Guffey (8.25) and Rachel Waranowicz (7.9) while the orange team's Becky Murphy (7.6), Megan Wallen (7.95) and Kylea Pohl (7.85) scored.

On the bars, it was Julie Foucher (8.5) and Emma Platt (7.9) scoring for the green and Jacqueline Gazette (8.15) and Ami Nakashima (8.15) scoring for the orange. The beam found green's Foucher (8.35), Sarah Ikkani-Pour (8.4), Platt (8) and Guffey (7.55) scoring and orange's Rachel Dencau (8.65), Gazette (8.5), Nakashima (8.4), Pohl (7.5) and Wallen (7.6) scoring.

The floor routine found the green being represented by Duda (8.3), Foucher (8.9) and Ikkani-Pour (8.55) and the orange by Dencau (9.25), Gazette (8.75) and Pohl (8).

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Grapplers pound Northville

It wasn't much of a contest when Novi pounded Northville on the wrestling mat last week.

The Wildcats earned a 61-9 victory with a void at heavy-weight and a loss in the 125-pound weight class.

Wins came from: Al Vellathotham (103, pin), Justin Pulling (112, 8-4 decision),

Robbie Yusko (119, 11-5), Nic Lichorobice (130, pin), Adam Ballantyne (135, pin), Andrew Lee (140, pin), Riley Lokar (145, pin), Matt Crawford (152, 11-3), John Favorite (160, pin), Jamie Espinoza (171, 20-4), Derek McClelland (189, 11-1) and Dan Sprys (215, void).

"They are a young team that is rebuilding, but it was still a

good win for us," said coach Brad Huss. "We are working hard because Oakland County is this Friday and Saturday at Clarkston. We are seeded fourth as a team and we think we should do better than that."

Hockey falls

The Novi hockey team fell to Brighton, 2-1, last week.

Steve Rousseau scored in the first period with an assist from Tom Ciavarella to tie the game, 1-1. Brighton added the game winner in the second period.

Brad Civ took the loss between the posts.

Novi is now 2-4 and play Northville Saturday at 5 p.m.

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Don't forget about the other skating events taking place in December at Novi Ice Arena: the Skating Club of Novi will hold its Holiday Skating Exhibition on Saturday, Dec. 10 from noon-2 p.m., and the Skate with Santa will take place Dec. 18 from 3-4:50 p.m. Registration for the winter session of Learn to Skate (Jan. 4-Feb. 18) gets underway Dec. 12. Bring in three canned food items during the month of December and receive 50 percent off admission to public skating. All food collected will be donated to the Oakland County Food Bank. There will also be a free skating event that is open to the public Jan. 2 from noon-1:50 p.m. in honor of United States Figure Skating's National Skating Month.

Registration for the Holiday Learn to Skate Camp is underway. For more information, call Novi Ice Arena at (248) 347-1010 or visit www.novoicearena.com for more information.

Skate with Santa

The Novi Ice Arena will also hold a Skate with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 18 from 3-4:50 p.m. Bring your camera and get a picture taken with Santa. And don't forget that throughout the month of December, Novi Ice Arena is taking collections for the Oakland County Food Bank. Bring in three canned food items and receive 50 percent off public skating admission.

Call the Novi Ice Arena at 248-347-1010 or visit www.novoicearena.com for more information.

Enrollment underway for Christmas Clinics

Suburban Hockey Schools will hold various two-day Christmas Clinics for ages 6-14 at Novi Ice Arena (Dec. 22-23 and 29-30), the Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena (Dec. 22-23 and 27-30), Suburban Ice facilities in East Lansing (Dec. 22-23 and 27-30) and Macomb (Dec. 22-23 and 27-28).

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Tankers ready to take plunge

By Courtney Ratkowiak
SPORTS INTERNS

Three years, three pools and two head coaches later, the Novi boys swim and dive team is finally nearing the end of transition.

Varsity coach Bill McCord has returned to the team after a two-year hiatus, beginning his first full boys swim season in the renovated Novi pool. He is joined by assistant coaches Larry Teahan and Ken Stark.

Senior diver Chris Alberty, returning after last year's season-limiting injury, is looking to make an impact in the state finals. Senior swimmers Nick Wright and Derek O'Branovic, in addition to junior Scott Bugbee and sophomore Dan Meister, are also hoping to achieve state qualifying times.

However, McCord is predicting a .500 dual meet season due to the team's inexperience.

"We don't have much depth, and even though I'm impressed with what I've seen from younger swimmers and not very experienced swimmers, it's going to be awhile before they can score points in a meet," he said. "We've got a handful of good swimmers, and at least a diver or two, and then we thin out."

The first dual meet is Dec. 15 at Walled Lake Central, although the competitive season began with a seventh place finish at the Eastern Michigan Invitational on Dec. 10.

That will be a challenge for us, but something that we'll really be intent on doing.

"The prime goal is always improvement on the board. We try to help everybody get better and that's our main focus. If we get better, we'll win our share of meets. And if we get good enough, we'll get to the state meet. It's not about really pursuing a particular dual meet record, it's about the team as a whole as they can... most importantly, to be the very best we can be at the peak time."

Senior team members include seniors Arno Kircali, Greg Laszkowski, Varant Shivanian, and Patrick Torossian; juniors Alex Arbour, Messon Irvin, Rob Malarkey, Javier Periz, Balu Sekaran, and Colin Woods; and freshman Jeff Adams, Evan Appel, Evan Casick, Mark Hartland, Ryan Johnson, Bryan Smith, Tyler Vincent, and Steven Williams.

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"It allowed the seniors, all the seniors, to feel comfortable with leading and not worrying about who's officially a leader," McCord said.

Barring first place in the meet was the 200 backstroke relay of O'Branovic, Bugbee, Wright and Meister.

Early in the season, an intense team work ethic and high level of dedication have been evident.

"They're very workable, they really take direction well, and they are very disciplined," McCord said. "Even in the conditioning (two weeks prior to the beginning of the season), where I wasn't allowed to be involved with them very much, there was a good focus, a purposefulness. They came here with a purpose, they wanted to get here and do something that would make them better by the time they left."

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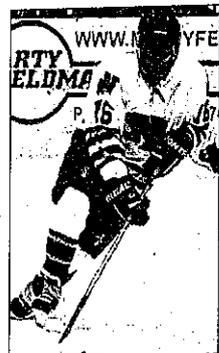
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Two more nights to go!

The Novi boys hockey team is pretty excited for their match-up against the Northville Mustangs Saturday at 5 p.m. The Wildcats want to prove their loss to the Mustangs earlier this year was just a fluke, as is their 2-4 record at this point in the season.



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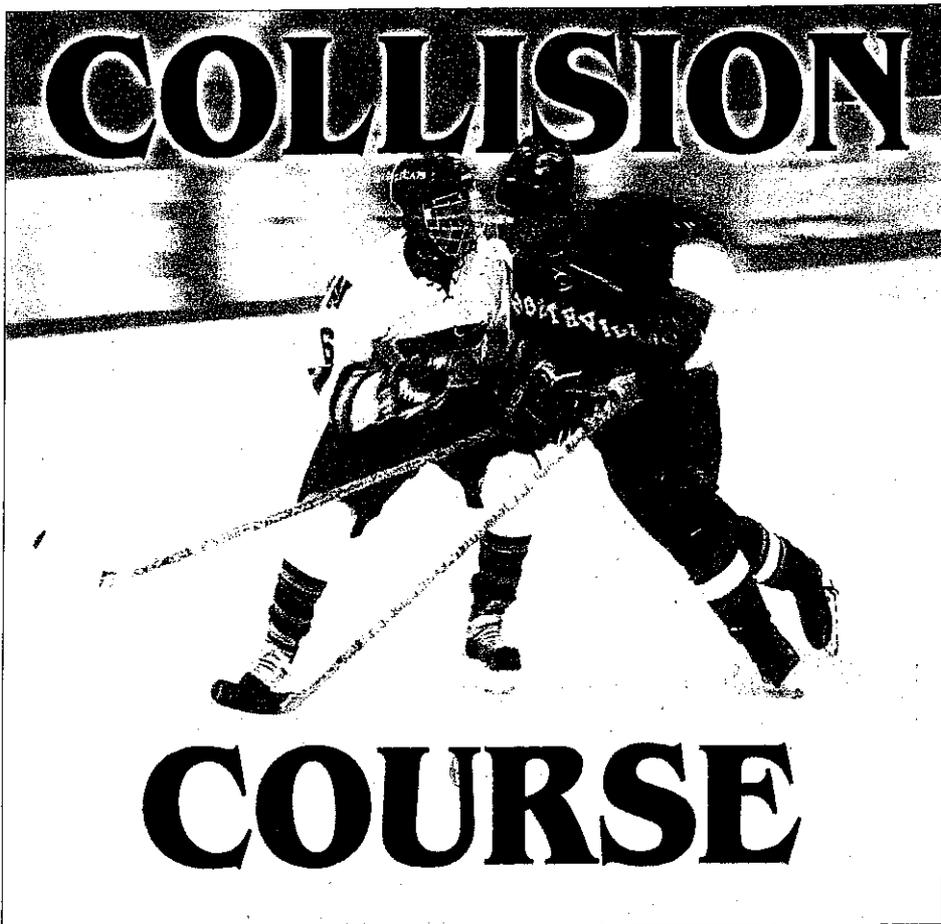
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Dan Phelps

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Green and White

The Northville Mustangs (right) and the Novi Wildcats will square off at Compuware Ice Arena, on Beck Road south of Five Mile Road, Saturday at 5 p.m.

Photo by KEN MICHALZUK

Big crowds, great game expected

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

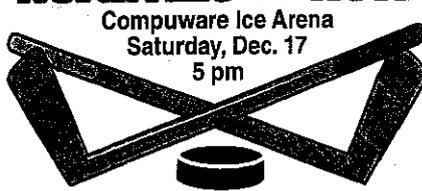
Bill Lenn has a dream. A packed ice arena, teeming full of fans screaming at the top of their lungs. And the biggest turnout for a non-playoff hockey game for the Northville Mustangs. Lenn has seen plenty of packed stadiums. As the father of four-year starter Max Lenn, he's been to big rivalry games, huge conference contests and even the state semifinals. But Lenn, the hockey booster president at Northville, still wants to see more. And he wants to see it Saturday night. "It's going to be exciting for everybody," said Northville

hockey coach Brad O'Neill of the Northville- Novi boys hockey match-up scheduled for 5 p.m. Saturday at Compuware Ice Arena. "Hopefully there are a lot of fans backing for each community. It's been that way in the past and I really don't see that changing." Dan Phelps, the Novi hockey coach, is also expecting a quality contest. "This is never a boring game," he said. "The stands are always full and being at a larger venue like Compuware will be really exciting for all the players and fans." The boosters and the players have been promoting the game as well. Fliers, newspaper ads and promotion on Compuware's

electronic marquee are just some of the ways they've been getting the word out. The message is clear: Get to Compuware early and get ready for an intense high school hockey game. The Mustangs will be the host team Saturday. They didn't mind giving up a turn at Novi Ice Arena for a different home ice. "It's great atmosphere at Compuware," said O'Neill, who led his team there two years ago before losing to eventual state champion Trenton in the state semifinal playoff game. "It will only add to this game by having such a great venue." Northville and Novi have split the last four games

between these two teams with each walking away with two wins. The Wildcats have hit a few bumps this year and has a 2-4 record while the Mustangs have a 4-2 record. "Records really don't matter in this game," Phelps said. "The kids are ready to play. It's very much like a playoff atmosphere when these teams play. It's exciting." O'Neill said he expects the game to be well attended based on the fan support for the program so far this year. In the first two meetings between these teams Nov. 19 ended in a 4-3 Northville victory in overtime and the ice arena was packed. "This one shouldn't be any

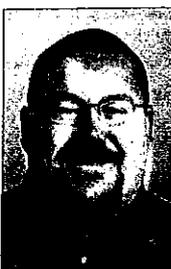
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The intensity bubbles over like a pot of boiling water. Emotions flare. Words are exchanged. A shove. A penalty. It's hockey. The Northville Mustangs and the Novi Wildcats hockey teams will square off Saturday at 5 p.m. at Compuware Ice Arena. The game is going to be a great match-up between two quality hockey programs and the atmosphere is going to be a lot like the playoffs.



Sam Eggleston

"You don't have to say much for this game," said Northville coach Brad O'Neill. "It's a playoff atmosphere and you don't have to say much to the players about the game. They see each other and they know each other and these kids just want to go at it and play great hockey." The first time these two teams met this year was just a few weeks ago when Northville edged out the Wildcats, 4-3, in an over-

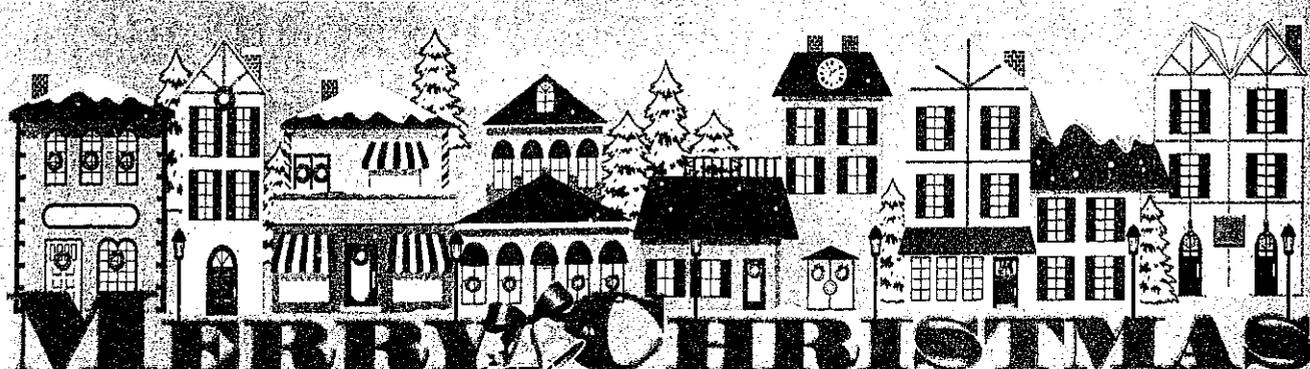
time thriller. It was an intense game with lots of great moments but when all was said and done the two teams shook hands and skated off the ice. This game shouldn't be any different, before, during or after the contest. "If the first game is any indication, this should be a heck of a game," O'Neill said. On the ice there's going to be a lot of intensity. In the stands there's going to be a lot of excited fans. When the game is over, one side is going to be overjoyed while the other is going to be brooding. The key is to not let the intensity of the game boil over into the stands. When it does, the outcome isn't pretty.

A few years back, during the state playoffs, a fight broke out while Novi was playing out in Okemos. It wasn't a fight on the ice, but in the stands. Parents and high school students were mixed in a scuffle and players on the ice and on the bench could only turn and watch it happen. It was a sad moment for high school hockey. Sure, there have been a few scuffles on the ice, but that's a part of the game, revved up by fights at the semi-professional and professional level. But in the stands? Novi and Northville, for the most part, have avoided such scenes. There have

been words exchanged and angry voices, but the athletic departments and boosters do a wonderful job of policing the stands. Compuware is a bigger venue though with lots of potential for gaps in security. Parents, students and fans have to take in on themselves to properly represent their schools. There's a fine line between backing your team and being offensive to your team's opponents. Let's all make sure that's a line that isn't crossed Saturday. Sam Eggleston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleson@gannett.com.

By the numbers	10	2	5 p.m.	2-2	6,000	47	12
	Days left until Christmas is finally here!	Number of days left until Novi and Northville hockey teams face off.	Time of the hockey game, scheduled to be played at Compuware Ice Arena.	Northville and Novi's hockey record over the past four games.	Fliers sent out in Novi and Northville promoting Saturday's hockey game.	Total goals scored by Northville and Novi's hockey teams during the first six games.	Days off for Northville and Novi schools for Christmas break, from Dec. 22 until Jan. 3.

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FROM THE NOVI NEWS AND AREA BUSINESSES

The gift of *Giving*



This past year, Novi residents reached into their hearts and pockets and gave their time, money and effort to causes near and far. Now as Santa heads to town, the community once again gathers 'round and basks in the glow of giving back.

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Santa says shop locally for great gift ideas



The lucky Telcom Credit Union employee getting the hug from Santa is Kelly Goodwin. The two smiling ladies anxiously awaiting their turns are Judy Hart (left) and Joyce Alexander.



Santa gets information on the best snowboards and safety gear during a visit with Ian Sommerville at Novi's Play It Again Sports.

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"Surprising a family member or loved one with the gift of a companion animal during the holidays often seems like a great idea," said Jennifer Rowell, manager of the Michigan Humane Society Detroit shelter. "Yet, many people don't realize that animal guardianship is a lifetime commitment—that includes medical care, food and training—and a big investment of time and love. So it's imperative for the primary caregiver of the animal to be involved in the decision and not be surprised with a new four-legged friend."

There are many factors to consider when adopting a companion animal. Does anyone in the family have allergies? Is everyone ready to make the 10-15 year commitment required to care for a dog or cat? Is the person able to afford food and medical care? What is the family's lifestyle and activity level? The Michigan Humane Society recommends that the entire family be involved in the decision to adopt and be clear in advance on who will handle which responsibilities.

Bringing a companion animal home during the holiday season can be stressful for everyone, especially the animal who will need time to adjust to his new surroundings. Consider adopting before the holidays or waiting until after the bustle and bustle of the season has ended.

"Adding the responsibility of a companion animal to one's life is a big decision and a personal choice," said Amy Popp, spokesperson for the Michigan Humane Society. "However, if you're determined to give the gift of a companion animal, there are many creative ways to do it while still letting the recipient pick the perfect animal themselves."

The Michigan Humane Society suggests considering the following gift giving options:

- Create a gift certificate for a shelter adoption fee, dog training classes or other products and services that a new animal guardian can put to use. Then, arrange to visit the shelter with the recipient to see them fall in love with the animal of their choice.
- Give a dog or cat "starter kit" filled with the necessary supplies such as food, bowls, a collar and leash or kitty litter.
- Present children with a gift basket, including a stuffed dog or cat, books about how to care for a companion animal and a note explaining that everyone will go together to pick out their new four-legged family member after the holidays.
- Make a donation in honor of your loved one to an animal welfare organization such as the Michigan Humane Society.

For more information about responsible animal guardianship or other gift-giving ideas, contact the Michigan Humane Society at 1-866-MHUMANE, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or visit www.michiganhumane.org.

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Awards: The Novi Historical Commission will award \$100, \$50 & \$25 to the top three photographers as judged by a committee of professional photographers based on photographs entered in this contest. A total of \$175 will be awarded. A "People's Choice" Award will be selected by popular vote of those attending an exhibit of entries to be scheduled in late 2006. Winning photographs will be published in the Novi News.

Exhibits: The 2005 My Hometown Novi Photo Competition winning photographs will be exhibited at a reception to be held at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi at a date following the close of the competition. Additional entries may be selected for exhibit or for publication as outlined in the release form. Photographs randomly selected from among entries received may be published in the Novi News during the course of the competition to promote the competition and to encourage additional entries.

Work(s) Eligible: Photographs submitted should be an image that represents the photographer's interpretation of the competition theme of "My Hometown Novi".

- Each photographer may submit up to five photographs.
- Each photograph will be judged as an individual entry.
- Altered photos (any alteration that distorts the original image) are not eligible for prizes.
- There is no residency requirement for entrants.
- All entries whether submitted by amateurs or professionals will be judged as a single group.

Specifications: Entries must be 8" x 10" photographic prints, window matted using white mat board. Using the format shown on the entry form, provide name and contact information on the back of each photo entered. Labeled photographs must be submitted with a completed entry form and entry fee by the November 3, 2006 deadline. Keep a copy of your entry for your records; photos will NOT be returned.

Judging: Preliminary judging will be of the prints as originally submitted.

Entry Form: Complete the entry form. Form may be photocopied, but submitted entry forms require an original signature.

Contest fees: Each photo entry is \$5. Photographers can enter up to five photographs. Checks or money orders should be made payable to "City of Novi 2005 Photo Competition" and be submitted with the completed entry form and matted photograph(s). All contest fees are non-refundable.

Contest deadline: November 3, 2006 is the last day that photos and entry fees will be accepted for the competition. (All entries must be received at the Novi News office by 5:00 p.m. or postmarked by that date.)

For more information contact Cal Stone at 248 349 1700 or Kathy Mutch at 248 224-4211.

Entry forms and rules can be found online at www.novi.news.com, at the Novi News office (104 W. Main, downtown Northville) or at the Novi Civic Center (43175 W. 10 Mile Road) Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department.

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Do's and don'ts for the annual office holiday parties

Parties, parties, parties! Studies show that this season is the "partiest" time of the year. It's when friends and family enjoy a time of togetherness — sometimes after not seeing each other for months or even years — and share some of the joys and happiness of the season.

Whether you are the host or a guest at a party, the secrets of any successful gathering are good food, lively conversation, a cordial mixture of guests and a congenial host.

This is true whether you are entertaining in your home, at a restaurant, or at a rented hall. The scenario is a bit different, however, at an office party. Since the affair is for the whole company, you can't pick and choose whom to invite. Your food is limited as to what the caterer can serve. Your duties as a host can vary because of the large number of people attending. Even though it is a social event, there is still an underlying business tone to the affair. You are still being judged by an office setting.

So whether you are hosting or attending a holiday party this year, here are some helpful hints along with some pitfalls to avoid at your

employees to show off their racy and more daring clothes.

• Do not use this time to corner your boss and ask for a raise or question why you didn't get that promotion or act as if you've been buddies since high school. Also don't bad mouth or complain about co-workers or office policies. In fact, it is best to keep business conversation to a minimum if at all. This is a good time to get to know your co-workers' thoughts on other interesting issues and topics.

• Many people use this holiday time as an excuse to drink too much, get drunk and have what they call "a good time." My first rule about drinking especially at an office party is DON'T. After a glass of wine or two, you may relax and become less cautious about what you say. You can avoid your career in one night. You work hard at the office to present a positive image of yourself and inappropriate behavior at an office party will be remembered for a long time. If you must drink, sip it slowly and to absorb alcohol, nibble on some crackers or bread before and while you sip. Also limit yourself to only two drinks at the most and alternate with mineral water, fruit juices or soft drinks.

• Do not get touchy-feely with others. This is another negative when drinking is involved. Just as at the office, the only way you should touch another person is with a handshake. Because this is a party does not mean you are allowed to get intimate with others.

• Even though a party usually means "dress up," at an office party clothing should be quite subdued. A suit with shirt and tie (even a wild one is acceptable here) or a sports jacket and pants with a turtleneck are appropriate for men. Women should stay away from anything that is too short or too tight or anything that is too provocative, such as showing cleavage or see-through clothing. An unusual piece of jewelry, a colorful scarf or an interesting pair of shoes added to a casual outfit is acceptable. This is not a time for

Throw the perfect bash this holiday

It's "holly, jolly time!" It's also time for formal parties, family reunions, and holiday get-togethers. And if you are the host, it could be a time of stress and last-minute jitters. As in everything else, it is just a matter of preparation and know-how to help you be a knowledgeable, charming, relaxed, cool-as-a-cucumber party-giver and enjoy time with your guests.

Here is what you will need to do:

- When planning your dinner menu, do not include recipes or foods with which you are not familiar or that you have not used before. This could be disastrous and embarrassing if it does not turn out perfectly.

• There are enough last minute chores the day of your party that you do not want setting the table one of them. It is best to prepare your dining table a day (or even two days) ahead of time. You may discover a chipped glass, silverware that needs polishing, napkins that need laundering or pressing, etc. You don't want to discover this an hour or two before your guests arrive! After setting up your perfect table, cover it with a bedsheet to prevent dusting or especially if you have small children or pets in the house.

• Include maps and directions to your home along with your invitations for first-time guests or if you have moved recently. Make sure your house is well lit outside and the address is visible.

• It is the responsibility of the hostesses to greet guests at the door. Welcome each guest with a few words of greeting and a smile along with a firm handshake or a friendly hug. Help them remove their coats and wraps. For a large party, outer clothes can be placed on the bed in a bedroom or guest room. If the weather is snowy or slushy, have a small rug or weather-proof mat near the front door for boots or rubbers.

• As host, it is your responsibility to introduce guests to each other. Be sure that a new person is included in a conversation with

others so he/she is not left to be wandering around alone.

• Background music always adds to the mood of a party, just be sure it is not so loud as to be a detriment to conversation.

• If you have candles on your dining table, they should be lit just before your guests are seated and remain lit throughout the meal. However, candles are used on dining tables only after dark. If your party is during the day, either do not light them or do not place them on the table at all.

• It is up to the host to determine where each guest should sit at the dining table. This can be done verbally just before seating. If the group is large, place cards should be used and set at each place setting. This not only saves time but avoids last-minute confusion and decision making as well.

• After everyone is seated and before dinner is served, it adds a gracious touch for the host to offer a holiday toast to his guests. A few words of welcome and best wishes for the season are all that is needed yet it gives the party a special festive air and you, as host, will be considered very cosmopolitan as so few people offer toasts.

• If a prayer of grace is said, it is done before the toast is offered and can be said after everyone is seated or while everyone is standing behind their chairs before seating.

• It is the host's responsibility to keep the flow of conversation going at the dining table. It is a good idea to have a few topics in mind beforehand to bring up if there is a lull in the conversation. Do not let talk descend into disagreements or arguments, and, if so, the host must step in and lead the conversation into another direction.

• If there are games or any entertainment planned for after dinner, allow your guests a few minutes to relax, stretch their legs, and have a little time for conversation.

• When a guest indicates it is time for him/her to leave, you should not attempt to urge them to stay longer than they wish. Walk your guest to the door and help them on with their coats. Shake hands and say something like: "We're so glad you were able to come and share this evening with us."

• Then don't linger with long good-byes. You need to get back to your other guests.



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'Tis the season to avoid any addictions

Brighton Hospital expert warns of holiday dangers

While drinking and drug use patterns change throughout the year, one thing that has remained constant is the fact that the use of alcohol during the holiday season always increases, creating behaviors that can have dangerous consequences.

Traditionally, the time between Thanksgiving and the New Year should be a time of joy and

hope, but it is also a time of excess. We sometimes celebrate by eating and drinking more than our usual amounts. Many people feel that since the holidays only come once a year, this over-indulgence is not a problem. When it comes to alcohol, that rationale could be a big mistake.

Problems with alcohol are not just limited to those people who have identified themselves as alcoholics or those who fit the specific definition. The holidays pose a dangerous temptation for people who tend to believe the normal restraint regarding alcohol disappear during holidays and everyone else will look the other way during these times to excuse

their excesses. People who consider themselves moderate or social drinkers can easily find themselves dealing with an alcohol-related concern this time of year. The fact is that the abundance of parties and the celebratory atmosphere puts pressure on people to drink. Therefore, anyone can end up having one too many without realizing it.

In addition, the strong emotions of the season can exacerbate existing alcohol concerns. Along with the celebration comes stress and depression caused by financial problems, sad memories and concerns with interpersonal relationships. The increased time

demands of shopping, parties, and planning can create fatigue, tension and anxiety. People tend to have high, even idealized expectations for the holidays. If they are disappointed they may drink to console themselves.

Remember, you can have a happy holiday season without drinking. But if you do partake in drinking alcohol, do so in moderation and never drink and drive.

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Lattes
Applesauce
Whipped cream
Put it in the oven.
Put the applesauce & whipped cream on top.
Then you can eat it.
Ellis P.

Chocolate Chip Cookies
First you take the cookie dough and put it in the oven. Before you put the cookie dough in the oven, you have to put the cookie dough on a pan. Cook for 3 hours.
Jenna S.

Spaghetti
Spaghetti is so tasty and so delicious. I like it. It is healthy. It has noodles. It has tomatoes. It has tomato sauce. It has sauce in it. I cook it on the stove for 13 minutes.
Harika K.

Cheez Its
Cut up cheese into a square. Put cheese on crackers.
Alex G.

Pizza
First you get pizza dough. Then you put sauce on it and then you put it in the oven. Then eat it.
Katie V.

Cake
Chocolate
Frosting
Candles
First mix the batter.
Then put it in a bowl.
Put it in the oven.
Then decorate it with candles.
Mikaela O.

Gingerbread House
Candy
Crackers
Frosting
Put it in the oven.
Cook it for a little while.
Take it out.
Then put the frosting on it.
Then put on the candy.
Then you eat it for Christmas.
Mitchell K.

Pizza
Sauce
Cheese
Bread
First get some sauce and then put the sauce on the bread.
Get some cheese.
Then put it on the pizza.
Vinay K.

Pizza
Dough
Sauce
Cheese
Pepperoni
Get the dough, sauce, cheese and pepperoni.
Then put it in the oven.
Then when it is done, I can eat it.
Yumi! Yumi!
It is good!
Gabrielle A.

Cookies
Sprinkles
Dough
First you make dough.
You stick it in the oven for ten minutes.
Then you take it out and you put sprinkles on it.
You eat it.
Buddy V.

Pizza
Bread
Cheese
Bacon
Sauce
First I am going to make pizza. I will make bread and I will spread the sauce on the pizza.

I will spread bacon and I will make cheese and I will make the pizza.
I will spread the cheese and put it in the oven.
Then I will let it cool and then you'll Yumi!
Robert X.

Hot Chocolate
Chocolate
Water
Marshmallows
First I get a cup and I put chocolate in it.
Then I put water in it and stir it up.
Then I put it in the microwave for three minutes.
Then I put marshmallows in it.
Then I drink it!
Alexander Y.

Tacos - from Taco Bell
One cup soft bread, tomatoes, fire sauce, cheese, sour cream on the taco.
Aditya C.

Pizza
How to make pizza. First you put a piece of circle crust, and then put sauce on the crust. Then you put cheese on the sauce. Then you put pepperoni on. Then you bake it. When it's done, you use a knife to cut it to the shape of a triangle. Then you are done.
Ethan L.

Cakes
Today I am going to make cookies. First you get dough. Next, I cook it. I put it in the oven for 10 minutes. Take it out of the oven. Eat it!
Sanjit J.

How to Make Turkey
Put meat inside the turkey. Then put one bone. Yum! Yum!
Alex L.

How to Make Cupcakes
I love cupcakes! Mix the batter up. Then I put it in the oven. Then I put it in the oven for 10 minutes. Yum! Yum!
Hanna D.

How to Make Cookies
First I get dough. Next, I cook it. I put it in the oven. Then I eat it. Yum! Yum!
I want to make some more!
Lindsay B.

Pizza
First you get pizza dough. Then you put sauce on it and then you put it in the oven. Then eat it.
Katie V.

Cake
One day in April for my birthday we made a cake. I was thinking there was a lot of people coming for the cake. Put one cup in the garbage. Next, put candles on it and your name. Then I eat it.
Vandik V.

How to Make My Cake
You need flour, cream and milk. Mix it together and then finish. Open the oven. Put it in the oven for 10 minutes. My friends are coming and we eat it. Yum, yum!
Hikaru K.

Blue Berry Muffins
We need blue berry mix with blue berries inside. This is what we need: 3 cups of flour. Then cook it out of the oven. Let it cool down. Then eat them.
YUM, YUM!
Mark M.

Macaroni and Cheese
First you put the water in the pot. Then put a boxful in the pot. Cook it for 6 minutes. Then for how hot it is, I think it is 17. Then a slice of butter, the milk, and package of cheese. Then you can eat it.
Ellis S.

Peanut Butter Crunch
I like peanut butter and jelly crunch. This is how you make it. You use bread and peanut butter and crackers and jelly. That's how you make it!
Jacob G.

Cookies
When we are making gingerbread cookies I'm going to cook in the oven. Our bread can go in the oven.
Angela L.

Spaghetti-os
Get a can from the cupboard. Open the can & then take it out. Then put it in the microwave. Then make it be done.

Chocolate Pudding
Take some chocolate. Then melt it for 20 minutes. Take it out, then let it cool. Then decorate it with icing. I put Hello Kitty and sugar hearts on it. And with the icing I put Barbie and her brother Kelly. Then I put it in the oven for 30 seconds. Then take it out and eat. That is how you make it.
Ava Z.

Vanilla and Oreo
I am going to bake vanilla and oreo. I put vanilla and a cookie and vanilla and another cookie. And wait. I made it and I put it in the oven and I put it in the oven for 30 degrees. And it bakes and bakes, and it melts. I take it out. I drink it!
Alyssa E.

Rice
First a bowl of water. Then put the rice in the bowl. Then put it in the fridge. Then just wait 36 minutes. Then get it out. It's done.
Henry J.

Maria H. My favorite holiday recipe is broccoli. I think you cook it in the microwave and put salt on it. Cook it for 20 minutes.
Sabrina

Hannah W. Rice pudding-buy some rice... I don't know what you put on top of it. That's all I know about how to make it!

Celeste C. My favorite holiday dinner is macaroni and cheese. My mom knows how to make it. Just call my mom.

Katherine T. Turkey sandwiches are my favorite. First you get some turkey and then you get some cheese, square cheese. Then you roll it up. That's all!

Allison P. I cook it...turkey dinner. I put a little water and salt on it. I cut it up and eat it.

Tyler C. Potatoes are my favorite. I forgot how to make them.

Nathan J. Tacos are my favorite dinner. Get a little cup thingy and then you get some salad and then you put in some cheese and I think you put it in the microwave. Then you eat it all up.

Sophia G. I like chicken with stuffing on it and butter. My dad takes off the skin and then he puts butter on it. He puts in those things that make you cry. What are they? Onions! I don't

remember the other things.

Abby O. Sometimes I like green bean casserole, hot dogs and hamburgers for the holidays. First you take some beans and cook them. Then we put some stuff on them. Then we get some beans and cheese and lettuce. I like my cheese to melt and be sticky.

Sofie T. Apple pie...you take dough and you must roll it flat and put it in a dish. Then you take cinnamon and apples and put sugar with it. Roll another top flat. Put it on top and poke a knife into it and put it in the oven for 40 seconds or an hour. Eat it!

On Christmas, we eat cookies. This is how you make it. 3 cups of sugar, 1 cup of milk, 2 cups of salt, 6 eggs, 8 cups of chocolate chips. Yummy!
Raleigh Nielson

On Christmas, we eat apple pie. This is how you make it. You take 300 apples and a little cinnamon which is 16 cups and add dough. Yummy! That is how you get apple pie.
Regan Mumford

On Christmas, we eat apple pie. It takes 20 apples, 2 cups of sugar, 1 teaspoon of oil, 2 eggs, 3 teaspoons of cinnamon and 1 cup of butter. Yummy!
Mary Beth Hurley

On Christmas, we eat steak. This is how you make steak. You put it in the oven.
Rikato Okamoto

On Christmas, we eat stuffing. This is how you make it. You pour it into a bowl. You add 4 cups of water. Then put the stuffing in the microwave. Then you turn it on for 4 minutes and when it is done, then you have stuffing. We don't usually put anything in the stuffing. We just buy Stove Top.
Rachel Blonde

On Christmas we eat turkey. This is how you have to make it. Put the turkey in the oven. Then set the timer. Then wait until it's done. When its done, take it out. Then chop it up. Then you are ready to eat.
Mitchell Lys

... or take the pro's advice

main course

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Ossobuco
INGREDIENTS:
4 veal shanks
Flour
2 oz. butter
4 oz. white wine
1 onion
2 celery
2 carrots
6 oz. pre-cut, seeded & chopped tomatoes
4 oz. tomato paste
4 cups chicken broth
Peel of 1 lemon
1 sprig rosemary
1 sprig sage
Salt and pepper

DIRECTIONS:
Fully brown the shanks (dusted in flour) in oil.
Remove shanks, add butter, lemon rind and finely chopped vegetables.
Cook for 5 minutes.
Deglaze with white wine, add tomato paste.
Cook for 2 minutes.
Add seasonings and chicken broth.
Return shanks to pan, cover and cook over low heat until tender, about 2 hours.

Risotto Alla Milanese
INGREDIENTS:
12 oz. Arborio Rice
3 oz. butter
1 medium size onion thinly sliced
1/2 cup dry white wine
1/4 qt. chicken broth
Fench of saffron
6 lbs. parmigiano
Salt

DIRECTIONS:
Cook onions with 2 oz. butter until tender.
Add rice and stir until lightly toasted.
Add wine and let evaporate.
Add a ladle of broth one at a time and stir until the rice is cooked. Allow each ladle to be absorbed before adding the next one.
Halshy through cooking, add saffron to remaining broth.
When the rice is al dente turn off heat.
Add parmigiano and remaining butter.
Stir well with wooden spoon.

Chef / Owner Dino Grossi

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REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

Home Owners Do You Know...How to Avoid Roof Leaks?

Roofing problems can develop at any time. Most asphalt/fiberglass shingles are made to last about 15 years, but roofs could begin to present some problems at the age of 8 to 10 years. Roof leaks are often difficult to find and can be the cause of significant structural damage that may appear some time later.

SIGNS OF ATTIC LEAKS/MOISTURE:

- STRUCTURAL SAGGING; WAVY ROOF FRAME AND SHEATHING
- DAMAGED, WORN OR MISSING SHINGLES; MOSS GROWTH
- CORRODED FLASHING (AROUND CHIMNEY, DORMER, VENTS AND IN VALLEY)
- RAISED SHINGLES ALONG THE BOTTOM OF THE ROOF
- ICICLES HANGING FROM GUTTER IN THE WINTER (POTENTIAL ICE DAMS)
- STAINED / DISCOLORED OR DELAMINATING SHEATHING
- RUSTED NAILS AND RUST STAINS ON SHEATHING

DAMP OR DISCOLORED INSULATION:

- WATER SPOTS OR BLACK MARKS ON THE CEILING OR AT THE JUNCTION BETWEEN CEILING AND WALL
- WATER MARKS AROUND CEILING FIXTURES SOURCES OF ROOF LEAKS /



Randall Patterson

MOISTURE: RAIN/WIND - Some roof problems occur when wind forces the rain under the edges of the roof or shingles. Two factors contributing to this phenomenon is an improperly sloped roof or failure to adhere, using roofing cement, the asphalt/fiberglass shingle tabs in high wind areas.

ICE DAM - is an accumulation of ice at the lower edge of a sloped roof. They form when there is a layer of snow on the roof which melts due to heat loss from the house into the attic. The water refreezes at the eave because it extends past the warm interior of the house and the backup of water seeps underneath the roof covering.

MOSS - Wood and built-up roofs are vulnerable to the deterioration by moss for its ability to retain moisture and its root system penetrating the roof surface.

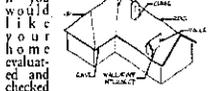
WATER VAPOR - Until the late 1970s residential construction codes did not require thermal or vapor barriers that are now standard practice. Exfiltration of warm moist air to drier colder air results in condensation (frost in the winter), mold, mildew and wood decay. It causes cupping, cupping and shrinkage in asphalt/fiberglass shingles, corrosion of metal roofing and rotting of wood shakes and shingles.

FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO LEAKS/MOISTURE:

- POOR ROOF SLOPE DESIGN; INCORRECT SHINGLE INSTALLATION
- EXCESSIVE EXPOSURE LENGTH; IMPROPER JOINT LOCATIONS OR NO UNDERLAY ON WOOD SHAKE/SHINGLE ROOFS
- WATER PONDING OR CLOGGED ROOF DRAINS ON FLAT ROOFS
- MISSING OR DAMAGED SHINGLES; EXPOSED NAILS
- IMPROPER FLASHING OR SEALING (AROUND PROTRUSIONS OR VALLEYS)
- INADEQUATE EAVE PROTECTION
- IMPROPERLY HUNG GUTTERS OR DRIP EDGES
- DETERIORATED CHIMNEY (ERODED MORTAR OR CRACK CHIMNEY CAP)
- INSUFFICIENT INSULATION; INSUFFICIENT VENTILATION
- VENT PIPES OR EXHAUST PIPES TERMINATING INTO THE ATTIC

Drawings for area of ROOF LEAKS Sloped/flat - water/snow builds up at the junction of the two differently pitched roofs (such as an unheated attached garage) or an extremely poor design where a sloped roof plane meets a wall, water/snow can accumulate in this "valley" and cause damage.

Call us if you would like to have your home evaluated and checked for roof leaks and the condition of your attic insulation, ventilation and exhaust fans installations.



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Main Street & Green Oak Family Medicine

Offering New Year's resolution solutions

Stop smoking, lose weight and exercise are some of the most common and most challenging New Year's resolutions. They are made whole-heartedly but usually broken. This year, Doctors Nathan Bloch, Jason Postula-Stein, and Vijaya Mamidipaka are providing their patients with the tools for success in keeping these difficult resolutions.

The physicians, practicing at Main Street Family Medicine in Northville and Green Oak Family Medicine in South Lyon, create unique programs tailored to the needs of each patient. Whether for smoking cessation or weight loss, every individual is provided the information and support that is essential for success.

The first step in any substantial lifestyle modification is an evaluation by a qualified physician. At either Main Street Family Medicine or Green Oak Family Medicine, new patients can meet with a board certified family physician that is empathetic to their struggle and eager to help them improve their quality of life.

The doctors will also explore medications and treatments that may curb a patient's cravings for tobacco or food and have arranged a one-month free supervised health fitness program for all new patients. "We want to help people keep those resolutions that will improve their health. Starting a structured exercise program for free...what is there to lose? Inches!" said Dr. Postula-Stein M.D.

Some people find it difficult to begin a health-fitness program, due to back and neck ailments. However Nathan Bloch, D.O.,



Dr. Mamidipaka (left) treats Trina Vample (center) to the soothing therapy of the Aquabed. Melissa Coleman (right) adjusts the settings for perfect comfort.

has set up a total back and neck care program that is specifically designed to work with the patient. The doctor uses non-narcotic medications and treatment modalities to help the patient become more functional with less pain.

The Northville location can provide on-site x-ray, and perform special nerve conduction testing to determine if nerve damage has occurred.

Main Street Family Medicine also offers state-of-the-art aqua massage therapy, which combines heat, massage and whirlpool treatments in a single system using an aqua bed. The patient is fully clothed, comfortably supported and protected by a durable barrier while streams of heated water are directed to the area needing treatment.

"All new patients will be able to use this hydrotherapy free for one month. I want them to experience an opportunity to improve their back function," said Dr. Bloch.

Dr. Bloch can also arrange for

physical therapy designed for a patient's specific problem, and coordinate care with a patient's chiropractor.

Communication and patient relationships are top priorities at Main Street and Green Oak Family Medicine. "We listen to our patients and talk to them in a language they can understand. We take the time necessary to fully answer your questions and provide our patients with exceptional medical care," said Dr. Postula-Stein.

The practice recently welcomed the addition of Vijaya Mamidipaka, M.D., who brings more charm to the practice. "She is an extremely personable doctor who relates well to her patients. She is easy to understand and learn from," said Dr. Bloch. "She also brings to our office a woman's touch and ethics and cultural diversity." Dr. Mamidipaka is fluent in English, Hindi and Telugu.

"We get to know our patients as individuals. Each person's physical and mental health is

affected by his or her own beliefs, stressors, social environment, career and life decisions," said Dr. Mamidipaka.

The practice also provides a wide range of diagnostic testing on-site, including x-ray, ultrasound, hearing, lung function, advanced cardiac and nerve testing for patients.

"We specialize in taking care of families and patients from birth onward. We are the pediatrician, internist, gynecologist, and geriatrician all in one," said Dr. Postula-Stein. "Our services include all types of physicals, laceration repairs, and dermatological procedures, arthritic joint care, and women's health."

In addition to treating their patients, the physicians are dedicated to continuing their education. They maintain close affiliations with well-respected hospitals, including St. Joseph Mercy in Ann Arbor, Providence Hospital, DMC-Huron Valley and Botsford General Hospital. The physicians are also actively involved in the training of medical

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ical students and residents affiliated with Michigan State University and Botsford General Hospital.

Dr. Lawrence Zager, a founder of Main Street Family Medicine, remains actively involved in patient care, he continues to see long term patients. However, Dr. Zager, will be on vacation from December 21st, 2005 until April 2006, a well deserved break after 38 years in practice.

"I hope my patients continue to receive care from my colleagues while I'm gone. They are all good people and I'd like to continue providing them with my services when I return," said Dr. Zager.

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