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**THIS WEEKEND**



**Get cookin'**

Anyone hoping for an escape from cable Food channel programming this weekend is in luck. Area residents will be able to watch local pros in action when the Northville Community Foundation's Rustic Chef series continues at noon Saturday at Maybury Farm.

— 5A

**INSIDE**

**Wise Guy**

Scott Longas will not only be serving up some stand-up comedy at Novi's Wise Guys Comedy Club but he'll also be serving up his dearly-missed Santino's Explosion.



— 7A

**Get 'em reading**



Novi's Country Inn and Suites assistant general manager Greg Robinson says his hotel chain has been giving away copies of the book "The Art of Reading" to its young guests to encourage reading.

— 11A

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**Twice as nice - Wildcats repeat state championship**

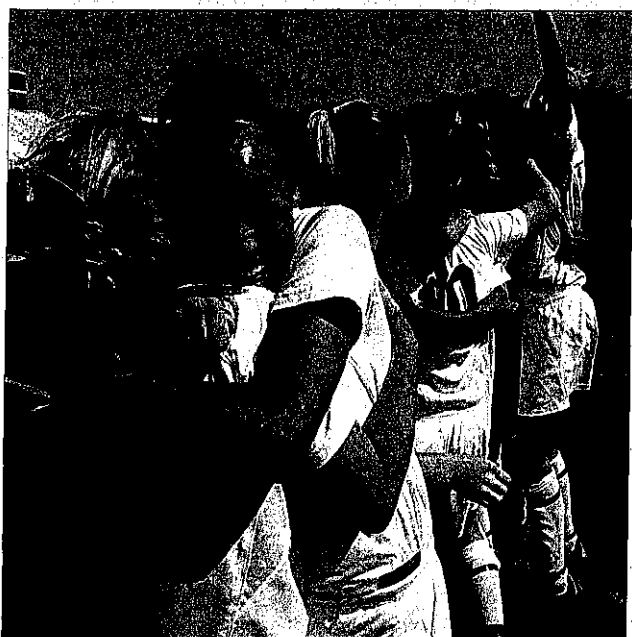


Photo by JOHN HEIDNER/Novi News

Wildcats Shannon Cody, left, and Rachel Barndt celebrate their victory with a hug after defeating the Mustangs 3-1 in the state title game Saturday. For more on their undefeated season, please see the Sports section (B).

**Library drops millage**

■ Board says timing not right

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Novi residents won't vote on a millage proposal to fund a library expansion project this year.

Lary Czepak, library board member, told members of city council Monday night that the board decided at its meeting last week that the timing just isn't right.

For more on the library issue, please see our letters on page 16A.

Czepak said after board members addressed council about the millage proposal on June 12 that they reacted to two conclusions:

- Council supports a new library, and
- Bringing the proposal to voters in November 2006 is not the best move.

He said the board plans to take the ballot initiative to voters sometime in 2007.

"The meeting did not go as either body expected," Czepak

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**Major retail centers changing**

**Fountain Walk to include new street, demolition**

■ Concerns over traffic expressed

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

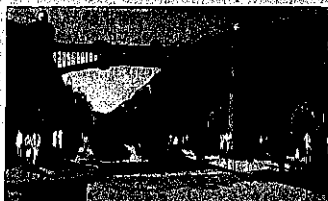
Major changes are on the horizon at Fountain Walk, with owners pushing for a new road through the site and the demolition of part of a building on the center's north side.

Planning commission members will recommend that city council approve the demolition of a large portion of a vacant building between Chuck E. Cheese and Modern Skate.

Owners want to build a 125-space parking lot in its place.

Commissioners will also send a positive recommendation to council on a new road that will run north and south through the center of the complex.

The owners are proposing about 10 parking spaces along



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this street, which will serve as a drop-off area for movie-goers headed to Emagine Theater and other spots.

THF Devco, LLC, wants to modify the pedestrian and vehicle circulation on the southern portion of Fountain Walk for associated parking and landscaping.

The cut-through will connect with the east-west drive of the

center.

Both of these plans have to be approved by city council.

**Fire marshal has concerns**

The city's fire marshal had some concerns about the turning radius of the drop-off area.

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**Planning commission gives its blessing to Town Center project**

■ Four buildings to be added off Grand River

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Redevelopment plans for Novi Town Center got another step closer to reality last week.

Members of the Novi Planning Commission unanimously approved Novi Town Center Investors proposal to build four new buildings along Grand River Avenue east of Novi Road.

City council will have final approval on the proposal since the property in question is greater than five acres.

Outside seating areas are planned by some of the restaurants slated for the buildings.

encouraged throughout the site.

"There is a lot of interest by the city in redevelopment activity to keep this longtime existing center moving forward," said Matt Quinn, attorney for the investors.

The first two buildings at the northeast corner of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue will be close to the street to keep the "downtown feel" of the proposed project.

Walkways are planned from Grand River and Novi Road to the areas inside the shopping center.

"It's a usable area," Quinn said.

**Restaurant/retail mix planned**

Quinn said interested tenants include Potbelly Sandwich Works, a restaurant chain that

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**"Livin' on rock and roll music..."**

■ Bryan Beeler pursues rock and roll dream

By Matt Doran  
STAFF WRITER

"He started rockin'! Ain't never gonna stop. Choir keep on rockin'! Someday he's gonna make it to the top. And he's a juke box hero, got stars in his eyes."

When Bryan Beeler attended Novi High School, grades weren't always the first thing on his mind. "I was a C student and I was pretty content being a C student," he said. "I was more concerned with making people laugh and be entertained."

Beeler's taken a more focused approach to academics by studying what he loves: rock and roll music.

"Rock's number one," said Beeler 22. "I knew what I wanted to do. I made a choice. I was going to go for that."

Taking a step up from being a C student, Beeler recently graduated as salutatorian of Fall Sail Road World Education in Winter Park, Fla., with a degree in entertainment business. Prior to that, he received an associate's degree in recording technology from Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

**Mixing up hits**

Currently, he's focusing on putting the finishing touches on an album for Chromatic Studios, a band composed of "fall out" musi-

cians from other groups. While working on his degree, Beeler wrote the music for the five-song album, which will be released exclusively through iTunes later this year.

Beeler described the band's sound as pop

"with an edge." A short sample from two tracks sounded like a fusion of the bands Boston and Keane, with clear vocals playing off of tumbling rock and roll instrumental interludes.

"We have some cool stuff that I'm pretty excited about," Beeler said. "I'm too stubborn to give up."

He's been producing the album at the recording studio he built in the basement of his parent's Novi home.

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Photo by Matt Doran/Novi News

Bryan Beeler has been compiling an album for the band "Chromatic Studios" in the recording studio he built in the basement of his parent's Novi Home. He recently graduated salutatorian with a bachelor's degree in entertainment business from Fall Sail Road World Education in Winter Park, Fla.

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### Bryan Beeler pursues rock and roll dream

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home. Beeler collected bits and pieces of equipment gradually over the years to build the two-room studio and said his parents, Ben and Beeki Beeler, have gotten used to their basement becoming a rock Mecca.

### Success on the horizon

Beeler played with different bands throughout high school, and always thought they'd make it big. Cinematic Sunrise has the advantage of being composed of established, already-successful musicians, he said. The group should have no trouble selling 50,000 copies of their album online, he said, and they have tour dates scheduled for later this year in Las Vegas, Los Angeles, San Diego and Anaheim. They won't be headliners, but will be opening in some good venues, Beeler said. "I'm just kind of coming along for the ride," he said. "I think I'm the most excited one in the group."

Beeler plays the acoustic and electric guitar and said he learned both through lessons and by surrounding himself with quality musicians. He has already toured with other bands and said he's done shows in 37 states. "I don't play with you unless you're better than me," he said.

### Breaking into the business

Beeler said he hopes to make a career of recording and producing bands, although he's also thinking about going to graduate school for either an MBA or a law degree, since he would like to become involved in contract negotiations. "I've seen a lot of hands get really bad deals," he said. Beeler used to believe breaking into the music industry was a matter of luck, but said he worked down when he learned he could get a degree that would help him accomplish his goals. He was able to get his bachelor's degree in entertainment business in nine months from Full Sail, since he already had some credits.

Full Sail trains students introduced in entertainment careers, Beeler said. Students take 30-40 hours of class per week on an "industry schedule," meaning they could be in class in the middle of the night. "I felt it worked really good for someone like me," he said. "I was there to focus and everyone else around me was there for the exact same thing. I like the fact that it was like a job." Beeler said he may even think about returning to a school like Full Sail as a teacher someday. "A lot of options are better than no options," he said. "I'm excited about my future."

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### Bryan Beeler

Age: 22  
Education: He is a 2001 graduate of Novi High School and has an associate's degree in recording technology from Schoolcraft College in Livonia. He also recently graduated as salutatorian of Full Sail Real World Education in Winter Park, Fla., with a degree in entertainment business.  
Interesting fact: He is a member of the band Cinematic Sunrise and is producing an album for the band in his recording studio he built in his parent's basement.  
Quote: "Rock's number one," Beeler said. "I knew what I wanted to do. I made a choice I was going to go for that."

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### Send-off

Fourth grade Parkview Elementary School students, like Hannah Wagenberg, left, get congratulatory high-fives as they pass down the hallway last Thursday - on the last day before summer break. The fourth graders were being sent off with a celebration, to Novi Meadows next fall.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NOVI NEWS

### Library board drops millage proposal

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said. "While we do not share everything that was said, we do understand where you were coming from."

Council members told library board members at the June 12 meeting they felt the timing was not right for a library millage proposal to appear on the November 2006 ballot.

Ballot proposals require a huge public relations effort. With a library millage proposal already falling in 1999, council members believe more time is needed to launch an effective marketing campaign. Czepak said board members see the June 12 meeting as a "building block" in efforts to get a millage proposal passed.

"We may not be on the same page now, but hopefully we will be in the future," he said. He added that the library board takes the charge of having a millage proposal pass very seriously and takes the council's opinion seriously as well.

"We ask that council not rush to judgment when we don't agree," Czepak said. "We want to see a successful library be built."

He said board members know that communication is critical to the proposal's success. Mayor David Landry said that when he mentioned during the June 12 meeting that the library is not seen as an essential service that he personally does not feel this is true, but that some members of the community have expressed this notion.

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### Fountain Walk plans include new street, demolition

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But Jim Ludwig, landscape architect representing the owners, said they would be willing to work with the city to make the area large enough for a fire truck to maneuver its way through the area.

"We want to create a lively pedestrian area with opportunity parking," Ludwig said.

Several members of planning commission had concerns about the high amount of traffic that this new street might attract, creating a potential safety risk.

Plans include raised pedestrian crosswalks, brick pavers, street lights, benches and landscaping.

"We want a more pedestrian-friendly environment to enrich and enliven the area to attract new tenants," Ludwig said. "The owner is highly motivated and wants to get moving right away."

Tom Miller, council representative for Chuck Miller Development in Southfield, said although Cold Stone Creamery is doing well, the former New York Deli space is still vacant.

"This is essentially a dead zone," Miller said.

Owners also want to remove the center's fountain and build another type of feature.

Commissioner Avdeouls thinks the fountain should stay.

"If you don't have a fountain, you can't call yourself Fountain Walk," he said.

Commissioner Wayne Wrobel said he sees the north-south street as more of a headache.

"To me, it's an artificial road going nowhere," he said. "I think the traffic flow is going to be outrageous."

Commissioner Michael Meyer was also concerned about pedestrian safety with the new cut-through.

"I need to be further convinced that it's going to actually improve the flow of traffic and the selling factor of Fountain Walk."

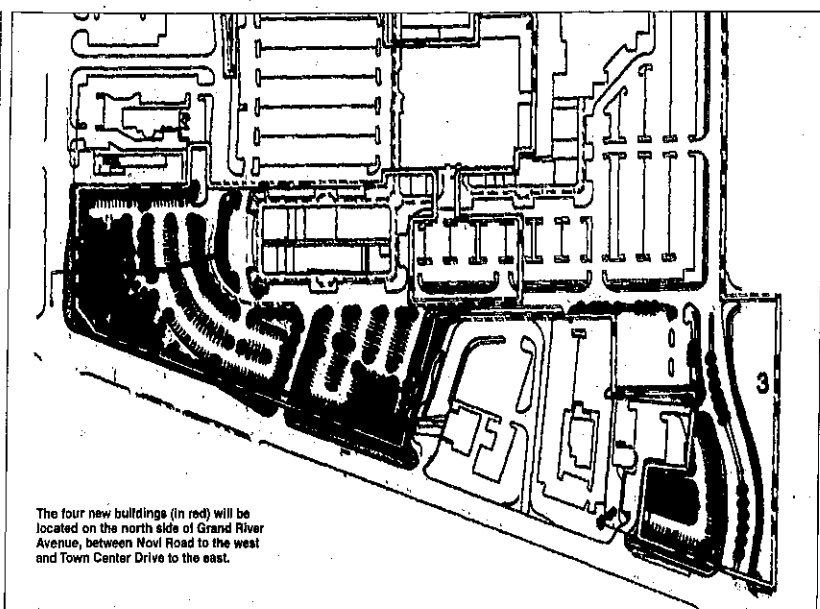
The commission voted unanimously to recommend the demolition of the north-end building to city council.

The new street was recommended by a 7-2 vote, with Wrobel and Meyer casting dissenting votes.

Victor Cassis, planning commission chair, added that commission members' stop Fountain Walk's now, owners from taking on the project just because they don't think it will work.

"We hope this is a strategic that brings life into the area," Cassis said. "We want you to succeed."

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The four new buildings (in red) will be located on the north side of Grand River Avenue, between Novi Road to the west and Town Center Drive to the east.

### Planning commission gives its blessing to Novi Town Center project

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provides sit-down dining and carry-out and the sister company of PE Chang's restaurant.

Quinn said a national ice cream store has also expressed interest in locating at the center.

A family restaurant with no alcohol served may also open in one of the four buildings.

"The four lots are really coming into shape," Quinn said.

Lynn Kocan, commission vice chair, said she likes the

concept but is concerned about the intersection by the Coney Island Restaurant that faces Grand River Avenue.

"I want some stop signs," she said. "I'm afraid someone's going to get clipped at that blind corner."

Stephen Dearing, manager of traffic engineering for Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment Inc., agreed that the situation needed to be reviewed.

Tim Schmitt, planner, said the city is planning to make some changes at that intersection.

Quinn noted that the center is going to have some significant redevelopment in the central portion of Novi Town Center in the not-too-distant future.

"I want to applaud the applicant for what they've brought forth to this very important corner of the city," said Commissioner Mark Pehrson.

Commissioner John Avdeouls said he believes the project will enhance the Main Street area, but he would like to see more diversity in the buildings.

"This is a critical corner," he said.

Commissioner Michael Meyer said he would like to see more people walking around Town Center like in downtown Plymouth and Northville.

Kocan wanted some type of water feature in the redevelopment, and Meyer suggested a monument featuring a stagecoach, since this was the site of the No. VI stop on the stagecoach line from Detroit to Lansing many years ago.

"This is downtown Novi," Meyer said. "I think people will use this if we make it user-friendly."

Victor Cassis, commission chair, said he's delighted to see a development on this corner.

"Hopefully, this will be the start of a chain of happenings in the future for that whole area," he said.

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# COMMUNITY

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## Legislation mandates that city have person on ZBA, planning

**Council has no say in matter**

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Residents who sit on the Novi Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals know that these are demanding jobs. And now, due to some new legislation, city council members must appoint one person to serve on both bodies.

The new joint membership is required by the newly revised Michigan Zoning Enabling Act. Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed the act into law April 7. The statute takes effect July 1.

The law requires a member of the planning commission to also sit on the ZBA.

"Normally, it's someone who currently sits on the planning commission," said Mark Wyckoff, director of the Planning & Zoning Center at Michigan State University.

But, council members will have to appoint a new person if no one from the planning commission agrees to serve on the ZBA.

Wyckoff added that the new law doesn't state exactly when the new joint membership must be named.

## ZBA, planning commission welcome two new members

Following Monday night's appointments, the new Novi Planning Commission includes John Andoulis; Brian Burke (new member); Victor Cassis, chair; Andrew Gilmart; David Lipsitt; Michael Lynch (reappointed); Michael Meyer; Mark Peterson (reappointed); and Wayne Wrobel.

Zoning Board of Appeals members include Gerald Bauer; G. Brent Canopy; Justin Fischer; Robert A. Gatt (new member); Dr. Sridhar "Maj" Sanghvi, chair; Tim Shroyer; and Linda Krieger, alternate.

Newly appointed member Gatt filed a vacancy on the ZBA that occurred when Cindy Gronzchak recently moved to New York.

city will have less response from residents on such a position.

"I don't know where this legislation came from either," said Mayor David Landry. "But, there's nothing we can do about it. We have to comply with the law."

## New members appointed

Following discussion on the requirement for a new joint member of the planning commission and ZBA, Maryanne Cornelius, city clerk, announced newly appointed members of boards, commissions and committees.

Jay Dooley is a new member of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission, and Charles Staab was reappointed.

Christina Kaulfuss has been appointed to the Public Access Preservation Committee.

Robert A. Gatt, son of Council Member Bob Gatt, was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Cynthia Graber and David Staab have been appointed to the Economic Development Commission.

Mark Peterson and Michael Lynch were reappointed to the planning commission. Brian Burke is a new appointee.

New members of the Novi Youth Council include Kathleen Hovaty, Christy Duan, Adam Britten, Tina Jain, Leah Rice, Vihdi Banaji, Florianne Silvestri, Eric Johnson and Dayna Dines.

Non-voting student members of city boards, commissions and committees include Christopher Kim and Jingyuan Fan, Beautification Commission; Michael Belta and Astra Shaik, Historical Commission; Sudeep Rohagi and Rebecca Vera-Burgas, Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee; Linda Pak, Library Board; and Ashima Goyal, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission.

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**Swingin' into summer**  
On a beautiful, sunny, cool early summer day, Lauryn Mezigan, 3, gives a push to Sammi Hamill, 4, as the two played at the Tim Poppe Memorial Playground structure Tuesday at Novi Community Sports Park.

## BRIEFS

### Saven brings good news

Don Saven, director, Novi Building Department, reported at Monday's city council meeting that the shell permit has been issued that will enable workers to enclose the new Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

The new 200-bed hospital is scheduled to open in 2008.

Saven commended staff members from planning and building for all of their efforts. City staff members are also working on an ambulatory care center and medical office building that will be completed by the time the hospital opens.

Mayor David Landry said members of city council are proud of the building and planning staff members' efforts and asked that Saven pass this message on to those working on the projects in the two departments.

### Bowman named to state board

Blair Bowman, of Howell, owner of Novi's Rock Financial Showplace, has been named to the state's Strategic Economic Investment and Commercialization Board.

Speaker of the House Craig DeRoche (R-Now) nominated Bowman to the board.

The body represents qualified businesses or those with business, technology, or financial experience related to competitive edge technology.

Bowman's term began on March 29 and expires on Dec. 31.

Compiled by Pam Fleming

## Here's what's next

- Today, 11:30 a.m.: Butterfly Hike, Concession area.
- Friday, 2 p.m.: Rot Trail, living creatures inside a dead tree, Concession area.
- Saturday, 1:30 p.m.: Toads, Frogs and Polliwogs, Riding stable parking lot.
- Saturday, 8 p.m.: Campfire Cooking, Concession area.
- Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.: Animal Tracks, Riding stable parking lot.
- Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.: Meet a Tree, get to know it inside and out and plant a seedling of your own, Maple Shelter.
- Wednesday, 2:30 p.m.: Little Green Bugs, learning about the Emerald Ash Borer, Concession area.
- Wednesday, 7 p.m.: Fireflies! Concession area.
- June 29, 11 a.m.: Oh, Deer! Maple Shelter.
- June 30, 7 p.m.: Habitat Hunt, hiking the trails to find animal habitats, Concession area.
- July 1, 6:30 p.m.: Michigan Mammals, Concession area.
- July 4, 11 a.m.: Catch that Hummer, Concession area.
- July 5, 10:30 a.m.: Nature Hike, Concession area.
- July 5, 1:30 p.m.: Alien Invaders, plants that are not supposed to grow in Maybury, Concession area.
- July 6, 1 p.m.: Are Loons Loony? Maple Shelter.
- July 7, 1:30 p.m.: Hidden Colors, find out how leaves change color, Concession area.
- July 7, 7 p.m.: Fishing in the Park, learn the basic techniques, Riding stable parking lot.

## Array of programming

Cienrich and Beth LaManna will be sharing their knowledge of science and nature with audiences a variety of ages throughout the summer. State park interpreter Karen Gourlay said they will tailor their program to those who attend.

Last week's "Sneaky Snakes" audience were offered a chance to hold the snake Cienrich caught for that day's lesson. Kids made and took home a construction paper snake.

Adult-oriented sessions, like a birdwalk, and stories for the younger set will be scheduled for this summer, Gourlay said.

The Northville Township sampled programming last year to complement sessions the grassroots group, Friends of Maybury State Park, had been offering. People responded, Gourlay said. "We do have the human history that went on, the farming, the (tuberculosis) sanatorium."

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Maybury State Park employee Melissa Cienrich shows a tiny garter snake to Caleb Feissner, 6, during a Thursday afternoon "Sneaky Snakes" presentation at the Oaks shelter.

40 parks throughout the state. Explorer guides are trained to present content related to their location's unique features, such as lighthouses, wolves in the upper peninsula or sand dunes on the state's west side.

"Maybury has a big forested area for this part of the state," Gourlay said. "We do have the human history that went on, the farming, the (tuberculosis) sanatorium."

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## Maybury Farm hosting Rustic Chef cook-off

By Maureen Johnston  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICES

Was it Emeril's "Bam!" that earned a loyal following? Or does the fascination with professional chefs date back to Julia Child's warby voice? Anyone hoping for an escape from cable Food channel programming this weekend is in luck. Area residents will be able to watch local pros in action when the Northville Community Foundation's Rustic Chef series continues at noon Saturday at Maybury Farm.

Foundation president Shari Peters said the idea of a cooking competition simmered nearly a year before Frank Agostini of E.C. Nick's in Plymouth stepped forward as contest organizer for the working farm. The non-profit foundation retains cater fees for the community attraction, funding maintenance and operations.

"I think it's the simplicity of—here's this simple stuff—in my refrigerator—and look what they do with it," she said. "It's their creativity, the way they make it look so simple."

## What's Rustic Chef competition

Who: Open to public  
When: Noon Saturday  
Where: Maybury Farm  
Cost: \$4, including farm tour  
Entrance: Enter off Eight Mile Road, 1-3/4 miles west of Back Road for free parking.  
Call: (248) 374-0200  
Host: Northville Community Foundation

## Front-row seats

In May, the contestants created delicious entrees from the chicken, cabbage, potatoes and sausage supplied by Agostini. Peters said. They vie for a cast iron skillet emblazoned with the Rustic Chef label.

"The judges kept saying, 'Can't we give it to all three?'" Peters said. "Due to the limited quantities, only the judges taste the food prepared. There is a food vendor on site for wheelied appetites, Peters said.

Unlike the pre-prepared cable food shows, fans visitors are watching the contest cooking as it happens.

"It takes them like 14 hours to do one show," Peters said. "Here they have two hours and one to actually cook it."

Judges decide on the winners at 2 p.m.

Peters said people like to watch chefs to pick up tips and be entertained.

"They showed how to take a very few simple ingredients and make it really 'Wow Appetite,'" she said. "It makes you think outside of the box, instead of the same ol', same ol'."

"Having it at the farm makes it neat because you're not just stuck there two hours," she said. "You can wander around, see the animals or have a hot-dog."

## Secret ingredients

When more than 100 food fans turned out for the inaugural Rustic Chef event last month, Peters knew she had a winning formula.

"It is so fun," Peters said. "It was so interactive, it was incredible."

Competitions will continue in July with a cookoff among the three winners in September. For August, Peters invited a 20-year old culinary expert, just in time for football season.

This month's competitors are: Robert Costanzo of Station 885 in Plymouth; Will Armstrong of Donline Bitaro & Brewery; and Plymouth Crossing staff members.

Agostini will compile six "secret" ingredients for competing chefs. At 11 a.m., contestants will learn what their ingredients are.

"That's what they have to build their meal around," Peters said. "The chefs will be allowed to shop in event sponsor Meijer for one hour, spending \$50 or less on

## Playing outdoors

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Karen Gourlay  
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# Pearson says Novi's getting even better

## ■ New manager speaks at Greater Novi Chamber event

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Some might say Clay Pearson, Novi's new city manager, is a lot like Gustavus Adolphus.

Adolphus is the namesake of Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn., where Pearson earned his undergraduate degree and served as president of his class.

Mayor David Landry pointed out this bit of trivia while introducing Pearson June 14 at the city manager's first public talk since taking over the top post.

Pearson addressed members at the first luncheon of the new Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce at Fountain Walk's Bamboo Club restaurant. Adolphus was King of Sweden from 1611 until his death in

1632. He was referred to by Protestants as the Lion of the North and is the only Swedish king to be styled "The Great." Napoleon Bonaparte idealized Adolphus as one of the greatest generals of all time. Now Pearson has taken on the role as "general" of Novi.

Landry said he believes Novi is in good hands with Pearson, and pledged his confidence in him at the event.

### Great schools, stores, roads

Pearson reviewed what's good about Novi and improvements on the horizon during his talk.

He mentioned that education is one of Novi's strong suits, with schools such as Walsh College on Meadowbrook and the newly located Catholic Central High School on Weston Road.

"People come from 40-50 miles away to go to Catholic Central," Pearson noted.

He also talked about Novi's strong retail component, with shopping centers such as Twelve Oaks Mall, Fountain Walk, West

Oaks I and II, Novi Town Center, Main Street Novi and more.

Novi residents can also enjoy the completion of about \$60 million in road work, including repaving of Grand River Avenue from Beek Road to Novi Road, improving the intersection at 10 Mile and Novi Road and repaving Nine Mile from Novi Road to Meadowbrook Road.

As Novi's new manager, Pearson emphasized that he is ready and willing to partner with neighboring communities on projects.

He even acknowledged that Novi has a reputation with developers for not being the easiest city in which to develop projects.

"We're working on that," Pearson said.

Surrounded by poster boards with aerial photos shot just a few weeks ago of key areas in Novi, Pearson said the city is still in a "go-go" mode.

He's excited about the Novi Police Department receiving the remainder of about \$6 million in federal drug forfeiture funds and the building department's new satellite office, scheduled to open

at 11 Mile and Beek roads.

Staff in this office will assist with two of the city's largest projects currently under way — Providence Park Hospital and the Twelve Oaks Mall expansion.

Pearson noted that the city had two important projects on the planning commission agenda that very night — with major changes being proposed at Fountain Walk and Novi Town Center. (See stories about these projects in this edition.)

### Cassisi is honorary member

Novi Chamber of Commerce co-founders Gina Kozlowski of Livonia and J.R. Alyeh of Novi presented Pearson with a shadow-boarded plaque at the end of his presentation.

Victor Cassisi, planning commission chair, received an engraved silver clock and an honorary membership in the new chamber of commerce.

"You're living in one of the most vibrant and fastest-growing cities in the state," Cassisi told the audience.

# Wanna beat traffic? Bid on helicopter ride

## ■ Ride on WJR JetCopter 760 will benefit Novi's annual festival

By Matt Doran  
STAFF WRITER

If you've ever dreamt of soaring above traffic snarls on construction clogged roadways, Novi's Michigan 50's Festival has your ticket.

The festival will raise money by holding an online auction for a 100 minute ride in WJR's JetCopter 760. The lucky winner will get to ride along with Joel Alexander, as well as a traffic reporter for WJR's NewsRadio 950, from 4:54-6 p.m. on a weekday for a traffic report.

"Not too many opportunities are going to come along like this in your lifetime," said Doakie Vahrol, a director of the festival, which

will be held July 26-29. "How cool is that? I'm hoping it will spark a lot of people's interest."

As of press time Tuesday, Vahrol said online bidding should be operational by sometime today. The retail value of the ride is \$1,400, she said, but she hopes the auction will bring in even more.

The ride will start at Oakland Troy Airport, and if there is time, the winner may be able to request a bird's eye view of local sights, such as his home. Up to two passengers may go, but there is a weight restriction of 400 pounds.

Scheduling of the ride is dependent on weather and other "Acts of God." The winning bid will be announced at the festival July 29.

For more information or to bid on the helicopter ride, go to [http://michigan.nybrighthouse.com/micromillion/50s\\_auction.php](http://michigan.nybrighthouse.com/micromillion/50s_auction.php)

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## LANSING CONNECTION

### School safety drills

Schools would be required to conduct additional safety drills to ensure students and school employees are better prepared for emergencies, under legislation that has passed the Senate. This is in response to parents and educators who are concerned that students wouldn't know what to do if a fire or tornado, or emergency drill happened while they were in the lunch room, out at recess or during an assembly. Students are usually taught to follow their teacher single file out the classroom, but chances are they won't necessarily be in the classroom when a disaster strikes. This will ensure that everyone is as prepared as possible for many different scenarios. The bill would require certain drills to be conducted during recess, lunch or other times when students are not in the classroom. Currently most drills are conducted while students are organized together in the classroom, leaving them unprepared if an emergency was to happen while they were elsewhere in the building.

### Legislation to reduce underage smoking

Legislation aimed at preventing youth smoking by making it a misdemeanor to use fake identification while attempting to buy cigarettes has passed the Senate. Under current law, it is illegal for children under 18 to purchase cigarettes but the law does not address the attempt to purchase. This legislation clarifies that minors are not able to purchase or attempt to purchase tobacco products. The bill is modeled after existing law that is a misdemeanor for minors attempting to buy alcohol with a fake ID. Your feedback is always welcome. You can contact me by e-mail at [scmcassisi@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:scmcassisi@senate.michigan.gov) or toll free at 1-888-38-NANCY.

State Senator Henry Cassisi (R-Ann Arbor) represents the 15th Senate District which includes West Bloomfield, Oakland portion of Northville, Novi Township, Novi, Walled Lake, Weston, Lyon Township, South Lyon, Highland, Holly, Rose, Commerce, White Lake, Grand Lake, and Waterline Lake.

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

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## POLICE REPORT

### Fight, two arrests at Lucky's

A 21-year-old Wyandotte man was arrested for disorderly conduct, and a 20-year-old Riverview man was arrested for disorderly conduct and liquor violations at 1:35 a.m. April 16 outside Lucky's at Fountain Walk shopping center.

Officers on bike and foot patrol observed three young men pushing a bouncer outside Lucky's.

As officers arrived at the establishment, the Wyandotte man was being restrained as he was trying to get at the bouncers.

He was eventually taken to the ground and handcuffed when he continually tried to pull away from officers.

Police then observed the Riverview man yelling at the bouncers at the front of the business. The men were also both verbally abusive to police en

route to the station.

Officers later learned that the Riverview man had used a fake driver's license to get into the bar and that he was under age 21.

Breath tests revealed a .25 percent blood alcohol level in the Riverview man and a .21 percent level in the Wyandotte man.

### Button incident at mall

A 45-year-old Farmington Hills woman was arrested for malicious destruction of property when she ripped a button off a nurse at 4:19 p.m. April 21 at Lord & Taylor department store at Twelve Oaks Mall.

Police were called when a loss prevention agent at the store watched as a woman ripped a button off a new \$220 purse and concealed it.

A sales associate told loss prevention that the woman had tried

to return a damaged \$220 purse and was denied a refund or exchange because the damage was done to the purse after the sale.

She stated that she would get her refund or exchange her way. The woman then proceeded to rip off a leather button on the same purse she was trying to exchange.

### Designated drivers arrested

A 31-year-old Novi man who told police he was the designated driver for the night was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:54 a.m. June 9 at Novi and I2 I2 Mile roads.

An officer was traveling north on Novi Road south of TransX Road when he saw a 2004 silver Ford Escape turn right from TransX onto northbound Novi Road. The driver made a very

wide turn and crossed the center line on Novi Road.

After observing the driver swerve several times and cross the center line, as well as signal improperly, the officer initiated a traffic stop.

The officer could smell intoxicants on the driver and noticed that his eyes were glassy and very bloodshot and his speech was slurred.

When asked if he had been drinking, he stated that he had been drinking at Lucky's, the Post Bar and Fifth Avenue but that he had stopped drinking a few ago because he was the designated driver.

A breath test showed a blood alcohol level in the driver of .10 percent.

In a separate incident, a 25-year-old Canton man, who also said he was the designated driver, was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 12:12 a.m. June 2 at Novi

located at 1:52 a.m. June 16 at Grand River Avenue and Bashian Road.

An officer noticed the 2001 silver Honda cross the center line in front of him twice.

After putting the man over, the officer noticed that he fumbled for his registration and insurance certificate.

When asked if he had been drinking, he replied, "No. I'm the designated driver."

His eyes were bloodshot and red, and police could smell intoxicants on his breath.

A breath test produced a blood alcohol in the driver of .17 percent.

### One drink too many

A 28-year-old Novi man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 12:12 a.m. June 2 at Novi

Road and I-96. Officers were driving north on Novi Road near the I-96 ramps when they saw a 2006 black Ford F-150 cross the center line and stop in the median.

When the officer made contact with the driver, he asked him if he was lost. The man said that he had dropped a cigarette and pulled into the median to look for it.

When asked for his driver's license, registration and insurance certificate, the man produced the license and fumbled for the insurance paperwork.

He never did find the registration. The officer asked the driver where he had come from, and he said "Fifth Avenue." Then the officer asked him how much he had had to drink, and he replied, "One drink."

A breath test revealed a blood alcohol level in the man of .21 percent.



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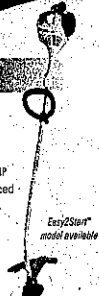


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**Sunday Worship**  
**TIME:** 10 a.m.  
**Summer Church School**  
**DATE:** Every Sunday through Sept. 10  
**TIME:** 10 a.m.  
**DETAILS:** "Granda Don" will be presenting church school with "Hugs" as the theme. It is for ages 4 through eighth grade.  
**Adult Book Club**  
**DATE:** Tuesday, July 11  
**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** This is a discussion of the book, "Gilead" by Marilynne Robinson.  
**Vocational Bible School**  
**DATE:** July 17-21  
**TIME:** 9:30 A-1:30 a.m.  
**DETAILS:** This is for ages 4 through fifth grade. The cost is \$15 per child. Registration is required.

## Oak Pointe

**LOCATION:** Novi High School, 24962 Tall Road  
**CONTACT:** (248) 912-0043 or visit [www.oakpointe.org](http://www.oakpointe.org)  
**Sunday Worship**  
**TIME:** 9:30 and 11:15 a.m.

## Commerce United Methodist

**LOCATION:** 1155 North Commerce Road, Commerce Township  
**CONTACT:** (248) 363-3933  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**DATE:** July 31-Aug. 4  
**TIME:** 9 a.m.-noon  
**DETAILS:** This event is for kindergarten through sixth grade students. The theme is "Sun Treasure Island." Registration is required and the deadline is June 30.

## First United Methodist of Northville

**LOCATION:** 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville  
**CONTACT:** (248) 349-1144 or visit [www.fumcnorthville.org](http://www.fumcnorthville.org)  
**Sunday Worship**  
**TIME:** 7:45 and 10 a.m., Sunday School  
**TIME:** 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
**10 a.m. Worship Center** for ages 3-7, 10 and 18 All ages  
**Lunch Hour Worship**  
**TIME/DAY:** 12:10-12:50 p.m., Wednesday, ongoing  
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**Sunday Worship**  
**TIME:** 9 and 10:30 a.m.  
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## Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church

**LOCATION:** 41415 W. Nine Mile Road  
**CONTACT:** (248) 349-0365  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**DATE:** July 31-Aug. 4  
**TIME:** 9-11:30 a.m.  
**DETAILS:** The theme for this Bible school is "Sea Sail." It is for ages 3 through fifth grade. Registration is required.

## Crosspollite Meadows

**LOCATION:** Meadowbrook Elementary School, 20200 Meadowbrook Road, south of 173 Mile Road  
**CONTACT:** (248) 427-2003, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or visit [www.crosspollitemeadows.org](http://www.crosspollitemeadows.org)  
**Sunday Worship**  
**TIME:** 9 and 10:30 a.m.

## St. Paul Lutheran

**LOCATION:** 201 Elm St., Northville  
**CONTACT:** (248) 349-3140  
**Kindergarten Registration**  
**DETAILS:** Children who will be 5-years-old by Friday, Dec. 1 may register for full-day or half-day kindergarten at St. Paul's Lutheran School.

## Livonia Church of Christ 5th Annual Classic Car Show on Saturday, July 8, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., rain or shine

Classic car enthusiasts are invited to attend this event benefiting Angela Hospice in Livonia, with programs serving terminally ill patients and their families.  
 Spectators can attend the car show for free and participants can enter a car for \$15, which includes a meal ticket. The first 100 entrants will receive a cash plaque and goods bag. Entrants will also have the chance to vote for class awards. Judging will take place from 12 - 2 p.m., with the presentation of class trophies, "Best of Show" and "People's Choice" at 3 p.m. The event will also feature a DJ, refreshments, and door prizes.  
 Livonia Church of Christ is located at 15431 Meiriman Road, just north of 5 Mile in Livonia. For more information about the car show, contact Mike Bennett at 248-390-8078 or visit [www.angela-hospice.org](http://www.angela-hospice.org).

## First Presbyterian Church of Northville

**LOCATION:** 200 E. Main St.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 349-0911  
**Single Place Ministries**  
**CONTACT:** [www.singleplace.org](http://www.singleplace.org)  
**Walking Group**  
**TIME:** 11:30 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** First, second and fourth Sunday, Big Apple Bagel Shop, 2334 Farmington Road, Farmington; Third Sunday, Panera Bread Co., 34635 Grand River Ave., Farmington

## DETAILS:

This is a walking/social group. Everyone is invited. Thursday Programs-Ongoing  
**TIME:** 7:30, social; 8 p.m., program  
**DETAILS:** The cost is \$5 per person. Programs and speakers vary.  
**Portofino River Cruise**  
**DATE:** July 15  
**TIME:** 8-11 p.m.  
**DETAILS:** The cost is \$25 per person for class. Refreshments and includes dancing, pizza and door prizes. A cash bar is available.

## Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

**LOCATION:** 40700 W. 10 Mile Road  
**CONTACT:** (248) 427-1175 or [www.churchoftheholycross.com](http://www.churchoftheholycross.com)  
**Sunday Worship**  
**TIME:** 7:30 and 10 a.m., Sunday School  
**TIME:** 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
**10 a.m. Worship Center** for ages 3-7, 10 and 18 All ages  
**Lunch Hour Worship**  
**TIME/DAY:** 12:10-12:50 p.m., Wednesday, ongoing  
**DETAILS:** This will include scripture and Holy Communion.  
**Youth Worship**  
**TIME/DAY:** 7 p.m., second

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## Unveiling Novi's "well-kept secret"

### Main Street Merchants Association to promote businesses

By Matt Doran  
STAFF WRITER

With the help of the Main Street Merchants Association, Novi's "well-kept secret" won't be quite so covert.

The association was formed a month ago to help promote the Main Street Mall, which owner Hafeez Shaikh said features 25 tenants ranging from restaurants and salons to a travel agency and a jewelry store.

"It's a very quality venue," he said.

The association will help tenants pool their advertising resources and promote each other's businesses, said association president Brian Larson, who owns Larson Jewelry Design in the mall.

"Our main goal is to get the car show back here on Wednesdays," Larson said. "We're just trying to get organized."

Larson said the car show used to be held on Wednesday nights during the summer. Main Street would be closed and classic car owners would park their vehicles for the public to admire. The event grew for three years before

#### Association board

**President:** Brian Larson, owner of Larson Jewelry Design  
**Vice president:** Joe Gallagher, manager of the Toll Brothers Design Studio  
**Treasurer/secretary:** Renee Galley, studio coordinator of the Toll Brothers Design Studio

problems managing it caused it to fade away.

However, Larson said things have stabilized since Shaikh purchased the mall in January. Shaikh is a very "hands-on" owner, he said, and has made improvements.

Larson said he hopes the association will eventually include business owners all along the Grand River corridor. Shaikh said he would like to see it include the Novi Town Center, and once the group has 50 or so members, it will better be able to work with the city and influence decision making.

If all goes according to plan, the association will result in more traffic for the shopping center, Shaikh said.

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## Motor City Golf says good-bye

### Novi's Golf Warehouse soon to shut doors after just two years

By Tracy Mishler  
STAFF WRITER

Keith Richardson spends at least three days a week on the golf course.

And the other days are split between work and searching for new gadgets to improve his game on the course.

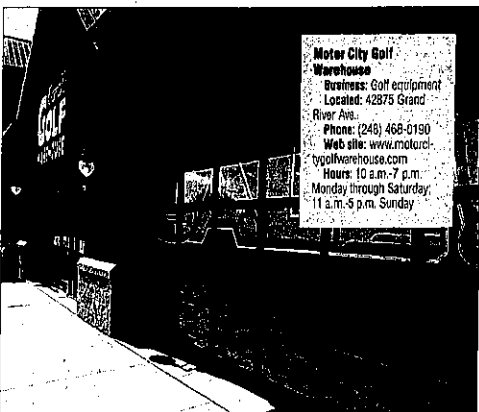
The 38-year-old Novi resident has been shopping at the Motor City Golf Warehouse since it opened in April 2004 and was shocked to hear he'll have to seek assistance from a new golf provider once the store closes in July.

"It was convenient for me to shop here," said Richardson. "Close to home, close to work. Where do I go now?"

Located at the Main Street Center, the 20,000-square-foot store, once filled with equipment for the beginning to advanced golfer, is closing due to the low volume of sales, according to officials from Luna Entertainment.

Tom Celani, president of Luna Entertainment and owner of Motor City Golf Warehouse and Motor City Harley-Davidson, plans to lease the building to a new retail tenant in the near future.

"We have listed the space with a broker and are hopeful that within the next few months to fill out the building," said Jim



The Motor City Golf Warehouse, at 42875 Grand River Ave. in Novi, will soon be closing its doors after a few years of business.

Ogema, general council for Luna Entertainment.

The decision to close was made about three months ago, and Ogema said the company wanted to make sure to give employees plenty of notice to find new jobs.

"The people that worked here either found new jobs or are actively working to find one,"

he said. "We're working with everyone to make sure no one is displaced."

Ogema said owning a golf store in Michigan is a tough industry.

"Few folks in the industry (have been) successful in keeping and continuing their operation."

Currently, Motor City Golf Warehouse has more than \$400,000 in inventory and is offering 40-70 percent off every-

**Motor City Golf Warehouse**  
Business: Golf equipment  
Location: 42875 Grand River Ave.  
Phone: (248) 468-0190  
Web site: www.motorgolfwarehouse.com  
Hours: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday

Photo by JOHN HEIDORN/Novi News

thing throughout the store. From drivers and accessories to rain suits and shoes, everything must go.

"It's sad to see them go out of business - they've definitely helped my game," Richardson said. "But, I'll take advantage of their sales and wish them luck in the future."

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## Rotary Outing:

Novi Rotarians held their 21st Charity Golf Outing on June 15 at Oak Pointe Country Club in Brighton. Former star running back for Michigan State University, Tico "TJ" Duckett, was a special guest. Telcom Credit Union served as the event's Platinum Sponsor and will help fund a new Youth Ethics character training program at Novi High.



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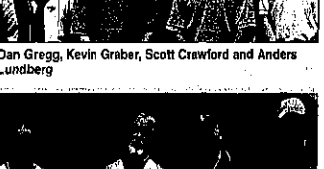
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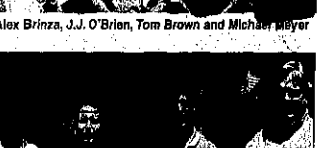
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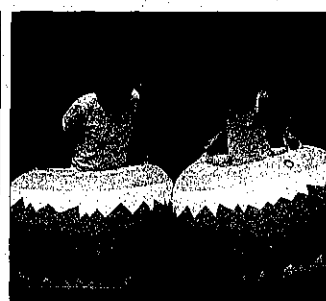
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## Novi Woods Field Day:

Novi Woods field day is created by the physical education teacher, Libby Crawford, and consists of 12 games, a face-painting station and popsicles. It's a day to focus on teamwork, sportsmanship and fun as the kids work together at every game as a class and try to do their best job.



### Happy birthday

Mrs. Michos, Parkview Elementary principal, enjoys a birthday lunch with a number of children whose birthdays are in May and July. They sing happy birthday, enjoy one another's company with a private lunch and receive a birthday treat. This is a Parkview tradition to celebrate and recognize each child throughout the school year.

Courtesy photo

### McPicnic

Novi Woods families recently enjoyed their annual Family Picnic. In lieu of an admission charge, the families brought toys, food and cleaning supplies for the Ronald McDonald House in Ann Arbor. Claude and Theresa Murphy, who own the McDonald's restaurant on 10 Mile, are longtime supporters of Novi Woods. Pictured are principal Pam Quilquit, Pat Holt of McDonald's and Ronald McDonald along with several students and some of the many donations.

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### Skyward

The stars were brought into the Deerfield gym last Friday. The students crawled through a tunnel and entered into the night time world where they learned about the solar system. They were able to see the stars as they actually appear. In the right skies of Novi and learned to identify the constellations that are visible without the aid of a telescope. Shown are Dana Parsons, Ava Zaremki, Lauryn Hauncher and Danny Blessing.



Courtesy photo

### Student savings

A Deerfield Elementary student is making a deposit at the Telcom Credit Union Student-run Branch. The students (l to r) are Nicole Solakian, Lacey Hoffmann, Kristen Schubring, Jack Twomey and Jason Zhou. The branch has been open since October and its last day of operation is June 1. Fourth grade volunteers run the operation in the school cafeteria during lunch. All Deerfield K-4 students can have accounts and deposit money while at school as they learn about the importance of saving money and see what it's like to work as a teller.

# EDUCATION

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## Tokyo drift: Educators head to Japan

Super, media specialist leave for two-week Japan jaunt

By Matt Doran  
STAFF WRITER

"Hello" and "thank you" aren't a bad place to start, but Orchard Hills Elementary School media specialist Lois Gdowski is hoping she'll soon be able to say a bit more in her Japanese students in their native tongue.

Gdowski, along with Novi Community School District superintendent Peter Dion, is leaving Saturday on a 13-hour flight across the globe to participate in the two-week "Educators to Japan" program, sponsored by the Japanese Business Society of Detroit.

The annual program offers 10

chances in subjects like math and Japanese history — taught in Japanese — on Saturdays at a school in Birmingham. He applied for the trip last fall after attending an open house at the school and hearing other educators discuss their experience with the program.

"It's a great opportunity," Dion said, "It will help me understand our Japanese parents better. I'm really excited."

Gdowski, whose husband is coming along for the trip, said she is hoping the program will give her a better idea what books her Japanese students might be interested in reading. She heard about the opportunity from another teacher who made the trip and "raved" about it.

"I want to see how the teachers interact with the students," Gdowski said. "I am very excited. It sounded so wonderful."

If it works out, Gdowski might also see some familiar faces on the trip. She is hoping to visit with

one Orchard Hills family that returned to Kyoto last year.

### Globetrotting

Dion is excited by the opportunity to go abroad. Although his professional duties typically limit him from wandering too far, he and his wife once traveled to Taiwan with a parent from the school where Dion was principal. He also toured Italy, Germany and France in 1972, as a college student.

"I absolutely love to travel," he said.

Gdowski is interested in history, and looks forward to seeing the ancient temples in Japan, as well as going on a day trip to Hiroshima.

"I think that's going to be very moving," she said.

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Submitted photo  
**Where there's smoke...**  
...there's a Novi Community School District superintendent Peter Dion. Dion was at bd's Mongolian Barbecue June 5 as a guest griller to help raise funds for Novi High School's Habitat for Humanity Leadership Team. The event raised \$1,000 for the construction of a Habitat home in Pontiac.

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Photo by Matt Doran/Novi News  
**Brighton author Carol McCloud gives the first reading of her new book, 'Have You Filled a Bucket Today,' to the third grade class of Becky Byrd at Orchard Hills Elementary.**

## Helping kids fill their "buckets"

Author brings positive outlook to Orchard Hills third-graders

By Matt Doran  
STAFF WRITER

Mid-numbered Carol McCloud of Brighton has an alter ego.

McCloud, a middle-aged woman who walks with an optimistic spring in her step, made the transformation into her other identity — the "Bucket Lady" — June 15 for Becky Byrd's third grade class at Orchard Hills Elementary School.

Equipped with a plastic pail and dipper and donning oversized sunglasses, McCloud gave the class the first public reading of her book "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?", the first copies of which she had received only two days before.

The book encourages children to do nice things for other people to make them feel good. Everyone carries an invisible bucket, the book says, which holds their positive thoughts about themselves.

McCloud said children need to feel loved and cared about, but they must also learn to show love and care towards others. The key to a happy life is not just receiving

love, she said, but giving it. "It's so simple and yet very profound," she said. "This is an ambitious goal to fill a bucket."

McCloud passed out "pledge sheets" to the students, asking them to write down one way that they fill someone else's bucket every day this summer. Her first visit to Byrd's class was this past winter, and some of the students said they had taken her advice by writing notes to their parents.

The idea, McCloud said, is teaching kids to be "other-centered." If everyone followed bucket-filling principles, "it would be a different world," she said.

### A career change

Throughout her career, McCloud has switched between childhood education and marketing and advertising, including work for the Observer and Electronic newspapers, sister publications of the Novi News. At the time she first heard Lundgren speak, she knew she wanted the chance to work with kids again.

"I'm very excited," she said. "I just knew that's what I wanted to do."

She also enjoys working with Lundgren, who she said really tries to make the bucket filling strategy effective.

"It actually tries to significantly change someone," she said.

### Learning from the Bucket Man

McCloud became involved in bucket-filling when she heard a presentation in 2005 by 87-year-old Brighton resident Merrill Lundgren, who has been giving the talks since 1979. She later found out Lundgren was looking for someone to help continue his work and knew she wanted to get involved.

"I would do this work free if it is so rewarding," she said. "It really does change people's lives."

Now, Lundgren and McCloud give presentations to both adults and children. Since she came on board, the program has been expanded to include earlier grade levels, and a website, electronic

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### Don't burst his bubble...

Submitted photo  
First graders Juliana Vacca (left), and Braulio Artega (right) are wowed by the bubble-blowing skills of Zack Perlich. The three first graders were participating in the annual year-end "Camp Clifford" event at Parkview Elementary.



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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the City Clerk's Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Monday, July 10, 2006.

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 28, 2006.

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

This request will be considered at 8:30 a.m. on June 23, 2006 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Robin A. Working and must be received prior to June 23, 2006.

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## SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

### Kortlandt honored

Ongoing Novi Community School District Board of Education trustee George Kortlandt was honored at the June 15 board meeting for his 17 years of service as a board member.

Board president Bruce Bagdady praised Kortlandt's activism in the schools, his financial insights and his dedication to doing the right thing above doing the political thing.

"I have respected him for his wisdom, his sharp intellect and his concern that we keep children first," said secretary Dave Brown. "George has served so very capably."

Kortlandt was also presented with a table lamp in recognition of his service, and he received a plaque from the Oakland School Boards Association.

Superintendent Peter Dion also reported at the June 15 meeting he will present the findings of an investigation into the last school board election - in which incumbent treasurer George Kortlandt was ousted by challenger Katie Raetz - at the July 11 meeting.

Kortlandt requested the investigation at the May 18 board meeting, citing possible inappropriate distribution of election materials within schools.

Kortlandt would not comment further to the Novi News on his allegations, which were described only generally, noting that he preferred to let the administration pursue the investigation.

Dion noted at the June 15 meeting that interviews for the investigation had just been completed that day.

The district's budget for the 2006-2007 school year was balanced by using "fund equity" savings to cover a \$3.6 million deficit, Kortlandt said, and he cautioned that if the district keeps running deficits, the "fund equity" savings will only cover the gap for another two years.

Retirement and health care costs have risen, as have utility costs, Kortlandt said. He noted that the school board will need to find ways to control and cut costs, while still delivering a good value in terms of the education offered in the schools.

Budget issues are not unique to the Novi school district, Kortlandt said.

"The concern is very real throughout our state," he said.

### No cuts in school programs, but financial outlook 'tenuous'

Despite the fact that the Novi Community School District's 2006-2007 budget has been balanced with no cuts in school programs, board of education treasurer George Kortlandt termed the district's financial outlook "tenuous" in a report on the 2006-2007 budget he summarized at the board's June 15 meeting.

### Dion's contract extended

Novi Community School District superintendent Peter Dion's contract was extended for another year by the board of education. Dion was hired a year ago to a three-year contract and the board chose to add another year, meaning he is still signed for three years.

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## Role model

Senior Services Manager Rachel Zagaroli pins a flower on the shirt of George Patak, a resident of the Meadowbrook Commons, for Father's Day at the Novi Senior Center last Monday. Patak, 91, was among many fathers, mothers, daughters and sons honoring the unconditional love given to them by the male role models in their lives. Patak is a father of four.

## Hours extended for senior transportation

Seniors can now ride evenings and weekends

By Tracy Mishler  
STAFF WRITER

Helen Stevens wouldn't be able to buy groceries, visit her family or go to the doctor without senior transportation.

The 83-year-old Novi resident was happy to hear the city of Novi has extended hours for senior transportation services.

"Before I only had a few hours to fit everything in," Stevens said. "It's next to impossible to get everything done just because I'm old doesn't mean I don't have anything to do."

Stevens said with evening hours, she'd be able to visit her family for dinner more often.

"I don't expect them to come and pick me up all the time," she said. "Now I can go visit them without all the hassles."

The Novi City Council approved extended hours for the transportation program 4-9 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.

"We've had a lot of requests for evenings and Saturdays," said Rachel Zagaroli, senior services manager for the Novi Senior Center. "Because of the increase in the senior population, the hours needed to be increased."

Zagaroli said the benefits for extended hours for seniors are endless.

"This way, they can go where they want and not have to cancel appointments or worry about running out of time," she said. "If they have later doctor appointments, they don't have to constantly reschedule."

### Growing need

According to Zagaroli, the city transported about 10,000 people in 2005 and expects to transport more than 11,000 this year.

There is a \$2 fee required for one-way transportation. "I think we'll have more people using our transportation than before with the new hours," Zagaroli said. "Maybe they just want to go some place in the evening. They couldn't do that before."

The extended hours are slated to begin in July, and Zagaroli said she's excited to see the program to start and to continue to provide better services to the seniors of Novi.

"We've always tried to provide good services to our seniors," she said, "and this will just extend the established services that we already provide."

Once the extended hours begin, Zagaroli said the same rules apply.

Reservations must be made 48 hours in advance. Seniors who live in Novi can be taken anywhere they wish within the city and within a 10-mile radius outside the city for medical appointments only.

"Many seniors don't like to drive," she said. "Our transportation is an efficient and safe mode of travel. We pickup at the door and drop off at the door."

The city currently has a fleet of seven vehicles, four vans with wheelchair capabilities, two cars and a minivan.

"The city council has approved a new minivan to be put into service beginning in the summer months," Zagaroli said. "We're trying to provide our seniors the most we can. This is a great program and more seniors should take advantage of it."

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## SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

### Friday 6/23

9 a.m. Stretch and Strength  
10 a.m. Body Recall  
11 a.m. Lunch  
12:30 p.m. Dipl. Bridge  
12:45 p.m. Bingo  
2:20 p.m. Massage by appointment

### Monday 6/26

8:45 a.m. Men's Golf  
9 a.m. Stretch and Strength  
10 a.m. Body Recall  
11 a.m. Lunch  
12:30 p.m. Pinochle  
2:20 p.m. Massage by appointment  
6:30 p.m. Clogging\*

### Tuesday 6/27

8:30 a.m. Patient Read  
9 a.m. Line Dance  
10 a.m. Asian Traffic  
11 a.m.-1 p.m. Computer Lab Open House  
12:45 p.m. Lunch  
12:45 p.m. Bingo held in activities room

1:3 p.m. Dance, \$5 at the door  
2:30 p.m. Massage by appointment

### Wednesday 6/28

9 a.m. Stretch and Strength  
9:45 a.m. Women's Golf  
10 a.m. Body Recall  
11 a.m. Blood Pressure  
11 a.m. Taking Off Hands Sensibly class  
11:30 p.m. Clogging\*  
noon Lunch  
2:20 p.m. Massage by appointment

### Thursday 6/29

9 a.m. Line Dance  
9 a.m. About Golf League  
noon Lunch  
12:15 Contact Bridge\*  
1:2 p.m. Line Dance  
1:3 p.m. Computer Lab open  
2:30 p.m. Massage

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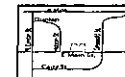
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## SIZZLIN' SHOWS

**LeAnn Rimes - Friday, July 28**

See LeAnn perform some of her greatest hits:

- How Do I Live
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**Bill Engvall - Friday, August 11**

Enjoy an evening of comedy and laughter with Bill. His "Here's Your Sign" signature routine and Blue Collar Comedy Tour has garnered national attention.

Tickets on sale at the Skyline Gift Shop at Casino Windsor or any Ticketmaster Outlet. Visit www.ticketmaster.ca or call 1-800-345-8805. Club members who purchase tickets at the Gift Shop receive \$10 off the ticket price! Membership \$5 free. Visit the Players' Prestige Booth to join. Doors open at 6 p.m., shows begin at 9 p.m.

## Cool Tips for Hot-Weather Hairstyles



By Lisa Bashor,  
Master Hair Designer

The sun is blazing hot and the air is as thick as a steam bath. You step outside and a few minutes later, your hair is in total rebellion. What can you do when the heat and humidity send your hairstyle on vacation? Each summer, I give my clients quick, style-savvy tips to end their summer hair woes, and I'd like to share a few of my secrets with you. Whether your hair is short or long, curly or straight, here's how to keep it in superstar fashion, even on the sultriest days!

For short hair, the

right products work wonders. Whether your hair is wavy or stick-straight, a mix of sculpting gel and straightening serum will save your summertime style. (At our salon, we recommend Goldwell Styling Gel Strong and Kerastase' Soleil Straightening Serum.) Start with a dime-sized amount of gel, add one or two pumps of straightening serum, and rub between your palms. Apply to damp hair, starting close to the scalp and working your way to the ends. Short hair loves gel, and the straightening serum will prevent even fine hair from wilting in the humidity. On thicker, curly hair, humidity has the opposite effect, turning gentle waves into unruly frizz. The serum/gel combination shields your hair from moisture, which tames the flyaways and makes your hair easier to manage.

For medium-length hair, try twirling. Humidity can work to your advantage, giving your hair extra movement and bounce. Loose waves look great this summer, and they're literally at your fingertips. After a shampoo and rinse, part your damp hair in one-inch square sections and apply a curl enhancing product (we use AG Recoil or Kerastase' Elasto-Curl). Twirl your hair around your finger in the direction it naturally wants to go. Let the curls set for 10 minutes. When your hair is dry, gently "comb" your hair with your fingers to loosen the curls and finish the look.

For long hair, wear a runway-inspired ponytail. Have fun this summer with a fashion-inspired take on the timeless ponytail. One of my favorites is the "Faux Hawk," which combines a teased front with a sleek ponytail in the

back. For this high-fashion style, section off the hair at your temples with bobby pins and pull back the rest of your hair into a smooth ponytail. Then pull the hair at your temples straight up, tease it to your desired height, and hold it in place with bobby pins.

Accessories are big this summer, and here are a few of the hottest new looks:

Accent straight hair with a wide headband for a Jackie O look. For naturally straight hair, I love the look of chic thick headbands (at least two inches wide) this season. For extra bounce, use a clarifying shampoo (such as AG Renew), which won't add extra weight to your hair. Blow dry your hair upside down to add body, put the headband in a comfortable spot, and secure it in the back with bobby pins if you need to.

Simply classic!

Tame curly to super-curly hair with vintage-style hair combs. Vintage hair combs add a distinct individuality to your look, and they're great for summer because you can wear them instead of jewelry. Shop for hair combs in hair specialty boutiques and vintage clothing stores. For this look, leave your hair full and curly. Slide in a comb at your temples, smoothing a section of your hair back behind your ear. For super-curly hair, use a detangling product (we recommend Kerastase Voile Protecteur) after shampooing to relax the curls and make your hair more manageable.

Add length, volume, texture, and creative color schemes to your summer style with human hair extensions. They're a terrific solution if you want to go instantly

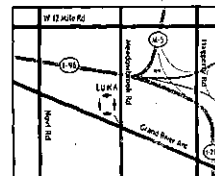
from short to long and they add splashes of color that won't fade in the summer sun. We also offer "clip-on" hair extensions from Ken Paves (Jessica Simpson's hair stylist) that work seamlessly into your hair, adding texture and enhancing color.

Lisa Bashor, a Master Hair Designer at Luna Studio in Novi, Michigan, was trained at the International Design Center in Baltimore, Maryland, and abroad. To receive a complimentary hair consultation with Lisa, please call 248-692-LUNA (5862). For a limited time, she is offering a complimentary Kerastase In-Salon Ritual Treatment with any hair color or design service.

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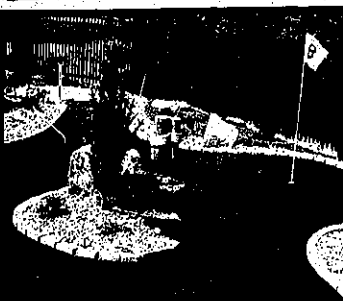


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# CALENDAR

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## EVENTS

### Parks and Recreation Summer Camps

CONTACT: (248) 347-0400 or visit www.ci.nov.mi.us  
**Camp Lakeshore**  
 DATE: Weeklies now through Aug. 18  
 TIME: 9:15 a.m.-4 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Walled Lake, South Lake Drive  
 DETAILS: This camp is for ages 6-12. It will include field trips, games, sports, swimming, art projects and entertainment. The cost is \$15 per week for residents; non-resident fees apply. Registration is required.  
**Road Warriors Camp**  
 DATE: July 10-14, 17-21 and Aug. 7-11  
 DETAILS: This will include ropes courses, climbing, swimming and canoeing. It is for ages 12-15. Registration is required.

### Blood Drive

DATE: Monday, June 26  
 TIME: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Southeastern Oakland Cable Commission, 3309 Nine Mile Road, Farmington  
 DETAILS: Appointments may be made but are not required. Walk-ins welcome.  
 CONTACT: (248) 473-2800

### "Single Place Ministry" Concert/Picnic

DATE: Thursday, June 29  
 TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
 LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main St.  
 DETAILS: This event includes a picnic and "songs of summer" concert. The cost is \$9 for picnic/concert and \$5 for concert only. Reservations deadline is noon, June 29.  
 CONTACT: (248) 349-0911

### Borders-Novl Event

Author Appearance  
 DATE: Tuesday, July 11  
 TIME: 7 p.m.  
 LOCATION: 43075 Cresskill Boulevard  
 DETAILS: Author L.A. Banks will be reading, discussing and signing her new book, "The Persuader"

### Gardening Adventure

DATE: Saturday, July 15  
 TIME: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
 DETAIL: This event is sponsored by the Gardeners of Northville and Novi Club.

Tickets are \$10. They are available at Gardavics, 202 W. Main St., WaterWheel Health Club, 235 E. Main St. and online at www.gardenernorthville.com. Registration is required.  
 CONTACT: (248) 348-1946

### Novi Band Car Wash

DATE: Saturday, July 15  
 TIME: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 Ten Mile Road, west of Meadowbrook Road  
 DETAILS: Donations raised will support the Novi High School Band.  
 CONTACT: Patti Kocystan, (248) 348-5135

### Novi Theaters "Senior Variety Show"

DATE: Tuesday, July 11  
 TIME: 7 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
 CONTACT: (248) 347-0400, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

### Farmers Market

DATE: Thursday through Oct. 26  
 TIME: 8 a.m.-3 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Northville  
 DETAILS: There are 190 stalls of fresh produce, plants, flowers, baked goods, garden art, crafts and home accessories available. This is sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce and Preswick Estates of Northville. HHS Golf Club.  
 CONTACT: (248) 349-7640

### Second City Comedy Club

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday, 8 and 10 p.m. Friday, 7 and 9 p.m. Saturday  
 LOCATION: 42795 Grand River Avenue, across from Novi Town Center  
 DETAILS: "Bubble Heads of Stone" is the theme for this month's shows. Tickets are \$15 on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday and \$20 on Friday and Saturday.  
 CONTACT: Visit www.ticketmaster.com or call, (248) 645-6666

## SCHOOL/GOVERNMENT

### Wixom City Council

DATE: Tuesday  
 TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Wixom City Hall, 40045 Pontiac Trail  
 CONTACT: (248) 624-4557

### Novi City Council Meeting

DATE: Monday, July 10  
 TIME: 7 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
 CONTACT: (248) 344-0470

### Novi School Board Meeting

DATE: Thursday, July 11  
 TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 25345 Taff Road  
 CONTACT: (248) 449-1200

### Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, July 11  
 TIME: 7 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
 CONTACT: (248) 349-0410

### Novi Schools

First day of 2006-2007 school year  
 DATE: Monday, Aug. 28

## BUSINESS

### Oakland Chamber Network Business Card Exchange/Health Fair

DATE: Wednesday  
 TIME: 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Club Venetian, 29310 John R. Madison Heights  
 CONTACT: Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce at (248) 624-2826

### Females in the Family Business Affinity Group

TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. Third Thursday of every month  
 LOCATION: Walsh College, Troy Campus  
 DETAILS: Walsh Business Leadership Institute invites women who own, are partners in, or work for family businesses. Issues discussed will be current issues and share solutions in a non-threatening, non-competitive, non-sales roundtable. Registration is required.  
 CONTACT: Jan Hubbard, email: jhubbard@walshcollege.edu

## GOLF OUTINGS

### Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing

DATE: Wednesday, July 12  
 TIME: 9 a.m., registration; 10 a.m. Shotgun start  
 LOCATION: Links of Novi, 50395 W. 10 Mile Road  
 DETAILS: The cost is \$125 per golfer including breakfast, lunch, snack, dinner and silent auction. Proceeds will benefit Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.  
 CONTACT: (248) 561-5055 or visit www.noviparks.org

### Novi Chamber of Commerce Tec-O-Golf Outing

DATE: Wednesday, August 9  
 LOCATION: Moose Ridge Golf Course, 11801 Doane Road, South Lyon  
 DETAILS: This outing will include sponsorship opportunities, prizes, networking and championship caliber golf.  
 CONTACT: (248) 349-3743

### Novi Lions Club Golf Outing

DATE: Thursday, July 13  
 TIME: 9 a.m. Shotgun start  
 LOCATION: Links of Novi, 50395 W. 10 Mile Road  
 DETAILS: Individuals and businesses are needed in participation as sponsors, golfers or to provide gifts or gift certificates as prizes to the attendees, or donate items for the "Silent Auction." All proceeds will be given to local charities.  
 CONTACT: Jerry Conner, (248) 348-0831 or Terri D. Taylor, (248) 755-2384

### Providence Center for the Healing Arts

LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi  
 CONTACT: (248) 465-5455  
**House/Camp Day**  
 DATE: Friday, July 14  
 TIME: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
 DETAILS: This is a day of confidential and personal exploration designed to provide valuable tools, information and a new perspective on healthier living. The cost is \$50 and include materials and lunch. Registration is required.  
**Colorful Pencil Workshop**  
 TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., second Tuesday of every month  
 DETAILS: This is a free class. Artist in Residence  
 TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a.m. first and third Thursday of every month  
 DETAILS: Join Artist-in-Residence Mary Orens and experiment with drawing, pastels, watercolor, Chinese brush painting, mixed media and collage. Beginners are welcome, there is no materials fee.  
**Ceramics Class**  
 TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 1-5 p.m. Wednesday  
 DETAILS: There is a \$10 materials fee.  
**Art Class**  
 TIME/DATE: 12:15-1 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

### Novi Wildcats Boys Basketball Golf Scramble

DATE: Saturday, July 15  
 LOCATION: Tanglewood Golf Course, 53503 West 10 Mile Road, South Lyon  
 DETAILS: This event includes lunch, a raffle and prizes.  
 CONTACT: Dave Crandell, (248) 380-3148 or Doug Reichley, (248) 380-3921

### Novi High School Band Golf Outing

DATE: Sunday, July 30  
 TIME: noon, tee-off  
 LOCATION: Tanglewood Golf Course, 53503 10 Mile Road, Lyon Township  
 DETAILS: The cost is \$100 per golfer (includes dinner and \$35 for dinner only). There will be prizes and a raffle. Golfers and donations are needed.  
 CONTACT: Darrin Kochyan, (248) 348-5135

### Novi Parks Foundation Golf Outing

DATE: Thursday, July 27  
 TIME: 9 a.m. Shotgun start  
 LOCATION: Links of Novi, 50395 W. 10 Mile Road  
 DETAILS: The cost is \$125 per golfer including breakfast, lunch, snack, dinner and silent auction. Proceeds will benefit Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.  
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### Yoga Class

DATE: Thursday, Aug. 3  
 TIME: 10 a.m., shotgun start  
 LOCATION: Links of Novi, 50395 W. 10 Mile Road  
 DETAILS: The cost is \$125 per golfer including breakfast, lunch, snack, dinner and silent auction. Proceeds will benefit Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.  
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DATE: Thursday, Aug. 3  
 TIME: 10 a.m., shotgun start  
 LOCATION: Links of Novi, 50395 W. 10 Mile Road  
 DETAILS: The cost is \$125 per golfer including breakfast, lunch, snack, dinner and silent auction. Proceeds will benefit Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.  
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### Line Dancing

DATE: Monday and Friday, ongoing  
 TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermediate  
 LOCATION: Novi Ice Arena, 42400 Arena Drive  
 DETAILS: No partner needed for lessons in this pay-as-you-go program. Cost is \$5 for Novi residents and for those ages 55 and up; \$6 for non-residents.  
 CONTACT: (248) 348-9116

## CLASSES

### Drop-In Story Time (ages 4 and up)

DATE: Thursday, June 29  
 TIME: 10:30 a.m.  
 DETAILS: Kids ages 4 and up are invited to join us for 30 minutes of stories and fun. No registration.  
 CONTACT: (248) 349-0720

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DATE: Wednesday, July 5  
 TIME: 1 p.m.  
 DETAILS: This class includes fun with instruments, sounds, songs and laughter. It is for ages 4 and up. No registration is required.  
 CONTACT: (248) 349-0720

### Drop-In Story Time (ages 4 and up)

DATE: Wednesday, July 19  
 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.

### Drop-In Story Time (ages 4 and up)

DATE: Monday and Wednesday through Aug. 2  
 TIME: 12:30-1:15 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Riley Park, Common Street and Sims Park, Walled Lake  
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 DETAILS: This is for fifth grade students and up. Bring a pre-washed, 100 percent cotton item to dye. The cost is \$2 for materials fee. Registration is required.

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DATE: Tuesday  
 TIME: 3 p.m., ages 5-6; 2 p.m., ages 7 and up  
 DETAILS: Get creative with one of our craft projects. There is a \$2 materials fee for each 40-minute program. Registration is not required.

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DATE: Friday  
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 DETAILS: This is for ages 1-3 and includes stories and fun activities. No registration is required.

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 DETAILS: This is designed for preschool through third grade students. It will include crafts, games, puppets and songs. Participants are invited to bring a picnic lunch and chair or blanket. No registration is required.

### Drop-In Story Time (ages 4 and up)

DATE: Monday and Wednesday through Aug. 2  
 TIME: 12:30-1:15 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Riley Park, Common Street and Sims Park, Walled Lake  
 DETAILS: This is designed for preschool through third grade students. It will include crafts, games, puppets and songs. Participants are invited to bring a picnic lunch and chair or blanket. No registration is required.

### Drop-In Story Time (ages 4 and up)

DATE: Friday  
 TIME: 10:30 a.m.  
 DETAILS: This is for ages 1-3 and includes stories and fun activities. No registration is required.

### Drop-In Story Time (ages 4 and up)


DATE: Monday  
 TIME: 1 p.m.  
 DETAILS: This is for fifth grade students and up. Bring a pre-washed, 100 percent cotton item to dye. The cost is \$2 for materials fee. Registration is required.

### Drop-In Story Time (ages 4 and up)

DATE: Tuesday  
 TIME: 3 p.m., ages 5-6; 2 p.m., ages 7 and up  
 DETAILS: Get creative with one of our craft projects. There is a \$2 materials fee for each 40-minute program. Registration is not required.


### Drop-In Story Time (ages 4 and up)

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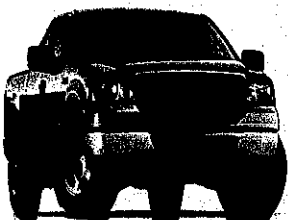


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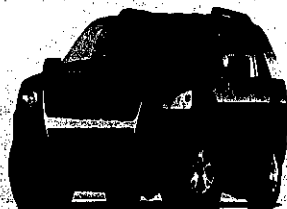


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### WILDCATS REPEAT STATE CHAMPIONS



Photos by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

The Novi Wildcats hoist their state title trophy in soccer for the second time in a row last Saturday afternoon at Troy High School after beating Baseline rival Northville 3-1.



Novi's Coach Brian O'Leary holds up the Wildcats' first place trophy.



Novi Wildcats pour off the bench in and on to the field in celebration as the game ends and their second straight soccer title is sealed.

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The 17th green at Downing Farms demands a precise approach shot, like many of the greens on the course.



Lush natural surroundings give Downing Farms a Northern Michigan-esque feel.

## Local Favorite

Downing Farms offers up-north feel

By John Mueller  
SPORTS WRITER

Downing Farms Golf Course, which offers 18 interesting holes of golf and a northern Michigan-esque feel with its lush and underdeveloped surroundings.

The layout was designed by Harry Bowers (who has also designed Drummond Island's The Rock and Grand Blanc's Captain's Club, among other courses) and started off as a nine-hole course in 1992. Construction on the second nine holes was started in 1996.

Now an established 18-hole treat for local golfers, the course is owned by James Junior, his brother Charles (who was involved in much of the course's original design work) and their mother Mary Lou, and the layout that James Senior once envisioned is now a reality.

What makes Downing Farms stand out? For one thing, it's not your typical kind of course that requires only a driver off the tee and a mid-iron to reach the green.

Downing Farms demands a little more.

"I think the challenge with this course is that you pretty much have to use all of your clubs," James said.

Indeed, the tree-lined fairways, creative placement of sand bunkers and undulating kidney-shaped greens require some creative shot-making for anyone who wants to finish around par.

While the course's total yardage of 5,866 from the men's tees doesn't qualify it as a particularly long layout, there's plenty of challenges along the way. The first nine consists of four par fours — three of which are shorter than 300 yards — as well as a pair of par 5s and three par 3s, and water comes into play on six of these holes.

The course's signature hole, the 125-yard par-3 sixth, is truly something special.

Although short in length, requiring a short iron from most golfers — the pond that fronts the green and the right side of the playing area adds an element of intimidation as you line up your tee shot.

The hole was voted the third-prettiest public-course hole in the state by the Detroit News in the summer of 2003.

The back nine consists of five par 4s (only two of which exceed 300 yards in length), a pair of par 3s and one par 5. One of the greatest stretches of holes in the area starts on No. 15 and concludes on the last hole; you can call it Salem's very own Amen Corner.

"I think the challenge with this course is that you pretty much have to use all of your clubs."

James Downing  
Co-owner of Downing Farms Golf Course



The 90-yard par-3 15th hole requires a blind shot onto a green that slopes severely away from the tee and toward a marsh. Only the most crisply-struck of shots will hold the green; otherwise, you're apt to wind up in the wet stuff.

The 289-yard 16th hole, though not lengthy, requires some careful tee-shot placement as a portion of lake slices into the fairway about halfway to the green.

The 17th hole, the course's "Peninsula Hole," is another short-yet-dangerous par 4 (only 242 yards), starting off with a near-90-degree dog-leg off the tee that bends to the right.

Once you're past the bend, you have to contend with the threatening presence of more water on the entire left side of the playing area leading into the green.

It's a picturesque view as you line up your approach shot, but keep the following in mind: it's better to go right than left (and wet).

The journey concludes with the 187-yard par-4 18th hole, where more water awaits up by the green.

Though many golfers will be tempted to go for the

green in two shots, clearing the water which separates fairway from green is a daunting task. A prudent lay-up shot might end up being the difference between a par or a bogie and a higher number.

In short, the course keeps you thinking and keeps you on your toes.

"We try to make it the best we can," James Junior said. And this is why Downing Farms is a genuinely satisfying course to play, whether you're a beginner or a more accomplished golfer.

Take heed, though — make sure you don't leave any of your clubs at home.

Chances are, you'll need every one of them.

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Downing Farms Golf Course



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The treacherous 15th hole, a 90-yard par 3, features a green that slopes severely away from the tee area and toward the marsh pictured here in the background.

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## GUEST COLUMN



Curt Ellis

## 97 days in the making

On March 13, 2006, 21 young ladies from Novi joined almost 10,000 other girls from Michigan in their quest for an MHSAA State Championship in soccer. As the Wildcats took the field at 2:30 p.m. this past Saturday, 97 days later, much had transpired on and off the field.

On the field the girls have accomplished some amazing feats. The 2005 Michigan Ms. Soccer, Kristi Timar (Michigan State University, graduated and yet once again our team led the area in scoring. Our goalkeeper, Kelly Herbst (Grand Valley State University, graduated and was replaced by a ninth grader who promptly led the area in shutouts (16 total, which is tied for 12th best in a single season). The Wildcats had gone an incredible 47 straight games without a defeat and won an amazing 95 percent of their games over the past three seasons!

In addition to their soccer exploits, these girls have contributed to our athletics program in other ways as well. At least nine of the girls play more than one sport with eight playing basketball in the fall and another four playing volleyball in the winter. These girls have been proof positive that one can succeed at the very highest levels possible while playing multiple high school sports.

In addition to success at the high school level, many former Wildcats are playing collegiate soccer. Previous graduates Maureen Pawlak and Kristi Timar are currently attending the pitch at Michigan State University. This season, seniors Kellie and Katie Walker signed National Letters of Intent to Western Kentucky University while classmate Lauren Marchioni signed a National Letter of Intent with John Carroll University. Juniors who have already verbally committed to play at the next level include Jessica Barnit (James Madison University), Kristine Chalkos (Vanderbilt University), Stephanie Crawford (University of Michigan), Emily Estrook (Ohio State University) and Stephanie Janssens (Eastern Michigan University).

Finally, as if to prove that scholarship applies to achievement in the classroom in addition to a promise to play at the next level, five of our 21 players have achieved cumulative GPAs of 4.0 and an additional 12 have cumulative GPAs between 3.5 and 4.0. The remaining four girls all have cumulative GPAs of 3.0 and higher. Clearly the notion of "student-athlete" is taken seriously among the Wildcats girls soccer players!

As the final horns signaled the start of another celebration — the crowning of "back-to-back" MHSAA Division I girls soccer champions — head coach Brian O'Leary became the first coach in MHSAA girls soccer history to lead his team to back-to-back Division I Championships. In doing so, he becomes one of a very few coaches in Michigan history to lead a team to both a boys and a girls state championship in the same sport!

Mission accomplished!!

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Photo by SAM EGGLESTON/Novi News

Northville's Kristen Engstrom (left) meets Novi's Jenna Carosio just as she slides in an attempt to kick the ball on goal.

# UNTOUCHABLE!

## Wildcats stay undefeated, win second-straight title

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Smiles spread like wildfire on the Novi Wildcats girls soccer team's sidelines as the announcer at Troy High School started to count down the remaining seconds in the state championship game last Saturday.

When the clock finally hit zero, Novi had earned its second-straight Division I state title with a 3-1 victory over cross-town rival Northville.

"They kept it as close as possible," said Novi forward Stephanie Janssens. "Either one of us could have won this game. I was so happy when that buzzer went off and the time was down to zero."

Janssens was indeed happy as tears of joy streamed down her cheeks as she accepted her individual medal.

"Great job, Novi!" barked Northville coach Ron Metzger after accepting the state runner-up trophy.

**Crawford strikes thrice**  
The Wildcats took a 1-0 lead early in the game when Stephanie Crawford fired a shot on goal that rebounded out to a waiting defender. Crawford fought for the ball, claimed possession and fired another shot at the net. This time the ball hit the crossbar, shot downward and hit starting goalie Liz Watz in the back before rolling into the net for the goal.

"It wasn't pretty," said Crawford, who scored all of Novi's goals. "But I'll take it."

"It just feels really good to have played our rivals in a really tough game and win. My teammates were just amazing out there. They played outstanding!"

Novi struck again just minutes later when the Northville defense crowded to the right side of the field in pursuit of sophomore Jamie Fruto. Fruto sent a team to back-to-back Division I Championships. In doing so, he becomes one of a very few coaches in Michigan history to lead a team to both a boys and a girls state championship in the same sport!

Mission accomplished!!

Northville exchanged goalies, opting for the experience of senior Katie Wackel, who won the state championship in 2004. But it was the Wildcats who found another ally going in their favor when Crawford headed in a goal just minutes into the second half.

"We can do it, Mustangs!" Wackel yelled from her position between the posts in an attempt to fire her team up.

Northville did struggle, scoring on a kick by senior All-State midfielder Lindsey Blair to cut the Novi lead to 3-1 with 28 minutes left in the game, but it was all the team could muster. Wackel went down with a knee injury and was replaced by sophomore Julie Blaszak, who didn't allow another goal.

"It was pretty exciting, until we lost," Blair said after the game. "We all wanted to win and all of us played our heart out. In the end, they beat us."

**Tell-tale statistics**

The Wildcats knew going into the finals they had to stop Northville's All-State Dream Team forwards Dani Toney and Lauren Hill if they wanted to win. The plan was simple: Double team them any time they entered the offensive zone and keep them from getting a good look at the goal.

The plan worked. The defense of Lauren Marchioni, Kristine Chalkos, Katie Chalkos and Jessica Barnit shut down the Northville offense.

"The stats really showed how well Novi defended us," Metzger said. "Lauren Hill and Dani Toney had no shots on goal. Lindsey Blair had three."

Freshman Wildcat goalkeeper Erin Zerco, who racked up 16 shutouts this season, said having Novi's defense is any goalie's dream.

"I thought I was going to get a lot more work because of Hill and Toney," Zerco said. "My defense is outstanding. They didn't let them get anything and that definitely made my job a lot easier."

Novi and Northville had six and five shots on goal, respectively, but the Wildcats had six corner kicks to the Mustangs' two.

Metzger said his team was just on the wrong end of a couple of bad breaks. "If that ball had rolled outside of the (crossbar) instead of inside, it would have been an entirely different game," he said. "When they scored in the first 10 minutes, that made all the difference."



Photo by SAM EGGLESTON/Novi News

Novi midfielder Emily Esbrook works the ball with Northville's Camille Jurca at her back.

Novi coach Brian O'Leary, who was selected as the Coach of the Year for the second-straight season, said Northville brought the competitive aggressiveness and undaunted and climbed to 24-0 and will graduate just four players, including All-State midfielders Kellie and Katie Walker and defensive standout Lauren Marchioni.

"The two best teams in the state played today," he said. "We won. But that doesn't mean that if we played them again tomorrow that they wouldn't be the one who wins. That's how good both of these teams are."

Northville finished with a 21-3 record. Sam Eggleston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@gannett.com.





## Wildcats graduate four this season

Marchioni, Walker twins and Troher depart in '06

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Parting is such sweet sorrow. It's the same for family, friends and teammates.

The Novi Wildcats soccer team, coached by Brian O'Leary, ended their season with their second straight state title. Cheers erupted. Smiles abounded.

And then, as they turned to walk away from the field of play it slowly started to sink in. Their tight-knit family would be minus four come next season.

"It's always bittersweet," O'Leary said. "It's great to see these seniors end their careers with a win."

"I've always enjoyed seeing how these players develop over the years. All four of the seniors have definitely come a long way since their freshman year."

Marchioni, a defender, and the Walker twins, who both play midfield positions, have been with O'Leary at the varsity level for all four seasons. Troher, a forward, has played three seasons with the varsity.

O'Leary said looking at the careers of his seniors he has seen them grow from inexperienced, but talented, players to leaders and role models.

"They're great influences on the younger kids," he said. "That's a big part of the process. The seniors really help get the younger kids on the right track early."

All four of the seniors who graduate from the program lead the charge to continue their careers at the collegiate level. The Walker twins, who both earned All-State status this year, will play for the Western Kentucky Hill Country this fall. Marchioni will continue her soccer career with John Carroll University.

Troher had the opportunity to play for Siena Heights University, but at press time she was leaning away from accepting the scholarship and pursuing a nursing degree instead.

All four seniors were members of the Wildcats team that won the state championship in 2005.

### He'll be back

One name that will be back on the roster next year will be coach O'Leary's.

With six seasons of girls soccer behind him and nine seasons of boys soccer under his belt, O'Leary has three soccer state titles and has seen plenty of soccer talent come and go.

But O'Leary, who was selected as coach of the year again this season, doesn't preach state titles or championships. He preaches — and teaches — life lessons.

And O'Leary isn't ready to hang up his whistle yet.

"I'm a firm believer in the whole education process," he said. "I think coaches should be teachers and teachers should be coaches."

"So much that we talk about in practice are life things as opposed to winning soccer games."

O'Leary said he hopes his assistant, Mike McShane, returns next year, too. McShane, an Eastern Michigan graduate with a teaching degree, is currently looking for a full-time teaching position.

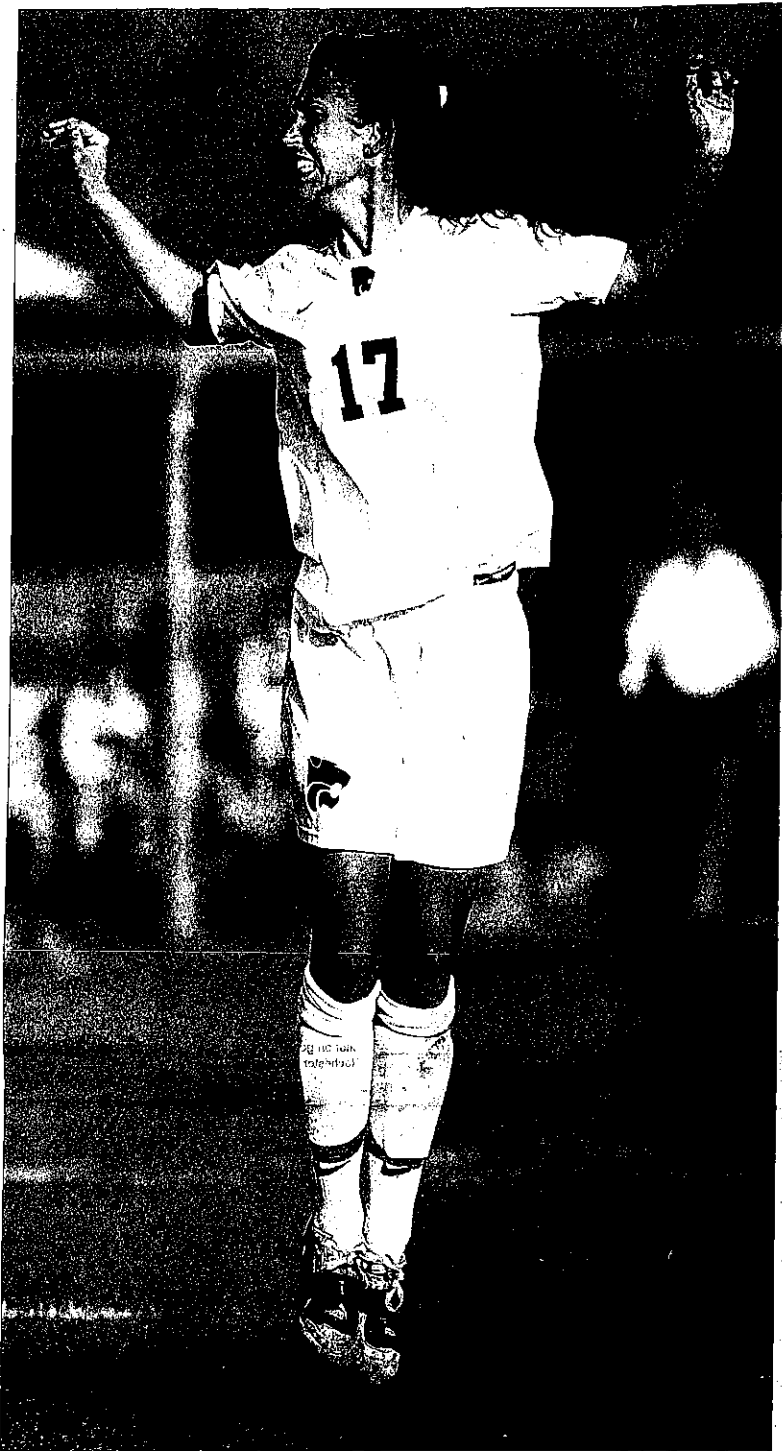
O'Leary said in all his years coaching, he's never met someone with the same exact ideals as he has besides McShane.

"I've always been, in the past, very reserved about who I let into my (life) world," O'Leary said. "I don't really trust other people's opinions and am usually really reluctant to let people in. Mike has just been a blessing though. I really enjoy having him around."

McShane knows O'Leary well, having played for him from 1995-97, just prior to the state championship in 1998.

O'Leary expects his other assistant, Chris Capasso, to be back next year. Capasso is a teacher at Novi High School.

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Stephanie Crawford reacts as a shot on goal misses its mark late in the second half against Rochester in the regional final game. Photo by SAM EGGLESTON/Novi News

# All roads lead to Troy

## Novi edges upstart Rochester Adams, 1-0, to advance

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Sometimes the best defense is a darn good offense.

The Novi Wildcats soccer team slipped down the upstart Rochester Adams Highlanders last Wednesday, 1-0, in a state semifinal game to advance to the state championship against Northville in Troy.

Novi climbed to 23-0 on the year with the victory. Rochester Adams fell to 14-5-5.

In a game that started nearly 40 minutes late due to the Wildcats' bus getting lost en route to the playoff site at Stoney Creek High School in Rochester Hills, Novi faced their most unique defensive opponents to date.

The Highlanders started the game playing just one player forward and the five packed back at defense and four at the midfield. The result was every kick the Wildcats managed bounced off someone.

"Because they had so many players back clogging the middle, it was difficult for us to score," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. The Wildcats headed into the half with seven shots on goal but a 0-0 score to show for it.

It was until 10 minutes were off the clock in the second half that lightning finally struck.

Stephanie Janssens, a junior forward, took a quick throw-in to Katie Walker, who quickly fired a pass across the box where her sister, Kellie, knocked it in for the game-winning score.

Surprisingly, the Highlanders didn't change out of their one-forward formation until the last five minutes of the game when they began moving players into a more offensive-minded position.

"Needless to say, we had a huge advantage in possession, probably 75-25 percent," O'Leary said.

Novi had several more chances on goal, including two near-breakaway plays that the Adams' goalie made huge stops on.

Adams had some chances of their own with long throw-ins late in the game, but freshman Erin Zerito came out and grabbed some loose balls to preserve the win and the berth to the championship game.

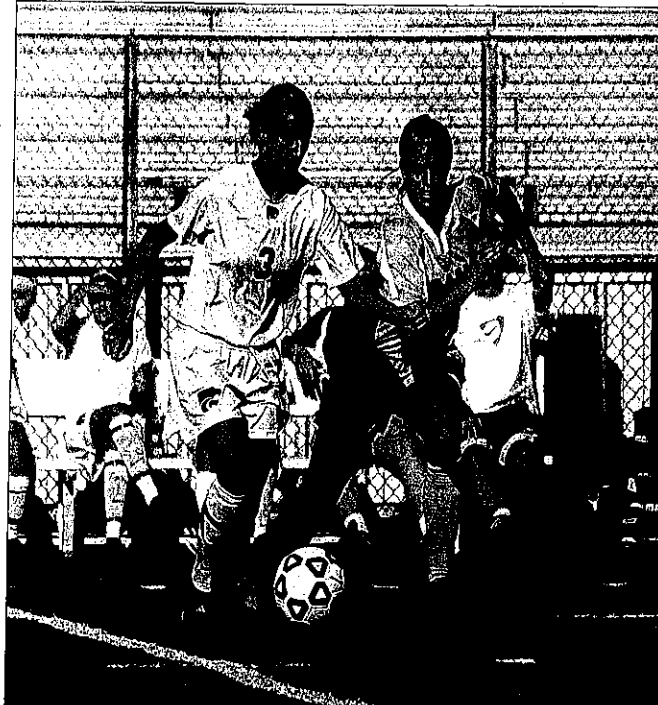
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Kellie Walker (right) advances the ball against Rochester Adams. Photo by BARBARA HERBST

# Well done, Wildcats!

## Novi stays undefeated for two seasons, earns two titles



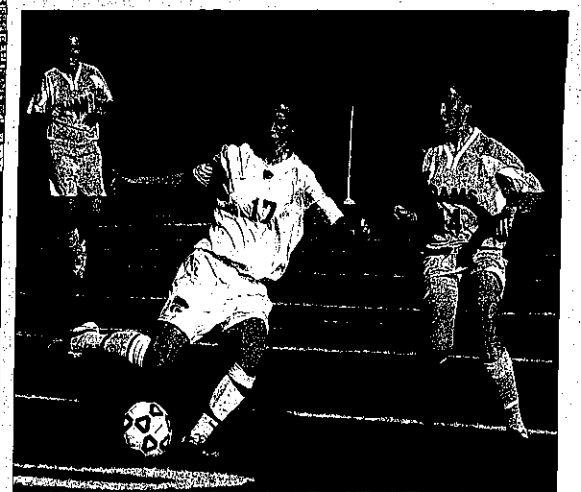
Emily Esbrook (right) works the ball against an Adams midfielder during the state semi-final game. Esbrook, a junior, was selected this season as a member of the All-State Dream Team for her second year.



Jessica Berndt (left) goes up for a header with teammate Kellie Walker in last week's state semi-final contest against Rochester Adams Highlanders. Novi won, 1-0.



LEFT: Senior forward Lauren Troher, a three-year member of the varsity soccer team, fires a shot on goal against the Rochester Adams Highlanders.



Stephanie Crawford passes the ball through the Adams defense.

Photos by BARBARA HERBST

# Should finals be played in evening hours?

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Sweat dripped off Novi forward Stephanie Janssens' forehead as she sagged onto the bench with two cups of water in her hands. Her white jersey clung to her thanks to the sweat that gushed out of her pores and soaked into the material.

"God, it's hot," one of the MHSAA representatives said as they walked behind the Novi bench.

That was an understatement. Temperatures spiked at 92 degrees around 2:30 p.m. at Troy High School last Saturday for the state championship soccer game between the Northville Mustangs and Novi Wildcats. That was off the field.

The beauty of artificial turf is it makes players faster, doesn't require regular maintenance and is easy to take a fall on. The ugly side of it is the fact that it's anywhere from 15-20 degrees hotter on the playing surface.

"It was deadly," said Northville coach Ron Metzger. "At 113 degrees, a player loses more than just water, they lose electrolytes and that helps them make important decisions."

The Wildcats and the Mustangs did their best to come prepared. Electrolyte-rich Gatorade was everywhere on the sidelines, along with ice, water and even wet towels and a mist-producing fan.

Novi had a slight advantage of wearing the light colors of their home jersey — white — while Northville was stuck in black.

Metzger said he had considered

ordering orange jerseys as a last-minute change in case of such sweltering conditions but didn't alter the girls on the team behind their objections.

But the question that remains is why a state championship soccer game is being played at noon — like the Division IV game prior to the Northville-Novu showdown at 2:30 p.m.

Nearly every soccer game throughout the season is played anywhere from 5-7 p.m. Even the state tournament games, like the semifinals held Wednesday last week, are held at 6-6:30 p.m.

Is it because of newspaper deadlines or to appease MHSAA officials?

It shouldn't matter who it appeases. What matters is the welfare of the kids playing the games.

"We came very, very prepared," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "We didn't want any of these kids getting dehydrated. We brought everything we could to make sure that didn't happen."

Fans sitting under umbrellas and shading their eyes from the intense sunlight while sitting on metal bleachers would have probably preferred a later start time as well. Most didn't complain, but there were few hands without some kind of drink being held.

White coaches were quick to get on the players coming off the field about getting drinks and cooling off, some players just aren't aware of the complexity of the situation when their minds are focused on the game at hand — especially a game with so much clout.

"But the state shouldn't be ignoring

the biology of it," Metzger said. "This isn't a game that should be played in the middle of the day."

And Metzger wasn't just concerned because his team, in the dark away jerseys, lost the game, 3-1. It was a concern he brought up two years ago when Northville beat Grand Blanc for the state title and it was his team wearing white. He even mentioned it before his game when Hackett defeated Ana Arbor Greenhills, wearing dark blue, for the Division IV title.

"It's not about winning or losing," he said. "This is a concern the state should be considering. It can be dangerous and it needs to be looked at."

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# 'CATS GET FOUR

## Novi earns four state selections

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Novi coach Brian O'Leary and his Northville counterpart, Ron Metzger, both stated they believed the best talent in the state played each other in the state final game last Saturday.

"They were right," O'Leary said. "The Northville Mustangs, runner-up in Division I behind Novi, earned six All-State spots while the Novi Wildcats had four. Both teams had two players earn All-State Dream Team honors."

"These are some of the best players in the state," O'Leary said after the final game last Saturday. "It was a great game played by some very talented athletes."

While Novi prevailed, 3-1, to win their second-straight title, they didn't fare as well as Northville when it came to All-State nods.

Earning the most votes in Division I was midfielder Emily Esbrook, Esbrook, a junior, took second in the tally for Miss Soccer (the second round repeats as a member of the All-State Dream Team and First Team All-State. She had 10 goals and 12 assists this season.

"Emily Esbrook is the best midfielder in the state," O'Leary said. "She controls the flow of play better than any player I have seen in my 15 years of high school soccer, boy or girl."

"She is the reason we are able to play the style that we do. When she has the ball we can go into all out attack mode because she never trusts it over and she is such an excellent passer."

Junior Stephanie Crawford repeated as an All-State selection and this year earned All-State Dream Team honors and a First Team nod. She was the leading scorer for Novi this year, collecting 47 goals and 15 assists to increase her career totals to 103 goals and 40 assists. Her season goals is 10th most in Michigan history for a single season and her total points, (62) is eighth in a single year. Her career totals, with a year left to play, puts her at 21st for most goals.

"Stephanie Crawford is a pure goal scorer," O'Leary noted. "She continuously puts pressure on the other teams defense for the entire game. She never tires and never gets frustrated. She has a great combination of speed, fitness and power."

"She spent much of the state tournament double-teamed and getting fouled, but was still our leading scorer in the tournament. Obviously she is clutch, getting a hat trick in the state final."

The Wildcats also earned a Third Team All-State nod with senior midfielder Kellie Walker. She had three goals and 25 assists this season. Walker, who will play at Western Kentucky University next year with her twin sister, Katie, is tied for 13th for most assists ever in a single season.



Kellie Walker (left) of Novi and Northville defender Jennifer Ulmer fight for the ball.

O'Leary. "She reads the game extremely well. She has great ability to find openings in the other teams defense, when there does not appear to be any openings. She is a clutch player that plays her best in the big games."

Katie Walker, a senior outside midfielder, earned All-State Honorable Mention this year. She had 13 goals and nine assists.

"Katie Walker is a great two-way player that attacks like a forward when we have the ball and defends like a defender when the other team has the ball," said O'Leary. "She is tireless on the field. It amazes me how well she gets up and down the outside of the field without ever needing a break. If she isn't successful against her match-up at first, she eventually will be when she wears that player down."

O'Leary also earned All-State mention, crowned as the "big school" coach of the year for the second-straight season.

Across Eight Mile Road, the Northville Mustangs were also well represented in All-State voting.

Junior forward Dan Toney earned the most votes for her team and the third most votes in Division I to earn All-State First Team and All-State Dream Team honors this year. She scored 22 goals and had 19 assists this year while earning All-WLAA and National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-American selections.

Senior forward Lauren Hill also earned First Team and Dream Team nods this year while scoring 23 goals and picking up 19 assists on the year. She is the Mustangs' all-time leading scorer with 63 goals. Hill has earned All-WLAA honors for two consecutive years and was an All-American selection this year while scoring 23 goals and picking up 19 assists on the year.

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### Local All-State Selections

Player	School	Grade	Position	All-State Team
Lauren Hill	Northville	12	Forward	First and Dream Team
Dani Toney	Northville	11	Forward	First and Dream Team
Emily Esbrook	Novi	11	Midfielder	First and Dream Team
Stephanie Crawford	Novi	11	Forward	First and Dream Team
Vanessa Bailey	Northville	12	Midfielder	Second
Jennifer Ulmer	Northville	12	Defender	Third
Kellie Walker	Novi	12	Midfielder	Third
Lindsay Blair	Northville	12	Midfielder	Honorable Mention
Theresa Yankovich	Northville	10	Midfielder	Honorable Mention
Katie Walker	Novi	12	Midfielder	Honorable Mention

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# Sisterly love



Kristine Chaklos defends Northville's Dream Team forward Dani Toney. Toney was held to no shots on goal.

## Novi's Chaklos sisters have an impact on Wildcats' soccer success

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

"It's not bad enough for a team to have to face one Chaklos, think about an offense that has to face two."

Katie and Kristine Chaklos have been a thorn in the sides of Novi's soccer foes all season long and they're ready to continue to be factors all the way through the end of the season. The defense was able to showcase its talents last week when the Wildcats took on Rochester in the regional final game. Novi prevailed in a hard-fought 1-0 contest.

"We were talking about it and we said it was a lot more fun to have games like that than the blowouts," junior Kristine Chaklos said. "It was a lot more intense."

It was intense to the point that a player was being shoved to the ground on either side of the ball every few minutes. Katie Chaklos, a sophomore, did the shoving a little too close together and earned a yellow card for her efforts.

She heard the whistle blow, watched the sir make his way across the field and then lift the end in the air to signal the infraction. She just clenched her teeth and shook her head as she headed to the sidelines.

"I was so mad," she said. "I couldn't believe it. I just kept my mouth shut and inside sure not to say anything."

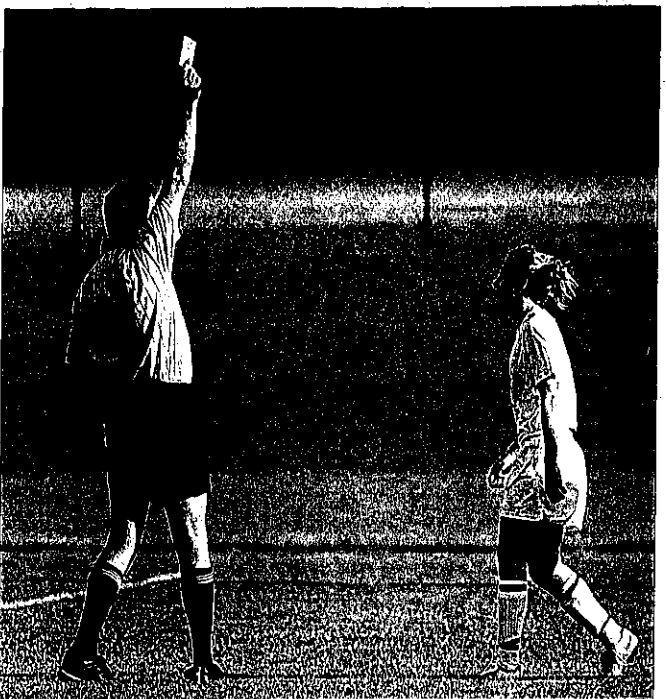
"If it weren't easy to see Katie was angry by the expression on her face, the red eyes glaring from under her furrowed brow would have told the tale.

But, then again, they're always red.

"Everyone asks me about my eyes and what's wrong with them," Katie laughed. "So many people comment about them. I just want to say I got poked in the eye or get in a fight."

The truth is, Katie wears a pair of Nike sports contacts designed to help her see better while playing outdoors. The hue of the contacts makes her eyes appear red.

Though Kristine doesn't sport the angry look, she does sport plenty of talent. The junior ver-



Katie Chaklos can only shake her head as she's awarded a yellow card for her defensive efforts against Rochester during the regional final.

bally committed herself to play for Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. Sunday night.

She said she's considering studying to become a politician.

"I always have wanted to be a doctor," she said. "But there's a lot of schooling and I'm not sure if I want to get married in that time frame or if I want to get through school."

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O'Leary said that gives the Wildcats more options in any game.

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"I like playing with my sister," Kristine said. "We might get into it, but it's a lot of fun."

And though Katie hasn't picked her future college, she said she'd consider playing with her sister again.

"It's going to be so tough when she goes away to college, and not just during soccer season," Katie said. "It'll be tough when she leaves. I wouldn't mind getting to play with her again. If I had the chance I'd like to play with her at Vanderbilt. It would be a blast."

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# Changes needed in All-State process

There's something wrong with this picture.

The Novi Wildcats, the state champions in Division I girls soccer this year, have just four players who earned All-State honors. Northville, the runner-up, has six.

The Mustangs are definitely deserving. They won their division, conference, district and regional titles and took second in the state. Five of their six All-State selections are headed to Division I colleges to continue their careers. The other is just a sophomore and will most likely earn the same opportunity.

But why is it the state champion is awarded just four players?

The problem is that the All-State soccer teams have lost their glory. This year 100 girls were selected to various All-State teams from First Team to Honorable Mention. And that's just Division I players. There are four divisions in Michigan.

The All-District and All-Region teams. Then you qualify for the final selection process. It's a process that should be streamlined and, in my opinion, removed from the hands of the coaches and given to either sports writers or non-interested parties to decide.

Each nomination should be held to a certain standard—one goal and one assist for a forward, wouldn't even get into the slush pile—and a true team should be selected.

Are you kidding? It's not very often I'm surprised in the world of high school sports. I've seen underdogs topple kings and goals bounce off the crossbar and the back of a goalie and into the net. It's all about the unexpected when it comes to sports and that's one of the things I love about it.

But, twice now the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association has managed to leave me in awe at how things are done.

Two years ago was the first time

I don't know Heyboer and I've never seen her play, but my guess is that she wouldn't hold a candle to Esbrook or the third player in the Miss Soccer voting. Novi's Stephanie Crawford, who had 47 goals and 15 assists this year.

How does it happen? According to the Coaches Association Web site, "Mr. and Miss Soccer will be chosen from the top ranked player in each division. The Mr. Soccer and Miss Soccer voting committee will consist of each divisional chairperson, an additional coach from each division appointed by the Executive Board, the All State Chair person, and the four Executive Board members. In the event that someone isn't present for the voting and there is an even number of voters, the Executive Board will vote break all ties."

It sounds official, but it obviously isn't working.

Here's how it really plays out: Since Hudsonville Unity Christian is a small school, all the small-school coaches voted for their player. Since it's out west it terms of location in Michigan, all of the western schools voted for her.

These aren't that many big schools in Michigan and there aren't very many eastern schools.

Voting for All-State and Dream Team and Miss Soccer titles is more of a political game than a scientific one. In fact, it's a joke.

Novi coach Brian O'Leary made the trek to Lansing for the All-State voting last Sunday despite it being on Father's Day and him having little kids at home. Why? Because he goes to try to keep the political keel even by casting his vote for the player who deserves it. Northville's coach Ron Metzger doesn't go. Why? Because he's well aware of the corruption and skew that has settled over the process and can no doubt find better things to do with his weekend.

This type of infraction—an injustice to all high school soccer players—deserves a nice, fat red card.

Until the Coaches Association finds a way to make the selection of the All-State teams and Miss Soccer more solidified, it's only going to remain an often-scooped, poorly-handled situation that has long been out of control. And it's just going to keep getting worse.

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## NOVI'S 12TH STARTER

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SPORTS INTERN

Most varsity soccer teams have 11 starters.

The best team in the state, however, has 12.

Sophomore Shannon Cody, while entering games 10-15 minutes into each half, contributed to Novi's second straight state championship season as if she were a member of the team's starting lineup.

"I do not even think of her as a sub," varsity coach Brian O'Leary said. "She is just as good as all of my starters."

Cody became a member of the varsity team as a freshman, playing outside and center defense. This season, she was the first substitute off of the bench for the undefeated Wildcats.

"Obviously, I'm going to work to start next year, but it doesn't bother me at all that I don't start now. I know that there are eleven people in front of me who are amazing," Cody said. "I still get to play, and

I'd rather not start on this team than start on any other team."

O'Leary said that, during the season, Cody was "the best player on the team at winning balls in the air," adding that she played her best in high-pressure situations and close games.

"When we were playing poorly against Brighton, the first time (May 3), Shannon gave us an instant spark when she went into the game and was the best player on the field that day," he said.

As one of eight underclassmen, Cody became accustomed to being one of the youngest on a team that shared a passion for the sport. She felt that strong team chemistry helped her team succeed during the state playoffs.

"Our games against Troy, Rochester, and Rochester Adams were all really tough games, and everyone played really well," she said. "I love all my teammates and coaches. Everyone's motivated and works really hard, and it's fun to win."

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Novi's Shannon Cody and Northville's Dani Toney both slide on the turf attempting to get control of the ball early during Saturday's state final.

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## NFIB UPDATE

### Cutting utility costs can boost bottom line

By Tamara E. Holmes  
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INDEPENDENT BUSINESS

Chances are, you're looking for ways to save your small business money. However, one source of savings that you may have overlooked is the cost of utilities, such as electricity, gas and water.

There are some things business owners can do without unfortunately, utilities don't fall into that category. Though many factors can affect utility rates, such as unrest in the Middle East or natural disasters that can cause prices to spike, the cost of your utility bills may not be entirely out of your control. By being proactive and following a few steps, you can help ensure you are paying as little as possible to keep your utilities running.

Check current contracts. While you may have gotten the best rates possible when you initially signed your utility contracts, they may not be the best rates today. Rates change, and sometimes those rate changes may be more favorable to the customer. However, a utility company is unlikely to call to tell you that a different plan might save you money, so making a quick phone call to see if you have the best possible plan could save you money in the long run.

Scope out the competition. You're more likely to find a better deal if your business is in an area with competing utility providers. Call different companies to see who has the best rates. If your business has more than one location, you may have more leverage if a utility provider can win the business of each location. Don't be afraid to tell your current utility provider that you're shopping around for a better rate. That may give the utility company enough incentive to offer you a better deal.

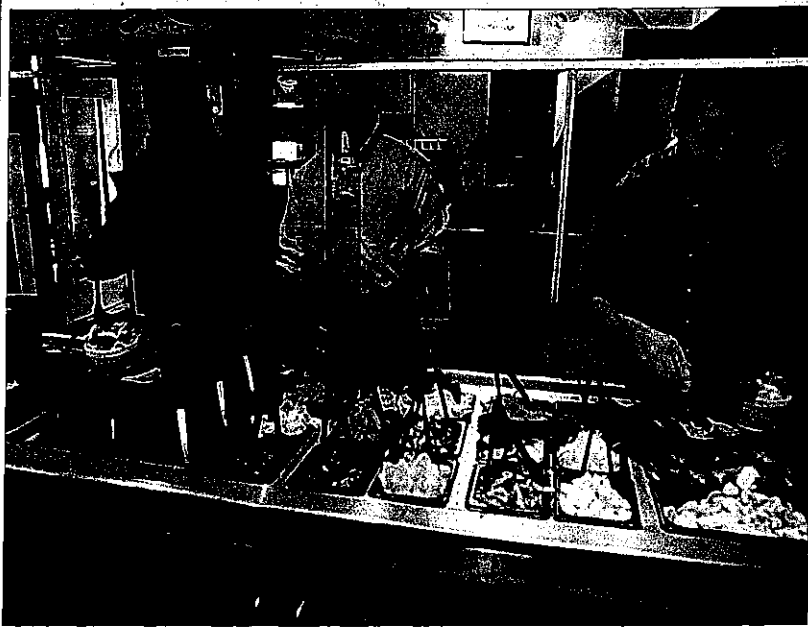
Avoid peak usage. Utility billing cycles are often broken up into peak and non-peak times. During peak times, energy is typically the most costly. By finding out from your utility provider what parts of the day are peak times, you may be able to decrease your energy consumption during those periods. For example, if you run machinery during a peak time, you may want to schedule a certain time of day, it may make sense to run that machinery during non-peak hours if you have the option.

Bid for energy. In some regions, utility companies bid for customers through reverse auctions. In such a scenario, multiple companies would submit a quote in order to win a company's business. These auctions can result in huge savings for a business.

Energy brokers and utility consultants such as Independent Energy Consultants Inc. work to help customers get the lowest bids from competing utility providers.

Be more energy efficient. Of course one of the best ways to cut energy costs is to use energy more efficiently. Spend a little more money now to enjoy great savings later. For example, times and occupancy sensors can be used to cut off or decrease lighting when areas of your business are not being used. Likewise, lighting upgrades can enable the use of energy-efficient bulbs, and insulation can be used to keep heat or cool air from escaping from the building. Also, be proactive about fixing things that will raise your utility bills such as leaks.

In all likelihood, each of your utilities is a service that your business cannot do without. But with a little forethought and effort, you can make sure you're paying as little for them as possible.



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Customers select grilling items at Sizzling Sticks Cafe, known for delicious Mongolian-style barbecue, located in downtown Northville.

## Sizzling Sticks Cafe: sizzling hot

Mongolian-style BBQ restaurant is popular alternative for healthy eaters

By Kate Phillips

SPECIAL WRITER

Sizzling Sticks Cafe is busier than ever now that it has become known as a healthy meal alternative. The Northville restaurant serves Mongolian-style BBQ that is comprised of lean meats and fresh vegetables.

It's the ideal lunch or dinner for those on low carb, low fat or low calorie diets. And it's perfect for those looking for natural whole foods.

The fun starts with make-your-own Mongolian-style BBQ. There are also specials for those that want stir fry delivered to the table effortlessly.

The excursion begins with fresh lean meats. Diners can choose from beef, chicken, lamb, pork, turkey, Polish sausage, scallops, calamari, cod or shrimp. Vegetarians can choose firm tofu.

Then there's a rainbow of fresh vegetables. Some people load up on meat with sparse vegetables, while others get a full bowl veggie.

Next comes the spices, sauces and oils that add moisture and flavor. The oils include healthy selections like sesame, garlic and olive oil.

Recipe cards can help folks create special meals like sweet and sour pork, savory turkey with broccoli or a Mediterranean lamb delight.

While rice, fried rice and tor-

### SIZZLING STICKS

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tilitas are all included. Some people create delicious wraps or fajitas. Others find that the stir fry is just as good on its own, for the ultimate low carb meal.

The salad bar also helps folks create a nutritious meal. Customers can choose stir fry and a trip to the salad bar. Or many regulars just take the salad bar with a side order of grilled chicken to create a healthy, inexpensive chicken salad.

Sizzling Sticks opened in Northville in 1997. Viola and Orlando Viate own and operate the family restaurant with help from their four children. They are expecting a fifth child soon.

Business has been growing since the family took over the restaurant. Orlando and Viola have worked with an experienced staff to provide top notch customer service.

Viola and Orlando would like to thank all their great customers for their support. They've become members of an extended family.

"We want to make sure people get more than they bargained for when they come here," said Orlando. "We want them to be happy."

The restaurant is a festive place for couples, family and business professionals. The wood floors, brightly colored artwork and sunny atmosphere make customers feel energized.

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Co-owner, Sizzling Sticks

The casual atmosphere makes it the perfect place to relax.

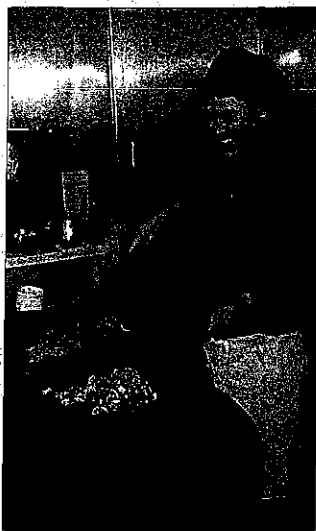
Sizzling Sticks recently added more choices to the children's menu, so that kids can try stir fry, cheese quesadilla, chicken strips, hot dogs, cheese sticks and peanut butter. Every Monday kids 10 and under eat free with an adult stir fry purchase. The fun really starts rolling on Monday nights with families getting to know each other as they enjoy an inexpensive evening out.

"This is a great place for families," said Orlando. "The kids love to make their own meals and they always know just how to do it."

Sizzling Sticks recently expanded its hours so the busy restaurant is open seven days a week.

Try Mongolian-style BBQ for lunch or dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, noon to 10 p.m. Saturday and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Sizzling sticks is located at 144 Mary Alexander Court, just east of Center Street in the heart of downtown Northville. For more information call (248) 380-9400.



Orlando Viate, a Sizzling Sticks chef, grills up lunch.

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