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Epicurean experience



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Chef Andrea George sautees some chicken in the kitchen of Novi's Tassos Epicurean Cuisine.

By Tracy Estes-Mishler
SPECIAL WRITER

Things are looking up in the way of quality food in the city of Novi as Tassos Epicurean Cuisine introduces new ways to welcome healthy and tasty Epicurean food into your home.

Located off Meadowbrook Road, Tassos is celebrating six years in the city and more than 17 years in business as the calendar changes to 2008, offering quality specialty foods to markets, restaurants and hotels across the country.

From hors d'oeuvres, seafood specialties and dips to their famous twice baked potatoes, walnut meatballs and gourmet spreads, Tassos Epicurean Cuisine has it all.

Owned and operated by Farmington Hills residents and graduate of Le Cordon Bleu Paris,

Tasso and Carol Bozadzis, and their son, Christopher, Tassos believes in quality food following the Greek Epicurean philosophy.

Tasso Bozadzis said Epicurean is a way of life; something more than just fine, exceptional food.

"Epicurean comes from Epicurus, a Greek philosopher who taught the young people of Athens to live their lives in the highest quality as far as living their lives and even the food they eat," he said. "It's about body care and mind care. It's an overall way of life."

According to Greek history, Epicurus was an ancient philosopher, founder of Epicureanism, a popular school of thought in Hellenistic Philosophy. Epicurus' philosophy was to live a happy,

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The gift of giving



Novi resident Michael Stachowski, left, will be receiving a kidney from his half brother Phil Stachowski early in the new year. Michael had one kidney removed less than two months ago and needs to undergo dialysis because his remaining kidney is not functioning properly.

Sibling spares kidney for older brother

By Chris Jackson
STAFF WRITER

Fifteen years separate half brothers Michael and Phil Stachowski, but next month, Phil will share the life-giving gift of a kidney with his older brother Michael.

On Nov. 8, he had one of his two kidneys removed. The cysts are so large they have to take out one kidney.

The doctor said it was the best way to save the remaining kidney. The other kidney is just as large as the one that was removed.

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Out of the city ground and into the tank

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

With the holidays upon us, most people will be filling up their vehicles at the gas pumps before traveling to family gatherings.

Although many would be quick to assume their fuel is coming from the Middle East, some could be coming from much closer to home.

West Bay Exploration Co. has been pumping oil out of Novi

reservoirs for nearly two decades, according to operations manager Tim Baker.

"There's two pumping units behind the new fire station," Baker said of the city's largest site, southeast of 10 Mile and Wixom roads.

The third oil pump is behind Novi Middle School — off 11 Mile Road, east of Wixom Road.

"We try to seek out public areas," Baker said. "Parklands and nature are appealing because there's enough room to run."

The oil pumps are positioned just east of the underground reservoirs so the oil can be drawn out at a diagonal.

Baker said the three Novi sites produce about 500,000 barrels of oil to be sold at about \$90 a barrel, varying as the global economy for the natural resource changes.

The all-time record high price for oil occurred about a month ago when the market hit \$99.29 per barrel on Nov. 21, leaving gas prices hovering within a quarter

of \$3 for the past few months.

"The overseas situation controls the price of oil. I don't look for it to go below \$75, but it may drop below \$80. We get a good share of our oil from South America," Baker said.

Novi's neighboring municipalities also operate a few underground "black gold" mines through West Bay Exploration Co., helping to keep the state's economy rolling and everyone's

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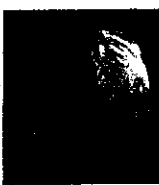
Signs warning about flammable gas are near the gate to West Bay Exploration Company's oil and gas reservoirs in Novi off 10 Mile Road.

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NOVI WEEKEND PLANNER



• FRIDAY
Stop in at Emagine Novi, 44425 W. 12 Mile Road, to catch the last films of 2007. The final group include Christmas Day releases of "Allen vs. Predator - Requiem," "The Great Debaters" and "The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep."

For show times, call (888) 319-3456 or visit www.emagine-entertainment.com.

• SATURDAY
Local writers unite from 10 a.m.-noon at the Novi Public Library's Meeting Room East, 45245 W. 10 Mile Road, for a chance to collaborate, critique and create literary masterpieces with other writers. Local writer and Novi Historical Commission Chair Kathy Mutch will facilitate the event, which is open to writers of all genres ages 18 and older. Those interested in attending should register at www.novipubliclibrary.org or call (248) 349-0720 for more information.



• SUNDAY
Take a look back at "The Best of The Second City - Detroit" at 5:30 p.m. Sundays through Jan. 27 at The Second City, 42705 Grand River Ave. The show will highlight the best of the best. Tickets cost \$12 and can be ordered at (248) 348-4448 or by visiting www.secondcity.com. "The Second City's Dysfunctional Holiday Revue" will also be showing at 8 p.m., taking a comedic look at the holiday season. Tickets cost \$15 for each Sunday show. Visit the Web site for other show times.



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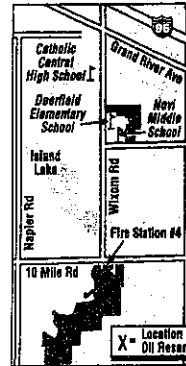
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Novi Oil Pumps



Out of the city ground

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vehicles running. "There are two wells on the Northville Psychiatric Facility property. One has produced 750,000 barrels and the other about 200,000 barrels," Baker said. "We have five wells in Kensington Metro Park. One's under Lake Kensington. We drilled two wells behind Bahama Breeze in Livonia."

Baker said the size of the oil reservoir is hard to determine even with this era's advanced equipment. The reservoir's size is also misleading because there is no telling how much of it may be water or gas. "Sometimes the anomalies are partially filled with water or gas. It could be half oil, half gas or half oil, half water... or one-third of each," he said.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News
Kelli Douglass, operations manager assistant for West Bay Exploration, walks by Comerica well 1-29 and 2-29 in Novi, near Wixom and 10 Mile roads. The wells collectively supply about 60,000 cubic feet of natural gas and 50 barrels of oil a day for West Bay. The oil and gas are pumped to a facility in Novi off Wixom Road and are then trucked to a refinery or are put into the natural gas system. Douglass said that West Bay expects to get about 15 more years of use out of the two wells.



Michael Stachowski shows the 10-inch scar on his right abdomen where his 14-pound ailing kidney was removed less than two months ago.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Sibling spares kidney

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son Daniel is 27 and Jonathan is 24. Phil Stachowski, a 2000 alumnus of Novi High School who now lives in Wixom with his brother Dan, said it was an easy decision for him to donate one of his kidneys to his brother. "I decided to do it to save his life, pretty much. I was the best donor. We let the doctor pick. Dan would donate to anyone, but Jon was the next best match," he said. "We knew his kidneys were failing. He was an upbeat kind of

Family bonds

Phil Stachowski said his brother Michael Stachowski, a 1985 alumnus of Novi High School, had always been there for him growing up. "He was there until he got married 12 years ago this December. He taught me everything I know - hockey, golf, baseball," he said. "He was my baseball coach since I was 5. I was on the high school hockey team. He did not miss a single

game, and we had some in Lansing, Hartland, Howell. "He was actually a really good brother now that I think of it." With their father and oldest brother Leonard Stachowski Jr. both living hours away and their brother Jonathan fathering a baby born two weeks ago, the family plans to work through the hard times together as best they can. "I can't lift more than 10 pounds for six weeks," Phil Stachowski said of the time following the Jan. 23, 2006 transplant. "I had to quit my real job because I had to keep going to the hospital. I had to go in four times in three weeks. I was building houses. Now I work at Arby's for \$7 an hour. I live with my older brother, Dan, so he's going to put in overtime to help me out with rent."

The final outcome

Michael Stachowski, who still referees hockey as he recovers, can't wait until everything's done and he can get back to playing hockey and softball. This fall was the first time in six years he wasn't able to put together an "all-star" team of guys from the Novi recreational leagues to travel to the Independent Softball Association's Fall World Series in Las Vegas. "We're looking forward to getting back to things and having a normal life again," said Michael's wife, Karen Stachowski. "It makes you realize what's more important in life, material things or family. Michael Stachowski said his family - dad, brothers, wife and daughters Taylor, 9, and Kelsey, 8 - have been as helpful and supportive as possible during this rough patch of a few months. "They've just been there for me," he said.



Epicurean

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tranquil life, characterized by the absence of pain and fear, and by living a self-sufficient life surrounded by friends. Tassos Epicurean Cuisine follows the Greek philosopher's teachings, and makes sure all food distributed from its facility is of the up most quality. Christopher Bozadzis, chief operating officer and executive chef for Tassos, said the business currently ships products to larger distributing companies like Kroger, HEB in Texas, Lipari Foods and Sam's Club in Mexico. "We also go up and down the

east coast," he said. "My dad just wanted to supply good, quality healthy food. It's like feeding the world."

In your home

Tassos first opened in 1991 as a take-out gourmet facility. Today, aside from distributing food to different markets and companies across the country, Christopher said the business has grown leaps and bounds offering catering services and their newest feature, La Table Du Chef. With Christopher and newest Tassos Executive Chef Andrea George, also a graduate of Le

Cordon Bleu Paris, as your hosts, residents looking for a home Epicurean experience can have an entire meal prepared for six to 20 guests. The event commences with a culinary demonstration and concludes with a gourmet meal prepared by a Tassos executive chef. "It's all customized and it's better than going out," Christopher Bozadzis said. "I'm sure there are people who have an interest in learning these kinds of things. The idea is to make a night out of it. It's their party." He said Tassos also does small catering events, whether it be simply providing food or preparing

the food on site. "I'm not really satisfied with the food we have in this area," he said. "So if someone wants something a little different, food they might find in LA or New York, this is definitely for them." Christopher said in the coming 2008 year, interested clients will be able to order food from their Web site and possibly a new take-out gourmet location will be in the works. "We've already booked up for New Year's Eve, but there's plenty of time in the new year to try La Table Du Chef," he said. "If (clients) want the most exclusive evening, we can do it."

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News
Tassos Epicurean Cuisine chef Andrea George joins Tasso and Chris Bozadzis, right, inside their Novi catering kitchens and display a dish of eel and stone crab claws.

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Troy barber shop opens Novi location

JJ's Barber Shop in former Phyl's Barber Styling facility

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

As one barber shop closed its doors, another one opened. After almost 20 years of serving the Novi community, the owner of Phyl's Barber Styling at 10 Mile and Meadowbrook roads, retired, closing the shop's doors in November. By Dec. 1, JJ's Barber Shop of Troy opened its second location, in the former Phyl's facility. "We wanted to keep the doors open," said Joel Johnston, part-owner of JJ's Barber Shop. "That was one of the determining factors in opening (in this particular location)."

Another factor was Jeannine Chrzanowski, a former long-time employee of Phyl's who had also worked for Johnston at the JJ's Barber Shop in Troy. "We had shared our vision of expansion with her," Johnston said. "So when Phyl decided to

retire and none of the staff was able to carry on the business, Jeannine connected with us." The idea of opening a shop in Novi was appealing to Johnston. "Novi has a good reputation," he said. "It's always been a city that's attractive and it's up and coming." JJ's is a full-service shop employing five service providers, Chrzanowski being the only former Phyl's employee. "Our flavor is we appeal to young men, but also service women," Johnston said. "We're all about family. Not just limiting it to young or old, or just men." During the month the building was closed, the shop underwent interior renovations. "It was a total remodel. It's (now) got an industrial look," Johnston said. "We wanted something more trendy, so we gave it a masculine, but modern look." JJ's Barber Shop is a family-oriented business, which began with Joel's father James in 1986. "We want to keep the old-time skill, but we expand our knowledge to learn the latest trends, latest techniques," Johnston said. Having an educated staff is one of the four values the business focuses on. "One of the other values we have is ministry," Johnston said.

JJ's Barber Shop

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Phone number:
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Web site:
www.jjsbarbershop.com
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Thursday: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

"We look to care for our clients and try to help every client that comes through our doors. "That's what gets me out of bed in the mornings. A greater purpose than just making money." Excellence and consistency are the other two values implemented at JJ's Barber Shop.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News
Joel Johnston cuts the hair of customer Anthony Randazzo in JJ's Barber Shop on 10 Mile Road near Meadowbrook. Joel Johnston is part-owner of the shop, which opened its second location in Novi, in December.

Bright House adds Disney on Demand; photo contest ends

Just in time for the holidays, Bright House Networks of Michigan is adding a little Disney magic with the launch of Disney on Demand to its On Demand lineup. Bright House's Disney on Demand offers the most popular Disney Channel and Playhouse Disney series and original movies that children love and parents trust. The new On Demand channel includes series and episodic premieres each month of select popular shows such as "Hannah Montana," "The Suite Life of Zack and Cody," "Disney's Little Einsteins," "My Friends Tigger and Pooh" and Disney Channel

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Original Movies
Disney on Demand is available as a subscription service for \$3.99/month and can be found in the On Demand menu under Premium on Demand. Digital equipment is required.

Photo contest deadline
Time is running out to enter the Novi Historical Commission's My Hometown Novi photo competition. The contest runs through tomorrow and contestants may submit as many as five photographs at \$5 per entry. Eligible photographs may not be altered and will be judged as a single form.

Relay for Life
Novi is ready to celebrate, remember and fight back against cancer. Teams are forming for this year's American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Novi. This year's event will be held on June 7-8 from 10 a.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday.

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The Novi High Class of 1978 has pleased to announce the details of our 30 yr. Class Reunion to be held on Saturday, July 19, 2008 at the Rock Financial Center, Novi, Michigan.

This is a great way to reconnect with classmates, catch up with old friends and enjoy an evening together to get caught up and reacquainted.

January 2008 we will begin sending out additional information to help get all of us excited about this event.

We are still in search of several classmates that we would like to contact or have them contact us, so we can get them updated with all the details with hopes they will be able to join us and enjoy this evening of fun.

Many families of our classmates still reside within the Novi area and there may even be some of our classmates or their friends who still work or reside here. We are asking for help locating the following 1978 classmates:

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Sue Arrington	Mark DeGard	John Henrich	Dennis Maier	Sandy Pohlman	Mary Beth Turpin
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'Hail to the Chief'

Molloy elected president of Oakland County Board

By Kelly Murad STAFF WRITER

Chief David Molloy, of the Novi Police Department is making the community proud. Molloy, 40, was elected president of the Oakland County Association of Chiefs of Police for 2008.

and know what's going on in other communities. It's really important to be involved with this," he said. "We'll be at the forefront of any new information, new issues."

Almost three years ago Molloy began service on the board as the sergeant at arms, before becoming vice president. Molloy said if he were to win presidency in 2009, the possibility exists that his term could be extended.

Among the many accomplishments during his 18 years in Novi,

Molloy was appointed to the national Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration.

Molloy also serves as the immediate Past Executive Board President of the Fraternal Order of Police of Southwest Oakland County and sits on the Novi Youth Assistance General Advisory Board.

Molloy began as a uniform police officer with the Novi Police Department in 1989. He went on to become a detective, sergeant, detective sergeant, lieutenant and deputy chief before his promotion to chief in 2005.

"I'm proud to be able to promote Jetro to this key leadership position," Molloy said.

Hart began his career with the Novi Police Department 16 years ago as an officer in the uniform division. He went on to become the first School Resource Officer at Novi High School, before becoming a detective.

"Jetro's a very hard-working police officer who gives his absolute best everyday," Molloy said. "He's gone above and beyond every expectation we've had."

Hart is currently working toward a master's degree in police administration through Ferris State University.

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Novi Chief of Police David Molloy, elected president of the Oakland County Association of Chiefs of Police.

Missing handgun, shotgun

According to recent police reports, a Glock model 23 40-caliber handgun was stolen from a vehicle between 8:30 p.m. Dec. 18 and 7:30 a.m. Dec. 19.

The white Ford Explorer was parked in the driveway of a residence on Kingsley Court.

According to the owner, the handgun was loaded and contained one 10 Round Magazine. It was left in a black holster in the driver-side front door pocket overnight.

At about 7:30 a.m. Dec. 19, the owner's wife noticed the interior dome light on in the vehicle. As the owner investigated his vehicle, he observed the tailgate was latched, but not closed completely, reports said.

There were no signs of forced entry, but the owner believes the doors were locked, reports said.

POLICE BRIEFS

Police on a hunt

Between Dec. 10 and Dec. 15 an unknown suspect(s) stole \$3,000 worth of hunting equipment from a residence on Deer Run, reports said.

Snowman stabbed

A 13-foot blow-up snowman was cut by an unknown suspect between 11:30-11:35 p.m., Dec. 20, near Lewelyn Road, reports said.

The resident said he heard a small engine vehicle leave the front of his house at a high rate of speed and looked outside and noticed the snowman.

According to the man, the snowman cost \$110. The resident observed one set of small tennis shoe footprints

speed out of the parking lot, reports said.

Car keyed

A car was keyed while parked in the lot near the Emagine cinema at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, reports said.

A woman parked her red Dodge at about 9:30 p.m. Dec. 16 and when she returned from a movie at about 11:15 p.m., the vehicle had been damaged, reports said.

According to the report, the passenger-side of the vehicle, from the rear to the front, had been keyed.

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The equipment, which included an H & K 12-gauge shotgun with ammunition and compound bow and arrows, was stored in bags and cases in the garage, reports said.

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BIRTH



Natalie Rose Holmberg John and Leslie (Reinick) Holmberg of Howell proudly announce the birth of their daughter Natalie Rose Holmberg on Nov. 9 in Howell. She weighed in at 7 pounds, 13 ounces at the time of her birth and was 19.5 inches long.

MILITARY



Vincent Sloan received a professional commission into the U. S. Navy in July 2007. Ensign Sloan, a Novi High School class of 2002 graduate, received his degree in bio-physiology from the University of Michigan in 2006 and is currently attending the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine. Upon graduation in 2010, Sloan will fulfill a three year commitment as a Navy dentist.

ENGAGEMENT

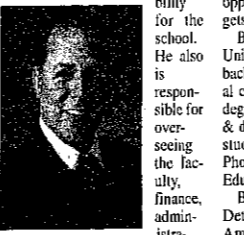


David and Catherine Rabahy of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter Danielle Rose Rabahy of Yucca Valley,

Calif. to Matthew Jacques Brandon of Twenty-nine Palms, Calif., son of Roderick and Susan Brandon of Livonia. The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Mercy High School, Farmington Hills, and a 2007 graduate of Michigan State University. She works at The CheeseCake Factory, Rancho Mirage, Calif. The groom-elect is a 2004 graduate of Churchill High School, Livonia. He is currently employed by the United States Marine Corps, stationed at base in Twenty-nine Palms, Calif. A February 2008 wedding is planned.

The Art Institute of Michigan names president

NAMES IN THE NEWS



Ted Blashek

The Art Institute of Michigan, a school that offers academic programs in design, fashion and culinary arts, has named Ted Blashek president. In this position, Blashek has operating responsibilities for the school. He also is responsible for overseeing the faculty, finance, administrative and human resource departments.

Automotive industry appointment

NxtGen Emission Controls Inc., with offices in Detroit and Vancouver, British Columbia, announces Jeremy Holt of Novi has been appointed president, CEO and a director of the board. NxtGen is a developer and supplier of emission control devices and systems to address diesel emissions challenges related to NOx and particulate matter in light- and heavy-duty diesel engines.

Vargas becomes consultant with Tastefully Simple

Susan Vargas of Novi has become an independent consultant with Tastefully Simple Inc., a national direct-sales company featuring easy-to-prepare gourmet products. As a consultant, Vargas offers the company's gourmet foods and beverages to guests at home taste-testing parties. Guests receive samples, easy meal ideas, recipes and serving suggestions. For more information about Tastefully Simple products, taste-testing parties or the business opportunity, contact Susan Vargas at (248) 449-6720.

Award winning

Northwood University students Lance Sutler, a graduate of Novi High School, and Rachel Lilly of Walled Lake Western received the 2007 Best of Show Award for their Dodge automotive display that they co-captioned for the 44th annual Northwood University International Auto Show in Midland.

Alexander honored

John T. Alexander, a partner in the law office of Alexander & Anglias, P.C., located in Bingham Farms has recently been honored by being named a Michigan Super Lawyer by Law & Politics Magazine. Law & Politics identified qualified candidates by using a multi-step evaluation process that incorporated peer recognition and professional achievement.

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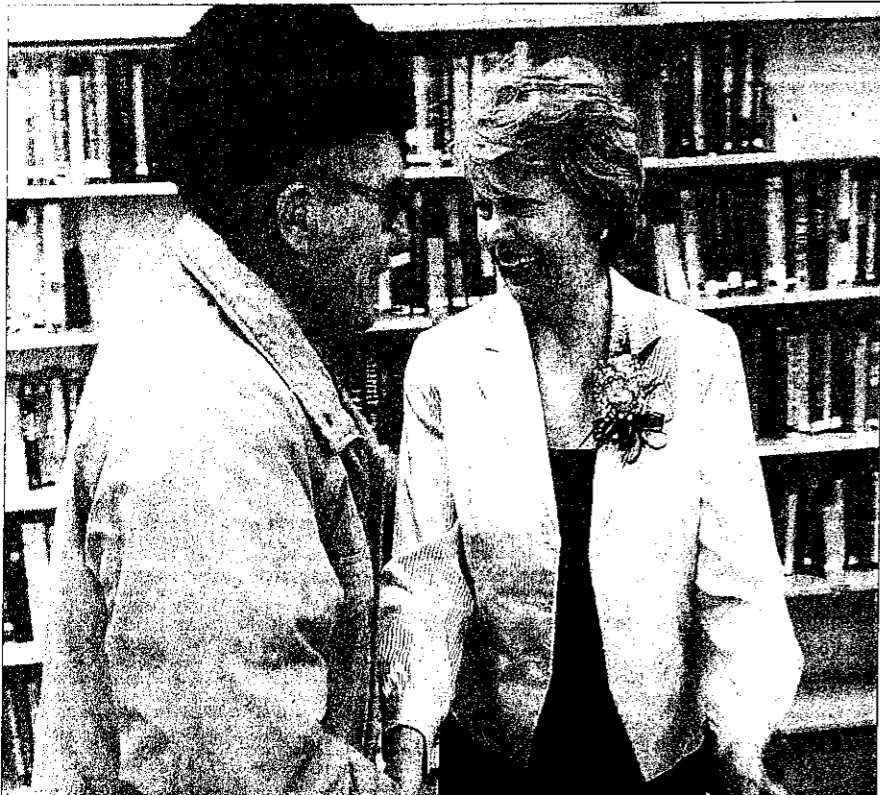
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MY NOVI NEWS LOOK AT 2007



Retiring director of the Novi Public Library, Brenda Lussier, greets her friend Roland Heaton at a farewell reception honoring her many years of service. Heaton was the founder of the Friends of Novi Library. In November, the library's \$16 million bond proposal for a 60,000-square-foot new building was approved by 64 percent of voters.



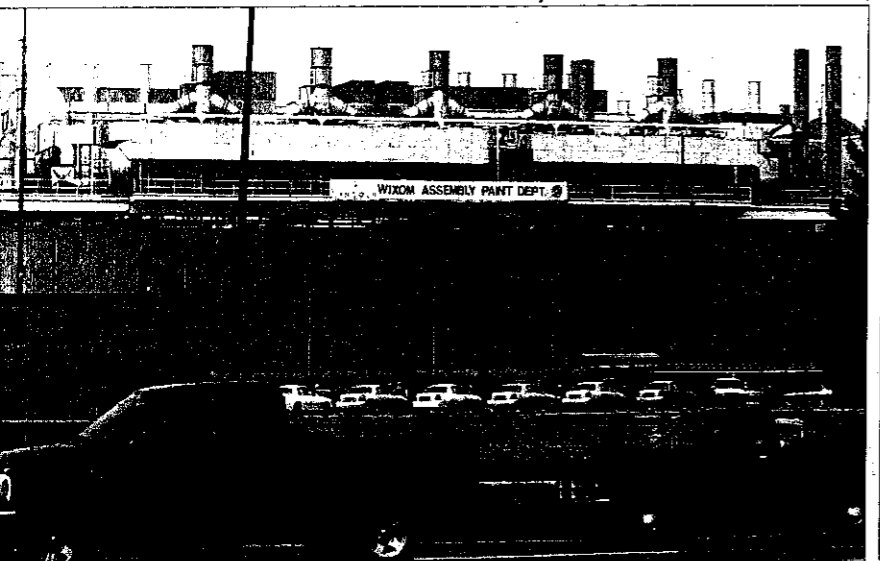
Tapper's Diamonds' Deanna Kleinman holds a strand of Tahitian black pearls at Tapper's Bloomfield store. The new Tapper's Novi location helped Twelve Oaks Mall celebrate its 30th anniversary this year.



Novi saw a fair turnout during the May \$26.4 million bond proposal and board member election. The bond passed by more than 60 percent of voters.



Julie Farkas took over the duties as Director of the Novi Public Library on Nov. 12.



The Wixom Assembly Plant is shown on one of its last days of operation last week. The 4.7-million-square-foot assembly plant on Wixom Road just north of Interstate 96 built Ford and Lincoln cars for the last 50 years. The Wixom plant employed 1,200 workers.



Novi Meadows instructor Lisa LaPorte, gesturing to her students, is named Novi School District Teacher of the Year in a ceremony on Wednesday, May 23. LaPorte was recognized not only for her efforts in the classroom, but also in being a part in shaping the school's curriculum and teaching methods.



Shoppers try on and check out shoes at Twelve Oaks Mall's Nordstrom department store on its first full day of operation. Nordstrom began in 1901 in Seattle as a shoe store and its Novi location will feature five different shoe departments.

PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER



Novi Meadows sixth grade teacher Dr. Katherine Ellis hands out blue ribbons to her class in honor of its selection by the Michigan Department of Education as an Exemplary School for its academic achievements.



Investigators from the Novi Fire and Oakland County Sheriff's departments look at the remains of the former Whitehall Nursing Center.

MY NOVI SPORTS BEST OF 2007

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi girls soccer team rolled through playoffs and won an unprecedented third straight state title.

The Wildcats beat former No. 1 ranked Rochester 2-1 June 16 at Troy Athens.

Novi (22-1-2) pressured the Falcons (21-1-2) furiously late in the first half, but it appeared as though the half was going to end in a 1-1 tie.

Stephanie Crawford alertly headed the ball back toward the net, and Fratio blasted a shot off the right post that careened into the net about the same time as the horn sounded.

In soccer, a ball must be completely over the goal line before the horn goes off to signal the end of the half.

The head official signaled a goal.

Rochester head coach Todd Hough came storming onto the field in protest, but the goal remained and turned out to be the game winner.

"What a heads up play by two people," Novi head coach Brian O'Leary said. "Crawford got it with like seven (seconds left). A lot of people would just quit or settle the ball — a very heads up play to knock it in blind."

"Jamie had the piece of mind to know, 'Hey, I've got to shoot this thing fast.' If she would've taken anything more than a run-and-shoot it probably wouldn't have counted."

Crawford didn't care about the controversy, she loved the play.

"That was the coolest goal I think I've ever seen in my life," she said with a big smile. "I look up at the clock and I see zero, and I think, 'Did that really just happen?'"

"I've never seen a goal like that before. It was so cool."

Novi goalkeeper Erin Zerio kept the ball out of the net the rest of the way, and five Wildcats capped their career with a third-straight state title: Crawford, Stephanie Janssens, Emily Estbrook, Kristine Chalkos and Jessica Barndt.



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Martin claims pair of state titles

Catholic Central's Mike Martin capped off an amazing 2007 with a pair of state titles.

His first came in wrestling, despite never competing in the sport before the season.

Martin's friend, Stephen Gatt, persuaded him to come out for the team to help fill the heavyweight slot. Martin claims he didn't want to, but did it anyway to stop his friend's nagging.

Martin initially struggled before putting the pieces together late in the year. He roared through the bracket and wound up in the state title match against Port Huron's Aaron Robinson.

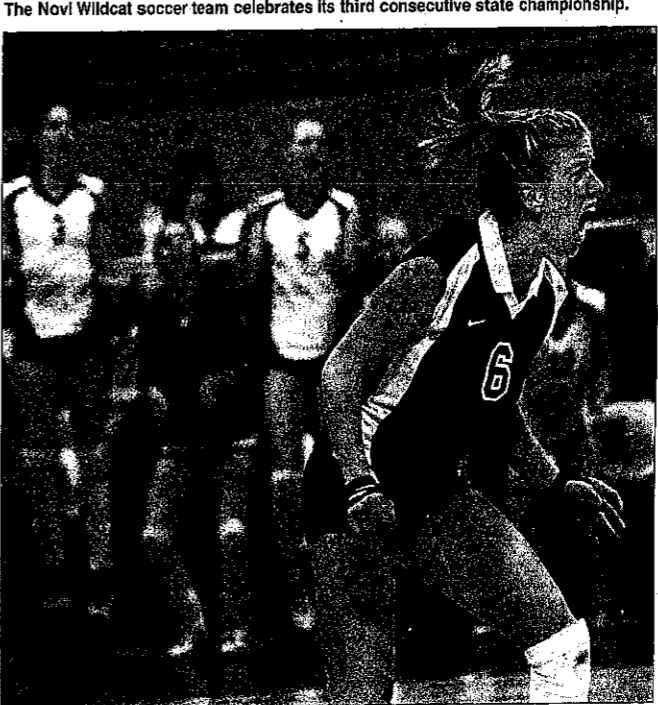
Martin earned a takedown and an escape point in the second period to lead 3-2 heading into the third. Martin started in the down position and earned an escape point.

He fought off all of Robinson's shoot attempts and went on to win the championship.

"I didn't like it ... but coach talked to me after practice," Martin said. "I couldn't quit. I wanted to help the team as much as I could. I love my school."

"I'm starting to love this sport now."

In the spring, Martin handled the throws for the track team. Entering the state meet, he was



As her teammates rise behind her, Novi's Hayley Miller screams as the Wildcats notch a point early in a match against Bloomfield Hills Marian.

one of the top shot put throwers in the state and proved as much with a launch of 60-11.5 (a new state record), beating Lansing Sexton's Matthew Armstrong in second place by more than two feet.

"Mike hates losing and that fuels his determination to win," said Eugene Grewe Jr., Catholic Central shot put coach. "He is extremely strong; but in throwing, strength is only one factor, albeit a big one."

"Timing, coordination and control are also significant elements. He exhibited all of those."

A run like never before

Novi volleyball had never reached the state finals, until now.

Riding the crushing hits of All-Area Player of the Year Stephanie

Cripps and Paige Jarer and a defense that refused to let the ball hit the floor, the Wildcats started knocking off playoff teams one by one.

What appeared to be a major hurdle in the road never appeared as defending champion Livonia Churchill was derailed in district play by Milford. The Wildcats disposed of Milford in four games and had the regional championship and first trophy of the postseason.

Next up for the Wildcats was Wyandotte. Novi raced out to a big lead in the first game and eventually won 25-18. Wyandotte won the next game, but Novi won 25-16, 25-17, advancing to the semifinals.

The Wildcats pushed Marian to the brink, but lost 20-25, 25-17, 25-21, 20-25, 15-11.

"I've always wanted to take a team there," said Novi head coach Julie Fiset of states. "I've always told different teams how cool it is to be there and how it feels."

"From the onset, this team had that belief that they were going to get there, and they were going to stop until the final four of the playoffs."

The Shamrocks won 38-10 to start the playoffs. The Shamrocks dropped Lansing Everett 21-7 in the second round to claim the district title. Catholic Central traveled to Holt in the regionals, but lost to a 21-9 victory against Livonia Churchill before losing to eventual runner-up Livonia Stevenson in the next round.

Frozen Four

Wildcat hockey proved it isn't how you start, it's how you finish.

After starting 3-8-1, the Wildcats started to click toward the end of the year under first-year head coach and former NHL player Todd Krygier.

The playoffs started with a 5-0 win against Livonia Franklin in a 5-2 win versus Plymouth in pre-regional play.

The Wildcats won the regional title with a 3-2 win against KVC foe Lakeland.

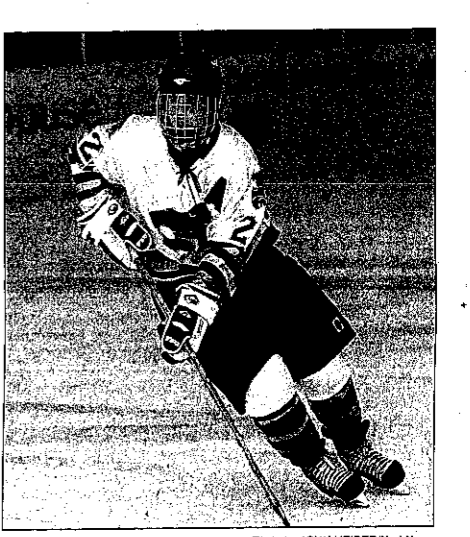
Another KVC foe, Milford awaited the Wildcats in the quarterfinals. Novi again stayed alive with a 2-1 victory.

Muskegon Mona Shores ended the run with a 3-0 win at the Frozen Four at Compuware Arena.

"Coming from 3-8-1, to actually finish 8-0 and in the semifinals, we have a lot to be proud of," Krygier said.

Novi's biggest winning streak of the year was a three-game midway through the season. The Wildcats believed that when the games mattered most — the playoffs.

"I told the guys I've been proud



Novi's Scott Eberline looks to make a pass in a Novi home game against Lakeland.

never gets too down. He's very team commitment and there's no one that expected us to be where we got," Krygier said.

Other 2007 highlights

Shamrocks roll

The Catholic Central football team faced a possibility of not making the playoffs midway through the season. On a two-game slide, they faced Orchard Lake St. Mary's, who was unbeaten. Catholic Central (10-3) buckled down and won 21-10, starting a winning streak that wouldn't stop until the final four of the playoffs.

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The Novi girls basketball team didn't have a marquee playoff, but that was fine with head coach Bill Kelp. Teams weren't able to try and stop one player, and the Wildcats used a balanced attack to break down the opposition.

It all came together when the Wildcats knocked off Canton to claim the district title, something that hardly anyone would've believed at the beginning of the year.

For fall sports, the KVC is now history. The eight-team league is combining with teams from the WLA and adding two more for a 24-team league that will be broken into six divisions.

Final Wildcat KVC champions for the fall included soccer, girls swim and dive and football in a tie with Howell.

Freshman success

Catholic Central freshman Joseph Dubé has an honor that very few first-year players can claim: He has yet to lose in the postseason.

Dubé, playing at No. 2 singles, came into the final tournament as the No. 4 seed. He faced the toughest road possible for himself, beating both the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds along the way.

Dubé came back to beat No. 1 seeded Ryan Dashane of Holland West Ottawa 6-3, 2-6, 6-4, despite falling behind 3-0 in the final set.

No. 2 seeded Eric Hubbard of Ann Arbor Pioneer also made the finals, but Dubé dispatched him in straight sets, 6-3, 7-5 to claim the state title.

"It's pretty remarkable that someone can have that kind of poise as a freshman" CC head coach Joe Stafford said. "He played some incredible tennis."

"He never gets too up, and he

Catholic Central's Mike Martin looks at his opponent during the heavyweight state finals.

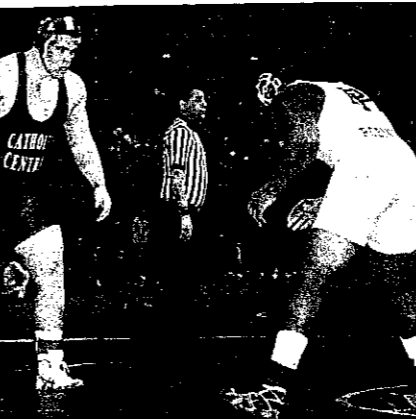


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MY OPINION

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Educational system doesn't need changes, just more support

Education is a valuable tool. Lucky for Novi residents, Novi Community Schools and the surrounding districts have great classroom and extracurricular programs.



Also lucky for Novi, most of the district's students are highly motivated and involved with their school and community.

With the increasing pressure on today's youth to perform well and get a modern, high-paying job while remaining in Michigan, a lot of changes have been made to set a higher bar for students.

One hot debate item is whether any single subject should be sacrificed to free up time to focus on traditionally harder subjects.

I know I've said "What good is math or science going to do me as a journalist?" when I was growing up (yes, I had this picked out long ago), but they really are useful subjects.

Everyone needs writing skills, so we better not cut back on English language arts. Those are some of the most crucial skills of any job.

In the increasingly global economy, foreign language courses are vital. Not just French and Spanish, but German, Chinese, Japanese and others are all relevant in a business world without borders.

Business education is important in the same manner as all of the above-mentioned. It applies to everything, has no borders and repeats itself on a daily basis.

Cutting any of these programs in any way would be harmful. Just last month, an elementary student plead to the Novi school board to bring back Spanish classes.

The final key subject, one that I defend most strongly because of my background as an athlete, is physical education.

In a recent letter to the Detroit Free Press, I read something incredible. A reader wrote, "I believe an easy cut in spending in schools is to eliminate physical education in high school."

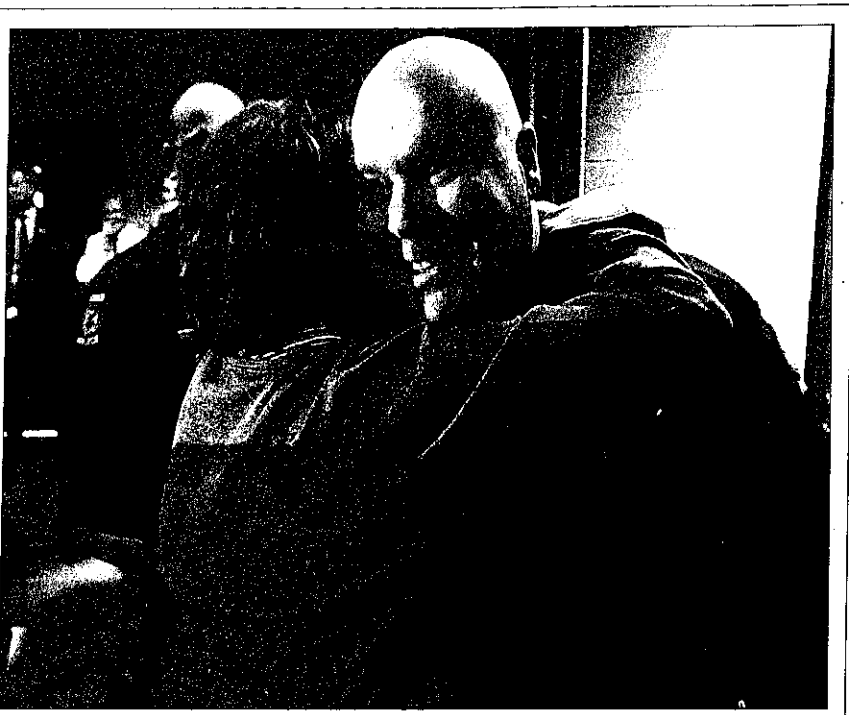
Something more ludicrous is how Detroit has consistently been listed as one of the most overweight and obese cities (number one in 2004 and ninth in 2007, according to Men's Fitness magazine) in the U.S., which is often listed as one of the most obese countries in the world.

Luckily, the United States falls ninth in the 2007 statistics despite 74.1 percent of the population is overweight. I guess those citizens of Nauru have us beat there.

I hate my powers of deduction sometimes. They tell me things like Detroit may be one of the most overweight cities in the world!

To take away one of the last "required" physical fitness outlets, or to put less of an emphasis on health education for that matter, would only worsen things.

High school was only five years ago for me. But when I look at the fellow star athletes and gym class heroes of then and see how the lack of motivation and fewer fitness outlets as a young adult has affected them, I wonder how cutting such a program would help.



Congratulations! Novi Police Officer Jerrod Hart is hugged by a supporter after he is promoted from detective to sergeant during a Friday afternoon promotion ceremony at the police training center.

LETTERS

Passing the war debt onto the our children

Since President Bush has steadfastly opposed tax increases of any kind during the past year, it makes one wonder how Congress can continually support the President's ongoing requests for additional dollars to fund the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan without imposing some sort of tax to help pay the bill.

Healthcare Bonds

Healthcare Bonds to support ongoing care for our returning troops. As we, average citizens of America, look ahead to 2008; maybe we ought to be pushing our elected officials to find meaningful and creative ways for all of us to contribute to this effort to preserve freedom at home and throughout the world.

Tom Watkins: Resolutions, rhetoric or results

It's new year resolutions time again. You know those promises you make to yourself that are often forgotten or not acted upon until, well, until it is time for the following year's resolutions.

Tom Watkins is a business and education consultant. He served as state superintendent of schools from 2001-2006. Read his internationally recognized report: The New Education (Revolution at www.nacol.org. He can be reached at tdwatkins@aol.com.

During a recent Presidential debate, the moderator asked the Democratic candidates to tell the audience their new year resolutions. Predictably we heard more campaign rhetoric from most of them.

Are their political risks of such a gathering? Of course. But the risks to all of us by not coming together and taking action are far greater.

Here are some promises or resolutions that I hope defy the odds and are not only made for 2008 but are implemented:

Change is the most talked about and least acted upon concept in Michigan today. As a new year begins we have the opportunity to embrace and lead change.

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Wixom soccer complex takes Novi by storm, opens second location

By Chris Jackett STAFF WRITER

Total Soccer of Wixom has taken over the former SoccerZone facility in Novi, housing large volumes of action in its first month.

The facility, located near the northwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Meadowbrook Road, has seen a lot of revisions since Total Soccer leased the space in August.

The Novi SoccerZone had featured two boarded 6x6 carpeted soccer fields, a larger turf field and a whirlyball court operated separately as Whirlyball Novi.

With Total Soccer's revisions, the 77,000-square-foot Novi location now boasts three boarded 6x6 turf fields and the 300,000-square-foot Wixom locations features two boarded 11x11 turf fields, a smaller boarded 6x6 turf field and a roller hockey rink.

"We took out all our boarded fields," said David York, soccer manager and scheduler for Total Soccer, of the Wixom facility. "We are one of the few facilities that have 11x11s."

He said the full-sized indoor 11x11 fields are uncommon, drawing a large demand.

"We do a lot of rentals to Michigan Rush, who said the restaurant and bar are open as long as Total Soccer is, and many people come over to watch sports events on TV."

"It's just something different than bowling," she said, noting Whirlyball Novi plans to start leagues in the spring.

Whirlyball is a sport played 5x5 on a 4,000-square-foot area similar to a basketball court, except players ride a high speed, navigational bumper car (a WhirlyBug) and use Jai-Alai sticks (a lacrosse face with a shortened tennis racket grip) to throw a softball-sized Wiffle ball through a 1.5-inch hole in the center of the two rimless backboards about 10 feet above the ground.



SoccerZone in Novi employee Jen D'annunzio dribbles a ball around one of its three indoor fields recently. Total Soccer of Wixom took over operations of the fields near Grand River Avenue and Meadowbrook Road in Novi.

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'Movies at the Marquis' series begins

Free tickets available Jan. 3

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Those who love classic movies won't want to miss a new series about to begin in downtown Northville.

"Movies at the Marquis," presented by the Northville Downtown Development Authority and the Northville Chamber of Commerce, will showcase 10 select classic movies each Saturday night from Jan. 19 (except March 22) through March 29.

The historic theater is located at 135 E. Main Street.

The series is being sponsored by Tom Holzer Ford and several participating downtown merchants.

There is no charge for the tickets, which will only be available at the particular business sponsoring each movie.

Tickets are limited since the theater seats only 375 people.

Everyone has a list of favorite classic films they could watch over and over again, so why not see a few of them the way they were meant to be seen — on the big screen at the theater.

The theater invested about \$25,000 to upgrade its equipment so that the DVDs can be shown.

Movie lovers can relive some of the timeless films featuring many of the greatest movie stars of all time — including Audrey Hepburn, Humphrey Bogart, Cary Grant, James Stewart, James Dean, Judi Dench, Gwyneth Paltrow, Glenn



Northville DDA director Lori Ward looks at the marquis of Northville's Marquis Theatre which will soon host a classic film series starting with "Breakfast at Tiffany's."

Close, William Hurt and Geoffrey Rush. Show time is 7:30 p.m. for all viewings.

The "Movies at the Marquis" series is open to guests age 5 and older.

Following is the film schedule:

- Jan. 19, "Breakfast at Tiffany's," sponsored by Ori Jewelers, 101 E. Main St. (The business plans to have a special breakfast the morning of the show.)
Jan. 26, "The Big Chill," sponsored by Scottie's Kitchen, 149 N. Center St.
Feb. 2, "To Kill a Mockingbird," sponsored by Northville Candle & Gift, 124 N. Center St.
Feb. 9, "Shakespeare in Love," sponsored by gg Resort Boutique, 133 W. Main St., Ste. 243
Feb. 16, "Rear Window," sponsored by Margo's of Northville, 141 E. Cady St.
Feb. 23, "Sabrina," sponsored by Swearingen Fine Portraits, 120 W. Main St., Ste. 301
March 1, "To Catch a Thief," sponsored by Sherus Gallery of Fine Art, 133 W. Main St., Ste. 201
March 8, "Some Like It Hot," sponsored by Loria's, 142 N. Center St.
March 15, "Rebel Without a Cause," sponsored by Poole's Tavern, 157 E. Main St. and
March 29, "Casablanca," sponsored by Starring: The Gallery, 118 W. Main St.
For more information and updates on "Movies at the Marquis," visit www.downtownnorthville.com.

Come celebrate New Year's Eve with family

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

As 2007 comes to a close, area families may enjoy a night close to home on New Year's Eve at the 11th annual Northville Nite at the Recreation Center at Hillside Middle School.

The event will feature a variety of carnival games, a band and coffee house from Oak Pointe Church in Novi, woodcrafts from Home Depot, art projects from AbbeKoolide, face-painting from Oldkin Ends, entertainers, huge inflatable games and more.

Make sure you stay until 8 p.m. because you can't miss the event's special New Year's Eve countdown.

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DETAILS: Caring and compassionate individuals needed to register for Heartland Hospice Volunteer Training. We serve individuals and their families during their end of life journey in the Tri-County area. Office support is also needed.
 CONTACT: Mary at (800) 770-9859

Novi Toastmasters
 TIME/DATE: 7-8:45 p.m. first and third Tuesday of each month
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
 DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and practice leadership.
 CONTACT: Amy (248) 752-2800

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Chapter
 TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. weigh-in and 11:30 a.m. meeting every Wednesday
 LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
 DETAILS: \$24 per annual membership, includes handbook \$1 per meeting. New members welcome.
 CONTACT: Rebecca Boyke (248) 305-8646

FAITH

Meadowbrook Congregational
 LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road
 CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757 or visit www.mbcoc.org or gncoc@arounddetroit.biz
Sunday Worship
 TIME: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Novi
 LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile

Road
 CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or www.firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org
Sunday Schedule
 Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.
 Family Worship: 11 a.m.
 Bible Study: 6 p.m.
 Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m., fourth Sunday of every month.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross
 LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road
 CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or www.churchoftheholycross.com
Sunday Worship
 TIME: 7:45, 10 a.m.
Sunday School
 TIME: 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship Center for ages 3-7; 10 a.m. All ages
Youth Worship
 TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second and fourth Sunday of every month
 DETAILS: All youth welcome. Alzheimer's Support Group
 TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month
 DETAILS: Offering support and open discussion for all those dealing with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

Church of the Holy Family
 LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
 CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule
 TIME/DATE: 7:30, 8:45, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 5 p.m. Saturday
Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting
 TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each month
 DETAILS: This free informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required.
 CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248) 334-3595
Interested in the Catholic Church?
 CONTACT: Call Maria at (248)349-8947 or spiritwalk001@aol.com

A Catholic Update
 TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21
 LOCATION: Family Center
 DETAILS: Fr. Denis Theroux from Our Lady of Victory will present "Lent Preparation." Everyone is welcome.

Oak Pointe Church
 LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road
 CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit www.oakpointe.org
Sunday Worship
 TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

St. James Catholic
 LOCATION: 48325 10 Mile Road
 CONTACT: (248) 347-7778
Mass Schedule
 TIME/DATE: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

Novi United Methodist
 LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
 CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit www.umcnovi.com
Sunday Worship
 TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
 TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
 TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month
 LOCATION: In front of the church
 DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace; not anti anything, pro peace.

Artists and Crafters Wanted
 DETAILS: The church is hosting an arts and craft show Saturday, June 21, 2008. Vendor space will be available indoors and out.
 CONTACT: Pam Davis, ediecr@yahoo.com

First United Methodist of Northville
 LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville
 CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or visit www.fumcnorthville.org

Sunday Worship
 DETAILS: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.
Healing Service
 TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month
Men's Bible Study
 TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 a.m. every Wednesday
 LOCATION: Room 10
Sharing Hearts Women's Bible Study
 TIME/DATE: 12:45-2:30 p.m. every Tuesday
 LOCATION: Chapel upstairs
 DETAILS: Child care available; cost is \$11 for materials.
Disciple One Bible Study
 TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. every Sunday; or 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Wednesday
 DETAILS: Course lasts 34 weeks; covers 70 percent of the Bible.

Disciple Three Bible Study: Remember Who You Are
 TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Wednesday
Disciple Bible Study: Jesus and the Gospels
 TIME/DATE: 9-5 p.m. every Sunday
The Faith Club
 TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every other Thursday
 DETAILS: This interfaith group will be reading "The Faith Club"; register at (248) 344-4248.

Radiant Joy
 TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of each month
 LOCATION: Chapel Lounge
 DETAILS: For women looking to connect more closely with their faith, community and other women. Registration required.
Suicide Loss Support Group
 TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second Thursday and fourth Monday of each month
 DETAILS: New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering this support group to those who have lost a loved one to suicide.

Crosspointe Meadows
 LOCATION: Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road (south of 13 Mile Road)
 CONTACT: (248) 427-2700, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org
Sunday Worship
 TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Ward Evangelical Church
 LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville
 CONTACT: (248) 374-5978
Sunday Worship



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Story Party!
 Novi library employee Phyllis Weeks reads the book "When You Take a Pig to a Party" to a group of youngsters on a recent morning. The library offers two free, drop-in story times on Thursday mornings at 10:15 and 11:15 a.m.

DETAILS: People, pancakes and praise in the Fellowship Hall.
 TIME: 9 a.m. and 10:20 a.m. Traditional, 9 a.m. Contemporary
Single Point Ministries
 For single adults 40 years and older
 CONTACT: (248) 374-5820
Every Sunday: 11:30 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments, Knox Hall
Every Monday: 7 p.m. Learner's Bible Study, Room A101
Second and Fourth Monday: 7 p.m. Study of Ephesians, Room C309

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Home Owners It's The Time Of Year To Check:

Smoke Detectors & Carbon Monoxide Detectors! Have You Checked Your Home For Levels Of Radon?

Ensure your family's health and safety by testing your Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors. This is a good time to ensure your Smoke Alarms and CO detectors are in working order. Replace the batteries and test to ensure they are functioning and the alarm can be heard throughout the house. If your units are over 10 years old then we recommend replacing them with new ones. Ensure there is no dirt or dust on the cover of the monitors. If you hear a chirping sound this is a signal that the battery requires replacing for maintaining proper operations of the unit.

Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors Benefits:

- To Wake You and your family when sleeping. This will allow your family to safely exit from the property in an emergency situation.
- Early Warning. Smoke Alarms provide an early warning for fires. Carbon Monoxide detectors has digital displays that can show levels on an ongoing basis to determine if there is an issue with CO in your home.

Ensure the Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors are installed per manufacture installation instructions that come with the units. We recommend that you have one Smoke Alarm on each floor and in each bedroom.

Carbon Monoxide detectors are recommended in the main living area and sleeping areas of your home to provide family protection.

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO)
Your family could be at risk of accidental carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. The symptoms of CO poisoning are - dizziness, nausea, vomiting and fatigue. Often symptoms are mistaken for the flu. Carbon Monoxide is an odorless, tasteless, and colorless gas. The source of the CO is usually faulty fuel-burning (any combustible fuel such as oil, gas, propane, wood or coal) appliance such as a furnace, water heater, space heater, wood stove, gas range, or gas dryer. It is essential that your home has a Carbon Monoxide detector installed in the main living area and sleeping areas of your home.

Issues to understand about CO are:

- heat exchanger cracks - CO is produced in the combustion process. CO is produced when there is not enough air supplied to a combustion appliance - or when there is an insufficient or restricted air opening into the space in which the appliance is located.
- properly adjusted equipment will produce very little CO - regardless of the amount, it is important to have the CO properly vented outside the dwelling.

Levels of Radon in your home:
More than 20,000 deaths annually have been attributed to Radon Gas. Radon is odorless, colorless, and tasteless.

Radon is not caused by the age of the home, or style of house. It comes from a decay of uranium in the ground. Typically Radon Gas enters the home through the foundation, around floor drains, sump pumps, and wall cracks.

A Continuous Radon Monitor is placed in the lowest livable level of the home. A test requires a minimum of 48 hours. You can live in the home during the measurement process. The windows and doors must remain closed. Normal entry/exit is fine. Normal use of the Heating & Cooling is recommended.

If your home has elevated levels of Radon Gas it is a simple fix. A ventilation stack with a fan that runs 24 hours a day is installed. This will pull the gas from under your foundation and safely vent it to the exterior where the wind blows it away.

Professional Radon Mitigation Companies provide a guarantee that the levels of Radon will be reduced to a level in accordance with EPA safe guidelines.

Call us to have your home tested for elevated levels of Radon Gas or Carbon Monoxide, to ensure your family's health and protection.

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The colorful atmosphere of La Casa Del Rio Grande, plus outstanding authentic Mexican food and a full bar, await hungry shoppers who wish to avoid the long lines at other area restaurants.

Great food without the wait

Locally owned Rio Grande doesn't disappoint

By Michael J. Pilotti
SPECIAL WRITER

In the heart of a sleepy one-goat town like New Hudson, you'd figure a fast meal for a great price and taste would be hard to find, but that just isn't the truth. To find this out for yourself just remember "Go West!"

Just a tad west of New Hudson, on Grand River Avenue, you'll find a restaurant setting the standard for all other restaurants to follow. A standard that respects quality, service and taste at the highest level — yours.

Contrary to the slow pace and long wait at other restaurants that survive on franchise recognition, La Casa Del Rio Grande is operated in a customer-focused, family-friendly manner which owner Dawn Salvati pours herself into.

Being the business owner and operator for more than six years has been hard work, but it's what she believes in and what her loyal customers have come to expect when their delicious authentic Mexican meals are served to them piping hot.

NO CORNER CUTTING

Dawn will not sacrifice taste and quality or cut corners — that's not her style. Her goal is to maintain a high standard of great tasting food that brings you back over and over and has you telling your friends about her food.

As restaurants go there are differences that stand out once you get past the menu items that seem familiar.

At Dawn's restaurant the things that create recognition for La Casa Del Rio Grande from the others include special touches like locally owned and operated with a lot of TLC.

How does that make a difference you ask? Dawn is the owner and she is there to answer any question, or listen to suggestions, you might have along with her great team of servers.

Fresh ingredients are prepared on-site, not trucked in frozen, from some corporate kitchen out of state. What this allows

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for is that each and every customer can order food exactly how he or she likes it, whether it be mild or extra spicy. Fresh also means that you will have exceptionally good tasting food and the peace of mind knowing your meal was prepared for you that day, not weeks before.

NO LONG WAITS

Some of us may find that it is really annoying and degrading when, after shopping for hours and being fairly hungry, are given one of those blinky-light pager things in an attempt to appease a 40-minute wait for over-priced food.

Having the option to take a quick drive 5 minutes down the road to get better food, better service, save 40 minutes and some money, wouldn't you rather do just that? That is exactly what Dawn and her staff have been offering over the years.

Customers have been responding positively to the service and selection at Dawn's restaurant. Surveys submitted have consistently reported that diners have had great service, excellent food and an awesome value for their money. That's why they come back and that's what



Customers appreciate the short drive from New Hudson's shopping district to La Casa Del Rio Grande, where authentic Mexican food is served minus the long wait for a table.

PARTY PLANNING

To make your football, business or other party memorable and simple, you can count on La Casa Del Rio Grande to help set the banquet table at your home or office with fantastic menu items that will rock your party with all its eating essentials at affordable prices. Call Dawn and discuss your party plans and let her offer you some awesome ideas.

Just think about it — no 40-minute lines, fresh food fast, family-friendly atmosphere and an owner who is out talking to her customers asking them how they liked their meals — now that's refreshing.

Regardless of your choice of

chimichanga, burrito, taco, tamale or house special, every savory mouthful will have you wondering what you'll come back to try next time.

This writer can say from personal experience that the food at La Casa Del Rio Grande is two tamales way-way up!

Dawn, her staff and her family want to wish all of you a Happy New Year "Alegre Nuevo Años!"

Come on out and heat up your winter at La Casa Del Rio Grande just a mile west of Milford Road on Grand River Avenue, only minutes from Wal-Mart and Lowes shopping center in New Hudson.

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