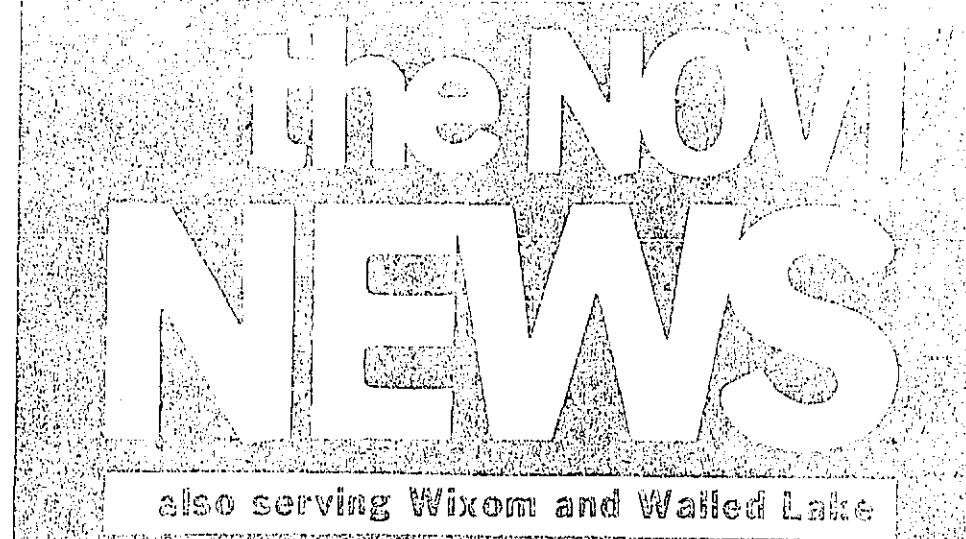


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Arlen Schroeder resigns from council seat

Novi Council Member Arlen Schroeder announced his decision to resign his seat on the council Monday night.

"For at least the last six months it has been a source of frustration to me to try and balance my work schedule and council meeting agendas," said Schroeder in announcing his resignation.

"I feel it is in the best interest of the city for me to resign so that someone who has more time to give can be represented on the council," he added.

Mayor Patricia Karevich told the council that, "reluctantly," it would have to accept Schroeder's

resignation in formal action at its next regularly scheduled meeting on Jan. 26.

"You will be missed," Karevich told Schroeder. According to City Clerk Gerry Stipp, council has 30 days from the point of formal acceptance of the resignation to appoint a replacement for Schroeder. That appointment will serve until the next election.

If the council does not make the appointment within 30 days, a special election must be held.

The council will probably accept applications from interested residents and hold interviews for the appointment, according to Stipp. Registered voters who

are residents of Novi are eligible to run for city council seats.

A professor of accounting and social sciences at Oakland Community College, Schroeder told The News last week that he is not happy about resigning from the council but he felt it was something that had to be done.

"It's certainly not from a lack of interest," he commented. "I just didn't feel that I had enough time to be as active as I wanted to be or felt I should be."

Schroeder noted that the council met three times last week (Monday and Wednesday nights and Saturday

morning) and that he had a conflict with his job on each occasion that either caused him to be late or miss the meeting entirely.

Schroeder was elected to the council in the 1983 general election and would have been up for re-election later this year.

He resides on Glenhaven in the Country Place Condominiums and served on the board of directors of the Country Place Condominium Association from 1978-82. He was appointed to the Novi Economic Development Corporation in 1980 and continued to serve until elected to the city council in 1983.



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Fishing expedition

John Dougherty of Novi waits hopefully for an unsuspecting fish to take a nibble of his bait while on an ice fishing expedition on Walled Lake Monday afternoon. Police Captain Richard Faulkner notes that the lake has been the site of much recreational activity

of late, particularly on the weekends. Dougherty reported that the ice was approximately five to six inches deep at the spot he drilled his hole in the ice Monday afternoon.

Zoning showdown nears end

By ANN E. WILLIS
staff writer

Meadowbrook Lake residents may have won a stay of execution at last Monday's city council meeting when a decision to rezone the 43-acre property directly adjacent to the subdivision was tabled.

Residents of Meadowbrook Lake are supporting a proposal to change the land's present I-1 (light industrial zoning) to an R-4 (residential) designation.

The council also postponed action on approval of the tentative preliminary plat for the Novi Industrial Research Office Park, which is the development sought by the owners of the land.

The city council postponed

discussion of both issues following a detailed look at a proposed amendment to the I-1 zoning ordinance. If the council approves the amendment, the new zoning would apply to the proposed Industrial Research Park.

No decision was reached on the zoning amendment at the Jan. 12 meeting, and council will hold a special session tonight, Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m. to continue discussion on the issue. Action may also be taken on the rezoning petition and on the plat approval at tonight's meeting.

The area of concern is the strip of land north of Nine Mile and immediately east of the C&O railroad tracks. It has been zoned for industrial use for more than 20 years. Gene Heathcoat, president of the

Meadowbrook Lakes Homeowners Association, told the council at Monday's meeting, that the proposed industrial park would affect the lives of 145 homeowners and lower the property values of the homes in the subdivision. Heathcoat said the average value of a home in Meadowbrook Lake is \$150,000.

Heathcoat and other members of the subdivision association were involved in the implementation committee which drafted the proposed I-1 amendment.

"Despite all the hours I have spent studying the matter, despite all of the meetings I have attended, I have yet to hear anything that convinces me that light industrial should be located next to residential," Heathcoat said.

"I am truly impressed with the efforts by all parties to improve the I-1 district. We will end up with a much improved district. But even with the improvements, we will still be living next door to warehouses," he said.

Heathcoat blamed the council for a lack of creativity in producing alternative solutions to the plight of the residents.

"We've created a complex multi-tiered problem," Council Member Nancy Covert told the council, referring to the I-1 amendment. "Our original plan was to cut back and reduce our large supply of industrial zoning. We need to institute a policy of separating non-

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Council considers industrial zoning

After almost three hours of discussion on what will be one of the most closely studied zoning amendments in the city, the Novi City Council voted to table action on a proposed amendment to the I-1 (light industrial) zoning district at its Monday, Jan. 12, meeting.

The council voted to hold a special full council study session on the proposed amendment tonight (Wednesday, Jan. 14) at 7:30 p.m. The amendment will have far-reaching effect for residents and developers of industrial land in the city. The proposal adds an adjacency factor to the old I-1 ordinance,

calling for certain procedures and requirements for light industrial developments which abut residential.

Considerable work has gone into the drafting of the proposal which was presented at last Monday's meeting. City Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers told council members that a special implementation committee composed of planning commissioners, council members, a developer and residents from the Meadowbrook Lakes subdivision helped draft the ordinance.

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NHS receives passing grades

By MICHELE M. FECHT
staff writer

After a year-long self-study and a three-day visitation, Novi High School appears to have made the grade on its third North Central evaluation.

The voluminous 69-page report of the 22-member evaluation team was given to the Novi Board of Education Thursday.

Under the chairmanship of Clayton Graham, principal of Farmington Harrison High School, members of the team outlined their observations about the school's various programs citing strengths, weaknesses and recommendations.

Team members spent Nov. 11-13 at Novi High School, observing all areas of the program—from staff development to driver and traffic safety education. It was the high school's third visitation since receiving accreditation in 1973.

"We feel it was a valuable experience," Novi High School Principal Robert Youngberg told the board. He further noted that the evaluation team "took back something to their own school districts which will help them."

A general summary of the team's three-day visitation was made by Graham, who has been a member of about 10 North Central evaluation teams.

In his summary, Graham praised the high school's faculty and noted the "school and community enjoy mutual positive relationships that allow for and encourage community involvement in the school program."

He also noted that the district's "excellent financial support from the community" has enabled the high school to offer a wide range of curricular and co-curricular activities.

However, Graham also noted that "given the circumstances of the recognition accorded to Novi High School as an exemplary school along with the success that Novi has had with the Michigan Assessment Tests, there is danger of becoming complacent and 'resting on one's laurels.'"

The chairman stressed that the

Graham: 'The visiting team sees a need for the entire Novi staff, the board of education, administration and study body, to continue the process begun of long-range planning, especially in the areas of space and facilities'

Novi staff "needs to be reminded that we are working with a valuable resource—the youth of today, the leaders of tomorrow" and noted that "dedicated and continuous efforts needs to be made to meet the challenge of education in a rapidly changing world and community."

"Novi continues in the transition stage moving from the rural, agricultural community to the high tech, urban metropolitan area."

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While reports were filed on each area of the high school program,

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Board to discuss district facilities

A special study session to discuss a recently-released report on the school district's facilities will be held by the Novi Board of Education tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m.

The board will meet in the Administrative Services Building to review the 27-page report released just prior to the holiday break.

Findings of the report show that should enrollment in the Novi Community School District continue to climb, the district will face an overcrowding problem by the end of the decade—and possibly as early as next year at the elementary level.

The purpose of tonight's study session is to examine the findings of the citizens' task force and review the alternatives cited in the report. The public is welcome to attend what undoubtedly is the first of many sessions on the task force.

While the board seemed receptive to the idea of refinancing the bond issue at a lower rate (today's rate is approximately 6 percent as compared to the 7 percent borrowing rate in 1974), trustees postponed a decision until after tonight's discussion on the district's facility needs.

Nordberg advised board members that they determine whether the district needs funds for construction in 1987 before committing to the refinancing.

The school board, which is just beginning to look at alternatives for dealing with its growing population, has not determined whether it will build a new school.

Teaching workshop presented

Barbara Meister Vitale, author and lecturer on right-brain teaching methods, will be the guest speaker at a special workshop for parents tomorrow (Thursday, Jan. 15) at the Novi High School Auditorium.

Vitale's presentation, sponsored by the Novi Interschool PTO and the district's professional staff development committee, will be offered from 7:30-9 p.m. All community members are invited to attend. A \$2 fee will be charged at the door.

As a child, Vitale was labeled "learning disabled." She was unable to read until the age of 12 and experienced severe visual, auditory and language reversals which continue today.

Thanks to two teachers who recognized and encouraged her creative abilities, Vitale was able to complete high school. She went on to earn a bachelor's degree in education, a master's degree in early childhood and learning disabilities and a specialist degree in administration and supervision.

She has taught all age levels — kindergarten to college; from gifted to autistic; learning disabled and emotionally disturbed.

Vitale is the author of "Unicorns Are Real, A Right-Brained Approach to Learning" and the recently released "Free Flight, Celebrating Your Right Brain." Her right-brain teaching methods described in "Unicorns" have been successfully demonstrated at workshops, universities and major educational conventions nationwide.

Vitale currently is a full-time author and lecturer.

Snow alert covers cars

Next time you wake up to your clock radio blaring the news that Novi has issued a snow emergency and are tempted to crawl back into bed to sleep until it's over, don't.

Instead, get dressed, go outside

and move your car from any of the

public streets the city is responsible

for plowing and salting.

According to City Clerk Geraldine Stipp, the snow ordinance requires residents to get their cars off public streets if the superintendent of public works calls for a snow emergency.

The superintendent may declare an emergency on the basis of falling freezing rain or sleet or two or more inches of snow.



Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Tough decisions

Recreational activities during the winter mean cross-country skiing and ice skating for some people. For others, there's nothing better than reading a good book in front of the fire place on a

cold winter night. Making a selection of reading materials at the Novi Public Library in the picture above is Myrtle Locke.

Traffic problems irk developers

It would seem that not a meeting goes by in Novi without the subject of traffic coming up. At last Saturday's joint meeting between the council, planning commission and area developers, the issue of overloaded roads was as much on developer's minds, as the need for increased sewage capacity. Both issues will affect how much and what kind of development Novi sees in the next few years.

Jeff Edison of The Taubman Company, owners of Twelve Oaks Mall, spoke at the Jan. 7 meeting on the continuing traffic problems on Twelve Mile. "We are a resident, a major taxpayer and potential developer. We are increasingly disturbed with the traffic problems in the city. The master plan is not doing its job. It is not addressing the crisis that exists with regard to traffic," Edison said.

Planning commissioner Joseph Toth reminded the group that the city was not completely responsible for all the city's traffic woes. "The road system is under three groups — the city, the state and the county. The city has done a great job on its roads. Remember that this is a regional problem that needs to be addressed by the Oakland County Road Commission. Everyone here should write a letter to their representatives and to the road commission. You have the clout and should exercise it," Toth said.

City Manager Edward Kriewall gave a brief update on the city's search for increased sewage capacity. "We are pursuing the Ypsilanti connection. We are on record with the group of townships that is being formed and we are working with their attorney. We will know more in a couple of weeks, but so far it appears to be our best alternative."

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Eight more break-ins reported

Police Beat

The rash of breaking-and-enterings (B&Es) which plagued the city during 1986 shows no signs of abating as eight more B&Es have been logged by Novi police during the first days of the new year.

Personal property valued well in excess of \$2,000 was stolen from a residence on Meadowbrook Road on Jan. 9 between 5:30 and 9:25 p.m.

The complainant told police he arrived home from having played tennis to discover that unknown individuals had entered the home through a rear door that had been left open and proceeded to remove the personal property.

Police noted that the intruders did not ransack the house and did not appear to have gone upstairs.

Stolen property included a Panasonic VCR valued at \$700, a Canon 35mm camera, a Rolex man's watch valued at \$500 and a pair of Bushnell binoculars. Also stolen was an unknown quantity of foreign coins and several pieces of jewelry.

Two residences in the Pavilion Court Apartments were broken into during early evening hours of Monday, Jan. 5.

A resident on Summer House Court told police she returned home to discover that unknown individuals had entered her home through a front door and removed a General Electric videocassette recorder valued at \$300.

The complainant said her son was asleep at home when the break-in occurred but neither heard nor saw the responsible parties.

A residence on Terrace Court in the Pavilion Court Apartments was broken into the same night during the same approximate hours.

The owner said he left home at 6:45 p.m. and discovered the break-in when he returned at 9:15 p.m. Numerous items of personal property were stolen, including a Walther .32 calibre automatic hand gun.

Thieves broke into a storage shed behind a residence on Lyndon in the

Echo Valley subdivision during the night of Jan. 9-10 and took property valued at \$1,085.

The complainant said the responsible parties gained entry to the shed by cutting a padlock off the door. A Toro lawnmower valued at \$480 and various automotive tools with a value of \$625.

Investigating officers followed tracks from the storage shed but lost the trail when the tracks entered the driveway.

An estimated \$6,300 worth of equipment was stolen from a construction trailer parked on the site of the Trammell Crow Company's Town Center development.

The complainant, an employee of the Sardo Construction Company, said the thieves gained entry to the trailer by cutting a padlock off the door sometime during the night of Jan. 6-7.

Stolen property included a Honda generator valued at \$1,000, two compactors with a combined value of \$4,100 and a Honda gas water pump valued at \$1,200.

Thieves broke into the Golden Oaks Party Store, Haggerty Road near Grand River Avenue on Jan. 2 and made off with a small quantity of cash and 80 cartons of cigarettes valued at some \$700.

The complainant told police he also entered a garage on the site by breaking into a panel in an overhead door. After tampering with security cameras inside the garage, the perpetrators took a large quantity of tools used by mechanics on the site.

The theft of tools from the garage was not discovered until several days later because the responsible parties replaced the damaged panel when they left the scene.

A 1986 Yamaha snowmobile owned by a Walled Lake man was stolen

from the lake in front of the Frigate's Inn on Jan. 10 between 1:30 and 2 a.m.

The man told police he parked the machine on the ice, went into the bar and returned roughly 30 minutes later to find the snowmobile missing.

Tire tracks from a large four-wheel drive vehicle were found on the ice where the snowmobile had been left, leading police to theorize the machine had been carted away by the thieves.

The snowmobile was valued at \$2,000.

Somebody went to a lot of trouble to break into Cervi's White House Manor on Nine Mile near Novi Road but got nothing of value for their efforts.

The break-in was reported by an employee of Arkin Industries, owner of the former restaurant, who said he arrived at work on Jan. 5 at 6:45 a.m. and heard an alarm sounding at the front door.

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A Holly woman reported the theft of her 1986 Ford Bronco on the Lot at Twelve Oaks Mall on Jan. 11.

The woman said she parked and locked the Bronco at 12:30 p.m. and returned at 3:15 p.m. to find it missing. Broken glass was found on the ground in the area where the vehicle had been parked.

A 1987 Pontiac Firebird was stolen from outside the owner's residence on East Glenhaven in the Country Place Condominiums sometime during the night of Jan. 6-7.

The vehicle was valued at \$13,000.

Some \$250 worth of personal property was stolen from a 1978 Ford pickup truck while it was parked in the drive outside the owner's residence on Rushwood in the Echo Valley subdivision. The theft occurred sometime after Dec. 23 and Jan. 7.

The theft was discovered by an employee of the Greg Miller Landscaping and Snow Removal Company, which stores equipment in a pole barn at the rear of the storage yard. Stolen from the pole barn were three grass trimmers, two back-pack blowers, two blowers and a power edger.

The complainant told police a wheelbarrow and two sets of tires and rims were stolen from the back of the pickup truck.

A 1986 Chevrolet Monte Carlo stolen from outside the owner's residence in the Westgate VI Apartments on Jan. 5 was recovered by Detroit police the following day.

The theft of tools from the garage was not discovered until several days later because the responsible parties replaced the damaged panel when they left the scene.

Police reported finding two sets of tracks in the snow which led from the front of the store to a vehicle which had been parked outside the party store.

A 1986 Yamaha snowmobile owned by a Walled Lake man was stolen

Novi Briefs

NOVI CITY OFFICES will be closed Monday, Jan. 19, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The Novi Community School District and Novi Police Headquarters will be open as usual, however.

As part of the federal celebration, the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia will ring at 12:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. State Senator Jackie Vaughn III (D-Detroit), chairman of the Michigan Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, is asking that religious and other institutions join in the ringing of the bell at the moment as a reminder of the humanitarian life and good works of Dr. King.

THE NOVI AMBASSADORS will meet tomorrow (Thursday, Jan. 15) at 7 p.m. at Fire Station Number 1 on Grand River.

The Ambassadors are Novi residents and business owners who volunteer to promote the city to visitors. The Ambassadors welcome visitors attending conventions and seminars at Novi's major hotels and provide them with maps and information about the city.

Anyone interested in joining the organization is welcome to attend the meeting.

BRAS DE NOVI, the planned development project at Eleven Mile east of Beck Road, will be considered by the Novi Planning Commission at a public hearing on Wednesday, Jan. 21.

A hearing on the proposed project slated for Dec. 7 was postponed by the commission.

A PUBLIC HEARING was set for Feb. 4 on a proposed text amendment to Section 2520, exterior building wall facade materials, by the planning commission at 7 p.m. on Jan. 7 meeting.

The amendment's purpose is to provide a consistent and equitable set of exterior building wall material standards, the intent of which is designed to create, enhance and promote the qualitative visual environment of the city, according to the text.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER pay in the Novi Community Schools may be increased, pending the school board's approval of a proposed \$7 per day hike effective Jan. 26.

If approved, the increase would bring substitute teacher pay to \$50 per day (\$60 per day after 10 days). Novi pays its substitutes \$43 per day the lowest of the eight surrounding communities it compares with except for Northville which pays \$43. The highest substitute pay in the surrounding area is in Farmington, where substitutes make \$42 per day (\$73.30 after 10 days).

The board is expected to vote on the increase at its Jan. 22 meeting.

COMPLIMENTARY SENIOR CITIZEN PASSES are available from the Novi Community School District for the 1986-87 school year. This is the second year the district has offered complimentary passes to Novi residents 60 years of age or older.

Passes allow senior citizens free admission to all district athletic events, plays, concerts and open swimming as well as discount on Community Education classes.

Passes are available at the School Administration Building, the Community Education office and the Parks and Recreation Department. For details, phone 348-1200.



Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Izumi Suzuki Meyers is Director of Japanese Relations at the Sheraton Oaks Hotel

Developers raise housing concerns

By ANN E. WILLIS
staff writer

Are there enough single family homes for sale in Novi? Is an affordable housing a problem in the metro-Detroit area, "Brody" asked.

He asked the group that most young adults of marriageable age cannot afford to buy a house. "That's why we have apartments. A lot of them are double up with trucks. No community has taken the lead in down-sizing lots and providing affordable housing. Our children cannot afford to live in this community. It is a problem for senior citizens as well."

"The people who live here don't want to down-size the lots," Brody acknowledged. "They say the value of their property would drop, and that just isn't true." He called for workable programs in Novi to provide affordable housing and senior housing in the community.

Another developer told the group of Realtors he told the group of Realtors at the Jan. 7 meeting that the excellent rating the Novi school system has received attracts families to the area and they want single-family houses. "The consumer wants to move into Novi, they simply cannot find housing," he said.

Jakubowski is the outgoing president of the Michigan Association of Realtors. He told the group of Realtors at the Jan. 7 meeting that the excellent rating the Novi school system has received attracts families to the area and they want single-family houses. The scarcity of homes and the lack of available housing in Novi for young adults was targeted as a point that needs addressing by the city.

Jim Wahl, community development director for the city, told the group that one of the reasons demand so outstrips the supply in the current housing market is the sudden turnaround of the economy. "Currently there are 20 subdivisions and condominiums in progress with approximately 1,500 new homes and 11 apartments in the process of development," Wahl said.

Sheraton adds oriental flavor

By ANN E. WILLIS
staff writer

The Sheraton Oaks has added something new to its "room service" menu — green tea.

And if you're thinking that "green tea" has something of an Oriental ring to it, you're absolutely right.

The green tea is one of several new services that have been added at the Sheraton to appeal specifically to the interests of Japanese visitors.

In fact, the Sheraton is so interested in providing services to Japanese visitors that it has hired Izumi Suzuki Meyers to the newly-created position of Director of Japanese Relations.

"There are over 100 Japanese companies in the greater Detroit area," Meyers said. "And the prediction is for there to be more than 400 within two years."

She operates art galleries in Grand Haven and Grand Rapids, selling Japanese paper prints, before moving to this area.

Most of those guests who have been transferred to the area for three or four years. The men usually arrive a few weeks before their wives and children, and the families use the hotel as a base before they find a home.

Then the family must find a bilingual school for the children. "Since most of the business men come here in their 30s and 40s, most have small school-age children," Meyers said.

Meyers puts families in touch with the Japanese Society of Detroit, an organization in which many Japanese businesses belong. The society helps newly-arrived families with many of their relocation problems.

"Deserts of the World" will explore organisms living in the world's deserts. These organisms encounter the most severe environmental con-

ditions, including long periods of drought, drastic temperature variations, intense sunlight and occasional flash floods.

Living Science Society interpreters will offer an in-depth look at the plants and animals of the world's deserts and the adaptations they have to make in order to survive these hardships.

The program will be of interest to children and adults. Refreshments will be served following the program.

For more information call the Living Science Foundation at 348-1985.

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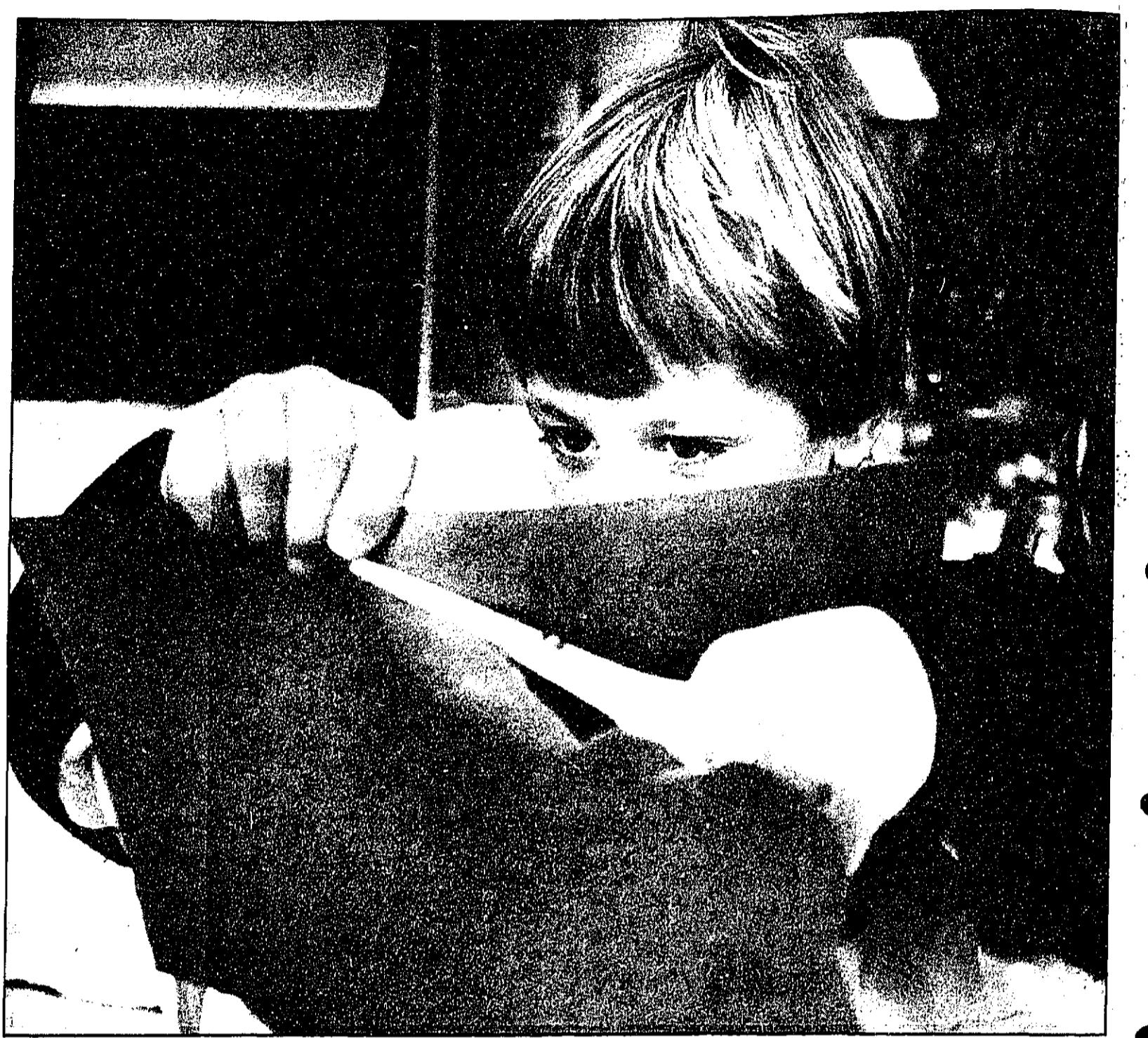


Tiny coats hang beneath a shelf lined with backpacks (above). Students in the morning session work on shape and size differential (below).



Hands-On Learning

Story by Michele Fecht • Photos by Chris Boyd



Matt Buckley (above) cuts out a bear from construction paper. Kevin Callendar (far left) creates a snow scene by dabbing glue to a paper background before applying cotton. Mrs. Starr (left) helps Alec Moir with his work

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Kids' stuff makes the grade

Easels spattered with paint. Building blocks and Legos. Puppets made from wool mittens and construction paper.

For the newest (and in most cases youngest) of Orchard Hills' kindergartners, these are educational tools. There are no pencils yet, only crayons and chalk. The letters of the alphabet are overshadowed by the shapes and numbers predominately displayed around the classroom walls.

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type of activities."

She notes, for instance, that most of her students are in a gross motor stage but have not yet developed the fine motor skills.

Therefore, Starr focuses on their hands-on activities where children can use their muscles.

"The objectives for developmental kindergarten are the same as kindergarten," she points out. However, there is more emphasis on pre-readiness work.

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"I try to stay out of their problems and let them solve them on their own," she notes.

Starr points out that only about half of her students had a preschool experience prior to developmental kindergarten. She also notes that males comprise the bulk of enrollment in the program with boys making up the entire afternoon session.

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"Her patience level really has improved," Stevens notes. "She's also able to share better with her sister at home."

Stevens says that had the program not been instituted this September, she would have enrolled Tara in another year of preschool.

"She just wasn't ready for kindergarten," Stevens explains, noting that Tara's Sept. 1 birthday

makes her a "young five."

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Novi Chamber

STATE OF THE CITY: Mayor Patricia Karevich will deliver the annual "State of the City" address when the Novi Chamber of Commerce holds its next general meeting.

The meeting will be held at the Red Timbers on Grand River Avenue at noon on Tuesday, Jan. 20.

BUSINESS CONNECTION: More than 100 members of the Novi, Northville and Plymouth Chambers of Commerce attended the "Business Connection" at the Novi Hilton last Wednesday, Jan. 7.

Gary Seiber, general manager of the Hilton and a member of the Novi Chamber, won the grand prize of \$1,000 in air time on MetroVision and \$100 off production of a 30-second commercial.

First prize of \$500 in air time on MetroVision and \$100 off production of a 30-second commercial was won by Jim Davis of Davis Auto Service in Northville, while the second prize of \$500 in air time on MetroVision and \$75 off production of a 30-second commercial was won by Sharon Stoll of Coordinated Industries, Inc., of Livonia.

RISE 'N SHINE: The Chamber sponsors Rise 'N Shine breakfasts the fourth Wednesday of each month. The meetings are held at Denny's restaurant on Novi Road near Twelve Oaks Mall at 7 a.m.

The meetings feature speakers on a variety of topics of interest to the business community.

DUES ARE DUE: Executive Director Connie Mallett reminds Chamber members that it's time to renew their memberships for 1987.

The dues structure for the coming year is \$150 for businesses with one to four employees, \$200 for businesses with five to 24 employees and \$250 for businesses with more than 25 employees. Associate memberships are available for employees of a member business at a cost of \$100.

For more information about dues or memberships contact the Chamber office at 349-3743.

Nearby

"FIDDLER ON THE ROOF" will continue its four-week engagement at the Birmingham Theatre through Jan. 25.

Performances are offered Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. Matinees are offered Wednesdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. For more information or ticket reservations call the Birmingham Theatre box office at 644-3533. Mastercard and Visa are accepted.

THE BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD COIN CLUB will hold its annual show at the Masonic Temple in Bloomfield Hills on Sunday, Feb. 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Masonic Temple is located at 357 Woodward in Bloomfield Hills.

Twenty-nine tables of gold and silver coins from the United States and Canada have been assembled for coin and paper money collectors. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

INFORMAL MODELING is featured during luncheons the second Friday each month from noon to 2 p.m. at the Novi's Orchard Cafe.

Offered in conjunction with Twelve Oaks Mall, modeling is done by the Twelve Oaks Fashion Guild, which consists of career women from local communities. Styles and designs for vacation and cruises will be showcased from the following Twelve Oaks stores: Career Image, Luisa Ashley, Susies Casuals, Gantos and August Max.

Luncheon reservations are requested and can be made by calling 349-4000, extension 1069.

To have an event listed in *Nearby*, write to: "Nearby," Novi News, 104 West Main, Northville, MI 48167 at least two weeks in advance of event. Photos and artwork welcome. For information, phone 349-7000.

By ANN E. WILLIS
staff writer

"The purpose of these meetings is to establish cooperation between private enterprise, or business, and government. It is the key to the future development of all suburbia."

With that statement developer Max Sheldon opened the second meeting between city officials, council, planning commissioners, and other interested community members, on Saturday, Jan. 10.

Sheldon and Mayor Patricia Karevich are sponsoring a series of meetings to open communication between the city and developers, many of whom have registered complaints over the time and cost of doing business.

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NRPH workers to face 101 layoffs

By ANITA CRONE
staff writer

NORTHLVLE — Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital is not known as one of the state's top mental health facilities. It lost its accreditation. It historically has been overpopulated and understaffed.

But the Michigan Department of Mental Health, facing a deficit budget, has determined that the hospital is overstuffed and has ordered that 110 of the facility's approximately 650 ward care workers be laid off.

The cuts are scheduled to take effect in February and, according to state officials, could save the department of mental health some \$1.8 million.

"Some people thought it was necessary with the deficit to reduce the staff and those same people thought that now was the right time to make the cuts," said Al James, public relations director at Northville.

However, local officials are not sure the cutbacks are beneficial.

"These cutbacks are an irresponsible act that jeopardizes not only the patients but the residents of the township as well," said Supervisor Georgina Goss. She added that she was not aware of any plans to reduce staff until she heard the reports on a local television newscast.

Goss added that there were 356 walkaways from the facility under the higher staffing levels in 1986.

Dr. Walter Brown, director of the hospital, said he had received word from the state "three or four weeks ago that a decision was made to reduce staff. I wrote asking for a rescission of that decision."

Brown said he expected the cutbacks to have "a bad effect on the hospital. This is a community where people work together, talk together and strive for the same goals. Obviously, if we lose a large portion of that community, we're going to be hurt."

While the state contends that the hospital is functioning at 125 percent staffing, based on SNAP (staffing needs assessment program), Brown says as far as he is concerned, 100 percent staffing is the minimum

amount needed to run the hospital.

He said that, in the past two years, the patient population has decreased, an assessment echoed by Thomas Watkins, acting director of the Michigan Department of Mental Health.

"Obviously, our plan (to reduce patient population) is working," Watkins said, noting that patient population has dropped from 1,100 two years ago to its current 840.

Much of the reduction can be traced to contracts between the department and 16 Detroit and suburban hospitals to provide 200 acute-care beds earmarked for mental health patients.

Watkins said he hoped that additional appropriations from the legislature would result in a lessening of the deficit; however, he added, the appropriation would not negate the layoffs.

"Our ultimate goal is to provide quality care for the mentally ill," Watkins said.

He added that while the patient population has decreased, the professional staffing ranks had increased. Watkins said 78 licensed practical nurses and 72 registered nurses had been added to the staff at Northville to work with the residential care workers.

"We really didn't have any options," Watkins said. "With the deficit, we could either have cut 5 percent across the board, including our children's facilities, community mental health programs and hospitals, or we could make the cuts at Northville."

"Northville is the only facility that according to our statistics is above SNAP levels," Watkins said.

"I just don't think it is fair to enrich Northville at the expense of other mental health facilities," said State Sen. R. Robert Geake, R-Northville.

Geake, chairman of the Senate Mental Appropriations Subcommittee, said he intended to introduce a supplemental appropriation for mental health during this legislative session.

"I won't be satisfied until we have a fence around the entire perimeter of the hospital," Geake added, noting that the reductions are for ward care workers, not professional staff.

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□ Wear safety goggles for maximum eye protection.

□ Be sure water (electrolyte)



Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Major league donation

Youngsters in the Novi Youth Baseball League got a helping hand from the Novi Police Officers Association which has donated \$1,800 to Novi's annual summer baseball program. Bobby Gatt displays the check in the picture above, while pictured behind him

(left to right) are Ed Vedro, Eddie Rhea, Dolores Vedro, Frank Barabas, NPOA President Robert Gatt, Tim McNamara, Alan Blashfield, William Brown and Ralph Fluhart.

Tips offer winter mishap guidelines

Oakland County Emergency Medical Services and Disaster Control is issuing a cold weather caution to users of battery chargers and booster cables.

Oakland County EMS/Disaster Control offers these tips to help motorists avoid mishaps caused by trying to energize a frozen battery.

□ Remove the battery and bring it indoors to warm it up before attempting to put the battery back in service whenever possible.

□ Charge the battery only in a well-ventilated area.

□ Wear safety goggles for maximum eye protection.

□ Be sure water (electrolyte)

levels are sufficient to cover the plates.

□ Be sure your charger switch is in the "off" position and that the charger is unplugged before connecting or disconnecting it to the battery.

□ The negative connection to the booster battery should be made next when jump starting a car and the last connection is the other end of the negative cable to the engine block away from the battery.

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Cable Listings

The Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission has announced next week's programming schedule for Channel 12, the community access branch of the MetroVision cable television system serving Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

Noon — Lifestyles: Psychic phenomena
12:30 p.m. — Expose: Drug education — Fact or fiction?
1 p.m. — Serendipity: Hygiene
1:30 p.m. — Art in Review: Theater and movie reviews
2 p.m. — In Concert: Miss Michigan dance pageant
4 p.m. — Producers of the Month: Ellen Doman and Billie Thompson
6 p.m. — Oakland County Connection: Oakland County issues
6:30 p.m. — One Blue Sky: Peace issues
7 p.m. — Serendipity: Hygiene
7:30 p.m. — High School Basketball
9 p.m. — Sports Scene

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

Noon — Summit University
1 p.m. — Cooking with Class: Lean lasagna
1:30 p.m. — Tri-Outlook News
2 p.m. — FYI: The Good Neighbors of St. Clare County
2:30 p.m. — Community Upbeat: Cystic Fibrosis kick-off
3 p.m. — Songs from the Heart
3:30 p.m. — Screaming Yellow Video Funhouse
4 p.m. — Ask Donnell: Sports information
6 p.m. — Short Subjects: How to prepare IRS forms and Novi Christmas tree lighting
6:30 p.m. — Senior Messenger: Farmington Hills senior citizen news
7 p.m. — Sports Yesterday/Today: Interviews and information
7:30 p.m. — Tri-Outlook News
8 p.m. — Living Wellness: Health issues
8:30 p.m. — Community Upbeat: Cystic Fibrosis kick-off
9 p.m. — Artists at Work: Painting
9:30 p.m. — Viewpoint: City of Farmington Hills

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

Noon — AWANA Invites You: Christian youth activities
1 p.m. — Serendipity: Hygiene
1:30 p.m. — The Job Show: Job information
2 p.m. — Around the World: International interviews
2:30 p.m. — Farmington Jaycees Focus
3 p.m. — Art in Review: Marvin Gaye, Harry Hayden, wildlife artist
3:30 p.m. — How's Tricks? Magazine Show
4 p.m. — Producers of the Month: Ellen Doman and Billie Thompson
5 p.m. — Cross Country Ski Seminar
7 p.m. — Serendipity: Hygiene
7:30 p.m. — Yoga
8 p.m. — Cartoon Alley: Koko the Clown
8:30 p.m. — Farmington Jaycees Focus
9 p.m. — Germs of Endearment: Sex education

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

Noon — History of Novi: Frazer Staman, guest
1 p.m. — Tri-Outlook News
1:30 p.m. — Viewpoint: City of Farmington Hills
2 p.m. — Farmington Library: Story-telling at Tally Hall
2:30 p.m. — Community Upbeat: Cystic Fibrosis kick-off
3 p.m. — Madonna Magazine: Writers
3:30 p.m. — Snowmobile Safety: Oakland County Parks & Recreation Department
4 p.m. — Ask Donnell: Sports information
6 p.m. — AWANA Invites You: Christian youth activities
6:30 p.m. — A House for All Seasons: Super housing
7 p.m. — Tri-Outlook News
7:30 p.m. — Viewpoint: City of Farmington Hills
8 p.m. — Living Wellness: Health issues
8:30 p.m. — Community Upbeat: Cystic Fibrosis kick-off
9 p.m. — Around the World: International interviews
9:30 p.m. — Sports Scene: Interviews and information

Council views I-1

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"This ordinance, if adopted will be as strict or stricter than most communities. It will be stricter than Farmington Hills," Rogers told the council.

Interest in changing the old I-1 amendment arose when Meadowbrook Lake residents objected to the proposed Novi Industrial Research Office Park on the north side of Nine Mile, east of the C&O Railway and directly west of their subdivision.

Rogers told the council that if the amendment is passed it may have an effect on future development of the west Grand River corridor, much of which also abuts considerable residential property.

According to Rogers, the proposed I-1 amendment establishes a three-tiered zoning approach to light industrial uses which are not permitted where any parcel of the lot abuts residential property.

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residential uses from residential, and make it a long-term goal."

Council Member Arlen Schroeder echoed Covert's words while supporting the I-1 amendment. "I don't really believe that light industrial and residential are compatible. The

council ought to consider, looking to the future, encouraging the planning commission to disengage residential and light industrial," he said.

"Personally, I agree with you, but what's the alternative? Whatever is good for one parcel is good for another," Mayor Patricia Kavreich replied.

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Youngberg cautioned board members about drawing conclusions from individual comments.

Noting that 15 of the 22 team members were on their "very first" visitation, Youngberg said some of the evaluators "did not know what to look for or how to report it."

Youngberg further noted that some of the observations were fact, some were opinion.

"One of the things to bear in mind regarding the North Central report is that many ideas the visiting team gets are from the self-study," he noted.

Youngberg also reminded the board that the evaluation team's

report does not determine whether Novi High School is accredited.

Each year the high school files an annual report with the North Central Association outlining various program specifications. Schools are accredited annually on the basis of meeting the policies and standards of the North Central Association.

Every seven years, schools are required to conduct a self-study. Following completion of the self-study, an evaluation team of NCA representatives visit the school to determine if it is doing what it set out to do in the self-study.

Board members and the administration plan to review the North Central report with high school staff members at a later date.

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Opinions

As We See It

City council should cut meeting length

Nobody can accuse the members of the Novi City Council of not being a hard-working group of individuals.

Over the past seven days, the council held a joint meeting with members of the planning commission last Wednesday (Jan. 7), held a meeting with developers on Saturday (Jan. 10), met again at the regularly scheduled council meeting on Monday (Jan. 12) and will meet again tonight (Wednesday) to hammer out details of a proposed amendment to the city's light industrial zoning district.

That's a total of four meetings during a span of eight days.

And attendance at meetings represents only a portion of the time that council members must put in to do a conscientious, comprehensive job. In addition, many council members serve on sub-committees and also have to study the upcoming issues at home before attending one of the public meetings.

In general, the council is to be commended for the dedication of its members.

At the same time, however, council members should start asking themselves if the heavy schedule of meetings is truly necessary and, more importantly, take a serious look at measures to lighten the workload and streamline procedures.

A case in point occurred at the council's meeting Monday night. The council met at 8 o'clock and moved through the first several items on the agenda at a good pace.

It then arrived at the meat of the agenda — discussion of a proposed

A possible solution

There are encouraging signs that the Novi City Council may move in the relatively near-future to resolve a long-standing problem in the city.

We refer specifically to the council's apparent intentions to come to grips with land use problems along the West Grand River Corridor — essentially, the property along both sides of Grand River from Taft Road to the city's western boundary.

The problem is one of rezoning the property along the corridor to bring it into conformance with the Master Plan for Land Use Development. It's a problem that has been around since the Master Plan was adopted in 1980.

Two separate issues appear to be pushing the council into making a decision. First is the consideration of a new I-1 (light industrial) zoning district which is designed to make industrial uses less abrasive and introduce an office/research element into the light industrial zoning classification.

Second is the consideration of establishing a Special Assessment District (SAD) to finance construction of a sewer interceptor designed to provide service to the proposed Westbrooke Place development on the site of the existing Bob-o-Link Golf Course at Grand River and Beck Road.

The key may be the Westbrooke Place development itself. Developers Joseph Gerak and Gloria Gelstein are proposing a multi-million dollar, multi-use development that would include office buildings, a hotel and recreational uses on the 72-acre parcel.

Yuppies need love, too



By Ann Willis

I've had it. I read yet another article accusing this generation of young adults of being selfish and snobbish consumers without a thought for others or the world around them.

It was destined to happen. As soon as some hip demographer coined the cute word for those young urban professionals, so sought after by people with goods to sell, it was too perfect to pass up.

A recent look at the census figures has shown that the Yuppies don't really account for a very big portion of the population. But thanks to widespread media attention which has always been able to make a mountain out of a molehill, the small minority of people who make up this lifestyle group have been dissected with care.

We know what they eat (white fish cooked on the grill); what they wear (Italian shoes); where they live (reconstructed houses and condos); and what they drink (light beer).

But mainly we have a feeling about them; we don't like them.

Everyone knows about Yuppies, but nobody wants to be one.

Two friends of mine, both in their late twenties, were in town recently. They told me about a deli they had gone to in Ann Arbor. "It was full of Yuppies. They kept stroking in their blue power suits and ordering imported polishes ham with havarti cheese and a touch of champagne mustard on a croissant. I mean, whatever happened to the good old ham and cheese on rye? Thank God we're not Yuppies," they told me.

There's a terrible stigma attached to being a Yuppie. Every other day in some magazine or newspaper some crusty old columnist will complain about his

lifestyle.

Now we're all on the same side and we don't know which way is north. I think it's time to give the Yuppies a break. It's not their fault that business school accepted them. And after all they've done some important things. Like make it socially acceptable to lay around all day in your pyjamas. They call it the jogging suit.

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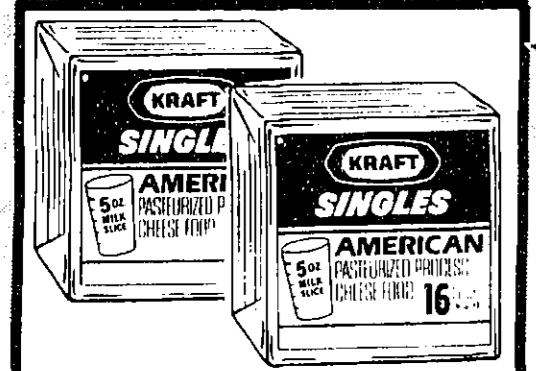
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Northville developer cited by association

By ANITA CRONE

almost didn't know the township existed.
A friend of mine told me about this property that his father owned and suggested I look at it," Jacobson recalled. "I looked at it, I liked it, I bought it and now I'm developing it.

And the township has discovered something about Jacobson as well—he's a very good developer. So good, in fact, that his peers in the Southeastern Michigan Builders Association have selected him as the young builder of the year.

Jacobson is developing Maple Hills subdivision off Six Mile, just east of the Northville Township Hall. Phase one of the development is well underway, and a second phase is scheduled to begin in the spring.

Jacobson said he anticipates keeping more of the lots for his company in the second phase than the 23 he kept at the beginning of the project.

He quickly learned that township residents will buy a quality product. Of the 23 lots Jacobson kept in Maple Hills, 18 already are committed.

Maple Hills is Jacobson's only development in Wayne County. Much of his previous construction work has been done in Oakland County and he has been actively building in Rochester Hills, Troy, Bloomfield Township and Auburn Hills.

Although Jacobson has a degree in building construction from Michigan State University, he admitted that "the school of hard knocks is a better teacher."

And his father, Mark "Ted" Jacobson, who is building 738 apartments on Eight Mile, did his best to ensure his son got some first-hand experience.

"Right after college, he put me in a subdivision and told me to build," Jacobson said. "So, I built, and I built and I'm still building."

Jacobson's most popular house plan is for a four-bedroom, 2,850 square foot colonial that is as impressive in Northville as it is in Troy.

Jacobson almost didn't build in the township. He

"They keep very strict controls on zoning and on site plans and platting, but they are also willing to work with a developer to make sure the builder feels welcome in the community," Jacobson said, referring to the members of the planning commission and the building department staff.

"I think the township wants to be a growing community, but they also want to control the type of growth that's taking place," Jacobson said.

Jacobson added that he sees a different type of home builder in Northville than he finds in Oakland County.

"So far, we see a diverse group of home buyers, many of whom come from Livonia or from other nearby communities," Jacobson said. He added that at Maple Hills, the homebuyer is usually an automobile company executive or a private business person, who more likely than not lived in a neighboring community.

"You don't see someone from another state who has been transferred to Michigan buying in the township," Jacobson said.

He said he anticipates growth in the township to continue, but adds he won't even guess at how long.

"Building is such a cyclical business, it's hard to say how long the boom times will continue. Back in 1978, Michigan just died. We're still recovering from that. But you have to be realistic. It could happen again."

Jacobson is banking that it won't happen until Maple Hills is complete.

Oakland Chamber slates seminar

A seminar on how employers can avoid wrongful discharge suits will be presented by the Oakland County Chamber of Commerce on Monday, Feb. 23.

The seminar will be held at the Quality Inn from noon to 2 p.m. The Quality Inn is located at 1001 North Woodward.

The seminar costs \$15 per person, including a luncheon. Reservations are required and may be made by calling 663-4747 or 644-1229.

The Oakland Chamber also will host a Recognition Reception on Thursday, Jan. 22, at Santa Hall in Keego Harbor from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

All Oakland County businesses are invited to attend and meet county officials and state representatives. The cost of \$25 per person includes cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

For reservations and information call 663-4747 or 644-1229.



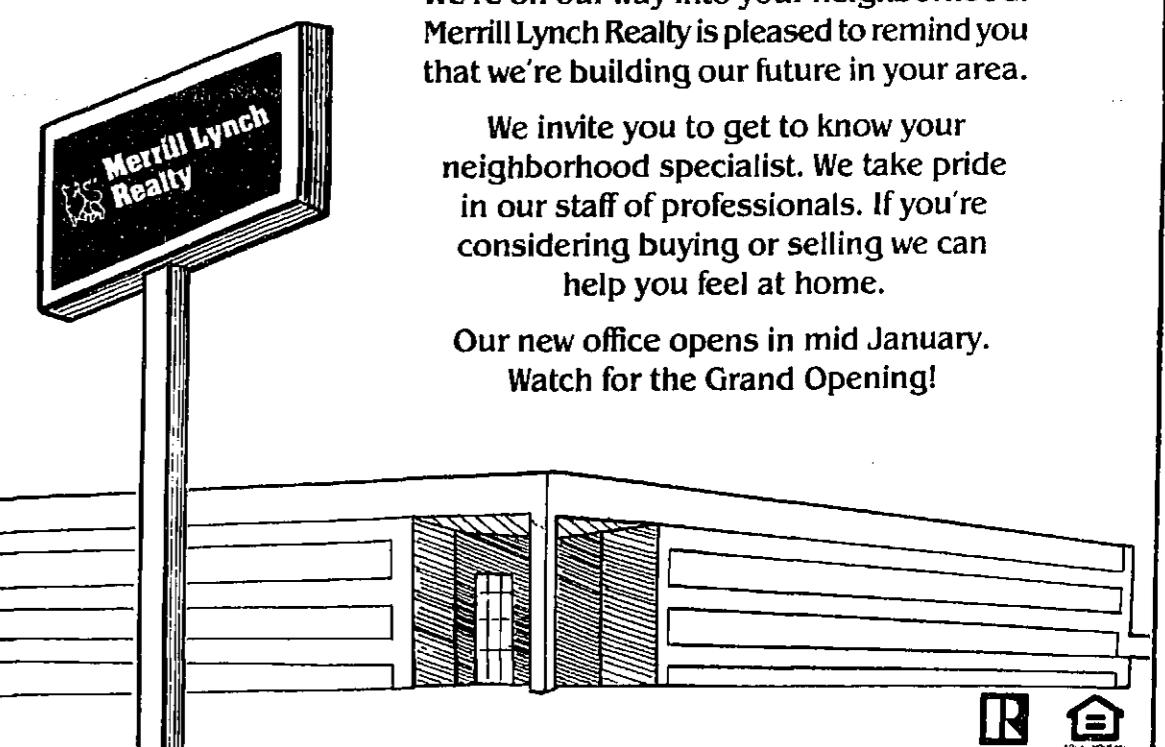
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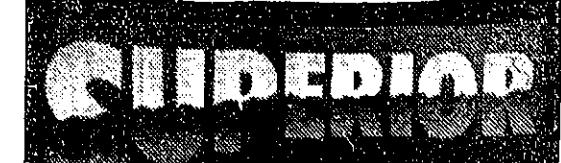
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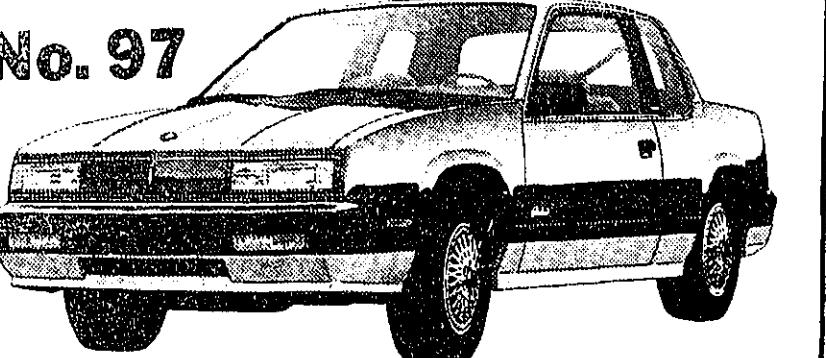
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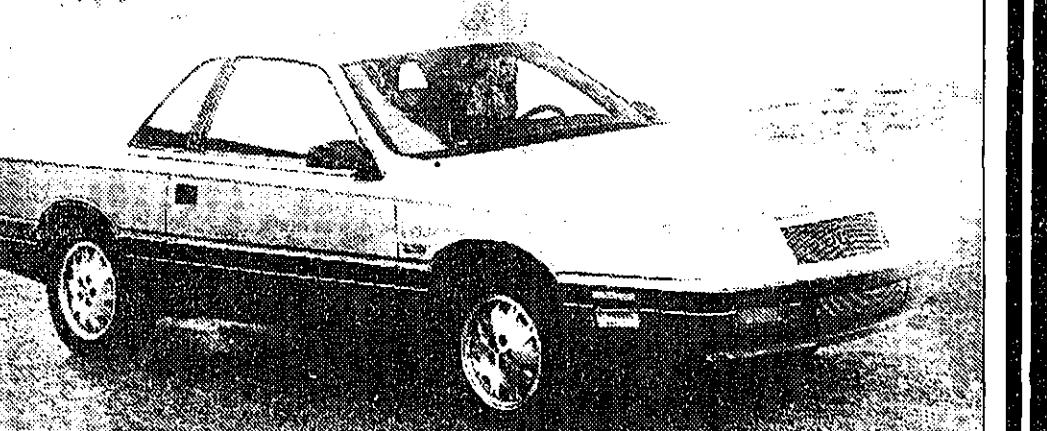
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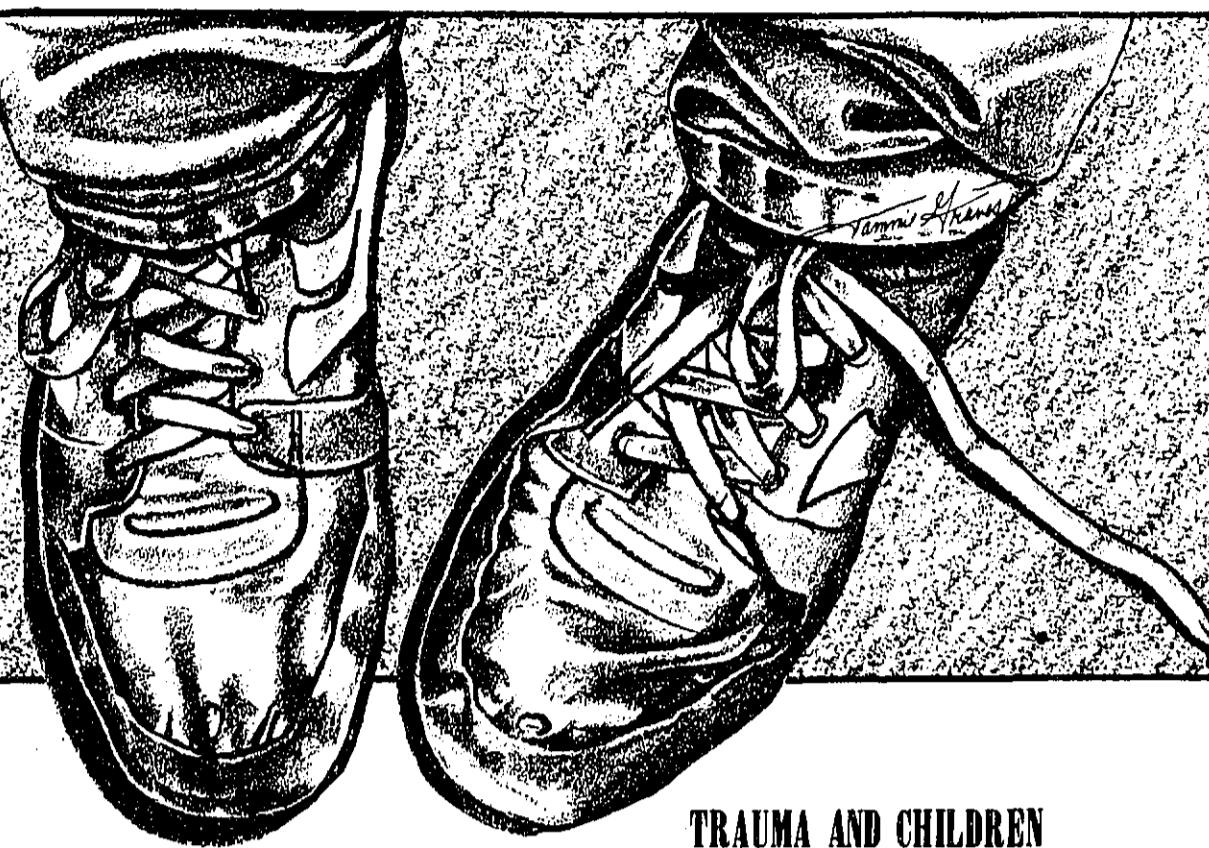
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TRAUMA AND CHILDREN

Family murder traumatic and frequent

BY ANN CHOWDHURY

Seeing a family member murdered is the greatest trauma a child can suffer, but it happens with surprising frequency.

According to Dr. George Mellos, a child psychiatrist at Northville's Hawthorn Center, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Homicide Division estimated that out of its approximately 2,000 yearly homicides, about 200 are witnessed by dependent children. This figure is thought to be similar in other large metropolitan areas.

Preschoolers appear subdued or mute immediately after such a trauma and will sit at the side of their dead relative for hours until help arrives. They show attachment behavior to their rescuers which will last for weeks, and they suffer sleep and appetite problems.

School age children who were previously outgoing become sullen and passive after such an experience. Previously quiet withdrawn children become rude and irritable with outbreaks of aggression.

Researchers have developed an interview technique which will reveal the presence and severity of Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome in children. According to Dr. Mellos, it also allows the child to have a positive experience with a therapist that will better prepare him to accept further therapy if indicated.

The therapist assesses the child's defenses and coping skills, to help him to become free of traumatic anxiety, and allow for the beginning of grieving. Unfortunately most children do not have the opportunity for such therapy and often have to seek help years later for mental problems that resulted from not receiving therapy which would have been most effective.

Latency age children (7 to 12) voice angry, sad and fearful feelings. School age children find it hard to control their own impulses after the murder, and doubt that adults can be trusted to help them. Their schoolwork deteriorates because memories of the violence distract their concentration.

Adolescents who witnessed such a murder frequently become rebellious and engage in antisocial behavior. They question adult values intensely and express fears that they will not be able to control their own aggression.

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Novi library offers Saturday programs for kids

By JEANNE CLARKE
special writer

The Novi Public Library continues to offer special programs for youngsters every Saturday afternoon.

A Crafts Day will be held this Saturday when children will learn how to cut and fold paper into various shapes. Four and five-year-olds will meet at 1 p.m. and children six-and-older will meet at 2 p.m. There will be a fee of \$1 per person for materials. Pre-registration is required and can be made by calling the library at 349-7220.

Two movies will be screened at the library on Saturday, Jan. 24, at 1 p.m. The movies will be "Winnie the Pooh, Too" and "Winnie the Pooh and the Honey Tree."

Cher Willkins will present a mime workshop on Saturday, Jan. 31. Children, from kindergarten and up, will be introduced to the world of mime, learning how to talk with their hands and bodies. Advance registration is necessary; call 349-0720 to register.

Children will be interested in a collection of more than 30 Cabbage Patch dolls now on display in the library. The dolls are being exhibited by the Brabowksi sisters.

The library reminds patrons that it has an extensive stock of information regarding taxes, including tax forms and several booklets explaining the new tax laws.

The library also features a bulletin board which contains information about upcoming events.

NEWCOMERS CLUB: Dr. Joseph D'Avanzo, D.O., a gastroenterologist, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Novi Newcomers Club (tomorrow (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Oaks Elementary School).

Dr. D'Avanzo will make a slide presentation and distribute literature on colon rectal tumors. There also

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will be time for questions and answers.

The Out-to-Dinner Group will be visiting Stewart Anderson's American Grill on Jan. 24.

Membership is open to anyone interested in making new friends and learning more about the community regardless of how long they've lived in Novi. Anyone interested in membership is invited to attend tomorrow's meeting.

YOUTH ASSISTANCE: Novi Youth Assistance (NYA) will hold its fifth annual banquet on Saturday, April 12, at the Novi Bowl. Paul Baker, owner of "The Farm," will serve as the event which is NYA's number one fund raiser of the year. Proceeds are used for such projects as the summer camp program and the Novi Teen Center during the summer.

Anyone who is interested in bowling or sponsoring a bowler is asked to call NYA offices at 349-3398.

The Family Education Committee will sponsor a STEP (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting) Program during the months of March and April. Two programs will be offered — one for parents of pre-teens and another for parents of teenagers. More information will be reported in the Novi News as it becomes available.

NYA is now offering purse-sized "Help" cards which contain the phone numbers of many local, county and state service agencies. To obtain a card call NYA offices at 349-3398.

VILLAGE OAKS CUBS: Village Oaks Cub Scout Pack 239 will hold its annual Blue and Gold Banquet on

Friday, Feb. 8, under the direction of Marilyn Hart.

The Cub Scout winter hike down Pinhook Trail has been scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 31. Other upcoming activities include the Pinewood Derby in March and a spring overnight campout at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center on May 2.

Nathan Rowe, Chris Urban, Jim Rowlands and Andy Sheehan received their "Athlete" and "My God" awards during Court of Honor ceremonies at the January pack meeting. Andrew Loussier received a silver arrow at the Court of Honor.

Officers for 1987 include Michael Everett, president; Jenna Henderson, vice president; John Hendersen, treasurer; and Joan Sill, secretary.

Other special music during December was provided by Roger and Debbie Brink of Marietta, Ga., who presented a concert at the Novi Road church.

NOVI 4-H CLUB: Thirty members of the Novi Adventurers 4-H Club recently traveled to Kensington Metropark where they met with a naturalist and went on a guided tour of the nature trails. Purpose of the trip was to gain information that can be utilized in the club's work of establishing nature trails in the woods behind Novi Woods Elementary School. Adults who attended the tour included John Crawford, Betty Meehan, Marlene Morgan and Mike Everett.

The Cooking Group made yule logs during December under the direction of adult leaders Linda Ernst, Joan Fahrner and Suzanne Everett. The Sewing Group is making clothes for the spring achievement program under the direction of adult leader Ruth Sill.

Second place went to Lisa Brandow of the Meadowbrook Glens community who received a \$50 savings bond and a citation.

For more information about the club and its activities call "Rev. Stevens at 349-3516.

Standings are as follows:

and patriotism. Some 74 Novi students entered this year's preliminaries and seven of them reached the final stages of judging.

PERSONALS: The Novi Senior Citizens Club held a surprise birthday party for Emily Newhouse on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

Mrs. Newhouse, a longtime member of the club, is the mother of former Detroit Tiger pitcher Star Hall.

Mrs. Hildred Hunt attended a New Year's Eve dinner party at the Milford home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wallace. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cucchietti of Northville.

Holiday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Killeen included John and Lillian Killeen of Honor and Garland Killeen of Lake, Fla.

New Year's Eve dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Steinberger included Mr. Steinberger's sister, Arlene Gailey of Tampa, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. Dan White and their son Adam of Hudson, and the Frank Steinberger family of Milford.

PIN POINTERS: Barb Pietron won the mystery game High bowlers were Barb Detore (207 and 185 in 539 series), Dorothy MacDermaid (202), Jean Pilon (202 in 506 series), Dorothy Bosley (200 and 190 in 513 series), Minnie Legel (193), Barb Pietron (190), Rosemary Banish (185 in 515 series), Barb Walling (181) and Debbie Lukasik (180).

Special services at the church include a nursery school and a bus ministry under the direction of Roger Camara. Anyone who needs transportation to the church may call 349-5665. In addition, sign-in is provided during the services for people who are deaf.

For more information about the church and its activities call "Rev. Stevens at 349-3516.

Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. Clubs and organizations can have notices published in Highlights by calling her at 349-0173. Information about births, birthdays, anniversaries, vacations and other social events can be published under "Personals" by calling her at the same number.

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ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST:

Members of the Orchard Hills Baptist Church celebrated a doubling of attendance at a special New Year's Eve service which included a spaghetti dinner and movies for the children. The Rev. Stevens discussed the increase in membership during a sermon entitled "Re-dream Your Dream."

The children of the church presented an original skit entitled "Christmas Origins" during December. More than 120 children participated in the skit which was directed by Nellie Matney and Ruth Stevens. Nancy Goley played the keyboard for the program which was videotaped for future presentations.

SUZANNE M. BECKMAN of Novi is among the 41 Northwood Institute students included in the 1987 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Beckman of Novi.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential or continued success.

MARIE DIACONO of Novi has received a High Achievement Award from Madonna College in Livonia. To qualify for this award, Diacono, a business administration management major, must have completed a minimum of 30 semester hours at Madonna with an accumulative GPA of at least 3.5.

The award was presented at the Second Annual Honors Convocation which recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of the students in the Division of Business and Computer Systems.

ANDREA MEENAHAN of Walled Lake was one of three Albion College students who interned in the New York Arts Program this fall. A 1983 graduate of Walled Lake Central High School, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Meenahan of Goliad in Walled Lake.

The New York Arts Program is sponsored by the Great Lakes Colleges Association and provides students in all art fields with an opportunity to serve as an apprentice and experience the world of the established professional artist. Students live in the city and participate in seminars.

Meenahan is a senior majoring in art and biology at Albion.

In Uniform

NAVAL SEAMAN GEORGE ROHLOFF has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command at Great Lakes, Ill. He is the son of George D. Rohloff of Novi.

During the eight-week training cycle, Rohloff studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

Rohloff's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete the course are eligible for three hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class BENJAMIN ERWIN recently reported for duty at Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach, Virginia. His wife Nancy is the daughter of Robert and Mary Jewell of Laguna Court in Walled Lake.

Births

KATELYN ANN SCHMITT

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Schmitt of 44975 Yorkshire announce the birth of their daughter, Katelyn Ann, Dec. 27 at Sinai Hospital. She weighed four pounds, two ounces at birth.

The baby's mother is the former Audrey Rieger, a former Northville resident and Northville High School graduate.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rieger of Northville and Mr. and Mrs. William Schmitt of West Bloomfield.

John Antishi of Dearborn is Katelyn's great grandfather and Mrs. V. Schuler of Florida is her great grandmother.

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Novi grapplers upend Milford in KVC action

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

Novi wrestling coach Tom Fritz wants everybody to know his team's 40-17 dual-meet win over Milford last Thursday wasn't as much a mismatch as the score seems to indicate.

So what if the Wildcats more than doubled the score of the reigning KVC champions? So what if it happened in the Redskin's own gymnasium? And so what if Fritz's crew won nine of the 13 bouts? It was still a hard struggle, but one Novi came out on top of for a change. Last season, Milford won 55-2.

"Even though the score was lopsided, the individual matches were very close," Fritz said. "The reason we are winning now is because we are getting some good performances from wrestlers who aren't the most talented in our team."

Kevin Moody, Dan Rickfelder, Stacy Marsh and Matt Brinker may not be Novi's superstars, but they were very important in the win over Milford. Moody decisioned Paul Mawson 7-3 at 112, Rickfelder fought to a tie at 120, Steve Pardo at 132, Marsh beat John Eiden 5-0 at 145 and Brinker pinned Aaron Strand 16-5 in a wild match at 167. Brinker was subbing for Ron Fritz, who was advised by doctors to sit out the meet to rest a slight knee injury suffered at the Riverview Tournament on Jan. 3.

"Brinker is a very sound wrestler who has been having a hard time breaking into the line-up," Fritz said. "So it was good to see him fill in and do the job."

The strong showing at these weight divisions, plus the usual wins by Ron Nutt, Scott Brown, Kurt Schuster and Bret Keir made the victory look especially easy on the scoreboard — but only three of the nine Novi wins came via pins. The majority of the rest were hard-fought battles.

Nutt beat Darren Agozit 15-3 at 105, Brown won an 8-2 decision over Chris Perkins and Andy Price decisioned Steve Allsman 4-0. It wasn't until the upper weight divisions that the Wildcats started to dominate. Schuster pinned Chuck Allen in 2:46 at 155, Dave Brownlee pinned Bret Reed at the 4:42 mark in the 165-pound match and Keir, back in action following a broken rib, pinned Eric Lindberg in 1:06 at 198.

"We probably should hold Bret out a little longer because I guess his ribs did bother him a bit, but he's going to have to live with that," Nutt said.

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pain this season if he wants to wrestle," Fritz said.

Novi ended the week Saturday by finishing second in the nine-team Holly Invitational. The host team won the event with 155½ points; the Wildcats were next with 127½.

"We were a little flat at Holly but that's O.K. because I really don't want the team to be peaking yet," Fritz explained. "Second place is like kissing your sister, but I guess it's pretty good for a team that wrestled flat. I was disappointed we had only one champion though."

Nutt was the only Wildcat to take first in the tournament. He sailed through all the competition at 105 and then pinned Gary Hollingshead of Midland Buffet Creek in just 1:44 in the finals.

"He's a really tough little nut," Fritz laughed. "I really like Ron Nutt."

Schuster at 155, Brownlee at 185 and Keir at 198 all advanced to the finals only to lose to their Holly counterparts, thus settling for second place. Schuster fell 13-3 in the final against Steve Yobuck, the state's top-rated wrestler in his weight classification. Brownlee was pinned in 1:10 by Frank Wilk and Keir lost a 9-3 decision to Gary Water, also in the finals.

Despite such comes to show improvement, placing third at heavyweight. He pinned Andy Molot of Millington at the 2:10 mark of the consolation finals.

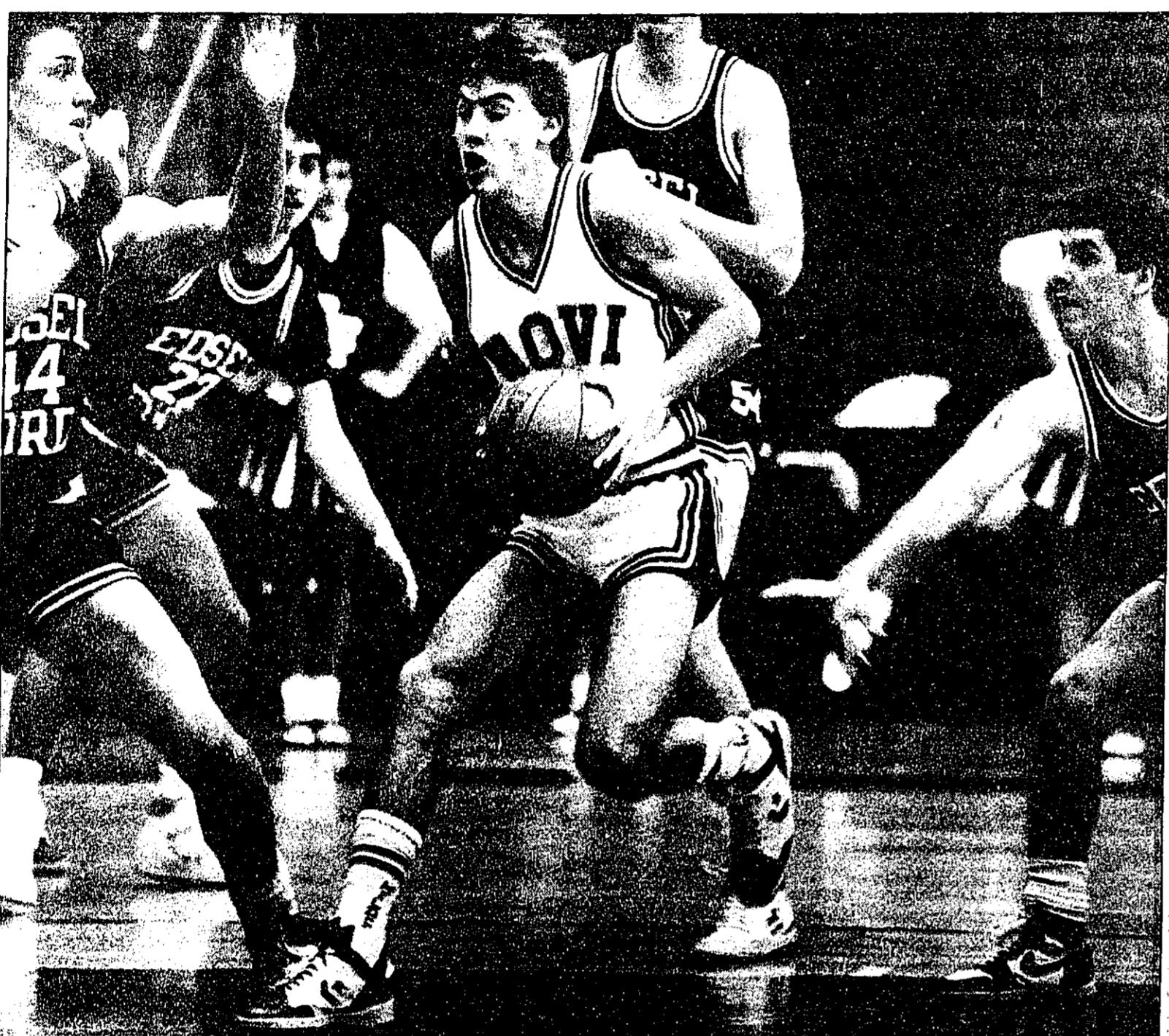
Four other Wildcats lost early, fought back in the losers bracket to the consolation finals but then lost again to finish fourth. Brown had the misfortune of competing at 119, the tourney's toughest weight division, and he lost to Royal Oak Kimball's Bill Gray 11-4 in the consolation final. Price lost to Rob Wicklund of Kimball 5-1 in the baton for third place at 138. Marsh did the same to Cecil Sherman at 145 and Brinker fell to Kimball's Curtis Yenshaw 16-7 at 167.

Tomorrow (Jan. 15) Novi will host the big show down against Lakeland, a team many consider the lone threat to Howell in the race for the KVC title. Fritz remains cautiously optimistic.

"We're coming on, but we still have a long way to go," he said. "We're a force to be reckoned with in the KVC, but I'm not sure we are ready to really contend. On paper we look like we're third right now behind Lakeland and Howell."

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Redskins edge Wildcat cagers

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A sporadic offense makes for an up-and-down team. That's the problem facing Novi's coach, John Cicchelli. Last week the Wildcats played solid defense in games against Dearborn Edsel Ford (Jan. 6) and Milford (Jan. 9), but an inconsistent attack led to a very disappointing split.

Novi dominated Ford from the opening tip and ran away with a 65-48 triumph. But three days later, Wildcat shooters went cold and visiting Milford pulled off a 49-43 upset in Kensington Valley action. It was Novi's first loss in league action and dropped the Wildcats out of a first place tie with the Redskins.

"Milford was able to dictate the pace of the game due to our poor perimeter shooting," Cicchelli said. "We didn't attack them offensively, and even though we played tough defense, we didn't make our shots or our free throws and that proved to be our downfall."

It was a close affair throughout as the two teams were tied at halftime (29-29) and tied after three quarters (38-38). It was only in the game's final 50 seconds that Milford pulled away by hitting 10 of 12 shots from the free throw line. With a minute remaining, Novi trailed by one point and had the ball, but never did convert.

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grossly fouled but nothing was called," Cicchelli said. "Those questionable calls down the stretch really hurt us. From there we had to start scrambling and foul them and they hit the free throws."

"But I don't want to take anything away from Milford — overall, they deserved to win."

"Our two inside people kept us in the game, really," Cicchelli reported. "But I didn't think we went to them, though."

Schram scored a team-high 15 points and added seven rebounds. Skown had 14 points and five rebounds. And Tanders, who scored just five, helped out with eight assists and some fine defensive work. Tanders held Shaw Hayward, Milford's top scorer, to one basket in three quarters, but was Jesse Stevenson who caused most of the damage with 18 points.

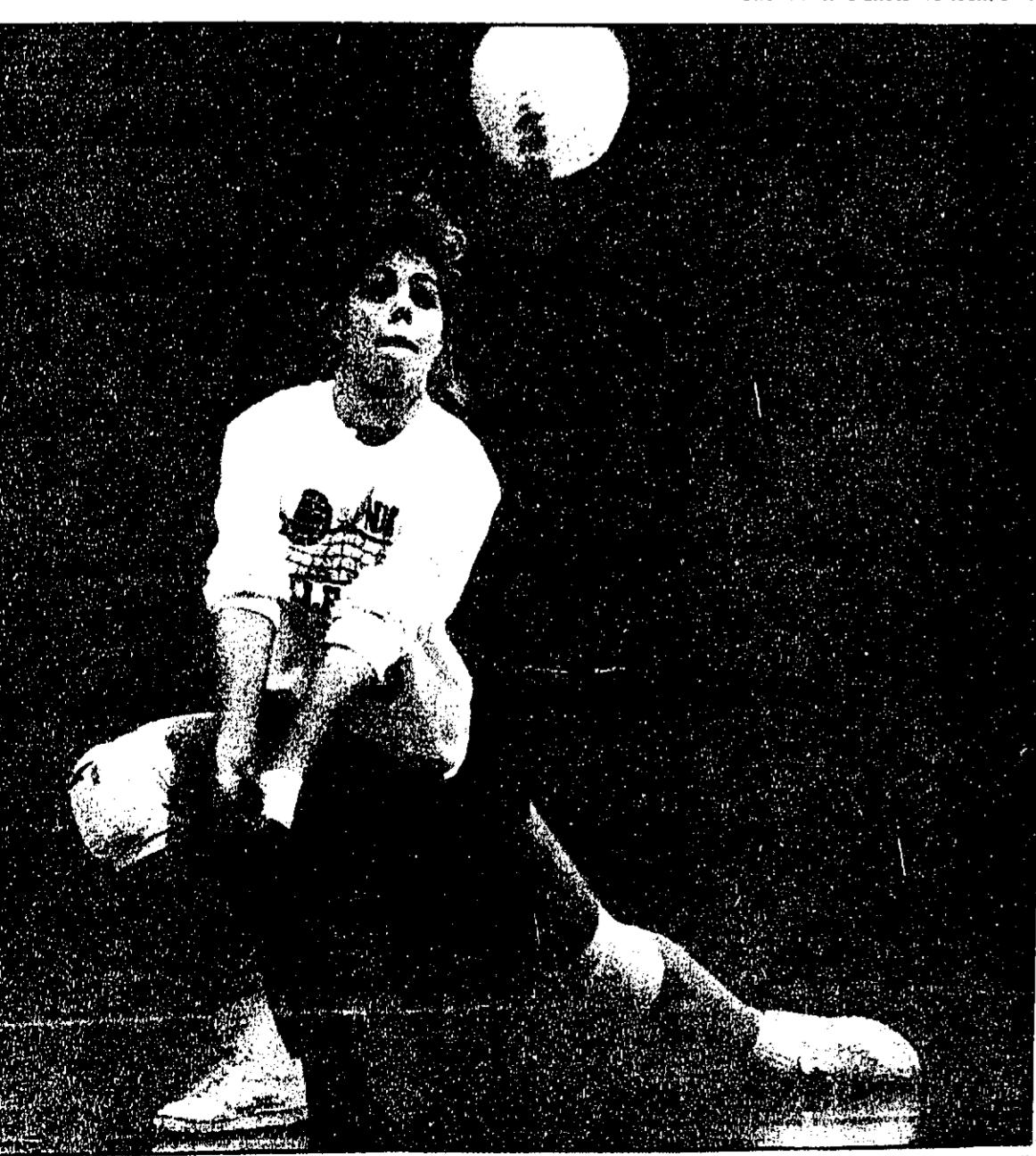
"The KVC is a very balanced league and that means anybody can beat anybody else on a given night," Cicchelli said. "But I was expecting to win this game. Our kids just came out flat, and seven rebounds."

"It seemed whatever we did seemed to be right in this game, that's why the way we played against Milford is so puzzling," Cicchelli said. "We were getting quite a few baskets off the fast break and this time we were dictating what we wanted to do. We played outstanding in the first half and it was, more or less, over by then."

A sluggish third quarter by Novi enabled Ford to creep to within 13 after the third stanza, but a strong finish by the Wildcats ended any comeback ideas.

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The balanced Wildcat offense was led by Kamish's 18 points. Miskovich added 17 and Tanders chipped in 14 and 10 more assists. The senior guard is now averaging 8.4 assist per contests, tops in Oakland County. Brian Schram had an effective inside game with eight points and seven rebounds.



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Inexperience still plagues young Wildcat spike team

A combination of inexperience, problems with returning service and weak spike coverage has the Novi volleyball squad in a tailspin already.

The Wildcats dropped dual meets to Garden City and Milford last week to extend the team's losing skid to three this season and 13 going back to the 1986 campaign.

Against Garden City on Jan. 7, Novi opened the post-holiday portion of the schedule with an 18-15 defeat and followed it up the next day with a 10-15, 9-15 loss to KVC foe Milford.

"Our serve reception was weak on Wednesday against Garden City and our spike coverage was not as good as we need it to be," Coach Kathy Bedor said. "Against Milford we had some good volleys, we were setting the ball up and our serving was strong, but again the spike reception dragged us down."

Leading the way from the service line was setter Kathy Bieler, who connected on all seven serves and successfully set the ball at a rate of 96.2 percent (29 of 30). Senior Lisa Campbell had a good service day (15 of 16), as did Kristina Higley (eight-of-nine). Other standouts against the Redskins included Katie Hansen with strong backcourt play and Vicki Muzzin with effective net play.

"Milford just found the holes in our defense; we need to work on defending the spikes. We're just not recovering well right now, but we're young and still learning to play together as a team."

"We played well at times, but we weren't consistent," Bedor said. "I don't remember the scores against Central and Clarkston, but I know they really whumped on us."

One of the few bright spots for Novi at the Invitational was continued success at the service line. As a team its Wildcats were good on 85.5 percent (77-of-89) and were paced by Hansen's perfect 18-of-18. Mary Marcus (16-of-20), Campbell (12-of-15), Muzzin (eight-of-10) and Linda Clynnick (nine-of-10) also were fairly accurate. Bieler had another outstanding day, connecting on 49-of-52 set opportunities.

"It was very tough competition, but it was also good experience for us," Bedor said.



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SUPER SKIER:
Andy Sill, 11, is a veteran on ski slopes/5C

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Wildcats of the Week



BRIAN SCHRAM



KATIE HANSEN

Andy's a veteran on slalom slopes

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
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skiers to participate in the program held at 135 ski areas in 30 states.

The program employs a unique handicapping system by which all participants are measured against a national standard. Giant slalom courses are set up and the individual times are standardized. Sill recorded a season-best 12 handicap while racing the Alpine Valley last winter to earn second place.

"It was a good ranking because he was only 10 and most of the competition was older," Don said. "The top 10 performers in the U.S. qualify for a national competition in Colorado, but Andy just missed it by a narrow margin. The only Michigan skier to place above Andy made it."

With the new ski season just underway, Andy has his goals all mapped out. The first goal is to place first in the state; the second goal is to qualify for the nationals.

"Ever since I became involved in this, I've always wanted to be involved in the upper one," Andy admitted.

"That's my goal and I think I have a good chance. I'd also love to qualify for the nationals — I really want to go to Colorado. I've heard it is really nice there and I've never skied outside of Michigan."

So far Sill has been impressive in his first several competitions. He's raced twice in the NASTAR program so far and already has a pair of first places finishes at Mount Brighton.

"That should increase his chances if he wants to be first in the state," Don said. "The problem is, you really don't know exactly who you're competing against. A lot of the toughest competition for Andy has come from the Grand Rapids area — you see the same names popping up."



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Rec Briefs

NOVI BOBCAT MEET: The Novi Bobcat Swim Club has been sanctioned by the United States Swimming Inc. of Michigan (USS-M) to host a "B" level meet on the weekend of Jan. 24-25 at Novi High School.

The meet will serve a dual purpose for the Bobcats. The first is the recognition by USS-M in assisting the overall program by providing the facilities for the "B" meet and the second is to raise funds. Anticipated revenues from the Bobcats meet the annual budget for expenditures required to operate the club.

Swim clubs from across Michigan as well as Canada and Ohio will participate in the meet.

A CROSS-COUNTRY SKI RACE for novice and experienced skiers will be held at the Springfield Oaks Golf Course on Saturday, Jan. 17.

Experienced skiers begin racing at 10 a.m. and novices will race at 1 p.m. Skiers will be classified by age in each competition. The top three finishers in each age category will receive plaques and all participants will receive participant awards.

Interested individuals may register the day of the event. There's a \$5 registration fee and registration must be completed one hour before the race. Call 858-4944 for more information.

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