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Middle school mourns student's death

By AMY ROSA
 staff writer

Family and friends, as well as the Novi Middle School student body, are mourning the death of a 13-year-old Novi girl who died last week from automobile-related injuries sustained before Christmas. Christy Lynn Short, an eighth grader at Novi Middle School, died early last Thursday morning from head injuries at Children's Hospital in Detroit. She had been transferred there following an accident Dec. 20 in which she ran into the path of an oncoming car on Ten Mile, just west of the Haggerty Road intersection.

No charges have been brought against the driver, according to police.

"The staff members are all crushed," said Middle School Principal Charles Nanas. He said several of the girl's friends have approached him about holding a memorial tribute to her in some fashion, although a set plan has not yet been reached.

Nanas said Christy's teachers have characterized her as a "beautiful young lady" both inside and out, who will be missed by all.

Nanas and Novi Board of Education President Michael Meyer at-

tended the Saturday morning funeral at Holy Family Catholic Church. The incident caused Meyer to remark in a separate interview, "How precious each day is."

Meyer also said the school perhaps would have some form of recognition for Christy, such as a moment of silence.

"It's sad, we just couldn't believe it," said classmate Theenda Ihrke, 13. Theenda said she didn't know Christy very well since coming to the school just last year, but said she liked her and considered her a friend.

Calling Christy a popular student, Theenda said that Tuesday — the

first day back for students after the holiday break — was the first time the school's pom pom squad practiced without Christy. "They (girls) were talking about her for a long time today," Theenda said.

Christy's father, Robert, said he would like people to remember his daughter as a "people person," who was kind, thoughtful and the ideal daughter.

"She would have done a lot of good for people," he said.

In addition to the pom pom squad, Christy was a member of the school choir and active in other school activities, Shortt added.

"She loved school and her friends

there," he said, noting that she was an honor student and won an award for attendance.

Shortt also wished to thank the city and the community for their support through the ordeal. He cited Novi police officers for taking the time to make periodic checks on his family while his daughter was in the hospital.

"And there were people I never met in my entire life who came to support us," he said. "I never realized how popular she was."

If there's one community people need to know about, it's Novi," he added.



CHRISTY SHORTT

Ilitch funds city officials' Chicago trip

By PHIL GINOTTI
 staff writer

Detroit entrepreneur Mike Ilitch has expressed an interest in bringing a "luxury restaurant" to Novi, city officials confirmed this week.

Meanwhile, Ilitch representatives have treated various city officials to the grand opening of the Fox Theater and a trip to Chicago, supposedly to view a similar restaurant in operation there.

City Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers said Thursday (Dec. 29) that no formal plans (for the Ilitch restaurant) have been submitted, but that several Novi sites are under consideration.

"It's not a pizza franchise, we know that," Rogers said.

Ilitch is the owner of the Detroit Red Wing Hockey Club and the Little Caesar's pizza chain. He could not be reached for comment.

Company spokesperson Lisa Ilitch said "nothing has been done" with the plans in the last several weeks. She said the Ilitch official handling the restaurant plans is out of town and wouldn't be back for about two weeks.

Planning commissioners and various other city officers were treated to the Detroit Fox Theater grand opening in November — an Ilitch project. In addition, Mayor Matthew Quinn, Planning Commission Chairman Charles Kurth and City Manager Edward Kriewall were flown to a Chicago restaurant as guests of Ilitch, also in November.

When contacted about the Chicago trip by telephone Thursday, Quinn first said that the city had no contact with Ilitch representatives since "early summer." After several related questions, he then confirmed the flight to Chicago.

Quinn described it as a "day trip." He said it was "useful" in gaining ideas about the type of restaurant that may be built here.

Kriewall said the Chicago trip happened "about a month ago."

"We don't know too much about it (the restaurant plans)," Kriewall said. "They have discussed a possible Town Center site, maybe one in

Johnson: 'I'm uncomfortable with what the prospective developer feels that they are getting out of these trips.'

the Eight Mile/Haggerty area." Kriewall said Ilitch representatives have discussed opening a similar restaurant near the Fox Theater. The Novi restaurant would serve as the suburban edition of the Detroit-area restaurant.

The Fox Theater grand opening occurred Nov. 19 after the theater was renovated over the course of a year. The party was attended by a variety of local celebrities and Detroit area officials.

Rogers said there has been no pre-application planning conference with Ilitch officials. It is unclear who has been involved in discussions about the restaurant concept or when the discussions have taken place.

Planning Commission Vice-Chair Judith Johnson said she was "not pleased" with how the issue is being handled.

"I'm uncomfortable with what the prospective developer feels that they are getting out of these trips," she said. "Does he think he is influencing the decision?"

"I'm more comfortable with the pre-application conferences that take place in city hall," she said.

Johnson said she may recommend to the planning commission some guidelines on such trips in the future.

"But I'm as guilty as anyone. I went," she said.

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Don Grevengood chats with Francis Willingham while leaving work on his final day at Security Bank and Trust

Novi News/PHIL GINOTTI

More than a banker Grevengood retires from bank post

By PHIL GINOTTI
 staff writer

Ask him about his personal favorite things... his private accomplishments in Novi, and the question somehow gets lost in the shuffle.

The topic of conversation always comes back to people — long lists of people — who Don Grevengood has met and befriended over the years.

He rattles them off freely, regardless of the question or the topic. He scrunches up his eyebrows, thinking about who has been left out, not to forget anyone. But that will be difficult, because the list is

quite long.

"The Kareviches, the Crawfords, Father Harding, Father O'Brien, Lee BeGole, Chief Lenaghan, Martha Hoyer, Enrie Aruffo..." — lists of friends and acquaintances, accumulated over 15 happy years of being more than just a banker in the City of Novi.

Grevengood walked out of the doors at Security Bank and Trust for the last time Friday afternoon, finishing a 33-year career in the banking industry and well over a decade's worth of heavy involvement in local civic affairs. A few well-wishers stopped by to shake his hand, but it was a mostly a low

key farewell. Most of the official stuff was handled at a surprise retirement party at Red Timbers a week ago.

Grevengood closed his office door for the last time, snapped off a quick wave, and paused to take a final look at the bank that once was a boarded up gas station at the corner of Ten Mile and Meadowbrook Road. And that was that.

Grevengood, now 62, will spend more time with wife, Boots, an accomplished artist, and will also continue to be a dedicated volunteer — for the time being.

"We could be headed for points south, but for now we intend to stay

local," he said.

Grevengood first came to Novi in 1974 as chief of the Security Bank of Novi, operating out of a mobile unit at the Ten Mile/Meadowbrook Road intersection. The firm completed its first building in 1976 and proceeded to open three more offices in Novi over the next few years.

But almost to the day he arrived, Grevengood became involved as an active city volunteer. The list of activity is impressive enough — from the Novi Rotary Club to the Pro-

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Residents vow to fight rezoning

By PHIL GINOTTI
 staff writer

A group of Novi residents — including a former city council member — is organizing to overturn a city council rezoning decision at Ten Mile and Beck Road.

The group, which calls itself "Citizens for Responsible Development," will attempt a petition drive and referendum on the October rezoning. That zoning change paved the way for construction of a shopping center at the rural corner.

Referendums to overturn past council motions are allowed by city

charter.

"I don't think want to come across as angry at the community or angry at the city council," said James Shaw, a former city council member and co-chair of the petition group. "But they (the city council) just aren't going in the right direction on this one."

"I'm not against progress, I just think we would like to see some responsible planning," said Carol Ringvetski, the group's other co-chair. "I don't see that right now."

The city council voted Oct. 17 to rezone a 10-acre parcel of property on the northeast corner of the Ten

Mile/Beck Road intersection to a commercial classification to permit development of the proposed shopping center. Residents objected to the rezoning, saying it was inconsistent with the primarily rural character of the area. They also said they feared a "domino effect" for properties west of Beck Road.

Council members said they supported the rezoning in order to provide shopping for the future residents of the southwestern section of the city. The southwestern area is estimated to have a population of 28,000 at full development.

The rezoning passed 4-2. Mayor

Matthew Quinn and Council Members Martha Hoyer, Joseph Toth and Edward Leininger voted yes. Council Members Nancy Covert and Hugh Crawford voted no.

The decision conformed with the city's master plan and also affirmed an Oct. 5 planning commission recommendation.

According to the city charter, residents may overturn a city council decision by collecting signatures from 15 percent of the city's registered voters — about 3,300 to

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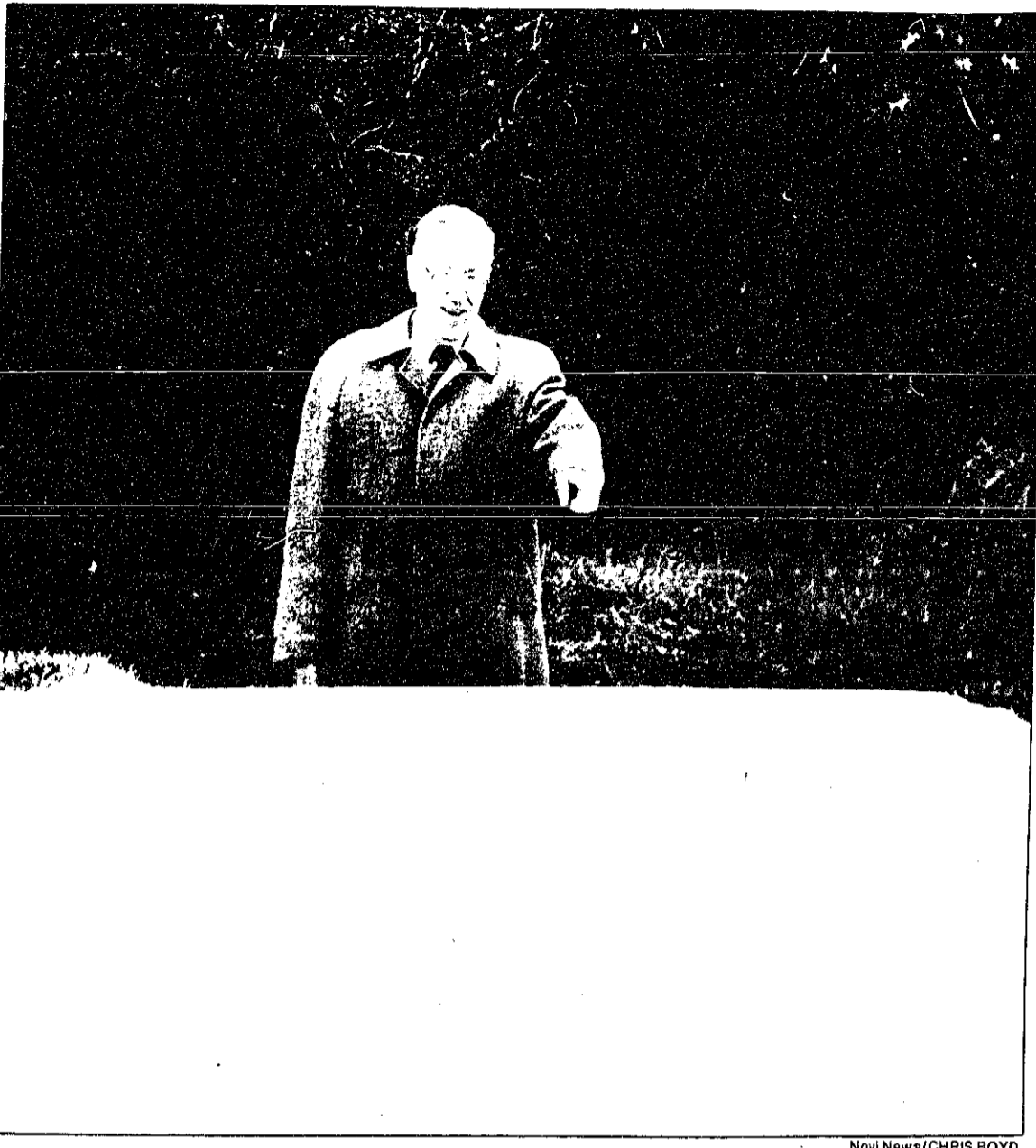


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Planning Commissioner Ernie Aruffo points to a spot where the sidewalks end in Novi

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Sidewalk panel studies options

By PHIL GINOTTI
staff writer

The new Novi subcommittee studying bikepaths and sidewalks has a tough job ahead of it, according to Planning Commissioner Ernest Aruffo, a sidewalk advocate.

Aruffo will join five other members on the newly-formed Sidewalk/Safety Path Implementation Committee, which was formed two weeks ago. Other members include City Council Members Joseph Toth and Edward Leininger, Planning Commissioner Kathleen McLallen, and two yet-to-be-named members of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Parks and Recreation Director Daniel Davis will be the administrative representative for the panel.

The group's focus will be to decide what to do with the variety of bike and safety paths that dead-end throughout the city. They are considering only paths near major roadways—not within subdivisions.

"To see people walking on the streets is an absolute breathtaking experience," Aruffo said. "They are literally taking their lives in their own hands. It's frightening."

"Our ultimate goal is a network for the entire city," he said. "We're all very excited about that."

The problem is common in many suburban communities that haven't yet reached full development. Individual developments are required to construct the paths, but adjacent property might not be developed for several years. Major gaps are often times left, even though stretches of roadway could be at 80 or 90 percent of full development.

Other gaps have been left simply because sidewalks weren't required when those developments were approved.

Thirty-eight such priority areas have been identified in Novi, and the implementation committee now has approximately \$100,000 to work with. That money can buy about one mile of bike or safety paths, which is somewhat short of the ultimate goal.

The \$100,000 came from mid-decade census monies. The city was granted approximately \$350,000 in increased state revenue sharing last year by showing a 15 percent-plus increase in population between 1980 and 1986.

However, it is uncertain whether or not that yearly appropriation will be made since Gov. James Blanchard initially vetoed these funds out of last year's budget. They were later added in through a supplemental appropriation Blanchard may well eliminate the funds again.

Committee members are also hoping for a yearly city capital improvement appropriation for sidewalks and safety paths throughout the city. Sidewalk construction will be expensive since it could require property acquisition along many of the routes. Many of the original rights-of-way that were needed were not acquired, while others abut residential properties.

"It's going to take some diplomacy," Aruffo said. "There isn't any doubt about that."

Currently, the areas being identified as priority areas include:

□ Five locations on Grand River between Novi and Meadowbrook roads

□ One location on Haggerty Road between Nine and Ten Mile (the Pavilion Court gap).

□ Two locations on Meadowbrook Road between Eight and Nine Mile.

□ Nine locations on Nine Mile—five between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads, two between Novi and Meadowbrook roads, and two more between Taft and Novi roads.

□ Four locations on Novi Road—two between Eight and Nine Mile, one between Grand River and I-96, and one between Nine and Ten Mile.

□ Five on Taft Road—three between Eight and Nine Mile, two between Nine and Ten Mile, and one between Ten and Eleven Mile.

□ Four on Ten Mile—one between Novi and Meadowbrook roads and three between Taft and Novi roads.



Swing again, slugger

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Mark Watercamp is surprised to see a pinata still intact after he dealt it a mighty blow just before the holiday break. Mark is a student in Cathy

Brandau's third grade class at Orchard Hills Elementary School which studied how Christmas is celebrated in other countries.

Board member pledges to press Marchak issue

By AMY ROSA
staff writer

Although an attempt to place an ousted parent back on a Novi School District curriculum council failed at the last board of education meeting, one school board member—Sandra Thornton—said the fight isn't over yet.

A motion to appoint Novi parent Sally Marchak to the council as an ad hoc member failed on a 2-5 vote at the Dec. 22 school board meeting. Supporting the motion were Trustees Stephen Hitchcock and Thornton. Thornton was the only official dissenter on the issue of Marchak's prior removal from the council until now.

"I feel real committed to this—it isn't a game," said Thornton, who explained she introduced the motion because she felt not all the board members knew what they were voting on when they approved the list of curriculum council members which did not include Marchak's name.

"I'm trying to do what's right," she added.

Thornton also tried to bring up Marchak's removal from the curriculum council for consideration at the Dec. 1 meeting, but legally could not. According to parliamentary procedure only a trustee who voted in favor of the list could do so, and none did.

The request for the ad hoc appointment followed some strong criticism of the board's conduct in removing Marchak from the curriculum council at its Nov. 17 meeting. During that meeting, board president Michael Meyer characterized Marchak as a "negative" person and told her that her removal was in the best interest of the district.

Marchak, a mother with three children attending Novi schools, was known to be a sometimes-board critic.

The Novi News reported that the decision to remove Marchak was

Thornton: 'It's very unfortunate that this is tearing apart the community. It doesn't set a good example for our children.'

made through private telephone conversations between Meyer and two other board members. Trustee Robert Schram later admitted to being one of those members.

Meyer, who in an interview Tuesday said he stands behind the decision to keep Marchak off the council, said that Thornton's motion had passed. "It may have set a precedent that is not in the best interest of the district."

Meyer issued a public apology to Marchak at the Dec. 1 meeting for his characterization of her, but did not waver when asked by Marchak's husband, Roman, if she would then be added to the council.

"I have nothing against her (Marchak)," Meyer said. "I just want a respect for the rights of all involved here."

"I wish it were over, but I don't think it is," he said.

"He's probably right," said Thornton, who admitted to pursuing the question of whether or not the board acted properly with regard to Marchak.

Thornton said in addition to herself one or more of the trustees by special election is not really an option because it is a "tedious process."

Thornton agreed, saying that perhaps the regular June election might yield new results anyway. The terms of Trustee Joan Daley and Julia Abrams will be up for grabs in June.

Thornton added: "It's very unfortunate that this is tearing apart the community. It doesn't set a good example for our children."

without notice to residents, who showed up at the meetings to talk about them.

"There have been a number of people in the community who feel the board is a little pompous, and even if they're wrong, won't admit it," Thornton said.

Regarding the Marchak issue, Thornton said one resident thought a case could be made for the board violating the state's Open Meetings Act. But Thornton disagreed, explaining it would have been a violation if Meyer had talked with the trustees about Marchak in a conference call, for instance, instead of in separate phone conversations.

Currently a possible "collusion" violation is being investigated, she said, although that is "more difficult to prove." Contact with the state board of education might prove beneficial, she added.

Marchak, who last week gave no indication she is one of the residents Thornton mentioned, said she is not making a legal commitment of any nature at this point.

She did say the process of recalling one or more of the trustees by special election is not really an option because it is a "tedious process."

Thornton agreed, saying that perhaps the regular June election might yield new results anyway. The terms of Trustee Joan Daley and Julia Abrams will be up for grabs in June.

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Obituaries

RICHARD FENSKY

A memorial service for Richard F. Fensky of Wixom will be held this Sunday, Jan. 8, at the First Unitarian Universalist Church in Detroit with the Rev. Richard S. Hasty officiating. Mr. Fensky died Dec. 22 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. A native Detroit, he was 76 at the time of his death.

He had been employed as a secretary by the Ford Motor Company. He retired in 1972 after 34 years in the standard transmission department.

Mr. Fensky attended Wayne State University and was a member of the Ore Creek Model Railroad Club, the Unitarian Church and the Oakland County Republican Club.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, and a daughter, Leah Beth Biffle. A sister and two grandchildren also survive.

Entombment was at Evergreen Cemetery in Detroit through the O'Brien Chapel of the Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the First Unitarian Universalist Church at 4605 Cass, Detroit, MI 48201.

HILDA J. SANDS

Mrs. Hilda J. Sands, 83, of Novi, died Dec. 30 in Toledo, Ohio.

She was born July 22, 1905, in Illinois, the daughter of Carl and Grace (Alexander) Corgan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother and a sister. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Joseph R. Sands in 1982.

Surviving is a son, Richard Sands of Perrysburg, Ohio, three sisters, Mildred Cagle of Florida, Minnie Wright of Livonia and Leta Mayer of Indiana, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She moved to Northville in 1944 and to a residence on Napier Road in Novi in 1945.

She belonged to the Pallet and Brush Club, the Seabrook Club and the Michigan Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 4, at 11 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home in Northville. The Rev. Eric S. Hammar of the First United Methodist Church of Northville officiated.

Interment was at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville.

ADA RUTH MADIGAN

Mrs. Ada Ruth Madigan, 76, of Wixom, died Dec. 27 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Madigan was born May 28, 1912 on Prince Edward Island, Canada to Philip and Jane (Matheson) Acorn.

She is survived by her husband Hank Madigan, her son Henry Madigan Jr., of Prince Edward Island, daughter Jane C. Whitney of North Carolina, sister Mrs. Jessie Morrow of Massachusetts, and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Madigan retired after 27 years as a registered nurse at the Whitehall Convalescent Home in Novi.

Funeral services were held privately at the Casterline Funeral Home in Northville. Interment was on Prince Edward Island, Canada. The family would appreciate memorials to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

CHRISTY SHORTT

Christy Lynn Shortt of Novi died of injuries received in an automobile accident at Childrens Hospital of Detroit on Dec. 29.

Born in Ohio, she was 13 at the time of her death.

She had been an eighth grader at Novi Meadows School.

A funeral service was held at the Church of the Holy Family on Saturday, Dec. 31, with the Rev. Kevin P. O'Brien officiating.

Christy is survived by her parents, Robert and Donna, and a brother, Robert. Also surviving are her grandparents — Ronald and Benice Laird and Robert and Elizabeth Shortt.

Interment was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia through the O'Brien Chapel of the Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Ronald McDonald House, 3911 Beaubien, Detroit, MI 48201.

City ready for Chilly-Willy Fest

Novi's second-annual Chilly Willy Festival is slated for Saturday, Jan. 14, beginning at 10 a.m. with a number of events scheduled at Power Park and the Novi Civic Center.

Here's a look at some of the events:

- Youth and adult coloring contest — contestants will be allowed to turn in one picture between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Youth and adult prize ribbons will be awarded.
- Little Mr. Snowshoe contest/Little Ms. Junior Snowflake contest — for boys and girls age 4-7. Boy contestants will be judged on their appearance and response to the question "Why do you want to be Little Mr. Snowshoe?" Girl contestants will be judged on their appearance and response to the question "Why do you want to be Ms. Junior Snowflake?"
- The boys' event is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. The girls' event is scheduled for 11 a.m.
- Score-O contest/Super Score-O contest — Contestants will have three shots at shooting a puck through a small opening in a Score-O board.

Prizes will be announced at the site.

Several events which pre-registration also will be offered at the festival. Entry deadline is Monday, Jan. 6. The events include:

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Grevengood retires from bank post

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vidence Hospital Advisory Board, to the Arts and Cultural Committee.

That's just a snapshot of Grevengood's many activities.

Grevengood also served as a director on the city's Economic Development Corporation (EDC), the Town Center Steering Committee, and as a past President of the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

He was instrumental in helping establish the first-ever Novi '50s Festival.

Grevengood was instrumental in bringing an ambulatory care facility to Novi (Providence Hospital). He stepped forward to set up a fund through his bank for the victims of the Novi Chateau Estates Mobile Home Park disaster in 1987. He has performed a number of behind-the-scenes tasks for goodwill purposes over the years.

The Novi City Council passed a lengthy resolution honoring

Kriewall: 'Don, in my opinion, exemplifies volunteerism in the City of Novi. He's made some very important contributions . . . we are very lucky to have him here.'

Grevengood at its Dec. 19 meeting.

"Don, in my opinion, exemplifies volunteerism in the City of Novi," said City Manager Edward Kriewall. "He's made some very important contributions . . . we are very lucky to have him here."

He is just involved in anything — everything," said Novi News Managing Editor Philip Jerome. "He is a real city-spirit kind of guy."

"When you wanted to get something done in Novi, you went to

Don Grevengood," he said.

"When I first came here, people would tie up their horses at the 7-11 across the street (on Meadowbrook south of Ten Mile)," Grevengood said. "We had kids who would do that. You could look out my window and see that."

Grevengood watched Novi's booming development from a decidedly pro-business perspective. His duties on the EDC were aimed at attracting new business and encouraging cur-

rent businesses to expand.

Nevertheless, even with rapid new development, bringing with it traffic congestion and other strains, Grevengood feels Novi has maintained its character.

"Our problems are not unique," he said. "They are problems throughout the area. This community has high standards. They have done an excellent job."

"Things always seem to take a very positive direction here," he added. "Yes, there's controversy, but something good always seems to come from it."

Boots Grevengood will now have plenty of time to tour and market her art at local shows.

"Mostly in the area," Grevengood said, though that could well include a lot of turf.

"She's been a very patient wife all of this time," he said. "Nothing I did could have been done without having a patient wife and family."



Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Wonders of winter

Not all Novi youngsters took time off from learning during the holidays. A number of them participated in a science camp sponsored by the Novi Community Education Department which showed students how the flora and fauna of Michigan survives during

the winter. In the picture above Sue Nix (right) of the Science Connection digs for a sample of earth so kids may study wintertime life forms.

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Meetings Act.

That law requires public bodies to follow a variety of strict guidelines when discussing municipal affairs with a quorum in attendance.

City Clerk Gerry Slipp said she had no records of which city council members and planning commissioners attended the event and it is unclear whether or not a quorum actually existed.

During evaluation of the Trammell Crow Company's Town Center plans several years ago, city officials were flown to Milwaukee to view a similar project.

Citizens vow fight

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3,500 signatures. Those signatures must be collected within a three month span.

The petitions are then handed over to the city clerk for verification. If the required amount of signatures can be certified, the petitions are given to the city council. The council can either rescind its October decision or call for a special election, putting the question to its voters.

The city clerk and legal staff have already approved language for the petition, according to City Attorney Dennis Watson.

Shaw and Ringelski said a recall over the issue has not been discussed. "There has been no talk of that at all," Ringelski said. "We're trying



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Novi scouts reschedule leader meeting/14A

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Senior club plans to host potluck dinner/14A

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ORCHARD HILLS:
Orchard Hills Baptist Church delivers food/13A

What's so bracing as a cup of tea?

By Dorothy Webster

As skies darken earlier these days and snow swirls in the late afternoon air, tea time takes on greater importance, and as four o'clock draws high, tea drinkers know it's time to "hot the pot" as my English grandmother was fond of saying.

Those who prefer the lighter brew to coffee take their tea drinking seriously, may use a favorite tea pot handed down for generations, and have been known to drive hundreds of miles to purchase their favorite brands of the dried leaves. Those same particular people rarely order what passes for tea in most restaurants, where warm water, served with a teabag alongside the cup, is presented by the waitress.

To dedicated tea drinkers it doesn't matter whether their favorite drink is served at a formal afternoon tea with starched white linen, fine bone china and dainty fare, or whether it's served from a billy-can in the African desert - what matters is the full flavor of the final brew, the aroma of unfurled tea leaves as the steaming cup is raised, and most importantly, the uplifted spirits which follow those first sips.

"Under certain circumstances there are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as afternoon tea."
— Henry James

Ah, tea. From its beginnings in 2737 B.C. when legend has tea discovered by Chinese Emperor Shen Nung, to the Dutch traders introducing it to Europe in the 1600's, to British Tommies preserving the tea time tradition during the African Campaign in the 1940's, to today's fast-zap in office microwaves - tea has remained popular and almost unchanged.

Donald Wiederecht, executive director of the Tea Council of America, reminds us that tea has been called "the cup that cheers but never inebriates." He adds that business tycoon Malcolm Forbes serves it instead of coffee at corporate meetings, and that baseball pitcher Nolan Ryan prefers it to other beverages.

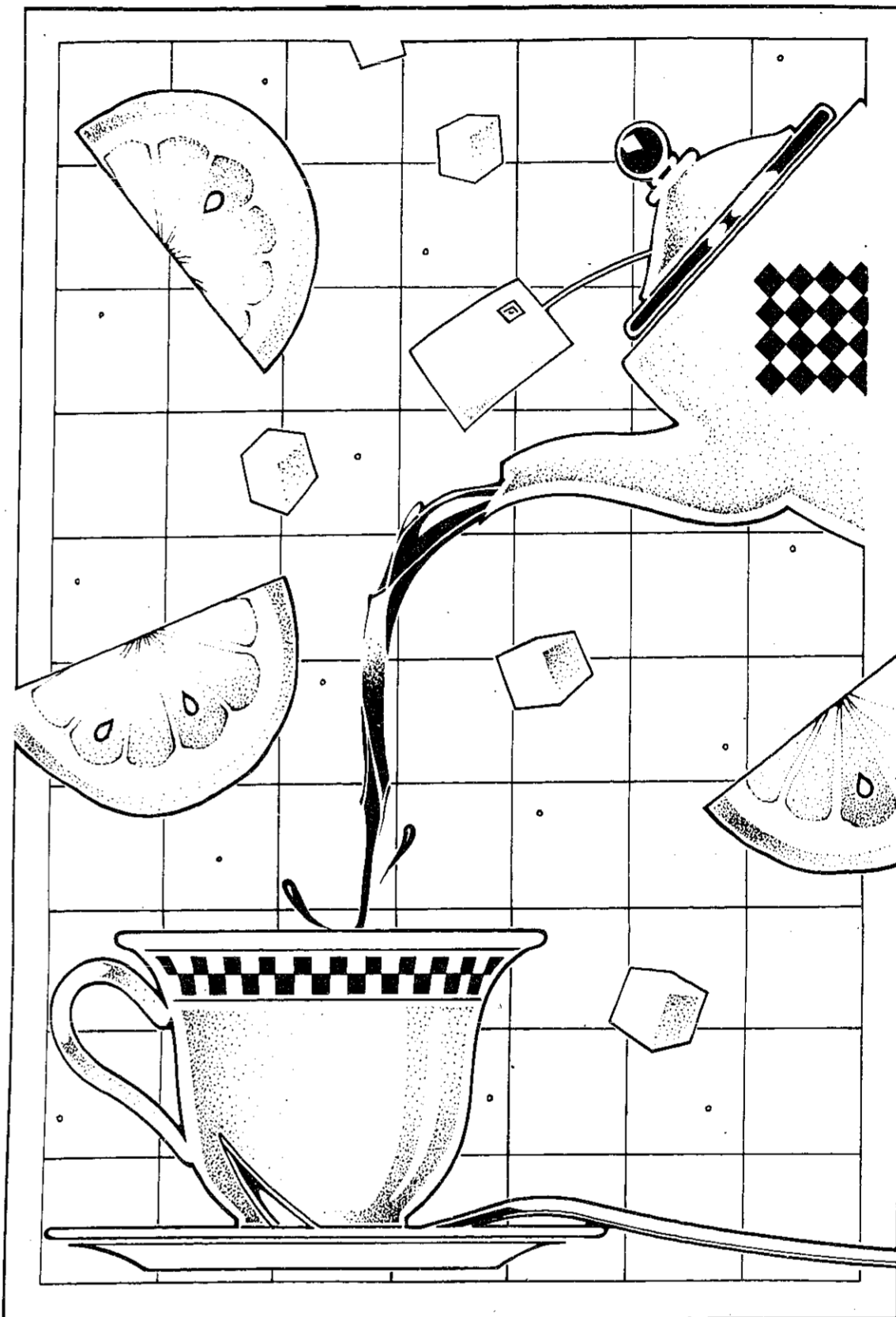
"Tea sold in the United States is usually a blend, and it doesn't vary from year to year," Wiederecht says. "In addition, a six-member board samples the first shipment and sets standards which all succeeding shipments must meet - or the tea is rejected."

"Sixty-five percent of all tea consumed in the United States is sold in the familiar and convenient teabag form," he continues. "A pound of tea will make 200 servings - either by teaspoonful per cup or by teabag - the measurement is the same," he adds.

"Tea bags were invented in 1904 when a tea merchant sent out samples sewn into small silk bags. Customers began ordering tea packaged that way. Today they're made with filter paper," Wiederecht concludes.

Another milestone was reached in 1904 when hot tea vendors at the St. Louis World's Fair noticed customers lined up only at iced drink stalls during prolonged hot weather. The vendors experimented pouring tea over ice and today's popular iced tea was born - and it was an instant hit ever then.

While many think of afternoon tea as a social occasion which can be a formal affair, high tea is celebrated in rural areas and in the Highlands of Scotland. Usually served between five and six o'clock, high tea is a hearty repast which replaces dinner. A broad kitchen table, covered with homespun linen is used instead of a tea table, and homemade bread and butter, smoked fish and local cheese, along with heavy cakes laden with fruit and nuts accompanies full-bodied tea served from an earthenware pot. It's tea "strong enough to trot a mouse" and sustains country folk after long days spent in bracing sea air.



MY CUP OF TEA

Page design by Dorothy Webster

The Perfect Cup of Tea:

Empty a good-sized tea kettle and fill it with freshly drawn cold tap water. Put the kettle on high heat to boil, and just when steam starts rolling from the spout, pour a cup or so into a china teapot. Swirl the hot water around inside the teapot to warm it, assuring that your final tea water stays hot as it infuses the tea leaves.

Measure out a heaping teaspoon of loose tea for each cup, plus one for the pot. As the kettle reaches a full, rolling boil, immediately pour the hot water over the tea. Don't let the water boil on and on, as you'll release the important oxygen bubbles which the tea leaves need to reach their fullest flavor.

Cover the tea pot with a tea cozy to keep the water hot. Let it stand for about five minutes, then quickly stir the contents of the tea pot and pour into individual cups, using a tea strainer to catch the tea leaves.

Experts say that only cold milk, never cream, should be added to tea, and that it should be placed in the cup first. They also advise that sugar doesn't add to the taste. Some prefer thinly sliced fresh lemon. It all depends on one's personal taste, how they have been taught to drink tea as a child, and what type of tea has been brewed. One wouldn't add anything to a delicate tea such as Darjeeling or Lapsang Souchong.

On no account allow the spent tea leaves to stand in the tea pot after brewing, or the resulting bitter drink will turn away even confirmed tea drinkers. Pour the fresh tea into a separate hot tea pot, or use very large cups and measure accurately the first time around. Then brew more tea for second helpings.

Did You Know That:

* the tea plant is an evergreen belonging to the Camellia family.

* there are more than 3,000 varieties of tea. Like wine, they take their names from the areas where they are grown, such as Assam, Darjeeling, Kandy.

* there are three different types of tea - black, green, oolong. All three come from the same tea bushes. It's only the processing that makes them different.

* over 97% of all tea consumed in the United States is black tea. The fermentation process turns the leaves black and they produce a tea with hearty flavor.

* green tea is not fermented, so the leaves stay green in color, resulting in a lighter color when brewed.

* oolong tea is a compromise between black and green tea, semi-fermented so the leaves turn greenish-brown and results in a lightly colored brewed tea.

* the familiar word "pekoe" (pronounced "peck-o", not "peek-o") refers only to a size of leaf and not to a type of variety. Other names of sizes are Orange Pekoe, Souchong, Broken Pekoe, Fannings, Fines.

Source: Tea Council of America

Where to buy teas locally...

Taste in tea is as individual as coffee brews - maybe even more so because there are so many varieties available. You like the tea you serve to have an unusual flavor, but you don't know where to buy the more exotic blends.

While most supermarkets stock a good variety of the more traditional brands, they seldom carry the rarer types of tea.

The following is a list of some of the stores which do stock some of the more unusual blends, as well as the traditional.

Wine Basket, 3542 Duck Lake Road, Highland: Bigelow teas, buy one box with six varieties - herb, apple, strawberry, raspberry, orange, lemon, or almond orange, apple spice, cranberry-apple, mint blend.

Main Street Wine and Cheese Shop, 400 N. Main, Milford: 12-15 varieties of Twinings and Celestial packaged teas. No loose tea.

Grandma Betty's Sweets 'n Treats, 124 N. Center, Northville: 30 varieties of loose tea which may be purchased in any quantity. These are stored in large glass jars on the shelves so the customer can see what he/she is purchasing.

Crabtree and Evelyn, 12 Oaks Mall, Novi: Earl Grey, English and breakfast teas, oriental, herb and black teas.

Kroger's, Prospect Hill Shopping Center, Milford: a wide variety of packaged herbal and flavored teas.

"Oh! yet stands the church clock at ten to three? And is there honey yet for tea?"
— Rupert Brooke

Showerman's IGA, Brookdale Square, Nine Mile and Pontiac Trail, South Lyon: Twinings brand; Bigelow brand, including orange and spice, herb, "I love lemon," fruit and almond, sweet dreams, raspberry royale, peppermint, wild forest blackberry, Earl Grey, constant comment, cinnamon stick and English tea time; Lipton, herbal tea, lemon soother and special moments; Celestial Seasonings, rose/caramel, mint magic, herb tea, chamomile, sleep-time, cranberry cove, cinnamon rose, raspberry patch, mandarin orange, lemon zinger, almond sunset, morning thunder and plantation mint.

Breen's IGA, 955 E. Summit, Milford: stocks same varieties as Showerman's IGA.

Incredi-Bulk Foods, 732 S. Michigan Ave., Howell: apricot, raspberry, royal fruit, Earl Grey, orange, and decaffeinated in apricot, raspberry, and Earl Grey. Owner Connie Garlock said the teas she carries are not packaged under a name brand. She added herbal teas are known as flavored teas that are decaffeinated.

Healthways, 942 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth: Celestial teas, Seesee, Aivita, Lion Cross, Worthington, several varieties of diet teas and traditional medicinal teas.

For those who like to order their tea by mail, send for a catalogue from Simpson and Vall Inc., 38 Clinton St., P.O. Box 309, Pleasantville, N.Y. 10572. The company carries over 60 types of loose teas from China, India, Sri Lanka and other regions and 20 types of tea bags, as well as a large selection of coffee and tea accessories, such as Ming teapots, gift canisters, teacozies and warming stands.

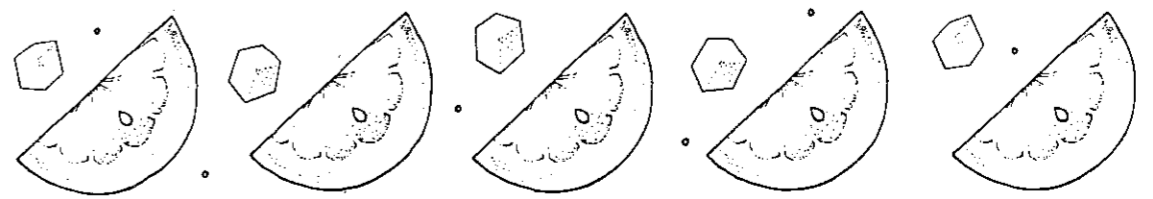
Simpson and Vall's scented teas include almond, apricot, black currant, blueberry, coconut, plum, strawberry with leaves, vanilla, wild cherry, aniseed, cinnamon, mango, orange spice with peel, peach, raspberry with leaves, apple, cinnamon spice, ginger, lemon spice with peel, and chocolate mint.

Health Nut, 401 W. Main, Brighton: a wide variety of blended and imported teas.

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Novi seeks athletic philosophy

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

What is the official philosophy concerning athletics in the Novi School District?

Where does the district stand on important issues like out-of-season limitations?

And what about drug abuse or eligibility?

With the initiation and support of Athletic Director John Fundukian and the Novi Board of Education, the district is now in the process of formulating a written report which will give direction and principle to all coaches, athletes, administrators and even parents as it relates to athletic competition.

"This was a board of education goal," Fundukian said. "I think it's an intelligent thing to do. One of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's requirements is that the philosophy of athletics and any policies by an individual school district be administered in written form."

"If it's verbalized, it gives direction and principle to how you should operate."

The first thing Fundukian did was form a committee to set the ground work for establishing a comprehensive philosophy for the Novi Community School District. The goals for the committee are: 1) to formulate a statement of philosophy; 2) set goals for the athletic program; 3) set objectives of participation for the student athlete; 4) set realities of involvement; and 5) compose an athletic code of conduct.

The 12-person committee was formed in late November and met twice in December. Two more meetings are scheduled.

Current Issues In Athletics

Being reviewed by committee

1. Program Balance
2. Amateurs
3. Rewards or Incentives
4. Sportsmanship
5. Benefits vs. Detriments
6. Quality of Coaching
7. Officials
8. Specialization of Competition
9. Out of Season Limitations
10. Overfocus on Winning
11. Integrity
12. Drug Use and Abuse
13. Litigation
14. Adversary Relationship with Coaches
15. Eligibility and Grades
16. League Affiliation
17. Non-League Schedules
18. Economic Support for Athletics
19. Codes of Discipline
20. Importance of Grades vs. Dreams
21. All-Star Contests
22. Volunteer Coaching
23. Demands of Student Athlete

The committee includes six students, three parents and three teachers. The students are Matthew Plerle and Liz Leiminger of Novi Middle School and Gwen Rowlands, Jennie Galland, Joel Scheffler and Chris Weldon of Novi High School.

The parents are Robert Walters, Sher Watkins and Jack Fisher, and

Program Balance

Comparing athletic offerings of U-M - Ann Arbor and Novi School District

U-M	Item	Novi
21	Number of sports offered	22+
11	Male sports offered	11
10	Female sports offered	11
21	Number of Teams	60*
1	Athletic Director	1
3	Asst. Athletic Directors	0
4	Assoc. Athletic Directors	0
900	Athletes Involved	1,240

* Includes Cheerleading & Pom Poms
* Includes Jr. Var. & Freshman programs

the teachers are Gary Kelly, Chris Hayward and James Tinsley.

"We gave them operational procedures provided by the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association," Fundukian said. "The goal is for them to

review some current issues in athletics today (see chart) and then make a one-page statement of philosophy. They'll also identify goals, objectives of participation and a code of behavior and responsibilities.

"I think the committee is a good representation of the school district."

After the committee finishes its task, the results will be reviewed by secondary administrators, the administrative council and finally the board of education. Acceptance of the project by the school board will probably come next spring, according to Fundukian.

The list given to the committee for consideration has nearly two dozen athletic issues — like program balance, which deals with equality versus favoritism when it comes to male and female programs. Another issue is specialization — should athletes focus on one sport or try to broaden themselves in many sports?

"The committee will review all those issues and try to make sure our philosophy and our code of athletics has included many of those important ones," Fundukian said. "We want to be sure to consider all those issues and we think the list is a good check reference."

Despite all the input from a number of different areas and levels, it's clear that the main force behind all this is Fundukian. As athletic director in Highland Park and later in Walled Lake, Fundukian initiated the same undertaking and now both school districts have a written philosophy of athletics.

"I've been a part of this type of thing with two other school districts," he said. "I think it's important."

Rec Briefs

Adult volleyball: Adult volleyball in Novi will begin Jan. 9. The 10-week season includes 50 to 60 games and a double-elimination playoff tournament. Team fees are \$141.

There is also an opening for teams in the new Monday night co-ed league which gets underway Jan. 23.

Call the Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400 for more information.

Bill Koch youth ski league: Instruction in cross-country skiing will be available for 8-13 year old Novi youngsters in the Bill Koch Youth Ski League, a national program oriented toward family participation with an objective of teaching fundamentals and having fun.

The Novi-Northville League will meet Thursdays at Maybury State Park from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Jan. 12, Jan. 19 and Jan. 26. Makeup days are slated Feb. 2 and Feb. 9.

The fee of \$12 per child includes membership card, patch, poster, newsletter and weekly snacks. Ski rental is available at the park for \$3 per session. Registration deadline is Monday, Jan. 9, at 5 p.m. For more information or to register call the Novi Parks and Recreation Department at 347-0400.

Clogging classes: The Sixth Gate Cloggers are offering clogging classes at the Novi Civic Center through the Novi Parks and Recreation Department.

A class for beginning cloggers will begin Jan. 4 and run for 12 weeks from 12:30 to 2 p.m. The fee is \$15. Offered during the same time period will be an intermediate class from 2:30-3 p.m. The fee for the intermediate class is also \$15.

For more information call the Parks and Rec Department at 347-0400.

Baseball clinic: The Madonna College Athletic Club will sponsor its annual baseball clinic on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Activities Center.

On hand will be Detroit Tiger players Mike Henneman and Pat Sheridan along with former Tigers Gates Brown and Milt Wilcox. The clinic is for grade school, junior high and high school players and their coaches. The fee of \$10 for students and \$15 for coaches includes a complimentary lunch.

The college is now accepting mail registrations. Call 255-1100 or 537-1130 for more information.

Cross-country classes: Cranbrook Schools are offering cross-country ski instruction on Wednesdays and Saturdays during January. Fee is \$30.

All clinics meet in the lobby of the Cranbrook Schools' Performing Arts Center on Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills. For more information or to pre-register call 645-3635.

Metropark permits increase: The metropark annual and daily boating permit charges will be increased for 1989. The new boating permit rates are \$13 for annual passes (\$6 for seniors) and \$3 for daily passes. Metropark vehicle entry permit charges remain the same for 1989.

Help wanted: The Novi Parks and Recreation Department is in need of coaches and referees for basketball, floor hockey, soccer, softball and T-ball.

Interested individuals should call 347-0400 for more information.

Briningstool eyes starting job at MSU

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"That fumble recovery against Illinois was the highlight for me," he said. "Another was making the opening tackle of the game against Michigan on the kick-off."

"The poor start we had helped me and the rest of the guys develop character. Coach Perles says it all the time — that the only way to be successful is to work hard. I tried to apply that to my personal life — not just on the football field."

For the regular season, Briningstool was officially credited with six solo tackles and three assists. In addition to the fumble recovery at Illinois, he added two more — one against Indiana and another against Wisconsin.

Briningstool has a reputation among his teammates as a hard worker with loads of enthusiasm. He's always one of the first players out of the tunnel at the start of a game, and one of the last to leave practice and weight lifting sessions.

"Nobody on this team works harder than Tony Briningstool," said senior defensive end John Budde — and he should know. Budde's father

Briningstool: 'I wanted very badly to contribute — and I did. I learned the areas I'm weak at and now I know what it takes to be a complete football player.'

Ed and brother Brad were both All-Americans in college and stellar professionals in the NFL.

The only black mark of the season for Briningstool was something that never actually happened. In the Indiana game on Nov. 4, he was whistled for a clip on a kick return in the first half. When he returned to the sidelines, ABC television captured what appeared to be Briningstool and Perles arguing. Here's what announcers Gary Bender and Dick Vermell said about the incident:

Vermell: "Right now, (Perles) is chewing out Tony Briningstool, number 54. He's a 3.5 grade point premed student, so you know he's bright enough to do what he was assigned to do."

Bender: "Boy, look it is (Perles) after him."

Vermell: "You know, I agree in that approach to coaching. A lot of guys don't, but I think a young kid profits from his mistake directly proportionate to how much you make him suffer after he makes it."

Bender: "(Briningstool) was the player of the year in Michigan his senior year ... Well, a lot of guys can't handle it."

Vermell: "They grow-up from these experiences — it's good for them. It makes a man out of them."

Most people who know Briningstool personally knew that what they saw on the T.V. was an unfortunate — and inaccurate — picture of what actually happened.

"What everybody saw on T.V. and what actually happened were two different things," Briningstool said. "I didn't even realize what had happened until a few days later when a friend showed me the tape. I never worried about it because Coach Perles never said anything to me about it."

According to Briningstool, Perles was mad after the penalty because he thought a personal foul — after the play had been whistled dead — had been committed.

"I told him the penalty was on me, but that it was a clip," Briningstool said.

Parker and senior defensive tackle Jason Ridgeway then approached Briningstool, telling him to forget about the penalty. They didn't want it to affect his play later on.

"They were challenging me not to go into the tank," Briningstool said. "I was down because I thought the block was on the side and not the back — I didn't think it was a clip — but they were saying that it's over and not to worry about it."

Ironically, the following day at a film session, Perles admitted that the clip call was indeed questionable.

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Sawmill Owner John Colizzi is finding many new markets for his unfinished furniture business

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Sawmill owner pushes forward into new areas

By LYRIC MATSON

In his quest some 10 years ago for a small retail business which would not require him to wear a suit, John Colizzi found inspiration for his salesmanship in a furniture store.

It was the beginning of Sawmill enterprises.

It would seem that he was interested in a small business venture, however his years in the corporate world as a national systems manager for Honeywell Inc. must have assisted him in broadening his store's basic appeal. The key words for the Sawmill these days are to be "expansion" and "progress."

The Sawmill business began as a store in Wyandotte, which sold only unfinished furniture. Customers could buy unfinished pieces, which are cheaper than finished pieces, and finish them themselves.

Colizzi said people originally bought unfinished furniture because it was less expensive. But now he finds that his clientele is also more concerned with the matters of quality and craftsmanship. "Now people do

it so they can get exactly what they want," said Colizzi, adding that customers don't necessarily have to go with the shades chosen by the manufacturer.

When buying unfinished furniture, a customer has the option of matching pieces to other pieces in their homes, or choosing a number of pieces, all from different manufacturers, and having them stained to look like a matched set.

Over a few years in the business, Colizzi noticed that people liked picking out a bare, unfinished piece but didn't always want the time-consuming trouble of staining, oiling and urethaning — hence the development of the Sawmill's central finishing shop in Wyandotte.

It serves the Wyandotte store and the Northville retail store, which Colizzi purchased in 1980.

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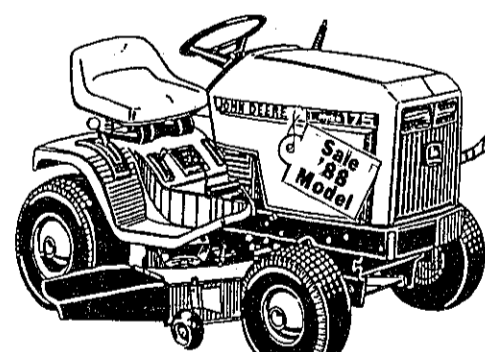
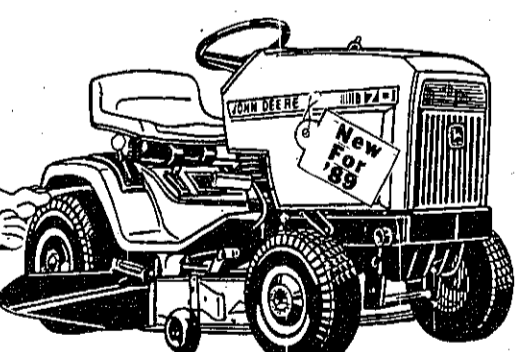
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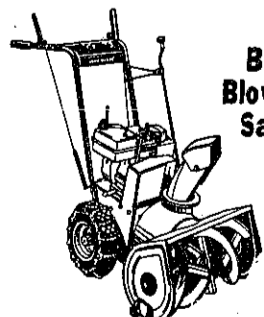
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Business is 'buzzing' for owner of Sawmill

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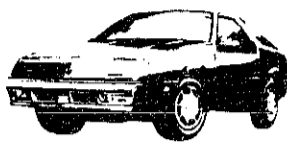
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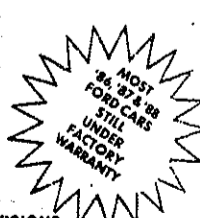
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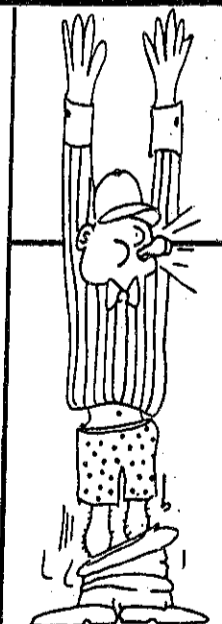
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