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A new eatery on Main Street, Quizno's, features Italian-style sandwiches, soups and desserts. This is the first franchise for the chain in Novi. Expect a second in the near future. — Page 9A

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Parallel worlds

We are not alone in the universe, or are we? Find out about other cities of Novi and Northville. And why more communities may mention a polar direction in their monikers, than draw on Latin or the Slavic languages to proclaim a sense of newness. — Page 1AA



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Kick up your heels

The Lady Wildcats have reserved their share of spots on this year's all-area soccer team, including the HomeTown player of the year. Read about the best soccer players in the KVC — Page 1B.



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Novi MEAP Scores

Percent of students achieving "Satisfactory" score

5th Grade	2000		1999		State Average	
	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999
Science	57.2	65.0	43.6	32.5		
Writing	86.6	71.0	67.8	54.8		
Social Studies	31.2	39.4	20.6			

8th Grade	2000		1999		State Average	
	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999
Science	47.3	37.4	24.2	23.0		
Writing	79.7	77.3	66.8	63.5		
Social Studies	63.4	50.9	30.8			

Outscoring the average But 5th graders lower on MEAP test

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Once again, Novi's fifth and eighth grade MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) scores in science, social studies, and writing this year proved higher than statewide results.

While eighth graders were on a roll, however, fifth graders did less well than last year in science and social studies.

"Novi has a lot to be proud of," said Stephanie Van Koevring, spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Treasury, which oversees the MEAP.

"The fact that Novi has exceeded the state standards in all areas indicates that they are doing a good job in getting across the subject material."

Eighth grade scores rose in all subject areas from the district's percentages last year.

Social studies rose an impressive 11.5 percent, science with a 9.9 percent increase, and writing was up 2.4 percent.

In comparison to statewide eighth grade scores, the

district was up an overwhelming 32.6 percent in social studies, 23.1 percent higher in science, and 12.9 percent higher in writing.

This year, an average of 429 eighth grade students in the district took the MEAP.

"We feel very good about the showing (for both fifth and eighth grade)," said Superintendent of Instruction Dr. Rita Traynor. "We are already analyzing the data to see what areas need improvement."

Fifth graders saw a substantial increase in writing, rising 15.6 percent from last year.

However, fifth grade percentages in science and social studies, both saw a decrease this year, with science scores dropping 7.8 percent and social studies down 8.2 percent.

But when compared with the state's fifth grade scores, the district was 13.6 percent higher in science, 10.6 percent higher in social studies, and 18.8 percent higher in writing.

Traynor said the district was concerned with the

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Care of kids could be all day

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

In order to continue its success, Novi Community Education would like to expand their course offerings, provide all-day child care, and make on-line registration available, according to Community Education Director Bob Steeh.

Recently Steeh gave school officials an update, discussing where the program stands today and where it is headed in the future.

"We find that most people want morning preschool and we do not have enough open sections," Steeh said. "Also, a number of preschool parents have expressed the need for all-day care, which is something we need to look into."

With the growing need for child care as well as space, Steeh recommended the possibility of utilizing the ITC (Instructional Technology Center) space when Novi Meadows is complete.

"I think an important element, one which we would like the board to consider, is to offer all-day care in that facility," Steeh said, adding that parents tend to feel safer when the care is a part of the district.

Benefits and program potential in utilizing the ITC building, Steeh said, would include:

- expanding preschool class offerings, adding infant care;
- offering all-day child care for children ages 2 1/2- to 5-years-old;
- allowing availability of child care for those attending preschool;
- providing close proximity for children to walk from preschool to C.A.R.E.;
- providing district employees

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Planners zoom in on downtown

RANDAL YAKE Staff Writer

Nothing was set in stone. Rather, there was a free flow of ideas and suggestions as city officials, concerned businessmen and citizen volunteers gathered June 29 at the Novi Expo Center for a brainstorming session about the city's downtown.

The Town Center Visioning Session was held to provide some ideas for the Town Center Steering Committee on a number of topics surrounding the crossroads of Grand River Avenue, Novi Road and Twelve Mile Road.

The session was hosted by Rod Arroyo, vice president of city planning consultants Birchler Arroyo Associates Inc. and Town Center Committee Chairperson Frank Stevens.

"This information will be forwarded to the Town Center Steering committee so they can formulate their own goals and send it

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Twice-wounded WWII veteran Leo Harrowood is given a proclamation from the city, thanking him for his service.

Veterans Day, Novi-style City thanks its warriors from WWII

RANDAL YAKE Staff Writer

They are called the greatest generation because when the summons came to save the world from the tyranny of fascism, they answered the call.

This past Sunday, the city of Novi answered its own call to honor those who fought in places like Guadalcanal, the Bulge and Anzio during what some historians are calling the most significant series of events in the 20th century — World War II.

Mayor Richard Clark, who spearheaded the WWII Veterans Recognition Day, gave a speech honoring Novi's aging warriors, over 150 of them.

"We talk of heroes and we have the tendency to talk of sports heroes, superstars, and financial moguls," Clark said.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I suggest to you they are modern personalities thrust upon us by the vehicle of modern marketing and

Now showing, a full-color photo page of the WWII Veterans Recognition Day on page 2A.

mass communication, but they are not heroes."

Listening to the mayor in the auditorium, WWII veteran Robert Jagers sat with his wife waiting for the call to receive his thanks from the community.

"I'm proud to be alive," Jagers said. "I feel fortunate to be one of the ones who lived through it."

To Clark, the "parents and grandparents" of Novi residents in the room, people such as Jagers, "are what constitutes a hero and a heroine."

"They stepped forward and answered their country's call to preserve, not only their own liberty, but that of all of those who

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Don't worry, mom, these henna tattoos do wear off

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

Popularized by Hollywood celebrities and musicians like Madonna, Prince, and Gwen Stefani, mehndi tattooing has become the newest trend in body decorating.

An alternative to the real thing, the temporary tattoo normally lasts 10 to 14 days.

Last Thursday, Colleen Flannery from Kali Designs visited the Novi Public Library for an introductory session on the ancient tradition.

"Although many people believe it originated in India, it actually was developed in Egypt around 1628," Flannery said.

Mehndi is the traditional art of decorating the hands and feet with a paste made from leaves of the henna plant. Flannery explained.

The plant can be found in Pakistan, Syria, India, Sudan, and other Middle Eastern and North African countries.

Although it is typically made with henna leaves, Flannery said any herb or plant that naturally stains the skin will work.

Painted art styles vary from country to country, in different cultures and religious traditions.

For example, in the Middle East, mehndi

is characteristically used on the hands and feet, featuring large floral designs. In India, mehndi generally covers entire hands, forearms, ankles, and feet using fine line, lacy, floral and paisley patterns. In Africa, mehndi designs are customarily very large and bold, with geometrically-styled angles.

Although mehndi is more of a decoration, it also provides a therapeutic effect on the skin, giving it a cooling sensation.

For Novi Meadows student Sonali Shah, the mehndi method was nothing new.

"I'm going to be doing it (mehndi) tomorrow for a wedding I'm going to," she said.

Shah said the body paint doesn't necessarily have a religious meaning, but that it is more of a decoration.

She added that she learned the technique after her and her sister took a class on India.

"I had seen how cool Sonali's designs were at school, so I wanted to come today to learn how to do it," said Novi Meadows student Claire Wick.

Classmate Ashley Marderosian, 10, said she thought the mehndi class sounded like fun, and that so far the class hadn't disappointed her.



Above, Devan Terteling, 12, tries her hand at mehndi. At left, a library patron lets her artwork dry and awaits the final dazzling results.

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This Army uniform and a photo of WWII veteran Dave Neuer were on display in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center on Sunday.



WWII veteran Ed McGregor points to a photo he took of the commander of Australian troops, snapped during his time serving in the South Pacific.

Photos by John Heider

Ed McGregor, a 37-month veteran of the U.S. effort in the South Pacific during WWII, listens intently during Sunday's ceremony applauding veterans.

Novi tribute honors over 150 local WWII veterans



Attendees of Sunday's WWII Veteran's Recognition Day ceremony pour over displays of war souvenirs in the Novi Civic Center lobby.



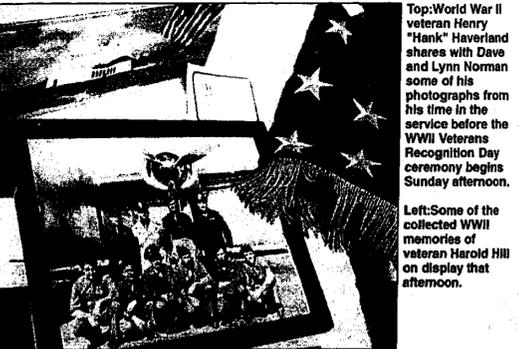
Scenes from the July 2 WWII Veterans Recognition Day at the Novi Civic Center. Top: World War II veteran Hank Haverland turns around to lead the full house in a spirited rendition of "The Coast Guard Song." Konrad served in the U.S. Coast Guard. Other servicemen and women got a chance to stand and sing their songs including the Navy's "Anchors Aweigh" and the U.S. Marines' renowned hymn.

Left: Novi Mayor Richard Clark, who initiated the idea, speaks to the former warriors and their families. Bottom: Calling each veteran's name one by one, Clark addresses a packed Novi Civic Center.



Top: World War II veteran "Hank" Haverland shares with Dave and Lynn Norman some of his photographs from his time in the service before the WWII Veterans Recognition Day ceremony begins Sunday afternoon.

Left: Some of the collected WWII memories of veteran Harold Hill on display that afternoon.



City planning department promotes from in-house

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE

As Novi's newest additions to the Planning and Community Development Department's personnel list, Beth Brock and Sarah Marchioni already had an advantage.

They were both already familiar with the staff, city administrators, and the community. Brock, a former Novi planning assistant, replaced Community Staff Planner Tamara Buswinka, who retired in early June. Marchioni, who took over Brock's old position as planning assistant, is no stranger to the community and the department, either. She began working as a co-op student there in 1997.

Brock, 25, said the biggest challenges of her new position have also been the most exciting. "It'll be working with the capital improvements program, handling all the committee work associated with the planning commission and city council, as well as the planning commission budget," she said.

Brock said she is particularly looking forward to helping guide the future growth of the Town Center and Main Street development. She is already busy creating a Facade Review Committee for projects that will go into the two downtown areas.

Luckily, Brock doesn't require much sleep, because since the department is currently understaffed, she has even taken on added responsibilities normally not required by her position. "Well, we have to work together as a team and pull together," she said.

"It's definitely been an exciting time around here." Brock, who now lives in Novi, began her career in the planning

"Being residents of the city, it's nice to have a hand in the way it's shaped."

Beth Brock
Planning Community Staff planner

department a year ago, after receiving her master's degree from Central Michigan University.

Throughout her three and half year tenure, Marchioni filled in as a denial clerk, worked in the Building Department, and did Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and temporary use permits.

"She's very familiar with city hall and she's worked in both building and planning, so she's very experienced," Brock said.

"One thing that is good for our department is that you have two people who did really work with all the tracking of the developments, so we're both familiar with the projects."

Like Brock, Marchioni too requires little sleep, working both as the city's new planning assistant as well as continuing to do ZBA tasks. "It's been quite challenging," she said.

To add to her work load, Marchioni, 19, is also attending Oakland Community College as a full-time student.

When Marchioni does have some spare time, she enjoys playing on a co-ed soccer team and hanging out with friends. She's also starting to learn how to play the guitar.

Brock said when she's not busy working, she likes to be outdoors. "When I have time, I like to exercise, go boating and jet skiing," she said, adding that she's also started roller blading.

The two said they are really pleased with their new positions and are looking forward to new challenges.

"Both Beth and Sarah are well-versed in the site plan process, department procedures and the many professional contacts that are important to department operations," said Planning and Community Development Director for the city of Novi, Jim Wahl.

Wahl departed from his position on Wednesday, taking a job in Ohio.

As a Novi resident, Brock said it's great working with and being a part of future implementations of such a rapidly growing area.

"Being residents of the city, it's nice to have a hand in the way it's shaped," she said.

"Especially being able to relate to residents and the issues they are concerned with."

"I think it will be great being able to see projects come in and actually see them through (to completion)."

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Sarah Marchioni, left, and Beth Brock have new roles in the planning department.

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Community Calendar

Thursday, July 6

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Limbricht at 380-6500.

Music series

"The Sounds of Summer" free music series tunes in tonight at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center lawn. Tonight's band is "Air Margariaville," featuring Jimmy Buffet sounds.

Novi City Council

The Novi City Council meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Tuesday, July 11

Civil Air Patrol

The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Church of the Holy Cross on Ten Mile Road, between Taft and Berk roads, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 349-2669.

Beautification Commission

The Novi Beautification Commission meets at 7:15 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Audience participation is welcome. For additional information contact Eric Aruffo at 348-9136.

Chess Club

The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

Optimist Club

The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Big Boy Restaurant on Novi Road, across from the Novi Town Center.

Wednesday, July 12

Seniors potluck

The Novi Senior Social Club will gather at noon in the Novi Civic Center for their monthly potluck luncheon.

Lions Club

The Novi Lions Club will meet at Kim's Gardens at 6:30 p.m. for dinner followed by a meeting.

SPARK

The Society for the Preservation of American Racing Knowledge, the all-volunteer support organization for the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America, meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. The meeting is open to anyone interested in supporting the Hall of Fame and Museum.

Thursday, July 13

Parks meeting

The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Novi Rotary

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Music series

"The Sounds of Summer" free music series tunes in tonight at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center lawn. Tonight's group is Joe Kingsley's Dixieland Ramblers.

Monday, July 17

Library Board

The Novi Library Board will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Novi library building.

ABWA

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, at 42109 Crescent Blvd. Social hour is set at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to all working women. For reservations, call Audrey Guley at (248) 624-1718. For membership information, call Bette Johnson at (248) 960-9559.

Cholesterol Screening

Total cholesterol screening by Hagersick method, will be offered 1-4 p.m., at the Behavioral Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. Cost is \$5 fee. For more information call 477-6100.

Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information call Tom Lahiff at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, July 18

Garden Club

The Novi Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Civil Air Patrol

The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Parkview Elementary School, 45825 Everett Mile Road, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Adults and

youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 349-2669.

Novi Toastmasters

The Novi Toastmaster Club meets at 7 p.m. at Meadowbrook Elementary School, located on Meadowbrook Road, one block south of Thirteen Mile. New members are welcome anytime. For more information on the Toastmasters, check out the web site at: www.toastmasters.org

Chess Club

The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

Bereavement Support Group

A bereavement support group meets at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., from 7:30-9 p.m. The meeting will be facilitated by Dr. M. Meyer. There will be a brief prayerful reflection during the meeting by a member of the clergy from the area.

Optimist Club

The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Big Boy Restaurant on Novi Road, across from the Novi Town Center.

Wednesday, July 19

Planning Commission

The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Thursday, July 20

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Limbricht at 380-6500.

Music series

"The Sounds of Summer" free music series tunes in tonight at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center lawn. Tonight's group is Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies Band, which plays sounds of the 1950s and 1960s.

Monday, July 24

Novi City Council

The Novi City Council meets tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Library Briefs

LIBRARY HOURS
The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Sundays during the summer. Location is 45245 W. Ten Mile Road just east of Taft. For more information, call 349-0720.

READING IS OUT OF THIS WORLD
Sign up is now underway for the 2000 Summer Reading Program, "Reading is Out of This World." The program is for children in grades four and under.

READING IS FAR OUT
Kids going into grade five and beyond are invited to sign up now for "Reading Is Far Out." Featured will be groovy programs, cool projects and hip prizes throughout the summer.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING RESCHEDULED
The Novi Library Board of Directors meeting originally scheduled for Monday, July 10 has been rescheduled to Monday, July 17 at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Community members are welcome to attend.

WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?
Kids going into grade five and up are invited to hear astrologer Nancy Bahlman talk about the signs of the Zodiac, their history and the significance the planets play in astrology on Monday, July 10 at 1 p.m. No registration is necessary for the free program, which is for educational purposes only.

CRAFT PROGRAMS
We have two craft programs scheduled for Tuesday, July 11. Crafts for children ages 5-6 will be at 1 p.m., crafts for children age 7 and up will be at 2 p.m. There is a \$1 materials fee for each 45-minute program. No registration is necessary but space is limited.

"RUMPELSTILTSKIN"
The Stevens Puppets troupe will present "Rumpelstiltskin" on Wednesday, July 12 at 1 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. Children age 4 and up are invited to attend the free performances. No registration is necessary for the 45-minute program.

DROP-IN STORYTIMES
Storytime for children ages 4 to 7 will be held Thursday, July 13, anytime for 2- and 3-year-olds will be held Friday, July 14. Each 30-minute session starts at 11 a.m. No registration is necessary.

SENIOR BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Senior book lovers are reading "Memoirs of a Geisha" by Arthur Golden. The senior group meets in the library meeting room on Thursday, July 13 at noon.

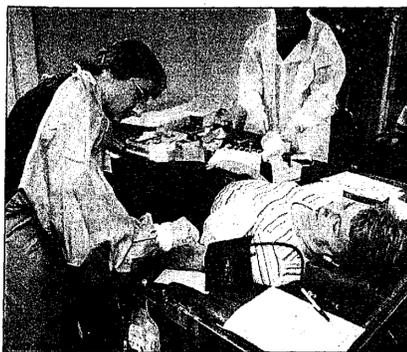


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Gift of life

Elaine Peterson donates a pint of blood during the June 29 American Red Cross blood drive held at the Country Epicure restaurant. Registered Nurse Ellen Leonard is at left. The Red Cross, which is on an emergency appeal for donations, will have their next drive locally at Lifetime Fitness on July 7, between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Lifetime Fitness is on Haggerty Road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile roads.

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Obituaries

FRIEDA A. IRELAND
 Frieda Anna Ireland, 89, died June 27 at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Mrs. Ireland is survived by a son, Dennis (Martha) of Novi; four sisters and three brothers: two granddaughters, Laura and Lisa; and one grandson, Larry.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd and daughter, Joyce.

Services were conducted on Friday, June 30 at O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi. Interment was in Oakland Hills Cemetery.

Memorials to St. John Lutheran Church, 1002 McEwan St., St. Clair, MI 48017 would be appreciated.

PHYLLIS E. (TEMLIN) OPPERMAN

Phyllis Elaine (Templin) Opperman, 57, of Novi died June 8 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

She was born Dec. 27, 1942, in Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. Opperman was a special education teacher for the Detroit Public Schools at the time of her death.

She is survived by her husband, Richard L. of Novi, whom she married July 2, 1968; one daughter, Susan (Edward) Ruckelshaus, Opperman of Farmington Hills; two sons, Michael L. of Redford and Peter E. of Novi; mother, Olga Templin of Dearborn; and two brothers, Kenneth (Helen) of Tennessee, and James (Carolyn) of Farmington Hills.

Funeral services were held June 13 at Heency-Sundquist Funeral Home of Farmington, with Pastor Christopher Fairburn officiating.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the charity of your choice.

**CITY OF NOVI
 NOTICE OF ADOPTION
 ORDINANCE NO. 2000-163**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 2000-163, an ordinance to add Article 7 to Chapter 25 of the Novi Code of Ordinances to create a City of Novi Ice Arena Committee.

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective March 15, 2001. A copy of the Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, June 12, 2000. A public hearing on the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 43000 Novi Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in person or by mail.

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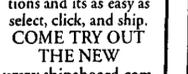
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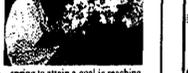
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After 15 years of planning Novi, Wahl heads to job in Ohio

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE
 Staff Writer

After 15 years as Planning Official for the city of Novi, Jim Wahl will be hanging up his hat on July 5.

"When I came to Novi as the city's first professional planner and community development director, I had hoped to do a marathon tour of duty, work 26 years for Novi and see many planning ideas and community development projects through to completion," he said.

"And although many projects are now completed, my agenda is still full of assignments that I would like to see accomplished. However, it is necessary to complete my career elsewhere for both personal and professional reasons."

Wahl said he accepted a similar position in Beaver Creek, Ohio.

"I have family there and since I went to the University of Dayton, it's like a second home to me," he said. "I really don't want to give it up, but I received an offer I just couldn't let pass."

Wahl who has degrees from both Ohio State University and the University of Dayton, was director of planning for Columbus, Ohio for ten years. Wahl, 53, also worked for Monroe, Michigan for five years.

Since 1985, Wahl has attended 438 planning commission meetings, 435 city council meetings, as well as over 1,000 committee meetings.

"While I regret that I am leaving the city of Novi, I am confident that the many current planning assignments being worked on will be followed through to a successful completion."

Wahl said of all the projects he has seen go through, he is most proud of the Expo Center and Main Street.

"I think the work Jim has done with the Town Center's Main Street project has been outstanding. Jim was very active and committed in making Main Street a true downtown," said Planning and Traffic Consultant Rod Arroyo. "Jim vigorously went out to talk with high quality operators like Vie's in carrying out Novi and was the main force behind

the entire Main Street movement."

Wahl, also a marathon runner, said after living in Novi for fifteen years, he has made many friends, both personal and professional.

"It has been a difficult decision to leave Novi and the many relationships that have become such an important part of my life," he added.

"As a fifteen-year resident of our city, I feel much connection to my friends and neighbors here in Novi. Also, the relationships with my co-workers and professional colleagues have been enjoyable and rewarding and I will be missing all of those friends and daily contacts," he said.

City Attorney Dennis Watson said Wahl is going to be very missed.

"Jim has put many years of service to the city," he said. "I consider him to be my friend and I wish him well. He has received a great offer in Ohio where I know he will continue his hard work."

Watson added that Wahl was even his inspiration to begin marathon running.

"He's an extremely encouraging person. I know we are all going to miss him," he said.

Wahl said he in turn will miss Watson, along with city consultants Linda Lemke and Rod Arroyo, as well as City Attorney David Fried and city consulting engineer, Joe Kapelczak, who were all there in 1985 when he started. Wahl also said he has enjoyed working with Planning Commission Chairmen Kim Capello and the rest of the commission.

"The cooperation of the department staff and the commission(s) of the past 15 years has been an important ingredient in achieving a quality community and reputation for Novi as a well-planned city," he said.

"I can honestly say that I have enjoyed working with everyone on even the most demanding assignments."

Wahl said he will also miss Brandon Rogers, a planning consultant who retired from Novi two years ago.

"He was a great friend," he said. "He had an incredible work ethic and had a high approach to his position."



Photo by JOHN HEDDER

Planning Official Jim Wahl has served during key moments in Novi's growth.

Wahl said when first came aboard, the planning department was pretty much a clerical division.

"I like to think I've helped build a stronger team," he said.

Wahl said Novi is a great city and that he has thoroughly enjoyed living and working here.

"Jim has done a lot of work behind the scenes that isn't always recognized, but it has been a critical to the city of Novi," said Arroyo.

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DDA needed, departing planner says

RANDAL YAKY
 Staff Writer

Change is coming and, possibly, a new direction for the Novi, too.

Former City Planner James Wahl, who was brought in as an expert on downtown development 15 years ago to work on the Town Center plans, said that what really is needed in the city is a Downtown Development Authority.

"The biggest advantage would be that you have a professional organization whose responsibility is the downtown," Wahl said.

"And there is not uncertainty about what a DDA is because there is legislation and there is a statutory responsibility. There are DDA's that have programs that are on a national level. It's called the Main Street programs that Oakland County has been focusing on."

Wahl said that the direction for Novi's Town Center may not be focused enough in the long run.

"What you have is a basis to function and what to do. And, with a DDA, you have a point person, a point team or the board of

directors). And the reason we're doing all these studies is to find out what the Town Center Steering Committee is going to be about and what we're supposed to do," he said.

According to Wahl, the establishment of a DDA would give more focus to the downtown area.

"If you have a DDA and it's put in place, a lot of that uncertainty is removed. You're not going to have, every time you have a new council or new people stepping in, that same old question about what is this Town Center about?" he said.

"All that will be gone. There won't be any more guessing about what this group is going to do."

Wahl also said that a DDA, could spell the end of the Town Center Steering Committee.

"The DDA would in effect be that organization. The committee can still exist under that less formal structure, if you want it to. It has been effective over the years," Wahl said.

"But I think, if a DDA is established, the question 'do we need this group?' would have to be

asked. I don't think that contributes to getting anything done. I think there needs to be an established group and a DDA is the clearest way to do that."

According to Bob Donahue of the Oakland County Planning and Economic Development Department, the county's Main Street project that was originally established to help redevelop older downtowns could be open to Novi. But Donahue did say that a DDA is really more geared toward older downtowns.

Wahl said that the city tried to establish a DDA back in 1998, but Oakland County wasn't as enthusiastic about the idea. At the time the Oakland County Board of Commissioners voted to not support the establishment of a DDA in Novi.

"I think it would be worth it to give it (establishing a DDA) one more shot," Wahl said.

Donahue agrees. Even though the idea was to bring more emphasis on the older downtowns, there could be some easing of the restrictions at the county level.

"The DDA was originally set up for older downtowns," Donahue said. "I'm not really sure that is the case anymore."

But with the renewed emphasis by the city administration on neighborhoods, the question over what will happen to the downtown area is very much up in the air.

Wahl agrees that the Novi downtown has come along way since he first arrived in Novi.

"Former city manager Ed Kriewall told me that I would have to work on this Town Center," Wahl said, recounting his first day on the job. "And it's going to be at the intersection of Novi Road and Grand River. So I get off the interchange and I see these five abandoned houses and a school that's abandoned. So, I'm thinking, 'my God, what have I got myself into? Now we have a commercial center.'"

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Downtown Novi's direction debated

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back to the city council," Arroyo said.

"What we are trying to do is get some ideas out to people (so they can discuss them.)"

Also in attendance were Council Members Lou Coardas and Ed Kramer. Planning Commissioner Kim Thomas Capello and City Planner Beth Brock.

Participants were broken up into groups and a number of questions were asked of each group. Some of the suggestions of things that may be added to the downtown included municipal and public buildings.

Others in the group came up with the possibility of having a post office or even a public library in the Town Center area.

"We thought about a public square or a farmer's market," Capello said.

"We thought Main Street needed some kind of anchor."

Some of the ideas centered on walkways and pathways connecting both the north and south sides of Grand River and crossing the intersection of Novi Road.

One of the group leaders was former city manager Ed Kriewall, whose group had concerns about residential and commercial land use.

"A big concern was that residential doesn't conflict with the commercial already there," Kriewall said.

"We thought Main Street needed some kind of anchor."

Kim Capello,
 Novi planning commissioner

mercial already there," Kriewall said.

"Buffer zones are important as well as strategic placement of residential (areas) and even some commercial buildings."

Suggestions for height requirements were discussed, as well as allowing for different requirements for residential construction.

A real concern for everyone at the session was the amount of traffic that goes through the area.

Arroyo said that all the suggestions would be tabulated and presented in report form over the next couple of weeks.

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Train offers gas discounts

Walled Lake's dinner train has taken radical steps to help its guests handle the current cost of gasoline.

The Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train announced that effective immediately and lasting through

the end of July, each reservation will have a 85 gasoline allowance credited to its price. General Manager Michael Beckham said that he wants to ensure his guests continue to enjoy their romantic dinner excursions. The train departs from

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Slammed brakes didn't stop crash

After striking a Ford Aerostar on Pontiac Trail, a 49-year-old Nov 27 resident was arrested on June 27 when he was found to be intoxicated behind the wheel.

Police News

According to police reports, the man was heading north along the Novi/Commerce Township border in a Ford pickup when he struck another vehicle turning onto Pontiac Trail from behind.

A witness at the scene said that the pickup slammed on its brakes at the last second, but still hit the van. At the time, the witness told police he went to speak with the driver of the pickup and he "appeared to be drunk."

The driver of the Aerostar van was transported to Providence Hospital where she was treated for minor cuts and bruises and released. There were two children in the van when the accident occurred, but they were not injured during the accident.

The suspect was taken to Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills where blood was drawn under police supervision.

WHAT ARE FRIENDS FOR?

A 29-year-old former Nov resident allowed a co-worker to stay in his apartment while he was away and returned to find the co-worker gone and his home ransacked.

June 26. Missing from the residence are a gold and diamond ring, a Sony PlayStation with controller and memory card, a number of video games and an assortment of compact discs, according to the victim.

According to the victim, the co-worker also allegedly smashed holes in the wall and destroyed furniture including the man's new 32-inch Sony television set.

Police are continuing to investigate the incident.

MONEY STOLEN FROM STRONG BOX

Individuals from a business along Venture Drive told police that the cash box in the business was broken into and \$1,716 was stolen over the weekend of June 23.

According to police, the box was pried open and the cash removed, but there did not seem to be any other disturbances in the building. No alarms were activated and there did not appear to be any forced entry.

The only people in the building over the weekend were the cleaning crew. Police are still investigating.

door damaged and open on June 28.

According to police who investigated the scene, the door appeared to have been kicked in. The resident's computer and other electronic equipment were in plain view and were still in the apartment, although the apartment did seem to have been searched.

The woman who resides in the home was in Florida during the break-in. A relative is now staying in the apartment to keep an eye on things until the woman returns.

CHECK BOOK STOLEN
A New York resident said that his father's checkbook had been stolen out of his Novi home and that someone was attempting to cash checks in the area over the weekend of June 27 and 28.

The woman said she was able to stop payment on most of the checks, except a \$700 check cashed at the First Federal Bank in Novi.

The woman has power of attorney for her father. Police are continuing to investigate the incident.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Department at 348-7100.

BREAK-IN

A Nov resident returning from work noticed his neighbor's front

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP.00-032

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Deborah M. Earl, is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the temporary podium stand at 40670 Ten Mile Road from July 15, 2000 through July 31, 2000. Earls Farm & Produce is located East of Meadowbrook Road and West of Haggerty Road.

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

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on July 12, 2000 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to July 12, 2000.

C.J. KILLEBREW, SR. PRINCIPAL CLERK (248) 347-0415 (7-6-00 NR, NN 984151)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT — ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.594

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS: Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended to the amending of the Zoning Map as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 594, attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. The effective date of this Ordinance is July 4, 2000.

MADE AND PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN this 19th day of June, 2000. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., local time.

RICHARD J. CLARK, MAYOR MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK (7-6-00 NR/NN 983703)

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MADE AND PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN this 19th day of June, 2000. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., local time.

RICHARD J. CLARK, MAYOR MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK (7-6-00 NR/NN 983703)

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CAROL J. KALINOVIC, PURCHASING DIRECTOR (248) 347-0446 (7-6-00 NR, NN 983709)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR AUGUST 8, 2000 PRIMARY ELECTION

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At the military recruitment offices for persons residing in the armed forces.

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Novi Briefs

Skating summer

The Novi Ice Arena will be accepting registrations for the summer session of leisure-to-ice classes.

Classes are offered on Wednesdays between 4 and 6 p.m., and Thursdays at 30 minutes long with 15 minutes of practice ice immediately following class.

Classes begin July 7 and run for seven consecutive weeks. Register at the Novi Ice Arena located at 42400 Arena Drive or call (248) 347-1010 for additional information.

Novi Theatres

Tickets are on sale as the Novi Theatres presents "Alice in Wonderland." Shows run this weekend, July 7 and 8 at 7:30 p.m. and July 9 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Ashley Marshall plays Alice and Emily Harpe plays the Cheshire Cat and all the rest your favorite characters will be there too. Don't miss it!

New Novi Students

Any new student to the Novi High School can now register for grades 9-12 in the high school's main office from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., until August 14th. For more information, call the school at (248) 449-1500.

Football softball tournament

Get ready as Novi Parks and Recreation and McHess Sporting Goods & Trophies, Inc. present the Music & Motor Fest 2000 Men's Softball Tournament.

The Men's Class C & Below Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament A.S.A. "C" will be held July 29 and 30 at Power Park Softball Fields at the Novi Civic Center. An entry fee of \$175 includes umpire fees, scorekeeper, softballs, and awards.

The tournament format will feature double elimination. It will be based on a first come, first serve basis until full. Roster of 20 players, A.S.A. registered. All players must be 18 and older. Copy of roster must be turned in with registration payment.

Sign up by mail or in person at: Novi Parks and Recreation, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi, MI 48375 or call (248) 347-0400. Entry deadline is July 20, by 5 p.m. or at 24 teams. All teams will be notified of the draw by mail and/or telephone at least four days prior to the tourney.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT — ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.593-B

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS: Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended to the amending of the Zoning Map as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 593-B, attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

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To rezone a part of the S.E. 1/4 of Section 10, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcels 22-10-400-008, 22-10-400-009 and 22-10-400-010 more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL 22-10-400-008 Beginning at a point on the N-S 1/4 line of Section 10, said point being N00°52'00"W 300.00 feet from the South 1/4 corner of Section 10; thence East 696.00 feet; thence N00°52'00"W 170.00 feet; thence West 696.00 feet to the N-S 1/4 line of Section 10; thence S00°52'00"E 170.00 feet along said N-S 1/4 line to the point of beginning. Containing 2.72 acres.

PARCEL 22-10-400-009 Beginning at a point on the N-S 1/4 line of Section 10, said point being N00°52'00"W 780.00 feet from the South 1/4 corner of Section 10; thence East 696.00 feet; thence N00°52'00"W 120.00 feet; thence West 696.00 feet to the N-S 1/4 line of Section 10; thence S00°52'00"E 120.00 feet along said N-S 1/4 line to the point of beginning. Containing 1.91 acres.

PARCEL 22-10-400-010 Beginning at a point on the N-S 1/4 line of Section 10, said point being N00°52'00"W 680.00 feet from the South 1/4 corner of Section 10; thence East 696.00 feet; thence N00°52'00"W 120.00 feet; thence West 696.00 feet to the N-S 1/4 line of Section 10; thence S00°52'00"E 120.00 feet along said N-S 1/4 line to the point of beginning. Containing 1.91 acres.

FROM: R-A RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE TO: R-1 OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 593-B CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL JUNE 19, 2000 RICHARD CLARK, MAYOR MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK (7-6-00 NR/NN 983705)

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New sub shop eyes fast food clientele

By STEPHANIE FORDYCE Staff Writer

When Roy Markose decided to become an entrepreneur and own his own business, choosing the location was a cinch.

After living in Novi for the past five years, Markose knew the city would be the perfect place to open his Quizno's sub shop.

The Italian-style sandwich franchise, which serves oven-baked subs, along with a full menu of salads, soups and desserts, is now located in Novi's new downtown Main Street district.

According to the franchise's local area director, Ardag Tachian, the Novi Quizno's is the seventh of 90 shops contracted to open in the Detroit metropolitan area over the next eight years.

Another Quizno's in Novi is set to make its debut on Fourteen Mile and Novi Road in late August, Tachian said.

"I think the demographics of the city of Novi really fit our demographics in terms of the type of clientele that visit our sandwich shops," Tachian said.

"We basically try to attract the adult quick service restaurant. Most of our locations tend to go into heavily day

time populated areas."

Markose said customer response has been excellent since it opened.

"I hear comments like, 'this is the best sandwich in town' almost every day," he said, adding that he has seen lots of repeat customers already.

Tachian said that Quizno's subs are unique, because they are made with soft baguette bread and are served hot instead of cold.

"We're really the only ones who toast our sandwiches," he said.

"We are committed to giving our clients a high quality sandwich in a nice clean atmosphere in under

three minutes. We try to make their experience as enjoyable as possible."

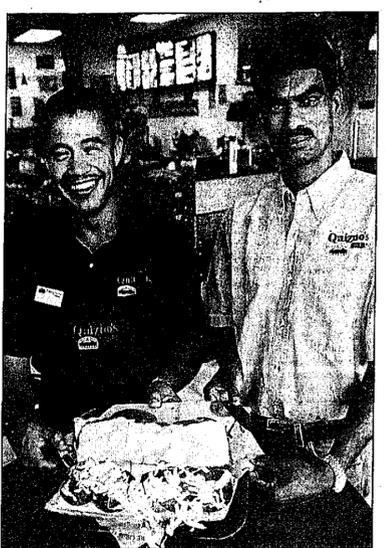
Quizno's was founded in Denver in 1981. With the opening of the Novi Quizno's, there are now over 850 shops open in 38 states, Puerto Rico, Canada, Japan, and Australia.

Quizno's is located in downtown Novi at 43155 Main Street, near Vic's Market. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sundays.

Customers can order take out or eat inside. Call ahead orders may be placed at (248) 465-SUBS (7827).

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Quizno's employees Robert Gonzalez, left, and Roy Markose display a regular Italian sub at the new Main Street location.



Mongolian Barbecue helps MDA raise funds

The annual Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Lock Up was held at BD's Mongolian Barbecue on Main Street on June 24.

Participants from area businesses were "arrested" and taken into BD's custody, where they were held captive until they were able to raise half money.

That was raised by calling friends and associates and asking them to make donations to the MDA.

After raising as much money as they could, participants were fed and sent back to work.

Monglo Manu, Mongolian Barbecue's nine foot inflatable mascot, even got involved. He wandered the restaurant and persuaded customers to donate money to help raise his bail.

We were really excited to be

involved this year, and we hope to continue to do so in subsequent years," said Amy Sumerton, a marketing intern at the caterer.

"We love to be involved in the community, and this was such a great cause, we couldn't refuse."

The Lock Up raised an amazing \$24,000 — five times what was raised last time the event came to Novi.

Greg Rohl of Rohl and Associates in Novi raised an unprecedented \$2,225 for the event.

Proceeds from the MDA Lock Up help send kids living with the disease to summer camps designed for them. It costs about \$400 to send one child to camp, so roughly sixty children's dreams will come true, thanks to last week's efforts.

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Small businesses gather together for better legislation

RANDAL YAKY
Staff Writer

It's made an impact on Novi and now he's hoping that his input at a national summit will have an impact in Washington, D.C.

Novi Chamber of Commerce Chairman of the Board Blair Bowman was part of a delegation to the 2000 Congressional Small Business Summit held in Washington, D.C. on the weekend of June 7-10.

Bowman, who is the president of the Novi Expo Center, was one of a number of small business owners from all over the United States to develop a Small Business Referendum for Congressional Action.

One of the key suggestions was that there was something that needed to be done about the current tax code.

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Blair Bowman,
Novi Chamber of Commerce Chairman

But according to Bowman, that is more difficult than it sounds. There were many alternatives brought to the delegation floor.

"There were a number of suggestions," Bowman said. "A national sales tax. A consumption tax, which is similar to a sales tax or a flat tax."

According to Bowman, most delegates at the convention preferred the flat tax over the sales tax.

"Everybody can disagree what to replace it with," Bowman said. "But it needs to be replaced with something simple, understandable, and that can produce reasonable amount of income for the federal government to do the business of the country."

"I personally think that a flat tax is going to be the way that it goes," Bowman continued. "I think the fair approach would be to have a consumption tax. A consumption tax would actually be based on any transaction that is made. It's almost like a value added tax."

"It really isn't working right now," Bowman said. "The government thinks that it can handle that money better than you and I can and they know what is better for us than we do."

"The notion has to get across to people that this is our money for our future and why can't we invest it? I think there is going to be a continued push to get a common sense approach to Social Security."

Bowman said that he was positive about saving Social Security, but that much more discussion on the issue is needed.

"I think there is going to be Social Security in the future," Bowman said. "And the current prosperity is going to continue and that will provide excess taxes. That should be a benefit for the long range prosperity of Social Security. But as long as the government is the sole overseer of Social Security, there will be problems."

Bowman said the proposal by George W. Bush that Americans should be able to take some Social Security money and put it into personal investments accounts is good.

"I liked hearing that," Bowman said. "But I think it is only a good first step."

Bowman admitted that personal investment was a risk, but that it should be up to the individual to take that risk.

"To a certain degree, you should have the opportunity to take the risk," Bowman said. "At the same time, there should be some diversity in the portfolios. I don't think that the entire thing should be there but there should be some compromise on (Social Security) funds."

Bowman said that he hopes legislation for the elimination of the death tax, currently on its way to the U.S. Senate, should be passed.

To Bowman, the tax is "an unfair and un-American tax on people's personal estate."

"Most people think that the (death) tax on estates was for the elite and the rich, but it really started with the family farmer.

They were losing their farms because of taxes on their buildings, their land, and their equipment," Bowman said. "Their assets may have been high, but the cash wasn't there. So people were literally forced to sell the family farm to pay the tax. The really unfair thing was that these dollars that the government is latching on to is money people have worked hard all their life, paid taxes all their life and used after tax dollars to build up an estate for their kids and then the government taxes them up to 50 to 55 percent."

Bowman said he believes the tax will be eliminated over the next years.

Randal Yaky is a staff writer for the Novi News. His e-mail address is ryaky@ht.homecomm.net

Summer school scores for hockey

Suburban Hockey Schools enters its 26th year as Michigan's leader in providing a progressive approach to ice hockey instruction for all ages and ability levels. SHS kicks off its summer class schedule on July 10 at one of two new sites added this year, the Novi Ice Arena.

Suburban Hockey Schools offers numerous programs at seven Metro-Detroit ice arenas, including power skating and hockey schools for mite, squirt and pee wee/bantam players. In addition, SHS offers adult, youth, female, and goaltending classes. Programs are offered at the Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills, the Onyx in Rochester Hills, the newly expanded Dearborn Ice Skating Center, Birmingham Ice Arena, Southfield Ice Arena and the two newly-added locations - the Novi Ice Arena and McCann Arena in Grosse Pointe.

Limited enrollment. Classes are limited to 15 students per class. Call 478-1600 to register your player or for more information. The following is the SHS summer schedule:

- Location - Week of - Classes**
- Suburban Training Center, Farmington Hills
 - July 17-21, Squirt, Pee Wee/Bantam Power Skating, Youth Female Goalt. Program.
 - July 24-28, Squirt, Pee Wee/Bantam Hockey School, Adult Program.
 - Novi Ice Arena
 - July 10-14, Squirt, Pee Wee/Bantam, Mite Power Skating and Goalt. Program.
 - July 17-21, Squirt, Pee Wee/Bantam, Mite Hockey School.

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THE PATRIOT (R) 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00

ADVENTURES OF ROCKY AND BULLWOCK (PG) 12:10, 2:00, 4:10, 7:20, 9:10

ME, MYSELF & IRRE (R) 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

CRISIS (R) (G) 12:15, 2:15, 4:25, 7:15, 9:05

SMOULDER (R) 12:20, 2:40, 4:55, 7:30, 9:45

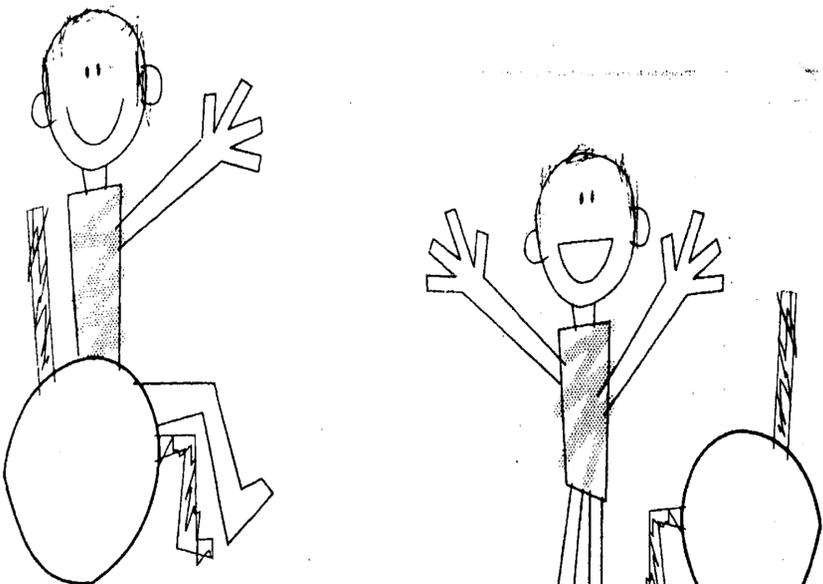
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Ready for Mehndi? Designing girls make their marks

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"It's a little messy, but its going to look really cool after it dries," she said, painting extravagant flower designs around her ankles and up her arms.

Marderosian said she wasn't afraid to get wild with the paint either, because the best part about mehndi is it isn't permanent.

Flannery, who has been studying the art of mehndi for the past four years, explained that making the dye is a very lengthy process that takes about three days.

The dye is produced by finely grinding the dried leaves of the henna to make a powder. After filtering the powder through nylon a couple times, it is then mixed with a little bit of tea to make a thick paste. The paste can then be applied by using a freezer bag like a frosting applicator used at bak-

eries. Flannery explained that while the color of the mehndi dye is deep green, once it is removed, the dye leaves a color that can vary from a light orange to a deep brown.

"I usually leave it on overnight," said Flannery.

"But try to leave on at least a couple hours until it dries. The longer you leave it on, the darker the color will come out."

If you're in a hurry, you can use a hair-dryer on your skin, she said. Ready-made mehndi paste can also be bought at stores and on the Internet.

Novi Middle School students Allison Logren and Laura Letson, said mehndi was a great way to have fun with their skin.

Letson came to class prepared, with her design of the jagged letters for music, since much of her life is dedicated to sweet sounds.



"I play the oboe, piano, percussion, and I sing," she said.

"The girls agreed while mehndi is a great alternative to the everlasting tattoo, they said their parents can rest assured that they're not ready to make a commitment to something that permanent."

Stephanie Fordyce is a staff writer for Novi News. Her e-mail address is sfordyce@ht.homecomm.net



Above, Mehndi instructor Colleen Flannery dispenses the dye for her classes. At left, Meagan Snaveli, 12, tattoos her upper arm with the vegetable-based dye.

Doctor still practicing at age 90; he set out his shingle back in 1938

By MELANIE PLENDIA
Staff Writer

At 90 years old, Dr. Russell Atchison doesn't practice medicine, he perfects it, said those who know him best this week.

There are few Northville lives not touched by this living legend, said patient Jeanne Malletal. In the breadth of his career which began in 1938, he has ushered many a screaming babe into the world and has been around long enough to see many of them start their own families and has even out lived some of them. His calm demeanor and modest speech belies the many near miraculous procedures he has performed during his career many have said.

Nothing is impossible and no patient hopeless as far as Atchison is concerned. And he still sees patients twice a week at his downtown clinic.

He still looks at each new case as

a chance to save, heal and give comfort, said long time nurse and friend Roslyn Carbol.

"Working with him was a religious experience," she said. "It was a gift in my life to work along side of him and to see him minister each patient to see the love, kindness and goodness of this man. He is truly all soul."

Atchison was born in Northville and went to school in the heart of the city. At an early age, he had the urge to help and understand people and even flirted with the idea of joining the clergy, said his sister Jeanne Adler.

"But Dad was a doctor...after dad became ill he took over the practice," Adler said.

Atchison was a surgical resident when his father was diagnosed with Parkinson disease. He had already graduated from U. of M. and was in his first year of residency when he decided his father

needed him more, Atchison said. Without a word he came back to Northville and took over the Dunlop St. practice when his father died in 1936. Atchison never looked back to his surgical studies he said.

"This was more of a challenge," he said, and I embraced the challenge.

As his proof he took out an enormous ledger bearing the names of hundreds of babies delivered and fewer men and women he died during World War II.

"That's why it's more challenging," he said.

It turned out to be the best thing he could have ever done. Atchison practiced alone until after the war. The closest hospital was Henry Ford, Old Grace or University of Michigan Hospital. Atchison was in a rifle with too high powered a bullet. As he shot the bullet went through the target out a window across the

alley Baldwin's chest as he went upstairs to his office. Little did one know this would turn out to be cupid's arrow, though a little misguided.

Since he was the only doctor in the area, Atchison was quickly called to the scene.

Later at the hospital, Atchison found the bullet had entered into his back under the collar bone and ricocheted around to the front of his chest cavity missing his heart.

Atchison sewed him up and left the bullet in, finding it would do no harm. As he did Baldwin's daughter walked in to thank the hero. They had seen each other a few years earlier and even lived in the same town but they never met, Ruth Atchison said.

Though Ruth Atchison was impressed, her mother needed a little convincing.

In the hopes of courting Ruth Atchison and making peace with Mrs. Baldwin, Atchison picked out a "big beautiful primrose," and left it at the Baldwin house.

"When I came back the next day to pick up Ruthie her mother answered the door and her eyes were all red and swollen shut," he said.

"She was allergic to primrose." Eventually all was forgiven and 62 years later Ruth Atchison and Russell Atchison are still together.

It was Atchison's driving need to doctor and Ruth Atchison's belief in her husband which kept the two going.

"Medicine should never come down to money," he said, "seeing a patient survive that's your pay."

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As We See It

Public schools don't belong in full-time babysitting business

Community Education Director Bob Stech recently gave a report to the Novi School Board on the state of the program in Novi.

And it sounds like Community Ed. had a highly successful year. For adult classes, the district boasts 2,219 participants who took an amazing 408 courses offered. Youth classes saw 2,125 participants in 412 offerings, while 368 students showed up to learn English As A Second Language. To earn their high school diploma outside of the format of regular high school, 106 studied through community ed.

The department's preschool program saw 233 tots registered and its child care program had an enrollment of 620.

While it's not clear how many repeat enrollments are among these statistics, since many love to take several courses all year long overall, in total, Community Education counted 5,671 enrollments for the fall, winter and spring sessions, a pretty impressive figure.

Now, Stech and the school board are looking at ways to upgrade the program, including making on-line registration available and expanding the career-certification program.

We agree that Community Education, like any successful program, needs to evaluate what is working best and what isn't. Drop some classes, add others, etc.

But what we see happening is a push for a trend that's rather disturbing — the Novi School District getting into the child care business, full-time.

Stech told the school board that parents who have kids in morning or afternoon child care are asking about the availability of an all day service. This could be offered to children aged 2-and-a-half to 5. The district also is considering expanding its services to offer infant care.

Under discussion is a child care wing in the school's ITC building. Novi Meadows students would have the chance for hands on child care experience by assisting there.

And all this, we believe, is stepping way over the boundary of what a taxpayer-supported school system should be doing. The schools don't belong in the babysitting business.

Over a dozen privately-owned childcare centers are available in Novi. If Novi Meadows children need child care experience, we expect many of these businesses would make co-op opportunities available.

Most Novi residents are not in the socio-economic bracket where they need taxpayer subsidized day care to keep their households running. And that's what the school program would be, even though a fee is charged for the service.

The school building is taxpayer built and taxpayer maintained. With these expenses underwritten by the public, of course child care would be profitable for the district. But those who feel the need for two-income households have the responsibility to make their own arrangements, not expect the public to step in and pick up some of the tab.

History, remember it or repeat it



Randal Yakey

"It's the history of the tenth century," I told her. "You actually read that crap?" she asked, backing away toward the romance section and the security of the latest Fabio masterpiece.

Which brings me to a recent study of college seniors by the University of Connecticut's Center for Survey Research & Analysis that said nearly 80 percent of those students get D grades in American History.

The study, given at the elite colleges and universities as noted by "U.S. World News and World Reports" listing of the Top 25 national liberal arts colleges in America, said that of the 556 seniors interviewed, only 37 percent knew what general the British forces at Yorktown surrendered to during the Revolutionary War. Most of the students thought it was Ulysses S. Grant. It was, of course, George Washington.

Only 22 percent were able to recognize the phrase: "Government of the people, by the people, for the people" as being attributed to Abraham Lincoln. An astonishing 43 percent attributed it to the Declaration of Independence.

And with the celebration this past weekend of the veterans of World War II, I couldn't help but wonder how many of these war stories will fade away and never be heard. Some, left to sit on the shelves while droves of readers scurry for the latest Danielle Steele trilogy.

During interviews of these men and women conducted by *Novi News* staff, I was astonished to see just how many Novi residents were involved in the battles that took place in the Far East, Africa, the Middle East and Europe. About 100 of these individuals filled the Novi Civic Center on Sunday for a tribute hosted by Mayor Richard Clark.

Their humble stories of valor were not only inspiring but, in a way, depressing. It is amazing how many of us do not know or have not bothered to learn of the immense sacrifice that a single generation assumed, without regret.

"We were just doing our jobs," said Wendell Mayer, who hurried messages to the front lines as German planes swooped down upon him, firing bullets into his jeep.

Iwo Jima, The Battle of the Bulge, the liberation of Paris... The men and women of Novi were there. The time line of life is not often fair, each man and woman on this planet has only a limited amount of days to spend on this swirling blue ball called Earth. They put their lives on the line, for us. Many of the veterans of World War II (WWII) are coming to the point where they have more days behind them than in front. They deserve our gratitude.

I don't think I've ever met people so humble. Some of the people who came to the celebration on Sunday had very little knowledge of the sacrifice these individuals made. And, as Americans, our veterans deserve more than that.

From the invasion to the suicide of Adolf Hitler in his Berlin bunker and the resulting 50-year Cold War ending with the demolition of the Berlin wall in November of 1989, the causes and ramifications of WWII span over 50 years. These pieces of history are just as important to America as computer science, or "Beavis and Butt-head."

Amazingly, some of the students in the U-Conn study thought that author/actor Perter Ustinov was the leader of the Soviet Union when the United States entered WWII. Duh, Beavis.

Maybe, we Americans could use a refresher course in history. Maybe, we can begin with the heroes — our neighbors, the WWII veterans — in our own backyard.

"There is a natural aristocracy among men. The grounds of this are virtue and talents." — Thomas Jefferson, 1813

David Adamany left Michigan last week. He spent the holiday in Toronto, where the art galleries are plentiful and the living is easy, certainly a lot easier than he's been accustomed to. He then went on to Philadelphia to take up the presidency of Temple University.

The folks in Philadelphia are lucky. Since he arrived here in 1983, newly appointed president of Wayne State University, Adamany has by virtue and talent built a remarkable record of service to the people of Michigan.

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STAR WARS VIOLATES TREATY

To the Editor:
President Clinton is scheduled to make a decision this summer on whether to deploy a complicated and multibillion dollar national missile defense plan (i.e., Star Wars) that would:

- Violate the 1972 ABM Treaty with Russia;
- Further destabilize relations with other countries; and
- Lead to more cuts in domestic programs. The United States has spent \$67.7 billion for missile defense research since 1983; this current system will cost \$12.5 billion.

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I hope to see you again. It's been a great year.

If any of you decide to go to Brazil, please give me a call. It will be a great pleasure to receive and welcome you.

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OFFENDED BY KORTE LETTERS

To the Editor:
After listening to Jim Korte for 29 years...

Clear sweep. Clean sweep. Clean sweep. Cried Mr. Korte as he instructed Mayor Clark on some very important planning commission appointments.

God forbid that Mayor Clark would pay any attention to this man. Mayor Clark was elected by this entire community to make his best choices.

Does Mr. Korte believe that he has some innate ability to be qualified to order our mayor around?

If Mayor Clark pays attention to Mr. Korte, we are in trouble. Who is running this town?

Then Mr. Korte goes on to criticize the use of some federal funding for a senior van. He said the seniors should buy their own damn van.

It is with disbelief that this man could make such disparaging comments about senior citizens. I have been told that federal funds were utilized to hook up Mr. Korte's water or his mother's water to the city system.

I guess it is okay for Mr. Korte to utilize these funds for his family's personal gain.

Other than Monday night entertainment, there is not much value in Mr. Korte's comments.

David Creedon

NHS seniors thank their party supporters

Letters

To the Editor:
The Novi High School senior all-night party was held the night of graduation, June 10 and a good time was had by all. The Senior All-Night Party Committee, on behalf of the students and parents, want to thank the businesses in Novi and the surrounding area for the contribution of cash and goods that truly made this an evening to remember. Our young people are going on to new experiences knowing that they have the encouragement and support of the total Novi community. This party would not have been possible without this support.

A special thanks to the Novi Town Center for generously allowing us to use space in their building to construct all the decorations for the party.

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In Focus

By John Heider



Northville Township firefighter Ron Lane turns a hose on Eight Mile Road near Major's that burned last week.

Burned out

School accountability at heart of matter



Mike Malott

Yes, the Michigan Education Assessment Program test "discriminates." It's a test, and so that's its job, to distinguish, separate and differentiate students who know the stuff from those who don't. What the Michigan chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union alleged when it filed a lawsuit last week in federal district court was that the test discriminates inappropriately on the basis of race and ethnicity.

For the answer to that question, I will — as they say in legal parlance — leave the ACLU "to its profits."

When the ACLU leveled the charge in its action against Gov. John Engler, the Michigan Merit Award Board and the State Board of Education, it offered some compelling numbers. One in three white test takers scored well enough on the test, meeting or exceeding state standards in all four segments of the test — mathematics, reading, science and writing — to receive a scholarship. But only one in five Hispanic test takers did as well. Only one in five Native Americans got the scholarships. And only one in 14 African Americans earned the money. Further, wealthy suburban school districts consistently produced higher test scores than those in large urban or smaller rural districts.

So the ACLU is asking a federal judge to put an end to program of passing out money for college based solely on the results of this one test. Rather, it is asking the scholarship fund be distributed based on other factors, like grade point average and other achievements.

The problem with all this is that the ACLU has filed the wrong case. Evidence of this is can be found in the fact the civil rights organization also argues that the test discriminates against the "educationally disadvantaged."

I quote from the brief filed with the court: "Furthermore, the scholarship program has had a substantial discriminatory impact on educationally disadvantaged students, defined as those who attend unaccredited public high schools. Only 5 percent of those students taking all four MEAP tests in 1999 who attend unac-

credited schools qualified for scholarships. Thus, while they represented 10.1 percent of students taking all four tests, they were only 1.6 percent of the 20,138 students who qualified under the scholarship program.

It's the wrong case because it never addresses the question of how a student in Michigan today can go through 13 years of public schooling, K through 12, to turn out "educationally disadvantaged."

Sure, \$2,500 — the scholarship test takers stand to earn if they pass the High School Test of the MEAP — is a lot of money. Perhaps enough to be worth fighting over. But it still pales in comparison to the value of an education.

It has long been apparent to me that we've come to take public schooling for granted precisely because it is "free." Of course, it really isn't. We pay for it through taxes. Although it is hard to put an economic value on it, you can start by considering that the state allocates "foundation grants" of \$5,700 per pupil per year. One only has to multiply it up to see that a K-12 education is worth at least \$74,100 in today's dollars.

Now if folks were paying that out of pocket and getting less for their money — be it because they were attending unaccredited schools, urban schools or rural schools, or whether they were Hispanic, Native American or African American — it would be clear to the ACLU, I think, what lawsuit should be filed.

Of course, that is exactly what the state is trying to achieve through its MEAP test, to make schools accountable for delivering the kind of education they should be delivering.

Gov. Engler and the State Board of Education have been attempting to reform schools by using the MEAP as a proficiency test. Although it should be compulsory, the legislature has decided not to go along with that. And Engler proposed the Merit Awards to encourage more participation by students.

That was my original complaint with the Merit awards, that it could change the goal from learning to learning enough to earn a little bit of money. And the ACLU has gleefully fallen right into the trap.

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55 years after their homecoming, veterans are saluted

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were to follow," the mayor said. "I suggest to each and every one of our honorees today that the sacrifices that you have made will always be cherished and remembered and that the principles of duty, honor, and country, that you so nobly exemplify and upheld, will continue to be upheld by those who you have passed the torch of liberty."

With the Novi concert band playing 1940s music and root beer provided by Local Color Brewery, many of the veterans spent time talking about their experiences with those who may not have had a lot of exposure to the what happened during WWII.

A favorite during the ceremony

was Henry Konrad. A member of the U.S. Coast Guard, Konrad spent the war at sea. Entering and leaving over 65 different ports, Konrad went from Houston to New York, from Le Havre to Gibraltar, Belfast, the South China Sea, the North Pacific and Japan.

"I never thought we would lose. But after I got out, I realized that there were times we could have lost. That's what was scary to me," Konrad said.

"We had no preparation. And it could happen today. All these people that want to get rid of all the guns. Well, that is what Hitler did."

Out in the civic center atrium, there were displays of German infantry helmets, weaponry, and old photographs.

Councilman Lou Csordas brought a picture of the first raising of the flag at Iwo Jima, which did not look like the famous scene that has been embedded in the consciousness of America. According to Csordas, the shot that most of us know and that was the inspiration for the statue was actually a reenactment when a general didn't see the first flag-raising.

Former Navy man Robert Stone recounted how he came into possession of two Japanese rifles and a sword.

"This I got in Guadalcanal," Stone said, lifting two Japanese rifles.

"This I got into Japan and after they (Allied forces) made them turn in all their rifles."

Stone said that when the Japanese soldiers turned in their rifles, they would file off the rising sun emblem on the top of the weapon.

"It was sacred to them," Stone said. "So they ground it off."

Jagers is writing a book of his experiences during the "Big One."

"I left out the gory parts, so it's suitable for children to read," Jagers said.

"When you stop to think of the sacrifice of these men and we no longer have tyrants, it is very important. My grandchildren should be exposed to this and that is one of the reasons I go to the school and tutor."

He added that his book is a series of anecdotes in 180 pages

with over 100 photographs.

"It's on my experiences or on information that I received. Being on an LST, we carried a lot of soldiers," he said.

An LST was the type of landing craft that brought American servicemen to the beaches of Normandy.

"It includes my having to hitch-hike all the way across North Africa to get to my ship after getting an appendix operation," he said.

Kathy Crawford's introduction of the Novi Senior Theatre's rendition of "Stars and Swipes" brought laughs from the crowd.

"We have a few veterans here on stage," Crawford said. "We have one from the Civil War, you can guess which one she is."

Also on hand for the celebration were Rep. Nancy Cassis (R-Nowi) and U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham. Abraham recounted a story he heard about the long-time senator from South Carolina, Strom Thurmond.

"A group of senators went over to the fiftieth anniversary of Normandy," Abraham said. "When they came back, one of the younger senators came up to Thurmond and said 'you really should have been there' and Sen. Thurmond, who was 92 years of age at that point said, 'I was there when it counted.'"

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A state official praises Novi's showing in the MEAP test

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area of science at the fifth grade level and that Dr. Timothy Falls, principal of Novi Meadows, was already busy analyzing the results to see what areas need to be focused on.

This year, an average of 463 students of the district's fifth grade population took the MEAP.

"In looking at the scores, Novi performed well above the state average in science, writing, and social studies categories," Van Koevering said. "Novi has obviously done a fine job in getting the key concepts across."

Van Koevering was particularly impressed with the high eighth grade scores in social studies and

how well they improved in just one year.

"The social studies portion is in only its second year running," she said. "The first year is kind of a roll of the dice, so it usually takes a couple years for schools to adjust, but Novi did extremely well with this new test in such a short amount of time."

The social studies portion is categorized into four levels: Level 1, exceeds standards, Level 2, meets standards, Level 3 is basic and Level 4 is beginner. Level 1 and 2 are combined to determine satisfactory percentages.

This year, an exceptional 20.1 percent of eighth graders scored in the top level, compared with the

state's eighth grade average of just 6.1 percent in Level 1.

Fifth grade percentages decreased from 6.1 percent last year to 2.6 percent this year in Level 1, but still beat out the state's 2.2 percent Level 1 average.

Statewide, an average of 116,189 fifth grade students and 112,138 eighth grade students took the

MEAP this year.

"The MEAP is designed to determine how well students are meeting important learning goals in education," Van Koevering said.

"Novi is clearly achieving these goals well and should be commended for their work."

Future possibilities include daylong care

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child care in close proximity to where they work;

• supplying Novi Meadows students with hands-on experience assisting in a child care program.

Steeh said Community Education would like to have a child care wing on one side of the ITC building and adult education on the other.

By moving ESL, for example, into that facility, it will allow Community Education the opportunity to offer afternoon classes instead of just evening classes, Steeh said, adding it would also give ESL and adult high school students the opportunity to put their children in day care while they are attending class and in turn lead to a lower absentee rate.

Steeh said a new area they are also looking to expand is the career-certification classes.

As we come into an age where computers are almost present in

every home, Steeh said Community Education would like to be available to residents on-line.

"I think it's time that we look into that and make it more accessible for the community to register," he said.

Steeh said other goals for the future include reducing canceled classes by 10 percent and expanding offerings by 10-35 percent.

"Being a small program, we don't have a whole lot of flexibility in offering electives aside from art," he said, referring to adult education courses.

But Steeh added that this is something they hope to change.

Overall, he said it was a busy and exciting year for Community Education.

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Maybury Park offers summer nature series

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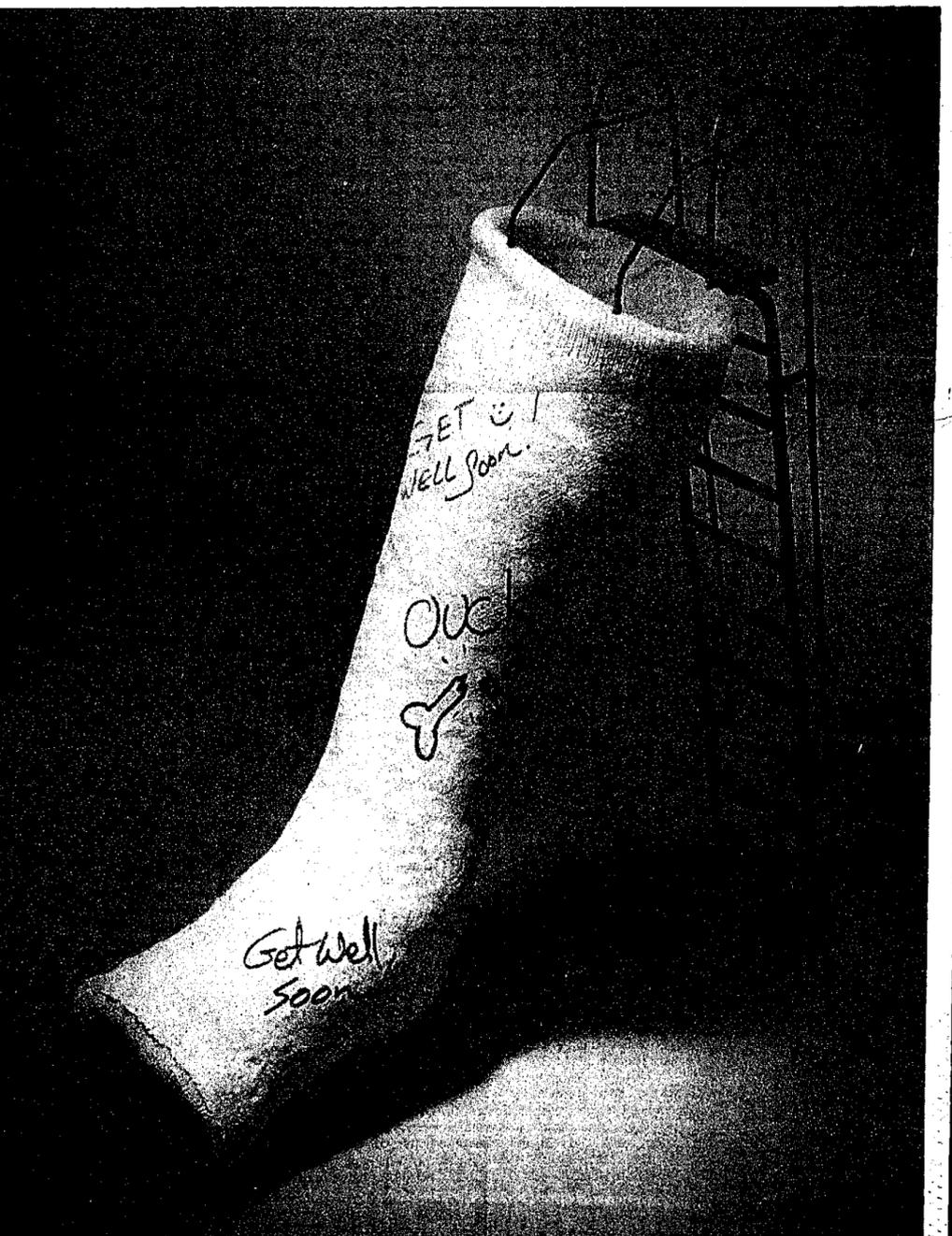
series is back in session on Thursdays. Programs begin at 7 p.m. in the farm demonstration building.

• July 6, "Wetlands" Find out about this diverse and important resource.

• July 13, "Michigan trees" - Guest speaker Roger Dyjak.

• July 20, "Evening Bird Hike" - A slide program and hike will help us identify Maybury's summer birds.

JULY BIRD HIKE: Our monthly bird hike begins at 8 a.m. on July 8. Meet at the concession building in the main parking lot on Eight Mile. Bring binoculars if you have them.



Community Education grades success of its programming

Novi Community Education figures for Fall 1999 through Spring 2000:
Adult Classes:
 408 classes offered
 67 percent (272) rated a success with 2,219 participants
Youth Classes:
 412 classes offered
 62 percent (255) rated a success
 2,125 participants
English as a Second Language:
 368 students enrolled

79 percent (292) regularly attended
 30% increase in one grade level
Adult High School Education:
 106 enrolled
 87 percent (94) finish classes
 20 meet graduation requirements
Preschool:
 243 openings
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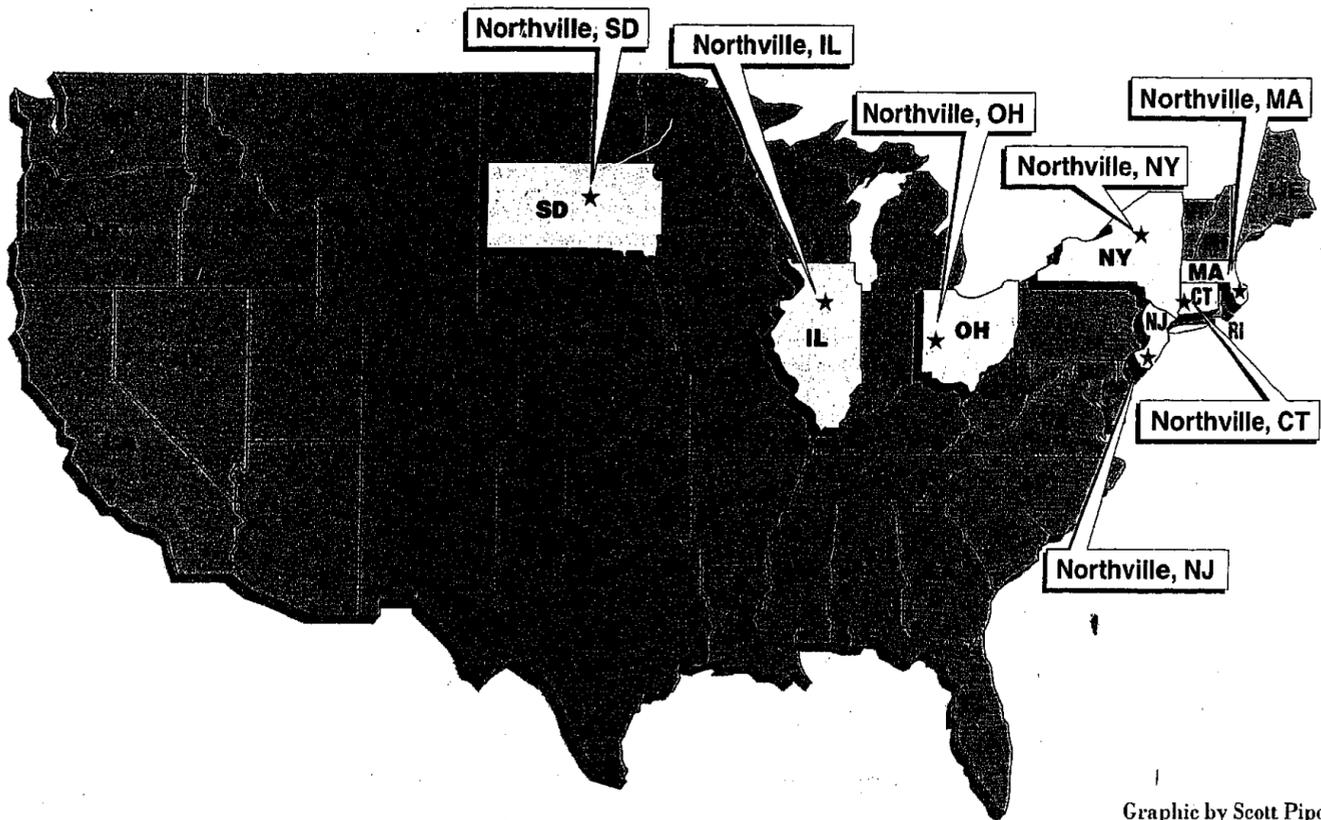
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Home away from home

What are other Novi or Northvilles like?

THE MYSTERIES OF NOVI

The name of Novi, Mich., is still under debate as to how the name for the city was chosen. Although the city was the sixth stop on a toll road from Detroit to Lansing which some scholars believe could have been the reason for the name, the city of Novi was on maps years before the toll road.

The name and city itself can still claim to be unique since Record and News efforts to find another city of Novi came up moot.

If you know of any other Novis, please e-mail Novi News Editor Jan Jeffres at jjeffres@ht.homecomm.net.

To most of us, Northville and Novi refers to the areas you are in right now — the areas located on the west side of the metropolitan Detroit area and the places you live or work.

However, Northville means something completely different to people in places like New York, South Dakota, Connecticut, Illinois, Ohio and Massachusetts among other places, all of which have a township, village, or city with the name Northville. It's enough to make one wonder, which Northville is tops?

As for Novi, the city can claim another unique item to its list of city greats; as far as the Record/News could find, no other city of Novi in the United States exists.

For Northville, it could be the one in New York, situated in the Appalachian Mountains. It could be the Northville in South Dakota, just a short drive from the Badlands. It might even be the one in Ohio, which is close to Michigan.

Some of the Northvilles are so tiny, finding any information about them is next to impossible. Many don't make it into detailed state maps and Internet searches can yield no results.

But the Northvilles in New York and South Dakota definitely can step up to the plate with our Northville. Although the South Dakota Northville is small with a population of 105, at least it makes it on to most maps.

Clearly, Northville, N.Y. gives Northville, Mich. a run for its money in being the best Northville in the United States.

"I don't know any areas that are more beautiful than right here," said Ann Hirvonen, owner of Lapland Inc., a cross-country ski and vacation resort outside of Northville, N.Y. "Through the years it's kept its natural elegance. We have a forested area that is hugely untouched and there isn't a stop light in the whole community."

Hirvonen said Northville, N.Y. is a vacation spot for people mostly



City of Novi's new mayor, Richard Clark, addresses the public at his first 'state of the city' address at the DoubleTree Hotel in January.

from the area of New York's capital Albany. It's located about 43 statute miles from Albany in a northwest direction.

"The whole village has begun to grow, especially artistically," she said. "But it's retained its quaint sense and I think people who come here appreciate that quaintness."

But who can deny our Northville doesn't have its own share of things to brag about? From top police, fire, and government services to unique things like the incredible new high school, the Northville Downs, Hines Park or Maybury State Park. Northville, Mich. appears to be doing quite fine.

Chris Johnson, Northville mayor, said our community may not be set in the mountains, but it does have different positive aspects.

"First of all, there are the people," he said. "There is a strong sense of community that is due mostly to the people who live here."

Additionally, he said the area, especially downtown Northville, has managed to keep its charm despite being surrounded by

growth.

"Even though we're in the suburbs, we're still a small town with small town values," Johnson said. "We still have a real old-fashioned downtown community."

Johnson said Northville has its own unique qualities too. For instance, not many cities have a miniature version of Greenfield Village as Northville does with Mill Race Village. Other highlights include the Victorian Festival, holiday celebrations, a stellar school system and historical buildings like the old Ford plant.

"Plus, we are one of only a few

communities where you have new houses going up and still have ones that are 140 years old," he said.

There is one name close to Novi's that is Novi Sad, a city in the province of Vojvodina in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. In Novi Sad, one can find Gibraltar on the Danube river, a fortified structure; Fruska Gora, mountain range; and a national park with 15 monasteries erected from the 15th to 18th centuries.

This beautiful older city has a population of 300,000 and is the second largest port city in Yugoslavia.

WHICH NORTHVILLE IS BETTER?

What Northville is the best one? You be the judge.

Northville, N.Y.

They have a small downtown area, we have a small downtown area.

They have the Appalachian Mountains, we have the water tower, which is the highest spot above sea level in Wayne County.

They were home to Miss New York 1997, Lisa Esler, we are home to state of Michigan Attorney General, Jennifer Granholm.

The X-Files was filmed there, once, Ontario, Canada, a local weatherman, and a live football game, Santa's house on Main Street last December during a weather segment.

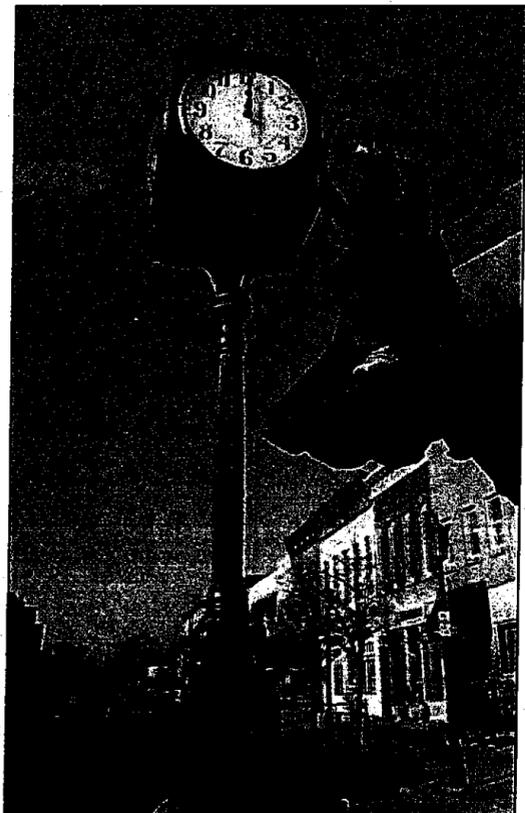
They are relatively close to good baseball and mediocre hockey, we are close to good hockey and bad baseball.

Many quaint bed and breakfasts for vacationers there, Joseph's Coney Island here.

They have cross-country skiing trails, we have the toboggan hill in Hines Park.

Northville, South Dakota

They have a half-day's trip to the Badlands, we have a half-day's trip to Mackinac Island. Their population is 105, our town's population during track season is about 105. Coyotes are the norm there, Capt. Norm Kublsky warns residents about coyotes here.



Workers reinstall the Northville downtown clock after an accident brought the clock down. Especially in the downtown area, the old clock is a symbol of the community and its homey, residential feel.

Story by Andrew Dietderich
 Photos by John Heider

Novi Highlights

Novi Newcomers and Neighbors

The board will meet Monday, July 10 to plan their participation in the Music and Motor Fest July 29. Because plans indicate the occasion will be bigger and better than ever, there is a need for 75 members to volunteer their services. Volunteers are reminded that parking passes are available; advance festival ticket sales are available at Least Cafe.

The annual kick-off dinner is planned for Sept. 21 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel. This is a good time for newcomers to the area and members unable to attend meetings to learn about the group and their activities. Reservations are needed.

During the spring, the Civics Committee presented two \$500 scholarships to young people. In addition, they made donations to the Whitehall Nursing Home and the Novi Emergency Food Bank at Faith Community Presbyterian Church. The committee is currently working on their project of supplying 15 backpacks to area children in need. Donations of notebooks,

paper, pencils, erasers - school supplies in general - would be appreciated.

The reorganization of interest groups for the fall include: couples golf, lunch bunch, babysitting co-op, couples events, book club, bowling, bunko, and euclic.

For information about the NNN and their activities, call president Debbie Sunden at (248) 349-2414.

Church of the Holy Family

The Golden Dimensions, formerly the Holy Family Senior Organization, recently went to see the Detroit Tigers play the St. Louis Cardinals. The 49 members who attended enjoyed a winning game and fireworks.

The group will meet on Saturday, July 8 at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Center at Holy Family. Guesting will be speakers, Peg Whitney, a Holy Family staff member for hospitality, and Mike Rybicki of Rybicki Tours, who will discuss planned trips: Monday, July 10, "Best of Saugatuck" an all-day trip; and in August, a comedy about Patsy

Cline at the Century Theater with dinner following at Mario's.

The Golden Dimensions will also attend Holy Family's summer picnic on Sunday, Aug. 27 at Lakeshore Park.

For information regarding trips or activities, call the church office at (248) 349-8847.

The church youth plan to go to Rome to represent the parish at this year's World Youth Day. They have been earning money through various projects, which included a dinner and silent auction. Car washes in the church parking lot are scheduled for the next two Saturdays; donations will go towards the trip.

Other activities through the Christian Service Social Ministries included a garage sale with proceeds of over \$1,000 in addition to proceeds from the book sale going to Active Friends of the Homeless.

Anyone wanting more information about this club can call Carl Ann Donnelly at (248) 349-8553.

Walton Woods Retirement

July is National Parks and Recreation month and the community is invited to join the celebration. In recognition are some special: "Two for Tuesday" on July 11, 18 and 25 - buy two Parks and Recreation T-shirts, one at the regular price with 50 percent off on the second; Summer concerts will be held on Thursdays, great music and ample giveaways; and on Fridays, stop in and check out the "freebies."

For family picnics, sports equipment is available for a fee. There is a large selection of equipment from which to choose.

For these go-shortage days, attend the theater near your

home. Summer brochures are still available at the Parks and Recreation office. Information about the Tim Poo memorial playstructure is included in the brochure. The playstructure, located at the Community Sports Park, Eight Mile and Napier roads, provides a picket fence for children's safety and security.

Become a permanent part of the playground, an ongoing picket fence project is the engraving of a family name on a fence slat for a tax-deductible donation of \$100. In addition, a certain area of the fence is designated for "In Memory Of." In years to come, family members can enjoy the pleasure of looking for their family name.

More information is available by calling the Parks and Recreation Department, or stop by and pick up a brochure (coupon on page 9).

Novi Highlights is written by Jeane Clarke. Should you wish to contact her with information for this column, call 624-0173.

On Campus

Christina Mimikos was named as a National Merit Finalist at Northville High School. She was also awarded the Gary Schottely Memorial Scholarship.

Andrea Rowe of Novi has accepted membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

The NSCS is a highly selective, national, non-profit honors organization. Founded in 1994, NSCS recognizes first- and second-year undergraduate students who excel academically.



Andrea Rowe

The University of Michigan - Dearborn

announced their winter semester 2000 Dean's List students who all had a G.P.A. of 3.5 or higher.

From the College of Arts, Sciences and Letters:

NOVITVILLE:
Sharon Leskie, Jennifer Mox, Jennifer Dixon, and Summer Shoucal

From the College of Engineering and Computer Science:
NOVITVILLE:
Aron Grajek, David Wroch

From the School of Management:
NOVITVILLE:
Mark Price, Jason Gibb

From the College of Business:
NOVITVILLE:
Michelle Merski, Matthew Zeiman

a materials engineering major.

Western Michigan University announced their graduates for winter of 2000 including:

NOVITVILLE:
Brandy Ephraim, BS in psychology; Summa Cum Laude; Angela Falone, BBA in integrated supply management; Amy Saari, BS in Elementary Group Minors - Cum Laude; Steven Wells, BBA in Integrated supply management; Kelly Wozges, BBA in accounting; Sarah Boyce, BFA in art; Magna Cum Laude; Deborah Suzanne Franz, BA in theater - Magna Cum Laude; Sherry Juncak, MA in reading; Mark Lopez, BM in music performance; Karen Lorraine Guigley, BS in Elementary Group Minors - Summa Cum Laude; Renee Suenkonis, BBA in human resource management; and Christopher Young, BBA in marketing.

NOVITVILLE:
Michigan Technological University announced its spring quarter Dean's List that included Matthew Anderson Niskanen, Alexis Manda Troschitz and Adam James Webb, all of Northville.

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Community Events

2000 NORTHVILLE CLOCK CONCERTS

Friday evenings at the Bandshell in Northville, concerts will take place from 7:30-9 p.m. which are sponsored by the Northville Arts Commission.

July 7 - T.B.A.
July 14 - Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble
July 21 - Kitty Donohoe
July 28 - Farmington Community Concert Band
August 4 - One Flight Up
August 11 - Jack and Ersk
The last two concerts are presented by Northville Parks and Recreation.

August 18 - Top Drawer
August 25 - MB2 (Family Fun Night)

VOCAL GROUP TO ENTERTAIN AT OUR LADY OF PROVIDENCE

Gardenvies will be sponsoring the La Cappella Performing Arts Series this year.

Featured for Tuesday, July 18 at 7 p.m. is "Revel in the Renaissance."

A performance/lecture of festive early music using replicas of 16th century instruments by "A Reasonable Facsimile."

The performance will be held at Our Lady of Providence Center, 16115 Beck Road, Northville, MI 48167. Call (734) 453-1300 for admission charge, if any.

MARATHON BRIDGE WINNERS

Northville Woman's Club announced the 1999-2000 Marathon Bridge winners including:

Daytime Group One:
First Place: Nancy Longo, Lonna Lemmon
Second Place: Penny Junk, Carrie Semeyn
Third Place: Carol Krueger, Barbara Rumpf

Daytime Group Two:
First Place: Elizabeth Detter, Amy Talbot
Second Place: Betty Kaiser, Ann Masson
Third Place: Lonna Lemmon, Colleen McCrone

Daytime Group Three:
First Place: Ann Masson, Betty Kaiser
Second Place: Sharon Carpenter, Jane Traudt
Third Place: Lonna Lemmon, Colleen McCrone

KINDERMUSIK COMES TO NORTHVILLE

Baby! Baby! Resale Shop, 153 E. Main St., Northville is offering free storytelling adventure with music on two occasions:

• July 17, 1 p.m. and Aug. 15, also at 1 p.m.
Parents and their children are invited to experience interactive 20 to 30 minute programs of storytelling, music and movement during Storytime with Miss Karen. Favorite children's books, simple instruments, and imaginative songs and chants highlight the story times.

Registrations are suggested but not mandatory. Karen Onkka Schaeferberger is a licensed Kindermusik instructor at Evola Music of Canton.

For more information, call (248) 347-2229.

HAWAIIAN LIAU TO BE HELD AT NORTHVILLE MANOR

Grab your grass skirt and come snark in the Hawaiian atmosphere at the Northville Manor Banquet Facility, located on Hogarty Road between Five and Six Mile Road on the west side of street, as they

hold their second annual Hawaiian Liau on July 21 from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be live Polynesian Hawaiian dancers, an Elvis impersonator and Hula Hoop contest. The cost is \$20 per person and includes a pig roast with potato, vegetable and dessert. Advance tickets are available by calling (734) 420-0144 or by stopping in at 39430 Dun Rovin in Northville.

PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FOR THE SUMMER

• July 15, from 1-3 p.m. "Weight Control," Novi Park, 47601 Grand River Ave.
First 45 minutes of orientation is free/\$59. Registration required. Call 1-877-345-5500.

• Thursdays, July 6-24, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. "Return to Golf Program-Session 2," South Lyon Mulligan Golf Center, 54300 Ten Mile Road.
Fee: \$7 per session. Registration required: 1-877-345-5500.

• Tuesdays, July 11-25, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, July 12-Aug. 16, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-2 p.m.
• "Art/Painting - Simple Landscape Classes," Novi Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave. Free.
Registration required: 1-877-345-5500.

• First and third Tuesdays of every month, from 6:30-8 p.m. "Cancer Support Group," Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave. Free.
For adult cancer patients and significant others. 1-877-345-5500.

• First and third Wednesdays of every month, 7:30 p.m. - (IMDDA) Manic Depressive - Depressive Association of Metro Detroit.
Novi/Providence Medical Office Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Road at Haggerty, Free. (248) 960-1288.

• Those with depressive illnesses.
• Fourth Thursday of every month, 6:30 p.m. "Parents Supporting Parents," Novi Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave. Free.

• Saturday, July 15, from 10 a.m. - noon. "Smoking Cessation," at Novi Park, Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave.
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Behavioral modification techniques to help kick the habit without gaining weight. Program combines hypnotic conditioning.

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meetings are open to the public. Due to the July 4 holiday, the Toastmasters will meet the second Tuesday of the month, July 11.

• Every Friday, 7:30 p.m. "Overeaters Anonymous," Novi Park, Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave. Free. Helpline: (248) 424-5342 or (248) 474-9458.

NOVI CAMERA CLUB
The Novi Camera Club will meet July 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Community Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. The subject will be "Show and Tell and Share" Members are invited to bring in any photographic item to show and share with other members.

CRAFTERS NEEDED FOR ART SHOW
The Holiday Arts and Crafts Show is looking for artists and crafters to help staff the categories of eatables (candy, other foods), calligraphy, silk flowers, dried flowers, baskets, candles, photography (other than Detroit), wood shelves, or anything unusual. Other items well-listed at this point.

The show will be held on Saturday, Nov. 18 at North Farmington High School. If interested, contact Dianne at (248) 553-0913.

NOVI DENTAL ANNOUNCES NO CAVITY CLUB FOR JUNE
Novi Dental Center announces patients who had no cavities for the month of June.
Brandon Cameron, Ryan Cameron, Sarah Cummings, Amir Dickerson, Zachary Faust, Michael Graf, Nathalie Grandy, Kristey Hayes, Kristen Hayes, Lauren Johnson, Brittany Leigh, Rebecca Lia, Andrew Marsoupan, Michael Mehrman, Katie Pyett, Jason Rigdon, Nicole Rigdon, Jason Rozek, Travis Rozek, Brian Stewart, and John Waddell. Winners of a drawing are Nicole Rigdon and Brian Stewart.

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EAGLES DONATES MONEY TO CHARITY
The Northville Fraternal Order of Eagles donated \$500 to Civic Center.

Engagement

Edward M. and Betsy L. Wilds of Northville announce the engagement of their son, John, to Amy Sinclair, daughter of Donald and Kathleen Sinclair of Trenton, April.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Northville High School. He attended Western Michigan University and graduated from Lawrence Technological University with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Trenton High School and Western

Michigan University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. She will receive her MBA from Wayne State University next April.

John is employed by Ford Motor Company as a Manufacturing Engineer. Amy, also employed by Ford Motor Company, is a Customs Specialist.

The couple will be married December 30 on the island of Maui, Hawaii.



Sinclair-Wilds

Correction

Novi Parks and Recreation summer concerts will be held on Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, (248) 347-0400 or program hotline, 347-0473. The June 29 edition stated the concert time was 7 p.m.

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Thank you cards still a must

There is something to be said for good old-fashioned etiquette. Sure, your kids probably know how to send an e-mail to a friend or complete a PowerPoint presentation for school, but do they know how to write a thank you note? More importantly, do they ever send one?



Wendy Pierman Mizel

I've noticed lately that not all the girls I've given to kids have been answered with a thank you note in the mail. It's not so bad when you're at least been there to see the gift opened. But after sending a gift in the mail, I've wondered if the person has ever received it because I've never been thanked. Incidentally, according to Emily Post's Etiquette book, when that happens you should follow up with an inquiry phone call after a period of three months to ensure the gift was received.

While growing up, I was taught to always send a thank you note after receiving a gift. I love to write so it wasn't a big chore for me to do. However, I understand many kids and even adults are way of their writing skills and avoid letters at all costs. But let me reassure you, it doesn't have to be difficult.

According to Post, "the most important qualifications of a thank-you letter are that it sounds sincere and that it is written promptly." In addition, she says, "Never think because you cannot write a letter easily, that it is better not to write at all. The most awkward note imaginable is better than none."

So for those kids who can't seem to tear themselves away from the computer, there might be an easy solution. For everyone else, just take a few minutes to write out a card and put a stamp on it.

As Post says: "This is a habit that cannot be learned too young."

Wendy Pierman Mizel is a contributing columnist for The Now News and Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700.

for when you've stayed at a guest at someone's home.

Post says you can use printed thank-you notes but should always include the person's name and a small sentence or two personalizing the card. In addition, you should always reference the gift and if it's money, you should indicate how the money might be spent.

I think those are good rules to live by and I've got another hint for you, although I'm not sure Post would approve. A website called www.bluemountain.com will send electronic postcards, birthday cards and thank you cards for free. Some even feature singing, dancing, or talking characters.

Contrary to my belief, thank you notes to a person already thanked verbally aren't obligatory and only optional in most situations. That includes birthday gifts, dinner parties, and shower gifts. However, wedding gifts require a written thank you. Also, when you have not verbally thanked someone for a gift. And, thank you notes are necessary

Reunions

The Northville High School Class of 1960 will hold its 40th class reunion on Saturday, Aug. 19 at Radisson Suites Hotel, 37529 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Festivities begin at 7 p.m. Dress is casual. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided along with a cash bar. All NHS alumni are welcome.

For more information, please call Carole Tabor Miller at (248) 348-0474.

Northville High School Class of 1975: Out-of-state Mustangs are searching for local classmates to help plan and schedule their 25th high school reunion this summer in the Northville area. For more information, contact Kim Millington Kieckner at Kiecknerfan@earthlink.net or Daniel Walker Guido at DCReports@aol.com or (703) 237-5460.

Westland's John Glenn High School will be having a 25 year reunion for the Class of 1975 on September 16 at Vladimir's, 28125 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$45 per person. Contact Joyce McDonald Paryard at (734) 260-0620 or Tony Amorse at amorsej@aol.com for more information.

More information on the reunions listed below can be reached by calling Reunions Made Easy at (248) 360-7004 or e-mail reunionsmadeeasy@ameritech.net.

is having a 20 year reunion for the Class of 1980 on August 12 at the Doubletree Guest Suites in Southfield.

Brighton High School's Class of 1980 will be having a 20 year reunion on August 26 at the Novi Hilton in Novi.

West Bloomfield High School will be holding a reunion for the Class of 1980 on August 19 at the Doubletree Guest Suites in Southfield.

Plymouth Salem High School's Class of 1980 is having a 20 year reunion on September 2 at the Holiday Inn in Livonia.

Trenton High School's Class of 1980 will be having a 10 year reunion on September 9 at the Grecian Center in Southgate.

Garden City East High School will be holding a 20 year reunion for the Class of 1980 on September 23 at the Doubletree Guest Suites in Southfield.

Taylor Center High School's Class of 1980 is having a 10 year reunion on September 30 at the Grecian Center in Southgate.

Arbor is having a 20-year reunion on July 15 for the Class of 1980.

Plymouth High School Class of 1980 is having a reunion on July 29 at the Novi Hilton.

Royal Oak Class of 1980 will celebrate their 50th reunion on Sept. 16 at Michigan State University Management Center.

South Lyon High School Class of 1980 is having their reunion Nov. 24 at Vladimir's.

Utica High School Class of 1980 will hold their reunion on Aug. 19 at Ernie's Kings Mill.

West Bloomfield Class of 1990: a 10-year reunion Aug. 26 at the Westin in Southfield.

Waterford Township High School Class of 1980 will celebrate their 40th reunion Oct. 7 at Clarkston Creek.

Walled Lake Western High School Class of 1980 is holding their reunion July 22 at El Dorado Country Club.

Northville High School Class of 1980: 40th reunion on Aug. 19 at Radisson Suites in Farmington Hills. Local contact is Carole (Tabor) Miller, (248) 348-0474.

Our Lady of Victory Class of 1980 is planning their 20-year reunion for this fall. Students of the 1980 class are requested to contact Mary Heslop Stuart, (517) 569-6746, Maryst@fordmail.com or Dan Groves, (810) 791-8267, bdan@tdt.com.

Fellow students who attended O.L.V. during the years with the 1980 graduates but left for other schools prior to graduation are encouraged to attend.

Southeastern High School is planning a reunion Sept. 15 at Royal House of Warren. Though the planning committee members are from 1941-1943 graduating classes, all alumni, family and friends of the school are invited. Call (734) 675-9757, (248) 375-1816, or (313) 886-7229.

Southfield Lethrup High School will be holding a 10 year reunion for the Class of 1990 on November 24 at the Marriott Hotel in Troy.

Romeo High School's Class of 1990 is having a reunion on November 25 at Elly's Banquet Hall in Washington.

Milford High School will hold a 30-year reunion Sept. 30 at the Novi Hilton.

Northville High School Class of 1990 will hold its 10-year reunion on Sept. 30 at the Holiday Inn in Farmington Hills.

Pioneer High School of Ann Arbor is having a 10 year reunion on November 24 at the Troy Marriott in Troy.

Brother Rice and Harrison High Schools in Bloomfield Hills will be holding 10 year reunions for the Classes of 1990 on November 25.

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Sunshine sets too early in this Szabo melodrama

MPAA Rating: R
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By Ken Marten
STAFF WRITER

Academy Award nominated Ralph Fiennes (*Schindler's List*, *The English Patient*) is overcast playing three roles in *Sunshine*, Hungarian director Istvan Szabo's three-hour "epic" film. Using Hungary's twentieth century triumphs and tragedies as a backdrop, *Sunshine* attempts to show how three successive generations of the Sonnenschein family adapted to nationalism, world war, anti-Semitism, and ever-changing politics. The film plods along and drips with melodrama that tries the patience of the most casual filmgoer.

Sunshine is narrated by Ivan, the youngest of the three Sonnenschein men played by Fiennes. It begins in the late nineteenth century with the story of how the family fortune is based on a cure-all potion called "a Taste of Sunshine," developed by great-grandfather Emmanuelle, played by a jovial David de Keyser (*Golda, Yentl*).

The family moves from the country to Budapest, where Emmanuelle's son, Ignatz (Fiennes) rises to prominence as a judge. In the process, power hungry Ignatz changes his Jewish surname to the empire-friendly Sors, quarrels frequently with his socialist-minded brother, and marries his cousin, Valerie, played by Jennifer Ehle (*Wilde, Backbeat*), who was raised as his sister. Ignatz' life parallels that of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Ignatz' son, Adam (Fiennes), converts to Christianity in order to open doors in the world of fencing. He goes on to lead the Hungarian

fencing team to victory in the 1936 Berlin Olympics, but neither conversion or gold medals are enough to save him from the horrors of the Holocaust.

Enter Ivan, the storyteller, who emerges from a concentration camp after World War II and exacts his revenge on Fascists by rising in the ranks of Hungary's Communist party. But Ivan becomes disenfranchised when the revolution begins to eat its children, including his early mentor, Comrade Andor Knorr, played by William Hurt (*The Accidental Tourist*, *Children of a Lesser God*). The film comes full circle as Ivan embraces patriotism, like grandfather Ignatz in the days of the monarchy, during the famous Hungarian Revolution in 1956 against the Communist rulers.

The costumes are lavish and the sets are beautiful. The film's prospectus is great. But the family characters are weak, their behavior predictable.

For instance, there is a pronounced lack of emotion during Adam's conversion to Catholicism, almost as if changing faiths is as simple as changing a flat tire. And why do so many of the Sonnenschein family members have English accents?

Fiennes clearly bit off more than he could chew by taking three different roles in one film. This ploy sometimes works well in comedies—Peter Sellers and Eddie Murphy come to mind—but seldom, if ever, in dramas.

There are also gaping historical gaps in *Sunshine*. The worldwide depression of the 1930s, which historians closely link to the rise of Fascism in Europe, is removed from Szabo's chronology of the twentieth century. And speaking of Fascism, except for a glimpse of a newspaper headline, there is no mention of Admiral Miklos Horthy's regime, which lasted from 1920 to 1944 and allied Hungary with Nazi Germany, introducing anti-Semitic policies.

Director's career spans 40 years

Director and screenwriter Istvan Szabo was born in Budapest, Hungary, in 1938, and is a graduate of the Budapest Academy of Film Art.

He began making short subject films in the 1960s, and blossomed into prominence a decade later.

He has won over 60 major international film awards, many for his trilogy *Mephisto*, *Colonel Redl*, and *Hanussen*, that examine how individuals function in societies that don't accept their personal religious or political beliefs. For *Mephisto*, he received an Academy Award for best foreign film and the best screenplay award from the Cannes Film Festival in 1981. *Sunshine*, starring Ralph Fiennes in three separate roles, is Szabo's latest film.

Academy Award winner Szabo has created some masterpiece films in the past, most notably the trilogy *Mephisto*, *Colonel Redl*, and *Hanussen*. But with *Sunshine*, he appears to have attempted an epic film just for the sake of making one. Perhaps this film should have been made as a trilogy as well.

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William Hurt as Knorr and Ralph Fiennes as Ivan discuss political matters in post-WWII Hungary in *Sunshine*.

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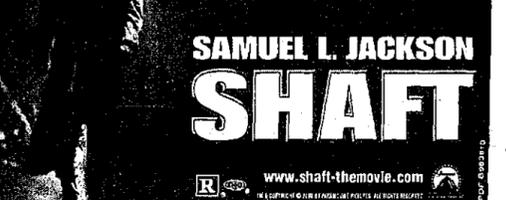
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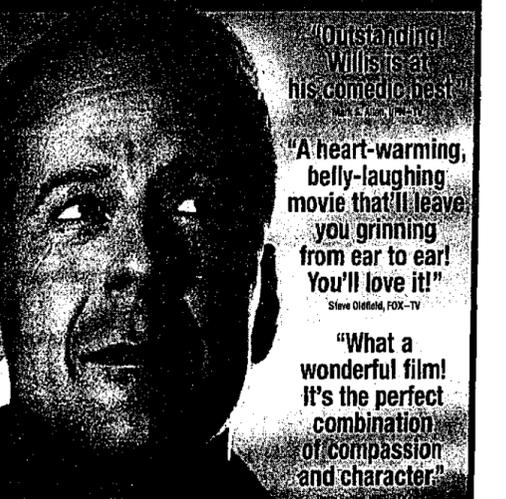


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'Novi girls' soccer player Ashley Cooley tries to keep the ball away from a rival Northville Mustang in a home game earlier this season. Cooley was a first team all-area soccer selection.

Some simple rules of thumb can help reel in bigger fish

Often, when a fisherman takes to the water in search of a good day of fishing, he may not be hoping for just a nice mess of panfish to be cleaned, fried and eaten later in the day. Sometimes there is that underlying hope that today might be the day he finally hooks onto that big, bull bluegill that grabs the attention of the other fishermen when he returns to the dock and calls it a day.

Call it the need to brag if you like, but inside all of us there is a little bit of desire to be the best at something, even if it may only consist of being the guy that caught the biggest fish on a given day. Or perhaps the largest catch of the day - consisting of more above average sized fish than the other fellows who were on the water at the same time you were.

If some of you fishermen out there think you are the exception to this rule, think about it. Don't you always throw back the smallest fish you catch, and return to the landing with only the nicest ones hauled in that day?

Another habit most of us have, is to kind of shuffle the fish around in the pail containing the days catch, until the biggest ones are on the top, just in case someone wants to compare your catch with that of their own. No sense in letting them see the smaller ones if there are a couple of big ones in there, right?

Enough about the games we play. Why don't we just go out there and catch only big ones and not mess with the smaller specimens? That sounds good, but



Jerry Posey
Fishing

there is more to it than that. The biggest bluegills in the lake did not get to their present size by being stupid, so they will probably be a little harder to catch than your average gill.

It often seems that the bigger bluegills tend to associate with other fish of about their same size. The average sized 'gills and the smaller ones can be found at almost any time of the day in the shallower waters, where the weeds provide cover for them and the food sources that they find there. They may move into the deeper areas as the water warms later in the summertime, but they will still spend most of the daylight hours feeding where the shallower water puts them closer to the surface.

The larger bluegills spend more of their time in the deeper waters, and this is where you will have to fish if you are serious about catching them.

Some of the lakes I fish may have depths of only twenty or thirty feet at their deepest spots and I have found that this is where the biggest ones are usually found. Being familiar with the lakes you

are fishing is a big help and can save you a lot of time if you know where these deep spots are when you first get on the lake. If this is not the case, you may have to do a little moving around and depth checking before you can settle down to some serious panfishing.

I like to start out early in the morning, since that seems to be when the bigger fish do most of their feeding, and it is easier to get a fish to take your bait when it is in the feeding mode. Later in the day, when the big ones are resting near the bottom, that is just what they will continue to do, rest, while you send down numerous offerings, hoping they may find one they like.

As a rule, the bigger the 'gill is, the lazier it seems to be. When these big fellows are hungry they will snatch a bite now and then, but it won't be with the fervor often shown by the smaller fish who seems to think that every potential meal must be grabbed up quickly before the guy next to him gets it.

When fishing for the bigger bluegills, I find that using a type of line that most closely matches the water conditions at the time, seems to work best. When the sun is bright some lines tend to show up more in the water than others and this is what I try to avoid. You want your bait to look more like it is free floating as it drops in front of the big guy, not just hanging there on the end of a piece of string.

The old fashioned cane pole,

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Novi seniors head up all-area soccer team

Arrington is HomeTown's player of year

The state of soccer in the Western Wayne and Oakland Counties is just fine.

In fact, the number of area players playing elite soccer is on the rise, and much of that talent has found its way onto the high school scene. Novi started six and sometimes seven freshmen this season, proving that high school soccer will be thriving for many years to come. Northville's sophomore class, along with its juniors made major waves this season, leading the team into the state semifinals before bowing out to perennial powerhouse Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

In all, the select group of girls to follow either have made some noise over the past few seasons, or will continue to bring soccer recognition this way.

Here is the 2000 HomeTown Newspapers all-area soccer squad.

Kristi Arrington (HomeTown's player of the year) Novi senior

A pure offensive weapon, Arrington leaves Novi as the school's all-time leading goal scorer (151). This season she scored a record 48 goals en route to "Dream Team" honors, in which the coaches association name the top 11 players out of all the divisions.

Other honors which came along with the above include: all-state, all-region, all-district and all-Kensington Valley Conference. Her conference honor was her fourth-straight. Novi coach Larry Christoff said Arrington was one of the top three or four players ever to come through his program.

"Different girls have different attributes, but if you're talking skilled players, I'd say she's one of the top two players I've coached, along with Lydia Raburn (Class of 1998)," he said. "She's a terrific player who's unselfish and has a knack of knowing where she was on the field."

Emily Carrott Northville junior

Goals are important to a team's success, but just as important is sound defense which prevents goals. Emily Carrott was not just Northville's answer on the defensive end, but she offered her tremendous leadership to a team which was a game away from playing for it all.

She had 103 defensive saves, which are accumulated when a player diffuses another team's scoring opportunity. She started 22 of Northville's 23 games at the sweeper position, quietly gaining notoriety as one of the best in the state. She was an all-state first-team selection and earned all-region, all-district and all-Western Lakes first-team honors. She was the only junior defenseman selected to the all-conference team.

Offensively the junior had four goals and six assists.

"Emily's the heart and soul of the team. She directs the play of the team, even though she's our sweeper," coach Ron Meteyer said.

Lindsay Dunmead Northville sophomore

If she's marked by two or three players next season, it's her own fault. The sophomore had a breakout season with 20 goals and six assists and earned all-state second team honors. So she'll have a big X on her jersey next season.

An all-region, all-district and

ALL-AREA SOCCER			
First Team			
Name	School	Grade	Position
Kristi Arrington	Novi	Senior	Forward
Ashley Cooley	Novi	Junior	Defender
Sarah Corless	Novi	Senior	Forward
Sarah Clark	Novi	Senior	Goalie
Alex Katona	Northville	Junior	Goalie
Emily Carrott	Northville	Junior	Defender
Lindsay Dunmead	Northville	Sophomore	Forward
Larisa Fill	Northville	Sophomore	Forward
Colleen Thompson	Northville	Senior	Defender
Jen Fagin	South Lyon	Senior	Midfielder
Heidi Osborn	Milford	Senior	Defender
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Name	School	Grade	Position
Sarah Schemanske	Milford	Senior	Midfielder
Amy O'Neill	Milford	Junior	Defender
Ashley Orlor	Milford	Junior	Goalie
Angela Maile	Northville	Senior	Midfielder
Michelle Manarina	Northville	Junior	Defender
Lorianne Blair	Northville	Senior	Defender
Jenny Price	Lakeland	Junior	Forward
Katie Ales	Novi	Freshman	Defender
Karrie Smith	Novi	Sophomore	Midfielder
Rachel Sarkella	South Lyon	Senior	Defender
Chelsey Golightly	South Lyon	Senior	Forward

*HomeTown's Player of the Year

Honorable mention

Milford - Al Benseck
Northville - Laura Elsesser
Novi - Kerri Timar, Kelly Pfeiffer, Kelly McMann
South Lyon - Kristi Eaton



Kristi Arrington

all-division selection in the WAAA, Dunmead started 19 games in the midfield.

"She really forces the play out there," Meteyer said. "She demands the respect of the other teams. But now she can't hide anymore."

Alex Katona Northville junior

Another player whose talents were brought to the states attention, Katona was a second-team all-state selection. Those honors made her one of the top two goalies in Division II.

She allowed 20 goals the entire season, making 135 saves in the process. With Katona between the crossbars, Northville had eight shutouts in their last 12 games.

In that span the team went 10-1-1 and earned a ranking as high as No. 3 in the state. A field player when needed, Katona contributed four goals and four assists this season.

Larisa Fill Northville sophomore

If it wasn't Dunmead doing the scoring, it was her teammate Fill. She was second on the team with 16 goals and added nine assists.

A total team player, Fill earned all-division honors in the always-tough WAAA. She was also a third-team all-state selection.

"She's real quiet, an unassuming player," her coach said. "If they doubled up on Larisa, Lindsey (Dunmead) would hurt them. And if Dunmead drew the attention, Larisa could score. There was never a negative comment out of her all year."

Sarah Corless Novi senior

A good compliment to Arrington up front, the senior scored 11 goals and assisted on eight others this season. Corless was one of five Wildcats to earn all-Kensington Valley Conference honors. "She worked awfully hard and none of her goals came easy for her," Christoff said. "She hustled her tail off and earned all of them."

Jen Fagin South Lyon senior

Playing center midfield, Fagin - a team captain - was the focal point of South Lyon's offense, setting up the wings when she wasn't scoring herself. Fagin was the Lions' Most Valuable Player and a first-team all-conference

selection. She was the team's leading scorer.

Colleen Thompson Northville senior

There were many times where the team would push Carrott out the field to help out offensively. It was then that Thompson asserted herself as a vital part of Northville's defense.

The Mustangs began to count on Thompson's consistency on defense, where the senior had 45 defensive saves this season. A defensive-minded defenseman, Thompson was a hard-nosed, tough player, according to her coach.

Sarah Clark Novi senior

As exciting as soccer was to Clark, her graduation from Novi High School will now lead her into her real passion, hockey.

Clark will play Division I hockey next season, but she finished out her career at Novi as one of the best goalies in school history. The senior was an all-KVC and all-district selection after turning in nine shutouts in 2000. She made 152 saves for the Wildcats this year as the team allowed just 19 goals all year long.

"What can you say about her?" Christoff said while sighing. "She made some phenomenal saves for us this year. Most of the goals that went in on her, she really didn't have a chance."

Heidi Osborn Milford senior

This senior co-captain gave the Redskins whatever they needed. Milford coach Malla Sauer called Osborn an iron curtain on defense. But she proved just as dangerous on the other end, as she was the team's best in-bounds thrower and was able to both set up and finish scoring opportunities.

Ashley Cooley Novi junior

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Doing the little things right helps make good fishing

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whether it is made of real bamboo cane or the more modern version made of telescoping fiberglass, works well when fishing for the big bluegills in the center of the lake. It is easier and quicker to smoothly lift and swing the fish back to the boat than it is to jerk and crank 50 feet of line every time you get a bite. I know it's a lot of fun cranking with a light action spinning outfit, but I prefer the cane pole when fishing the weed-free center of the lake in deeper water.

When the big gills move into the sandy shorelines during the bedding season, they become easier to catch, and this is when some of the biggest are taken. The males, or bulls, move in first to choose a site and prepare a nesting depression. During this time the male will ferociously defend this nesting area from all other males and any other intruders that may enter his personal zone, and this includes all insects and critters not to his liking.

This defensive action has been

the downfall of many nice, brag-gable size bluegills, since the spider or tiny popper that you cast into his area will be grabbed with gusto. As the spawn progresses, the female will deposit her eggs and then move on. The male will remain to protect the nest until the fry hatch out, then he will move back out to the deep water.

If it is big gills you are looking for remember:

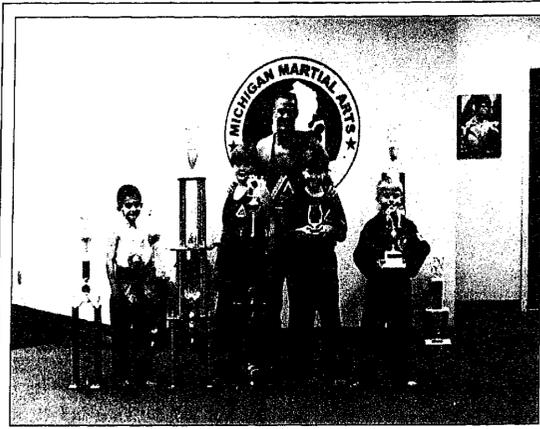
- Get on the water early when the big ones are feeding, just before daylight is best.

- As the weather warms up, fish deep where the big ones go to stay cool.

- Move around a bit, and if they aren't biting in one spot check out another, they are down there but they won't come to you.

- And use fresh bait, not something that has been sitting in the sun all day and smells like my sons dirty socks.

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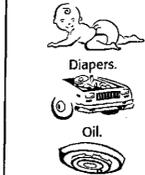


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Martial masters

Keith Slopes, Chris Mantay, Kevin Mantay and Stephen Manney were all tournament winners at the Four Seasons Karate Championships at Keego Harbor earlier this year. The four are students of Lee Miles (also pictured) of Michigan Martial Arts in Farmington. The students are all third graders attending Northville schools and live in Novi.

Time for a change?



Smoke detector batteries.

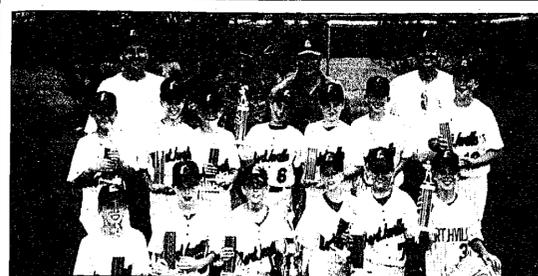
Change the batteries in your smoke detector

Change the batteries in your smoke detector before the old ones run out. That way, your smoke detectors can warn you and your family to escape in the event of a fire. Follow these tips to keep your smoke detectors in top working shape:

- Test your smoke detectors monthly and put in new batteries at least once a year.
- Vacuum over and around detectors to keep them free from dust and debris.
- When it comes to smoke detectors, a little change makes all the difference.



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Bringing home the hardware

The Northville Broncos 10-year-old travel baseball team won the Washtenaw Amateur Baseball Association tournament June 23 through 25. Pitchers Marly LaRouere and Steve Anderson pitched a combined two-hitter against Dexter, while Tyler Scott, Matt Pape, Jeff Chesalk and Case Moerman added runs for the Broncos. Northville clinched a spot in the finals, courtesy of strong pitching from Nathaniel Zeff and Joe Mitchell. The bats of J.D. Daul and Kyle Asher helped score baserunners.



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Winners of the floor wars

The Sports Club of Novi gymnastics team took top honors at the Level 6 State Gymnastics championship held earlier this year in Flint. Included on the team are Sarah Ilkhan-Pour of Northville and Emma Platt of Novi. The team is coached by Jen Quinlan and Shane Uson.

Runners return to Northville July 22

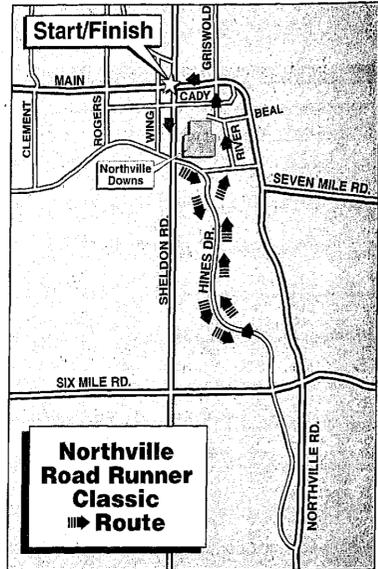
Northville's favorite running race will be making its return to the community on July 22.

The race sends runners on a scenic course through and around downtown Northville and has been one of the most well-attended road races in Michigan for the last few years. Beginning and ending at Main and Center streets, the race sends runners out along Hines Drive before turning around and heading north back towards Northville Downs.

A 1-mile fun run begins at 8 p.m. with the 5K race starting 30 minutes later. A \$100 first prize will be awarded to the first female and male finisher.

Food, refreshments, music and dancing will accompany the race, as will the downtown Northville bargain bazaar, running from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. the day of the race.

For more information on the race or to register, call (248) 380-3338, or visit www.runningfl.com.



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Food Allergy Counseling

Individuals with food allergies can receive counseling on food choices and substitutions from a Botsford Hospital professional. The fee is \$30.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (248) 477-6100.

Prostate Cancer Support Group

Offering knowledgeable speakers each month, this support group provides encouragement and education about prostate cancer, its treatment and the physical and emotional issues associated with it. It meets the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. and it's free.

Sessions take place in Botsford's 2 East A Conference Room, 29050 Grand River Ave., in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

Foot and ankle consultations

Experiencing heel pain, bunions, hammer-toes, fungus nails, warts, ankle pain, ingrown nails or other foot ailments? The Foot Health Centers offer an initial consultation free of charge, excluding x-rays, lab tests or treatment. The Foot Health Centers, operated by Dr. Ken Poss and Dr. Randy Bernstein, are affiliated with Botsford, Sinai, Oakwood and Kern hospitals. They have two area locations, at 41431 W. Ten Mile Road in the Novi Plaza at Meadowbrook, and 30931 W. Seven Mile Road in Livonia. Call (248) 349-5559 or (248) 478-1166 for more information or to schedule a consultation.

Menopause Support Group

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi offers a free monthly support group for women who have concerns about menopause.

The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Providence Park Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., at the corner of Grand River and Beck in Novi. The purpose of the support group is to provide women with educational information on topics relating to menopause.

For information, call (248) 424-3014.

Free Foot Screenings

Free foot screenings are offered every Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Botsford General Hospital, Suite 200, South Professional Building, 28080 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills.

For more information or to make an appointment, call (248) 473-1320, weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Heart Disease Risk Reduction Programs

These risk assessment and reduction programs are designed to help modify risk factors associated with heart disease. The fee is dependent on the level of programming.

Call Botsford General Hospital at (248) 471-8870 for more information.

Health Risk Appraisal

Do you know what your health risks are? Botsford's health risk appraisal includes blood pressure, total cholesterol and hdl readings. There is a \$50 fee and an appointment is required.

For registration and information, call (248) 477-6100.

Intermediate Water Aerobics

This is a 50-minute water exercise class for postnatal and postphysical therapy patients. There is a \$35 fee for the six-week course and registration is required.

For registration and information, call the Botsford Center at (248) 473-5800.

Child Clinic

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Clinics provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families

who do not have an hmo or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 14 locations throughout Oakland County.

Services include heights and weights; head to toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling as needed.

Appointments are required.

For more information, call: north Oakland, Pontiac: (248) 858-1311 or 858-4001; south Oakland, Southfield: (248) 424-7066 or 424-7067; west Oakland, Walled Lake: (248) 926-3000.

Panic attack and agoraphobia support group

They have monthly meetings starting in September at both Northville and Livonia locations. It's a comfortable group support setting for individuals experiencing panic attacks. The cost is \$5. For more information call Susan Franceschi at (734) 420-8100.

ABCs of Weight Loss

A registered dietitian will work with you individually for three months to set up a realistic weight loss plan, organize your appetite and discuss the best strategies for weight loss. A \$95 fee and appointment is required.

The class is sponsored by Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. in Novi.

For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

Asthma Education

Individual sessions with a registered nurse can provide the tools to better understand and manage asthma. Day and evening sessions are available. Families are welcome.

There is a \$30 fee and an appointment is required.

For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

Breastfeeding Basics

This workshop covers the "how to's" of breastfeeding and answers questions and concerns of women who are already breastfeeding.

The fee is \$20, and the classes are held at Botsford's Health Development Network, in Novi. For information and registration, call (248) 477-6100.

Circuit Training

This is a multi-stationed exercise and education program designed for the individual with limited experience using fitness equipment. Participants will be instructed on the proper use of weight and cardiovascular machines.

The class meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m.

The fee is \$70 and preregistration is required.

For registration and information, call the Botsford Center for Health Improvement at (248) 473-5600.

Martial Arts for Special Children

Conducted by a black-belt martial arts instructor, a physical therapist and an exercise therapist for children ages 5-16 with special needs such as cerebral palsy, add, or sensory integration dysfunction.

This is a continuously revolving eight-week course held on Friday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi. There is a charge of \$100. To register, call 1-800-968-5595.

Cancer Support Group

"Focus On Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

Co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society, "Focus on Living" provides an opportunity to discuss concerns, obtain answers and gain support from others who share the same experience.

Registration is not necessary, and there is no charge to attend.

For more information, call (313) 655-2922, or toll free 1-800-494-1650.

Diabetes Education

This comprehensive program includes self-monitoring of blood glucose, diet and meal planning, disease management with exercise, potential complications of the disease, and presentations by a pharmacist and a podiatrist.

This is a continuously revolving six-week program held on Monday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Office Center, Ten Mile and Haggerty roads. There is a \$20 fee.

Call (248) 424-3903 to register.

Surgical Preparation

Through the Sally the Surgery Star program, children scheduled for surgery are taken on a tour and familiarized with the surgical experience. A variety of educational materials and supportive teaching tools are used to help children deal positively with the idea of a hospital stay.

Admission to the program is by appointment only. There is no charge.

Call the Providence Medical Center-Providence Park at (248) 390-4170 to register.

Weight on the Run

Conducted by an exercise physiologist and a nutritionist, this 12-week program starts with a fitness assessment and nutritional consultation, followed by three weekly monitored workouts and weekly nutritional support. Day and evening classes are available.

A \$300 fee includes enrollment in the class "ABC of Weight Loss." For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

Child Health Clinics

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Clinics provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 12 locations throughout Oakland County.

Services include: Heights and weights; head-toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources as needed.

Appointment is required. For more information, call: North Oakland, Pontiac, (248) 858-1311 or 858-4001; South Oakland, Southfield: (248) 424-7066 or 424-7067; West Oakland, Walled Lake: (248) 926-3300; and Holly residents: 1-888-350-0900, extension 8-1311 or 8-4001.

Healthy Solutions Seminar

Healthy Solutions are offering a seminar series over the next few weeks.

All seminars are free and begin at 7:30 p.m. Please call (248) 305-5785 or stop in healthy solutions to reserve a seat (space is limited). You may show up the night of the seminar, however a seat may not be available.

Hot Flash Study

Women who suffer from multiple daily hot flashes associated with menopause are being sought to participate in a nationwide study to assess the safety and effectiveness of an investigational hormone replacement skin patch to treat hot flashes. Women may be eligible if they are between the ages of 45 and 65, have not had a menstrual period in six months, or a hysterectomy. For more information, call 493-6580.

Blood pressure checks

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park is offering free blood pressure checks Monday through Friday from 9 to 11 a.m.

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