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# Video store robbed

By Victoria Sadlocha  
 STAFF WRITER

The Novi Police Department is looking for information on an unknown knife-wielding man who robbed a local video store last week.

Police said the only one in the store, a 30-year-old female employee, was not injured.

The male suspect entered Home Video in the 30000 block of Beck Road on Friday, June 14 at about 12:35 p.m. and stole about \$300 before cutting the store's phone lines and fleeing through the back of the plaza.

According to police reports, the employee said the suspect was loitering inside the store for more than 10 minutes before placing an entire display of videos on the floor.

The report stated the suspect then asked the victim to come over and fix the display which was at the back of the store.

The employee told police she believes when he realized she was not going to leave the counter, he came up to the front of the store and looked at her while holding his arm behind his back "fooling with his belt and waste area."

He then demanded she give him the store's cash. After the man had the money, he cut the phone line with a 6-inch blade knife and told her not to call the authorities, police said.

The suspect was described by the employee as an Asian or possible part Mexican male about 22 to 26 years old.

She said he is about 5'7" with medium length dark hair and dark black eyes.

According to police reports, the suspect was wearing jean cargo shorts at the time of the robbery.

Anyone with information on the case is asked to call the Novi Police Department at (248) 348-7100.

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# Rotarians teeing off

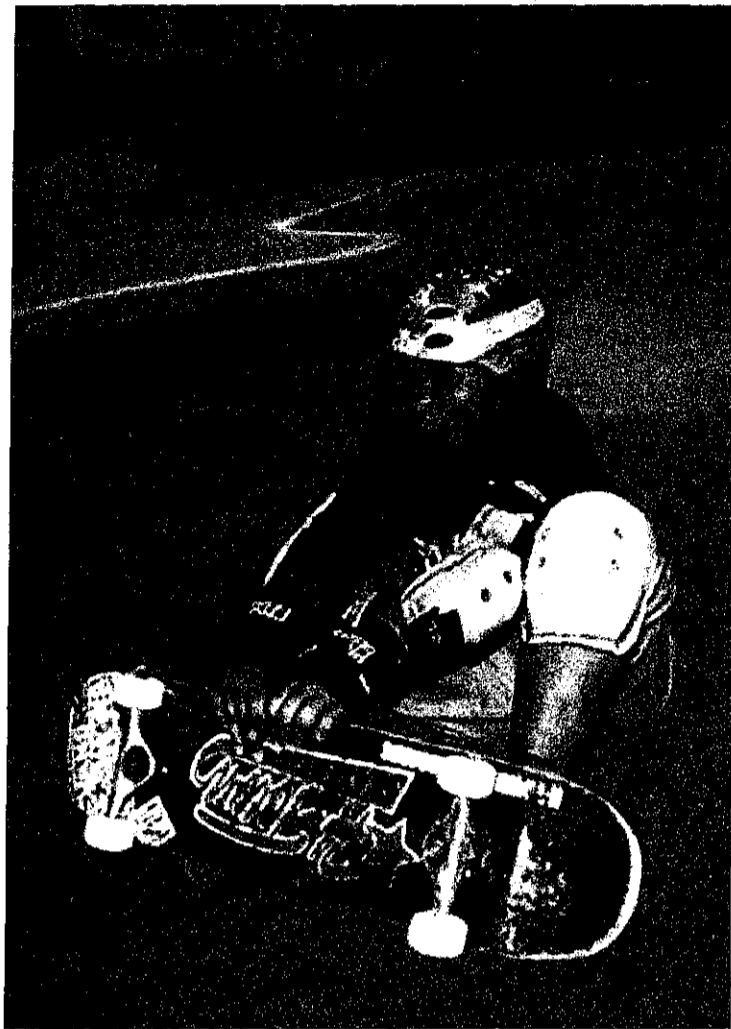
By Angelo Parlove  
 STAFF WRITER

The Novi Rotary Club's signature fundraiser is set to tackle the fairways in South Lyon next week. The club's 17th annual Charity Golf Outing will be held at the Tanglewood Golf Club on West 10 Mile Road on June 27.

Proceeds from the golf outing will help local charities, such as the Novi Food Bank, Novi Senior Citizens, Polo Plus, Novi High School college scholarships, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of America and the American Cancer Society.

The event is \$140 per person and will include 18 holes of golf, golf cart, unlimited range balls, and refresh-

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Skate boarders, roller bladers and bicyclist enjoyed the newly-opened Vans Skatepark in Novi last Saturday morning. Shown is a skateboarder taking on the Chicken Bowl.

Courtesy photo

# Van-tastic! Skatepark unveiled in Novi

By Victoria Sadlocha  
 STAFF WRITER

Calling all Tony Hawk emulators.

Vans - known mostly for its skateboarding sneakers and apparel - opened its first Midwest skatepark in Novi's Fountain Walk development.

The 53,000-square-foot mega structure houses a "Chicken Bowl," a 25,000-square-foot indoor "Bull Ford Tough" wood street course, a 40-foot competition-size vert ramp featuring 10.8 transitions, a four-foot escalating mild ramp and a spacious lounge area.

And the lounge area is not just for lounging. It features a full-line retail store including a large selection of sneakers, backpacks and street clothes; a pro shop offering anything and everything needed to fix an existing board or purchase a new one; a television area broadcasting Vans' Triple Crown Series events, kiosks connecting to Vans.com, a party room, air

**"It's spread out good. It is really modern and it has a good mix of everything kids are riding now."**

Neal Hendrix  
 skateboard professional

hockey and an excellent arcade and vending machine area. All of this is tied together nicely with hipster music, a varied crowd and radical vibes.

One of the skatepark's features, which creators are most excited about, is the park's dedication to safety.

"What we offer is an indoor safe skating facility for kids," said

Shelley Neumyer, Vans media relations representative. "We make sure all participants are wearing helmets and everyone is supervised."

Additionally, all riders must wear elbow and knee pads.

The idea is parents can leave their kids at the park and go shopping or out to eat or see a movie, said Steve Van Doren, vice president of Promotions and Events.

Creators also boast the fact the park is a great place to escape the heat.

"It is indoors and it is air conditioned," Van Doren said. "People can come year round - when it is hot and sticky and when it is cool and breezy."

Since the closest park to the Novi location is New Jersey, Van Doren expects skaters, bikers and in-line skaters from all over the area including Chicago and Cleveland to come and experience the thrills.

Part of the thrills comes from

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# Research and development companies look to Novi

By Angelo Parlove  
 STAFF WRITER

Colliers International, a full-service commercial real estate firm in Bingham Farms, recently closed a string of multi-year leases that will bring research and development firms to Novi.

Araco America Inc., an automotive interior parts manufacturer, closed a 5-year lease for a 18,523 square-foot research and development building at 41180 Bridge St. in Novi. The multi-year lease, which was closed on April 21, is valued at \$1.5 million.

TRI Technical Center USA agreed to a 20-year lease in Novi on April 25. TRI, a manufacturer of anti-vibration rubber products, will move into a 18,000 square-foot research and development building at 25825 Meadowbrook Rd. in May 2003. The lease is valued at \$4.4 million.

Mike Yamada of Colliers International represented both firms in the multi-year lease transactions. He said the Araco and TRI deals took five and 16 months, respectively, to finally close.

"It took a long period of time," Yamada said. "The economy was unclear and put off the decision making process."

Furthermore, Colliers closed two smaller bottom-line leases in June, with two research and development companies coming to the Meadowbrook Corporate Park, a 30-acre development, in Novi in September.

Simatron, a Livonia company, and Ransco Industries, a company based in Oxnard, Cal., that specializes in specialty refrigeration systems with climatic control software for automotive, electronic and aerospace industries, will move into the multi-tenant building at 23800 Meadowbrook. Both deals are for 5-year leases valued at about \$300,000.

Colliers has been serving the Detroit area since 1925. The commercial real estate company has 234 international property consultant offices in 51 countries.

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# District court candidate says experience puts him on top

By Victoria Sadlocha  
 STAFF WRITER

Expansive experience in his career and personal life is what 52-1 District Court Judge candidate Jerome Cavanagh believes makes him the most qualified man for the job.

"One of my main attributes is my extensive practice," Cavanagh said. "I have had a lot of models to follow."

J. Cavanagh

Cavanagh, 39, said he has met a lot of judges and has identified the attributes of the good ones from the bad.

"I've handled a wide range of matters," Cavanagh said. "I've practiced in district courts all over the state."

After being appointed an assistant attorney general in 1997 by Attorney General Frank Kelley, Cavanagh was assigned to the transportation department.

In his current position, Cavanagh practices constitutional law, property law, criminal law and landlord-

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# Chamber presents checks to fight cancer, autism

By Angelo Parlove  
 STAFF WRITER

The Novi Chamber of Commerce presented \$15,000 in donations Tuesday afternoon to help fight cancer and autism. The checks were given at a chamber luncheon at JW's Sports Club in Novi.

The chamber presented a \$7,500 check to the Michigan Intervention for Autism, a volunteer-run organization that promotes autism research programs. Also, \$7,500 was given to the Beaumont Hospital Pediatric Unit and the University of Michigan Providence Assarian Cancer Center in the name of the Doug Schaeffer Cancer Classic, a group that came together to raise money to fight cancer after Novi Police Chief Doug Schaeffer was diagnosed with the disease four years ago.

A check for \$3,750 was presented to the

Assarian Cancer Center and Beaumont Hospital, with the money going to cancer research and toys, such as Sony Playstations, for ailing kids, respectively.

The donated money is proceeds from the Novi Chamber of Commerce's 10th Annual "A Night to Remember" charity auction on April 27, which was held at the Novi Hilton. The auction is the chamber's annual signature benefit.

Over 400 people attended the charity event, which hosted a live auction, two silent auctions and a raffle. The auctions boasted such items as a two-night stay at Walt Disney World and lunch with Detroit Tigers broadcaster Ernie Harwell, while the raffle included a 1965 Corvette Roadster.

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Lou Martin, Novi Police Chief Doug Schaeffer (center) and Pat Webb, chairperson for the Novi Chamber of Commerce charity auction.

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## Police Report

### Novi Police

#### HAIR SCARE

On June 7 at about 8 p.m., a Novi police officer was dispatched to Sally Beauty Supply in the 43000 block of Crescent Boulevard on a customer disturbance complaint. A female in the store told police an unknown male customer became angry after she asked him to mind his business. The complainant said she started using vulgar language and threw a bottle of Salon Care cream conditioner down an aisle, shattering it all over the walkway. The suspect left before police arrived at the scene.

#### RED WINGS PARTNER

A Novi police officer was patrolling westbound Interstate 96 west of Novi Road on June 14 at about 1:30 a.m. when he noticed a 1995 Chevrolet Blazer weaving within its own lane of travel. After continuing to observe the same behavior, the officer pulled the driver over west of Beck Road. According to the report, as the officer asked the 41-year-old Lansing man for his drivers information, he smelled a faint odor of burnt marijuana and noticed a small "roach" in the vehicle. The man said he was at the Red Wings game earlier that night. The man told the officer there was no more marijuana in the truck. After searching the vehicle, the officer found 25 grams in a small plastic bag and 14 grams in a black film canister. The man was arrested.

### Walled Lake Police

#### HIT-AND-RUN

A 25-year-old Commerce woman hit another car parked in the lot at the Mobil gas station June 13 in Walled Lake and took off in her own car. However, the woman was seen shortly after by Walled Lake police. She said she drove off because she didn't have a driver's license. She also already had a warrant out for her arrest in Livonia. The woman was issued a ticket for the leaving the scene of a property damage accident. She was then taken by police to the Livonia Police for her warrant.

#### DRUNK DRIVING

A 26-year-old West Bloomfield woman was arrested for drunk driving June 16 while driving north of Pontiac Trail from Common Street. The Walled Lake officer noted that she was continually hitting her brakes and weaving across line markers. She stopped for the light at E. West Maple Road but a car was behind her so the officer couldn't stop her there. However, the woman soon turned left onto Eagle Bend Drive and the officer stopped her beside the Walled Lake Post Office. The officer saw that her eyes were red and watery. Her speech was slurred and she smelled of alcohol. The woman's breathalyzer test came up .194, after the officer informed her of her rights. She had no prior convictions or offenses. Her license was confiscated, destroyed and attached to the case.

#### ATTEMPTED BREAK-IN

A suspected attempted break-in at Novi Feed brought police back to the 43000 block of Grand River Avenue the morning of June 8. The Novi Police Department received a call that someone tried to enter the establishment by forced entry. According to the report, when the complainant arrived that morning, he noticed an unknown subject(s) kicked in the door to the old train station sometime between 4 p.m. June 7 and 9 a.m. June 8. Entry was not made however the rear door facing the railroad tracks was partially kicked in. Nothing appeared to be stolen.

# 52-1: Candidate relies on experience

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tenant cases and handles matters ranging from property and construction disputes to enforcing railroad regulations and the Junk Yard Control Act in responding to citizen inquiry letters.

He explained that basically whatever state highway complications the Michigan Department of Transportation can't resolve are then referred to the Michigan Attorney General's office.

"It is a good job," he said. "I handle a large deal of matters in and out of court."

Cavanagh said it has been a tremendous experience working under Frank Kelley and the current attorney general, Jennifer Granholm.

And although the candidate explained how important the diversity of his current profession tends to his attractiveness, he said his wide range of experience began early in his career.

The Wayne State University alumnus said that after graduating from Detroit College of Law he handled juvenile and adult criminal cases as well as child custody cases out of Wayne County.

"Anything that comes before me, I can handle," Cavanagh said.

A humble personal upbringing with strong links to the community is another major reason that Cavanagh feels adds to his qualifications.

"One of the reasons I want to run for District Court judge is more community involvement," Cavanagh said. "I think I have a connection to all members of the community."

The candidate attributes his community roots to his life experience.

"I think I have a connection that a lot of others may not have because of my experience going back to childhood," he said. "I put myself through law school and worked very hard to get where I am. I know what it is to work hard, and I am committed to working hard."

Cavanagh also comes from a family rich in history of public service.

The district includes Novi, Novi Township, Lyon, City of South Lyon, Milford, Village of Milford, Walled Lake, Wixom, Commerce Township, Wolverine Lake Village, Highland and a sliver of Northville.

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# LAKES AREA TIMES

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## Wixom working on a 'downtown' area

By Diane Dempsey Deel  
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Wixom is one step closer to creating a downtown area after officials closed on a purchase agreement for residential property just south of the railroad tracks on Wixom Road.

City officials have an accepted offer for the property at 216 Wixom Road, according to Tony Nowicki, assistant city manager. The property, which will eventually be torn down to begin the future Village Center, is expected to close within 30 days.

It will allow us to have a strong foothold on Wixom Road," said Nowicki, adding that the purchase will allow the city to have a greater say on what gets developed along Wixom Road.

City officials have currently obtained approximately 23 acres south of the railroad tracks that will eventually be developed by private developers into the Village Center. The city will be buying up other residential properties within the next few years to create a downtown Wixom.

The Village Center will be developed with quality construction with residential townhouses and retail space, he said. The goal of the Village Center will be to recreate Wixom's downtown that was lost in a fire in the late 1800s.

However, the project will follow the new urbanism concept of live/work space, he said. The area will slowly develop into a vital area for the community.

Nowicki would like the future Village Center to be a focal point where residents can gather and walk to retail stores. Senior citizens and other residents have expressed a need for a future downtown area for some time, he said.

"Empty-nesters want to stay in an area that is walkable," Nowicki said. "City manager Mike Dornan and city council recognize their needs and they're trying to satisfy them."

The Village Center will be unlike Novi's downtown project that was completed in 1998, which was constructed by one developer and is mainly retail based.

Wixom officials are now looking at other communities that developed downtown areas in recent years to learn from their success and their mistakes, he said.

Officials do not have a cost estimate of the future Village Center yet, he said. However, they want to be fiscally responsible by having a private developer pay for most of the cost.

The project is still in the planning stages and it will take years before residents will actually have a Village Center area to call their own, according to Nowicki. However, it will be an important part of Wixom when it is completed.



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## Summer Concert Series kicks off

By Diane Dempsey Deel  
STAFF WRITER

Walled Lake residents will have the chance to top their feet to timeless melodies as the 2002 Summer Concert Series begins Monday.

The 7:30 p.m. June 24 Skee Bros. concert held at Walled Lake Villa kicks off eight concerts sponsored by Walled Lake Parks and Recreation. All of the Monday evening concerts are free.

Mary Sheridan, parks and recreation manager, is pleased to have the Skee Bros. and other musicians perform in Walled Lake.

"We've had them before," Sheridan said about the Skee Bros., who play music popular of the '50s and '60s. "They're excellent. A lot of the bands we've had before, they're really good bands."

The hands were selected because they each offered a different genre for residents to appreciate.

The Dick Murphy Band (July 1) will perform Big Band music and the Hi-Lites (July 8) will entertain residents with popular music of the 40s and 50s. The Straw Hat Band (July 15) will entertain concert attendees with their patriotic rhythm with a little country flair and the Southern Knights (July 22) will live up to their name with country tunes. George Millsap (July 29) will bring Motown music to life, just as the Dixie Ramblers (Aug. 5) will turn the city into Dixie Land. The concert series will end with a little rock-n-roll as Ramos Rock (Aug. 25) jams.

"We try to book the music of what people like," Sheridan said. "We always want a mixture of bands from music of the '30s and '40s to the modern day. We want to please everybody."

People have a good time at the concerts. Sheridan said she is pleased for the whole family to enjoy.

"A lot of people clap and dance to the music," she said.

This concert series will be special since three of the eight concerts will be held at the gazebo in Riley Park, which is home to the Fosters Farm House.

"We have a beautiful gazebo," Sheridan said of the reason the park was chosen as a concert location. "It lights up at night and people can take their kids and let them play in the park while they listen to the concert."

She encourages residents to bring their kids and a picnic basket for family fun.

"It's an excellent way to start off the week and the summer," Sheridan said. "You can ask for a better time. Come out, enjoy, clap your hands and listen to the bands."

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## "Empty-nesters want to stay in an area that is walkable. City manager Mike Dornan and city council recognize their needs and they're trying to satisfy them."

Tony Nowicki  
assistant city manager

## Walled Lake reduces school budget by \$3.5 million

By Diane Dempsey Deel  
STAFF WRITER

The district's central office reduced staff by 50 percent, she said. "The central office employees in the Student Assistance department were also laid off. However, students who need help are being referred to outside youth organizations."

The Outside Center, which is used for fifth grade camp and other youth camps, was not closed even though it had been considered for closure to reduce the budget.

"They will be looking at offering the service differently," Moiz said. "They will be looking to make it more self-supportive. I've been working with the director to develop a business plan, so it's not so much in the red and to develop a bottom line deficit."

Twenty-two para-professionals were laid off from the district, according to Sandra Moiz, director of finances. However, some of the para-professionals were moved into other areas in the district.

Officials budgeted \$2.6 million for the new staff members, she said.

The transportation department also gained new drivers. Eight drivers will be added to the payroll to meet the needs of students who will be attending Northern High School. They will also pick up students who are choosing to attend the new high school.

The transportation department is also gaining 15 new buses that the district is financing at \$150,000 each year for the next five years, she said.

The district will be gaining some needed state revenue since they expect at least 100 new students outside the district to also attend Northern High School in the fall.

Sandra Moiz  
director of finances

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## Hospital begins \$27M expansion



Shown at the Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital groundbreaking ceremony are (l to r) Dr. Valnutis Valkevičius, interim president of the Barbara Ann Karamanos Cancer Institute, Manny Charach, Natalie Charach, Dr. Melvin Lester, DMC senior administrator and friend of the Charachs, and Robert Yellian, president and chief executive officer of Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital.

A new gift shop. The Smith Group is the architectural firm for the project. Edkin Skanska Inc. and minority-owned U.S. Brinker Co. will provide construction services and Grissini Metz will conduct site planning for the project.

The project will be completed in 2004. The construction will add approximately 44,000 square feet to the existing structure.

Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital is western Oakland County's only full-service hospital. Since that time, HVSH has grown and expanded in both its medical capabilities and size to meet community needs. This expansion has been made possible by the support received from employees, physicians, volunteers and the surrounding community.

## Cancer institute, treatment center dedicated at HVSH

On June 5, the Barbara Ann Karamanos Cancer Institute's Natalie and Manny Charach Cancer Treatment Center at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital (HVSH) was dedicated, celebrating the generosity and inspiration of the Charachs' substantial gift to the Barbara Ann Karamanos Cancer Foundation. Natalie and Manny Charach are residents of West Bloomfield and their philanthropy will strengthen cancer treatment programs throughout Oakland and Wayne counties assuring residents have access to leading-edge technology and expert care.

The gift will allow the Institute to continue its commitment to providing compassionate, technically advanced care for anyone having to battle cancer. The Charachs' gift will benefit radiation oncology at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Gerstenson Radiation Oncology Center and Sinai-Grace Hospital Radiation Oncology Center, along with other institute cancer research, treatment, education and outreach programs.

"When cancer strikes your family, it is extremely devastating. Whatever we can do to spare other families this anguish, is rewarding in itself," says Natalie Charach. "Irontally, the Charachs' had their first tour of the cancer center at HVSH on Sept. 11, 2001. "Obviously it was a gloomy day, filled with many uncertainties," says Manny Charach. "But when we had a chance to walk around and see the amount of leading cancer services and treatments offered in northwest Oakland County, we had a renewed sense of hope. We feel fortunate to support such a tremendous entity for cancer patients in our community."

The Charachs' have also donated treasured paintings by their late daughter, Janice and their son, Jeff, to HVSH to be displayed in the foyer. This beautiful artwork will comfort and ease the anxiety of patients and visitors, serving as a constant reminder that we need to care for the human spirit as well as the body. "Through the support of our community, we are able to enhance the quality of cancer care patients receive, helping them regain their lives," says Matthew J. Wawro, executive vice president of Karamanos Cancer Foundation. "From the moment I met Natalie and Manny, I knew that they were passionate about fighting cancer. The Karamanos Cancer Foundation is honored to have their commitment and support."

At HVSH the Charachs' gift has funded a Multiclad Collimator that will enhance radiation therapy provided by the hospital's linear accelerator. The Karamanos Cancer Institute began offering diagnostic and treatment services for cancer, including radiation therapy, infusion therapy and mammography at HVSH in 1999. "We are very grateful for the Charachs' gift, which will enhance cancer treatment for patients in our community," comments Robert Yellian, president and chief executive officer of HVSH and host for the dedication ceremony.

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### CONCERT SCHEDULE

- June 24 - Skee Brothers - Walled Lake Villa
- July 1 - Dick Murphy Band - Gazebo
- July 8 - Hi-Lites - Walled Lake Villa
- July 15 - Straw Hat Band - Gazebo
- July 22 - Southern Knights - Walled Lake Villa
- July 29 - George Millsap, Motown, R&B - Gazebo
- August 5 - Dixie Ramblers - Walled Lake Villa
- August 25 - Ramos Rock - The Boathouse (Market Days, 3 to 5 p.m.)

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**Community Events**

**Child Health Clinics**  
 DATE: Every Monday  
 LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1910 E. West Maple, Walled Lake  
 TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
 DETAILS: Free well-care service for pre-enrolled children to 3 1/2 years who do not have well-care insurance or Medicaid.  
 PHONE: (248) 926-3341

**Sounds of Summer**  
 DATE: every Thursday: June 20 (Village Top 40/Funk)  
 June 27 - Sheila Landis Trio (Jazz)  
 July 11 - Phonic Folders  
 July 18 - Cadillac Cowboys (Country)  
 Aug. 1 - Randy Yalin & The Soul Blues Blues)

Aug. 8 - The Millionaires (swing)  
 Aug. 15 - Novi Concert Band (brass), marches and show tunes  
 LOCATION: north lawn of the Novi Civic Center, Ten Mile Road between Novi and Tall roads  
 TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
 DETAILS: free concerts hosted by the City of Novi, sponsored by Providence Hospital and the Novi Historical Commission (Aug. 8 show), concerts will be held in the center if inclement weather  
 PHONE: (248) 347-0100

**Rep. Nancy Cassis Golf Dating**  
 DATE: Friday, June 21  
 LOCATION: Links of Novi  
 TIME: 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. registration, 10:00 a.m. Shotgun start, steak dinner/reception immediately following golf.  
 PHONE: For additional information, please call 248-348-5600 ext. 2365.

**Smoking Cessation Program**  
 DATE: Saturday, June 22  
 LOCATION: Novi Park; Providence Medical Center (Grand River & Beck)  
 TIME: 10 a.m.-noon  
 DETAILS: The Wellness Seminar, a two-hour session which combines the power of hypnosis and behavior modification. Participants learn to stop smoking without weight gain or withdrawal. The first 45 minutes of each session are free orientation. If the participant feels comfortable with the program, then they pay a one-time fee of \$59.  
 PHONE: (877) 345-5500

**Weight Reduction Program**  
 DATE: Saturday, June 22  
 LOCATION: Novi Park; Providence Medical Center (Grand River & Beck)  
 TIME: 1-3 p.m.  
 DETAILS: The Wellness Seminar, a two-hour session

which combines the power of hypnosis and behavior modification. Participants learn to lose weight by controlling overeating. The first 45 minutes of each session are free orientation. If the participant feels comfortable with the program, then they pay a one-time fee of \$59.  
 PHONE: (877) 345-5500

**American Cancer Society Third Annual Relay For Life**  
 DATE: Saturday, June 22 to Sunday, June 23  
 LOCATION: Novi Middle School  
 TIME: 10 a.m., Saturday to 10 a.m., Sunday  
 DETAILS: Team-based fundraising event. Participants will spend a full 24 hours walking laps on the track, socializing, picnicking, playing games, dancing, and participating in planned activities raising funds for the American Cancer Society. Teams of families, friends, co-workers, civic groups,

religious organizations and schools are a few of the community teams participating.  
 PHONE: For more information about organizing a team of your own, contact your American Cancer Society at 248-557-5353 or visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

**First Time Home Buyers Seminar**  
 DATE: Wednesday, June 26  
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 49175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi  
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 DETAILS: Will be hosted by Merlin and Mary Trausch from MerMax and Jeff Clatterbaugh from Wells Fargo. The value of having a team of professionals working for you to help you save money and get the best value in a new house.  
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 DATE: Wednesday, June 26

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Jeff Grosso, a skateboarding pro from Costa Mesa, California tries out Van's Skate Park's pool area last Friday afternoon.

**Van-tastic: Skatepark unveiled in Novi**

continued from front

the large, open street course. The course, of which a portion is sponsored by Ford Motor Company, was designed for skaters ranging from beginner to advanced and sports Finland Birch surfaced ramps.

It features many traditional outdoor elements skaters prefer, including bumps, rails, stairs and ramps.

"We asked people in the industry what they were looking for and they basically designed the park," Neutwyler said.

"The park is great," said Neal Hendrix, Vans-sponsored skateboard professional. "It is one of the best ones I've seen."

Although Hendrix spends most of his time on the vert ramps, he said he was very impressed with the street course.

It is spread out good," Hendrix said. "It is really modern and it has a good mix of everything kids are riding now."

A 5,000-square-foot outdoor concrete street course with small bowls is scheduled to open July 4. The park isn't only for riders either. Spectators are invited to enjoy the park as well. Viewing of all the skate areas is permissible from just about all the way around the park.

The Saturday, June 15 special-event grand opening brought many Vans Triple Crown Series pros to the park including Omar Hassan, Heath Pinter, Max Schaaf, Karma Tschoff, Robbe Moraes, Jeremiah Vauze and T.J. Levitt.

Neutwyler said Vans will be bringing a lot of events to the park like amateur skate contests and other happenings relating to Vans' Triple Crown Series and Vans' Warped Tour in the future.

The opening of the Novi location brings the total of Vans skateparks up to 12 and all are located in retail environments.

The 12 Mile Road and Cabaret Drive located park is open seven days a week and offers two-hour sessions beginning at 10 a.m. and concluding at 11 p.m.

Annual memberships are \$50 and session fees and equipment rentals are additional.

For more information, call (248) 449-3555.

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### Novi City Briefs

#### Cedar Point teen trip

Tomorrow is the City of Novi's "School's Out - Cedar Point Teen Trip." The Friday trip is offered to students older than 12 and a "buddy system" will be used to chaperone the teens at the park throughout the day. A charter bus will leave the Novi Civic Center at 8:15 a.m. and return about mid-afternoon. The cost is \$75 for residents and \$90 for non-residents, and includes transportation, admission to the park, chaperones and a treat bag. Seating is limited to the first 50 students to respond. For more information, call (248) 347-0300.

#### Novi chef receives scholarship

Certified Executive Chef Mary Brate was selected to receive the Women's Chef and Restaurateurs' Scholarship through the Culinary Institute of America Master Class to study French haute cuisine. The recipient of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro will travel to Napa Valley, Calif., in the fall for the five-day class titled "Francis: Seasonal Bistro and Professional Cooking." Brate said she

looks forward to learning about the flavors of Provence and incorporating them into the Novi bistro's recipes.

#### Fun for kids at Borders

Borders in Novi is holding a week of fun for kids of all ages. The week kicks off at 11 a.m. with Borders' Saturday story-hour titled "Lilo & Stitch's Hawaiian Luau." To celebrate the opening of Walt Disney Pictures' new imaginative, offbeat and whimsical animated comedy, "Lilo & Stitch," the store will have its own luau complete with fun stories, lei making and hula dancing. The excitement continues at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 24 with a Jedi Lightsaber demonstration and book signing. Nick Landis, author of "Shimmering Sword," will take a look at the Jedi Knight from a swordsman's perspective by delving into the "Star Wars" universe and comparing several cultures on Earth to the Lightsaber culture in Lucas films. The week of fun concludes Wednesday, June 26 at 7 p.m. with Borders' Explorers' Camp. This week, children will learn all about Oregon, Tim Yorliff, a registered art therapist and special educator, will be walking participants through the beginning steps of the

Japanese art of paper folding, Borders Explorers Summer Camp is every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and concludes Aug. 7. The camp is an extension of the Borders Explorers program — an initiative to encourage children to read.

#### Learn to skate

Registration is going on now for the Novi Ice Arena's Learn to Skate summer program. Although the first session has begun, it is not too late to register for the arena's second session. The workshop begins July 22 and runs through Aug. 14. The cost is \$45 and sessions are available 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Classes are 30 minutes long and include 15 minutes of practice time and free open skating. Those older than two years old are invited to participate. For more information, call (248) 347-1010.

#### Senior master games

Area residents older than 49 are invited to register for the Fifth Annual Oakland County Master

Games July 26 and 27. Participants will compete for medals in athletic events including volleyball, basketball free throw, 3-on-3 basketball, race walking, swimming, track and field, tennis and more. Events for both days start at 9 a.m. and will take place at Royal Oak Kimball High School. Those interested may register by mail only now through July 5. For more information or to request a

registration booklet, call (248) 858-4663. With the warm weather finally here, city officials want to remind all residents of Novi's Alternate Day Lawn Watering program. The program allows the watering of lawns and landscaping on even-numbered days for properties with an even-numbered address and on odd-numbered days for property with an odd-numbered street address. To determine if an address is even or odd number, refer to the last number in the street address. The Alternate Day Lawn Watering program was developed to ensure the city can provide water pressure to meet the domestic and fire flow requirements of all its customers.

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The Novi "Red Hat Society" plans to gather next month at Steve and Rocky's in Novi on July 2.

### Red and purple reign at Maples of Novi

By Angelo Parlove  
STAFF WRITER

Inspired by a call for crass taste, the senior citizen women of the Maples of Novi — a condominium community — have rallied together for the proud right to wear red and purple.

Digging deep into their closets for their preferred red hat and a clashing purple dress, the women of Maples have kicked off the Novi chapter of the new organization — or "disorganization" as it is fondly called — "The Red Hat Society."

"When I am an old woman I shall wear purple with a red hat which doesn't go, and doesn't suit me. And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves and satin sandals, and say we've no money for butter," wrote poet Jenny Joseph in her rallying cry, "Warning."

And with these words from Joseph's poem at their side — or in their pocket — the Novi group's charter members, 21 bold ladies, plan to meet the first Tuesday of each month in their rowdy get-up for tea and lunch at Novi restaurants.

"We want to do things our way. If we want to wear a red hat with purple, we're going to," said

Isabelle "Izzy" Seguin, a Novi resident and charter member of the Novi "Red Hat Society."

The red and purple bunch headed to the Maples of Novi restaurant on 14 Mile Road for their inaugural "disorganization" send-off on June 4.

There are no rules for the society except to boast the clashing garb in high spirits. There is no required duties other than to skirt responsibly — at least for one afternoon a month.

"We are just going to have fun," said Yvonne Balconi, a Novi resident and charter member of the Novi "Red Hat Society." "We're getting older, and we need all the fun we can get."

Balconi brought the idea for the "Red Hat Society" back with her from her home in Destin, Fla., where she was also a member.

"I enjoyed it so much down there," she said. "It is a way to meet a lot of new people."

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Angelo Parlove is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or aparlove@tt.homecomm.net.

**"We want to do things our way. If we want to wear a red hat with purple, we're going to."**

Isabelle "Izzy" Seguin  
Novi Red Hat Society charter member

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Six-S, Inc. is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a construction trailer at 3025-11-400-005 and 11-300-003 from the date of the meeting until November 26, 2002. 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 3:15 p.m. on June 26, 2002 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Department and must be received prior to June 26, 2002.

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This request will be considered at 3:30 p.m. on June 26, 2002 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Department and must be received prior to June 26, 2002.

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# Novi preschool gives parents a new look at their children

By Angelo Parlove  
LIVE AREA WRITER

The Novi Co-op Preschool reaches beyond the emotional and social readiness for seven-to-be kindergartners, offering parents a unique perspective on their growing children. The preschool program for 3- and 4-year olds gives parents new insight into the development of their children, as parents participate firsthand on their child's education. Each month, the moms and dads take on different classroom duties, such as taking care of class pets, indulging in daily activities, partaking in monthly field trips and editing the Novi Co-op preschool newsletter.

**"You can sit back and observe your kid interacting with other kids. You can observe their strengths and weaknesses."**

Karrie Nye  
Novi parent

and weaknesses. It's a unique perspective to gain."

The Novi Co-op Preschool is held at the Novi United Methodist Church on Ten Mile Road, with morning sessions for the 3-year-old students on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:15-11:30 a.m. and afternoon sessions from 12:30-3 p.m. The 4-year-old students meet for morning and afternoon sessions on Mondays.

Wednesdays and Fridays at the same scheduled times.

The preschool's educational foundation is a play-based curriculum, with the children building life skills through play.

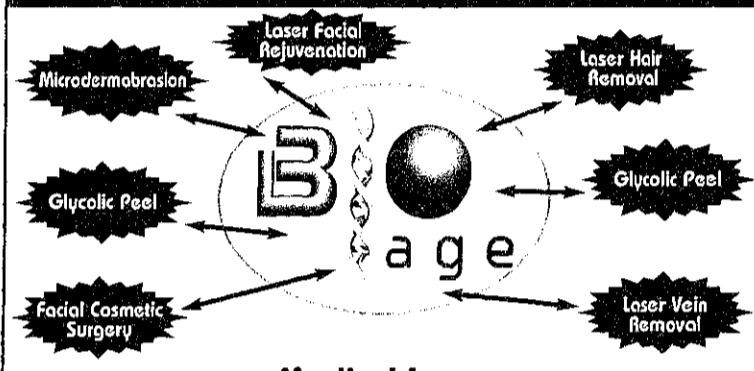
"Social skills, emotional skills and cognitive skills are enhanced through play," said Smith, who had been teaching at the Novi Co-op Preschool for five years.

Teaching lessons are based around thematic learning, with each classroom activity for the day, including art projects, writing, storytelling and singing, connected to a current topic, such as dinosaurs, trucks, farms and bubbles. A particular theme can last anywhere from a couple weeks to a month, depending on the children's collective interests.

"We choose themes on what the children are talking about and bringing in the classroom to share," Smith said.

Angelo Parlove is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108 or at [aparlave@live.com](mailto:aparlave@live.com).

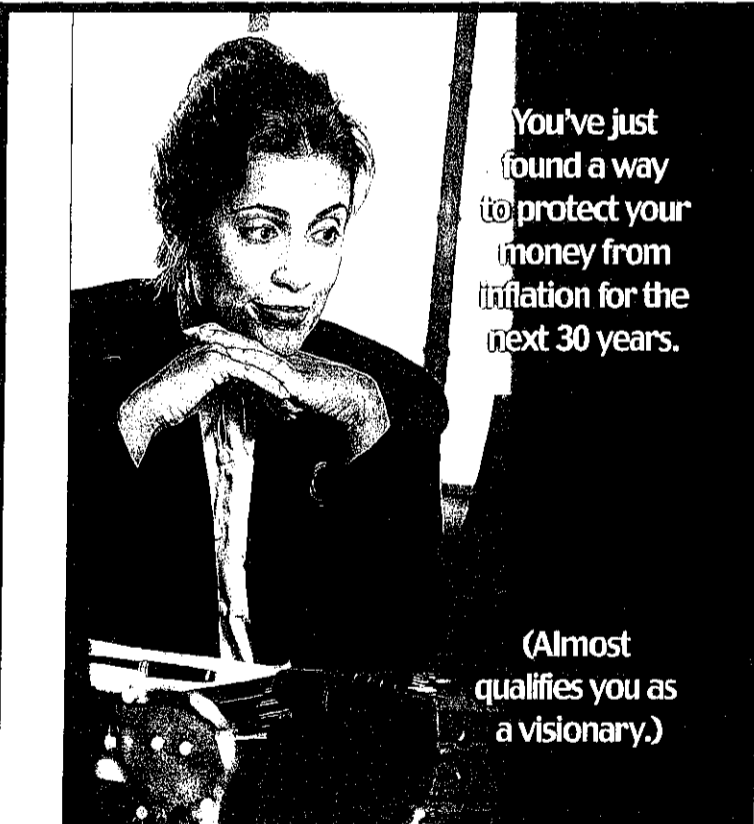
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## On Campus

Kristina Kennedy, daughter of Tom and Marie Kennedy of Novi, has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Notre Dame for outstanding scholarship during the spring semester. Kennedy, a 2000 graduate of Novi High School, will be a junior in the University's College of Arts and Letters, majoring in English.

Richard R. Harris, son of Susan Harris, Novi, has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Notre Dame for outstanding scholarship during the spring, 2002, semester. Harris, a 2000 graduate of Novi High School, will be a junior majoring in political science.

Novi residents, Daniel Bartok, Elizabeth A. Gatt, Mitchell James

Jabczenski and Stephanie L. Smith were among the graduates of Madonna University during the December 2001 commencement exercises.

Novi residents, Kelly N. Gatt, Rachel Sue McClanahan, Sarah J. McGlinnen, Patricia S. Rose, and Adriane G. Uiz were among the graduates of Madonna University during the May 2002 commencement exercises.

Novi residents, Ian T. Bedford, Lisa A. Bennett, Erika K. Beyer, Erica Carducci, Catherine Lee Chubb, Marie Davis, Jamie Beth DeWitt, Laurie J. Fannon, Jillian A. Fross, Kelly N. Gatt, Stephen M. Kurka, Angela Hart, Josephine R. Henderson, Ruth Ann Jirasek, Kerri A. Lisa, Jessica Marie LaFren,

Carolyn Elizabeth Lowry, Lisa C. Paladino, Alison K. Pigeon, Denise Louise Powell, Patricia S. Rose, Marjorie Irene Spellman, Elizabeth M. Sullivan, Christine M. Toronto, and Adriane G. Uiz were named to the Dean's List at Grand Valley State University for superior academic achievement during the past term at Madonna University.

Commerce Township residents, Daniel L. Aldred, Kelly L. Burt, Elizabeth B. Fowler, Karen L. McOscar, and Matthew R. Turney were named to the Dean's List at Grand Valley State University for the winter, 2002, semester.

Novi residents, Kyle S. Bailey, Amanda B. Carly, Melissa M. Dillon, Kristin M. Echols, Sarah A.

Hawthorne, Nicole L. Lindholm, Muriel K. Michalak, Andrew C. Nickels, Jennifer A. Ross, Crystal A. Rudolph, Justin D. Sterell, and Kristina E. Zaroczyński were named to the Dean's List at Grand Valley State University for the winter, 2002, semester.

Wixom residents, Jennifer L. Hutchens, Lisa M. Nauman, and Katherine M. Robinson were named to the Dean's List at Grand Valley State University for the winter, 2002, semester.

Novi resident, Erik Andrew Isele,

was named on the Dean's List of Lake Superior State University for the spring semester, 2002.

Commerce Township resident, Nancy Andrzejak was named to the Academic Achievement List for Stenna Heights University for the second semester, 2001-2002.

Novi resident, Arnon Lalungo was named to the Academic Achievement List for Stenna Heights University for the second semester, 2001-2002.

Achievement List for Stenna Heights University for the second semester, 2001-2002.

Commerce Township resident, Anne E. Still was named to the Dean's List for Stenna Heights University for the second semester, 2001-2002.

Novi resident, Colleen M. Lewis was named to the Dean's List for Stenna Heights University for the second semester, 2001-2002. Lewis is the daughter of Pat and Kevin Lewis of Novi. She was also named an All-American Collegiate Scholar.

Novi resident, Staci Riley was named to the Academic

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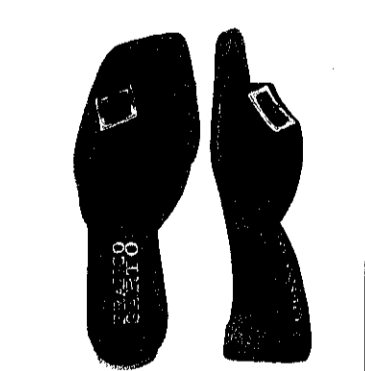
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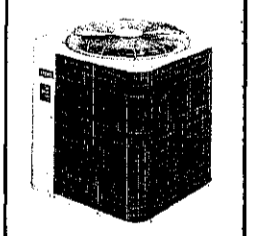
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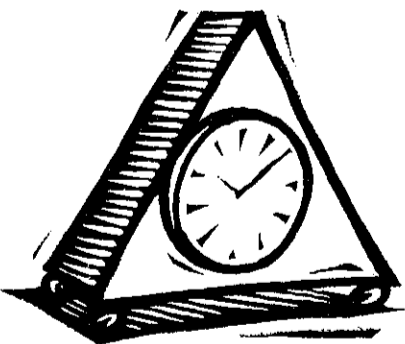
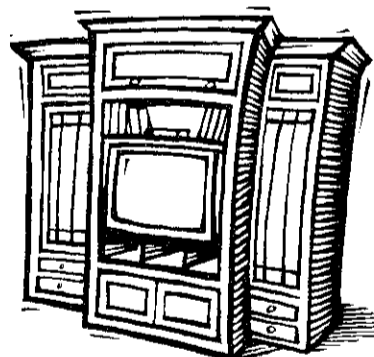
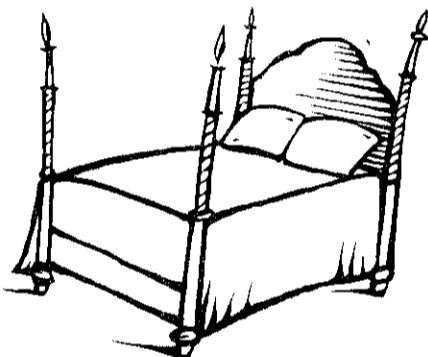
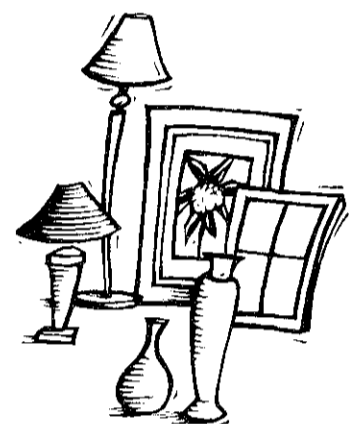
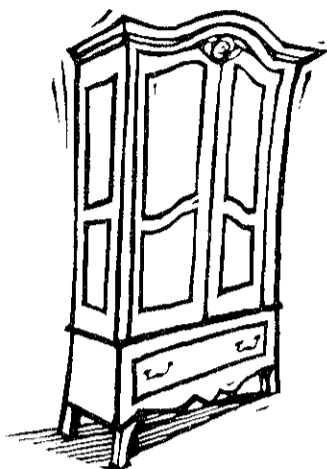
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## Obituary

### Wesley Ray Shahan

Wesley Shahan, 23, of Novi died June 5, 2002. He was born June 29, 1978. Mr. Shahan was the son of Randy and Mary Shahan, who survive him. Survivors also include his two brothers, Kirk and Aaron; his grandmother, Caroline Baker; and his grandfather, Ray Shahan. Preceding him in death were his grandfather, Leonard Baker and his grandmother, Eleanor Shahan.

A funeral service was held June 10 at Holy Family Church, Novi. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River Ave., Novi.

## Engagements



### Hines-MacFarlane

Nor's Lisa Hines and Scott MacFarlane announce their engagement. The bride-elect is the daughter of Anthony and Debra Hines of Carlisle, Pa. She is a 1994 graduate of Carlisle High School and a 1998 graduate of Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Public Communications. She holds degrees in broadcast journalism and history. She currently works as a news producer for WXYZ-TV/ABC, Detroit.

### Grabowski-Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Grabowski of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Grabowski to Michael Johnson. The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Novi High School and a 2000 graduate of Central Michigan University. She is currently employed with Northville Public Schools. The groom elect is a 1992 graduate from Loy Norrix High School, Kalamazoo and a 1997 graduate of Central Michigan University. He is currently employed with WFS Financial. A July wedding is planned.

The groom-elect is the son of Douglas and Barbara MacFarlane of Tucson, Ariz. Scott attended Highland High School, in Highland, New York and is a 1998 graduate of Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Public Communications. He holds degrees in broadcast journalism and political philosophy. He is currently employed as a news reporter for WWJ-TV (CBS), Detroit. A May, 2003 wedding is planned.

## Births

### Adam Benjamin and Hailey Elizabeth Reinke

David and Lori Rothenberg Reinke of Auburn Hills are proud to announce the birth of their twins, Adam Benjamin and Hailey Elizabeth, at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak on March 1, 2002.

Adam weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 22 inches in length, and Hailey weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 inches in length. Their proud grandparents are LaVerne and Evelyn Reinke of Novi, and Dr. David and Ellen Rothenberg of West Bloomfield. Great-grandmothers are Nettie Rothenberg of West Bloomfield, Corvynne Scheuer of Farmington Hills, and Alice Redwanz of Reese, Mich.

## Whikehart picked for NYLC

Rachael Whikehart of Novi has been selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC) from June 24 to July 4, Washington, D.C. The NYLC is a unique leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit. Whikehart will be among 350 outstanding students from around the country to attend the Conference.



R. Whikehart

The theme of the NYLC is *The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today*. Throughout the eleven-day Conference, Whikehart will interact with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media, and the international community.

"It's wonderful to see high school students like Rachael Whikehart seeking out the National Young

Leaders Conference in an effort to learn and take on leadership roles in communities throughout our country," said Michael Lasday, Executive Director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC), the organization that sponsors the NYLC.

To complement the schedule of special meetings and briefings, Whikehart will also participate in a number of leadership skill-building activities. The NYLC culminates with the *Model Congress*, in which scholars assume the roles of U.S. Representatives, and debate, amend and vote on proposed mock legislation.

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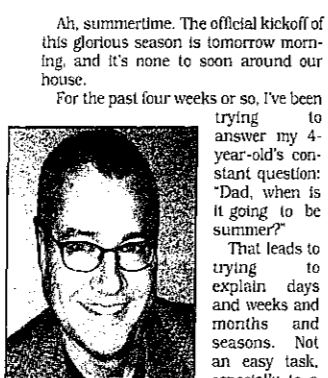
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Skatepark is summertime year-round



Cal Stone

Ah, summertime. The official kickoff of this glorious season is tomorrow morning and it's none too soon around our house.

For the past four weeks or so, I've been trying to answer my 4-year-old's constant question: "Dad, when is it going to be summer?"

That leads to trying to explain days and weeks and months and seasons. Not an easy task, especially to a child who, during our annual trek to Tennessee, asks "are we there yet?" before we even get out of our neighborhood.

So tomorrow I'll be able to say summer is here, and with it all the cool things that kids love to do - biking, baseball, swimming, tag, etc.

What's really weird is the last two towns I've worked in, Brighton and Grand Ledge, skateparks have been built. And there's talk of putting one up in Charlotte, where I live now. For us baby-boomers, it's like the unbelievably quick rise in popularity of soccer all over again.

Even if you're not into the sport, you owe it to yourself to go to Van's and check it out. You will be amazed at the athleticism and skill involved. This isn't just a hobby, folks. For the participants, it's a passion.

The great thing about Novi's new skatepark is the fact that it's indoors. So when my boy asks when it's going to be summertime, I can answer "now" year-round.

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LETTERS

Restaurant loses more than employees

I don't know who the powers that be at the Novi Red Robin are, but in my opinion, they should look into the competency of the person who decided to let go probably the sweetest waitress in the city of Novi, not to mention two other very fine servers, all of which my family and I have had the pleasure of being wadded upon over the past few years.

Michelle Mychek Novi small business owner & former waitress

Enough is enough

My neighbor just handed me a copy of "The Art of War" by Sun Tzu, dated 476 B.C. It was a gift from his son who works at the Novi Police Dept. He said it was a gift to me because he thought I would be interested in it. I am not a big fan of the book, but I did read it.

This is yet another bid to placate the exasperated folks who have to put up with the traffic on the street in front of their homes. We've had this problem for years. The Novi Police Dept. has issued the residents of South Lake Dr. a \$3,500 handwritten radar trap which they can use to determine what speed you're going so as to report those who go over the speed limit.

This is not a sign of police overkill. The Novi Police Dept. has issued the residents of South Lake Dr. a \$3,500 handwritten radar trap which they can use to determine what speed you're going so as to report those who go over the speed limit.

Len, it is your decision as to where you live. Just like it was your decision less than a year ago when you bought the house. Just like it was my decision 20 years ago when I looked at homes on South Lake Dr. and decided that having a road dirt at that time in the front yard wasn't right for my family and pets.

But they can be assured that I will not be deterred. You see, I like taking South Lake to get to that side of the lake. And while I do not have the perspective of the residents, I must say I really haven't seen this problem as one unique to South Lake. I go 25 mph, the folks behind me go 25 mph and the folks in front of me are going 25 mph. Yet

eventing. Our graduates 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.

It's important not to sensationalize all this. Thinking in terms of a gradient from good to bad might help.

The Michigan DNR is piously worried. Dr. Stanley O'Brien, a DNR veterinarian, told me that if the disease - a neurological progressive ailment hard to diagnose at the outset and always fatal to infected animals - gets into the Michigan deer herd, "the consequences could be horrible."

At a meeting earlier this month, the Michigan Natural Resources Commission banned supplemental feeding of deer in the four Upper Peninsula counties bordering Wisconsin. The NRC will likely ban deer feeding in the entire UP next year, while the Michigan Department of Agriculture has temporarily halted all

of summer to do what we're interested in to conquer.

There's also great day camping adventures that parents can sign their children up for at the local Consolidated Schools Outdoor Center. The camps are sponsored by the district's community education.

I know many students will already be planning great things to do with their time. I talked to Wallid Lake Western students last year who were planning everything from building homes for the needy to attending camps for the sport of their choice.

'Chronic wasting disease' poses threat to Michigan deer herd



Phil Power

It hasn't been in the headlines much so far, but I'd guess it will be in the near future.

It's called "chronic wasting disease," a fatal ailment that affects deer and elk.

The disease is caused by a mutation in something called a prion, a very primitive form of virus that also caused the "mad cow disease" that terrorized England and Europe a couple of years ago. In England, mad cow disease jumped the species barrier from cattle to humans, causing fatal brain lesions in around 100 people.

Nobody knows for sure just how the disease got from Colorado to Wisconsin; many blame anti-mules shipped in to "high fence" shooting preserves.

Michigan's out for summer? It doesn't take a rocket scientist to know that's what Wallid Lake and Novi district students were chanting "just week as they left school grounds."

However, I wish I was more productive during my out-of-school months. I encourage the younger generation to check out what's happening at their local libraries.

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Michigan is better off in facing this problem than other states. State government already has a disease-fighting plan in place as a result of trying to eradicate bovine tuberculosis, which broke out among the northern Lower Peninsula deer herd in the mid 1990s and has been largely confined to that region ever since.

But folks like the DNR and MUCC, already engaged in figuring out how to deal with this unexpected threat, need the support of a well informed public that is neither panicky nor blasé.

Phil Power is the Chairman of the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2206 or at ppower@homecomm.net.

GUEST COLUMN

M&MF unveils '02 entertainment lineup

When was the last time you got together with all your old high school buddies? If you're anything like me, it's been far too long. We'll give you a very unique opportunity on Friday, July 26 at our Takin' It to the Streets block party (otherwise know as the Music & Motor Fest).

The Entertainment Tent has more to offer than just Friday and Saturday, however. On Thursday, July 25, The Sun Messengers, an eight-piece, horn-driven R&B show band that plays everything from Motown classics and groove-heavy funk to big band and jazz standards will be on stage starting at 7 p.m.

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Rotarians: Teeing off

School students. The awards were given at a luncheon at the Novi United Methodist Church.

"We want people to go higher," said Mav Sanghvi, president of the Novi Rotary Club, on the new program, the 2001-2002 Most Improved Incentive Awards.

This is one of two premier fundraisers for the Novi Rotary Club each year, along with the Christmas fundraiser. In 2001, the golf outing raised more than \$12,000.

Also, a raffle is being held to win a set of custom golf clubs from Calltech in Novi. Raffle tickets are 65 each. To purchase a ticket, contact Calltech at (248) 305-5232.

The Novi Rotary Club is still seeking major sponsors. Door prize giveaways and company-sponsored prizes from local businesses. For a \$100 donation, a company can post its sign at a tee box or near a green.

Club awards \$1,000 in incentives to MHS students The Novi Rotary Club celebrated students on the rise last Thursday, as the club awarded \$1,000 in incentives to the most improved Novi High

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## Enhance the beauty, value of your home

To Dan Fiedler, owner of Buildscape, Inc. in Highland, the landscape is as much a part of the home as the home itself. With today's decks and patios the living area extends out into the yard and property like never before.

Buildscape and its Irrigation division, rainstorm irrigation, have specialized in residential landscape design and build services since 1974. We can handle the entire job from the initial design, to planting, deck and patio construction, irrigation, sod and boulder construction, basically we do everything outside the home in house. People like that. We create packages that work together. We've got our patios and walkways set into our hand piked plantings, watered by our irrigation system, surrounded by our hand laid sod on our grade. It's a system that works very well, said Fiedler.

Fiedler runs his family business with sons Nick and Joe. Nick and right hand man Tom Collins work full time and do everything very well while Joe works within rainstorm irrigation.

Their goal is to create harmony between the design of the home, the landscaping and its decks. With a strong background in nursery work, Dan Fiedler favors a natural approach to landscape design. While designing plans he looks to enhance the home's natural setting, "as if the landscape was already there and the house

was dropped in," he commented.

To accomplish this, he favors rolling landscape areas that add character. It's also important to place plants, trees and bushes in uncrowded, natural arrangements to maximize proper growth, he adds.

Fiedler notes that he and his sons view each job as a work in progress, working hand in hand with the customer. Many homeowners also realize that an expert landscape job tremendously enhances the value of their home.

"We have documented evidence that quality landscapes will return \$2 in equity for every dollar spent, and a couple jobs returned at a 5-1 ratio. We do need some financial latitude to go for that 5 to 21 ration though," says Fiedler.

"We don't do production jobs, each job is a creation," he said. "I like working one on one to develop something."

Because he works on site, changes and additions can be handled immediately without any hassles. It also ensures that the project turns out exactly the way the customer wants it. Providing top customer service is an important part of the job. So much so, that he can often count many customers as friends, once the projects are complete.

And when it comes to Buildscape, you don't get a hired employee working on the project, you get family. The reputation of



The Buildscape crew at one of their work sites.

their family name puts a source of pride in their workmanship. We don't just send out a crew, we sent

Fiedlers. "It's a privilege and pleasure to work with my sons," Fiedler says. "We spent a lot of time together while they were growing up and now we work together all day. It just doesn't get any better."

Together they've achieved numerous awards. In the past three years they've received four landscape design awards and eight awards for residential landscape construction from the Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association.

"I have a number of friends in the landscaping business. I highly respect that they have won these same awards," Dan said, discussing his honors. "I am very grateful and honored to be considered the same league with them."

He also works hand in hand with longtime friend, Scott Diersley, who owns S&S Landscape. We've been friends and doing business together for years. Like us, he's a family business.

"Diersley is the best brick paver man around here, period," said Fiedler. "Anything I design he does perfectly every time."

He warns that when it comes to

landscape projects and bids, be cautious of someone promising a very low price. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. When it comes to quality work in landscaping, you get what you pay for, he believes.

Dan Fiedler is a lifelong resident of Highland, and founder of the company that he's operated for 28 years.

For complete residential landscaping Dan Fiedler of Buildscape, Inc. can be contacted



Dan Fiedler, owner of Buildscape, at his office.

Photos by HAL GOULD



Dan Fiedler and employees near some of the Buildscape fleet.

## Your money matters

By Lori BahnmueLLer  
MICHIGAN CREDIT UNION LEAGUE

My neighbors down the street are moving. Before I saw the "For Sale" sign, I knew something was up because they spent a significant amount of time sprucing up their home's exterior as well as the yard. They repainted the trim, added window planters full of flowers, fertilized the entire lawn and trimmed the hedges. They are normally good about maintaining their home but this time they went the extra mile.

As my husband and I have never sold a home, I was interested in knowing my neighbors' strategy.

They learned from their agent that selling a home is just like marketing any other product: The better the marketing effort, the better the outcome in terms of activity and offers.

They willingly shared with me that selling their house involved a number of steps and that they were presently working toward the goal of "curb appeal." This intangible, subjective quality sup-

posedly makes the buyers want the house so much from the time they drive up in front that they are willing to look inside and even come up in price to get it.

According to their agent, curb appeal is the buyers' first impression of a home for sale. The exterior sets the tone and influences them to either drive past or go inside for a more thorough look. Usually if the buyers fall in love with the exterior, they will look more favorably upon what they find inside.

"National Association of Realtors' studies show that over half the homes on the market are sold before the buyer even gets out of the car," said Carlo Gobba, Realtor with Century 21 Associates in Royal Oak. "This is a fact most people don't realize."

He said getting a home in "show" condition is the first step in disarming buyers to start thinking emotionally instead of practically. This tactic of building desire within the buyers to own and live the lifestyle the exterior their home appears to advertise helps sway their decision to go

inside. The obvious thing my neighbors soon realized in the home selling process is that sellers and buyers are opposite. One wants to sell the house for as much as possible while the other wants to buy for as little as possible. The key is for both to meet in the middle.

Another aspect about home selling is the importance of preparation and competition on the part of the sellers in getting their house ready.

Gobba said how a home presents itself from the road can make or break the sale so it's vital that the sellers take an objective assessment of the home's overall appearance, features, amenities and other necessary considerations.

My neighbors showed their agent every nook and cranny of their house - inside and outside - and with his help, brainstormed to determine the required improvements, changes, additions or deletions before putting the sign in the yard.

This appraisal and recommendation session outlined the most

cost-effective ideas for enhancing curb appeal as well as making the most of their home's interior presentation. They began with a thorough cleaning and de-cluttering.

"Not only is cleaning a house common sense but it also makes the home look more inviting and well cared for," said Gobba.

He added that removing clutter should be a noticeable part of the cleaning process and that extra items in the home which can't be thrown or given away should be placed in temporary storage for safekeeping.

"Eliminating clutter benefits the seller two-fold: the rooms seem larger and the buyers can better imagine themselves as the new owners of your home," said Gobba. "For example, sellers should remove half of the contents of the home's closets so buyers can see how large they are - or appear to be."

"Putting family photos away also helps buyers see your home as their home because there's less of the sellers' presence."

Gobba further advises sellers to consider the outlays of time,

money and energy they could choose to afford or put forth in their approach and execution. Consider first the return on investment before expending too much time and expense.

Home repairs are another important factor in preparing a home for sale as they eradicate buyers' objections.

"Sellers should fix whatever they can, even bring in a professional when necessary," Gobba said. "Resolving problems at this point is better than having to take care of them after the inspection."

In addition to the cleaning, de-cluttering and repairing, my neighbors also had to consider the competition. Spring and summer are the prime home selling seasons and their agent worked with them to set their home apart from the others on the market. While part of this would be his job in advertising and showing it to other agents, my neighbors worked hard to do what they could, hence their increased activity and improvements to their yard and home's

exterior. "Sellers should consult with their agent to determine what the home needs to stand out," said Gobba. "Aim for tasteful pizzazz when possible because it may make all the difference."


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## Crashing the party

This is the time of year that many a graduate will have their very own parties in hopes of seeing all of their family, friends and loved ones for the last time before they hit the big college scene.



Sam Eggleston

It is at these parties that they are able to smile and greet each and every individual before partaking in small-talk and light conversation all the way around their party with people that they don't ever remember meeting or being related to.

For an athlete, one of the best things they may have at their party is a scrap-book with all of the articles that highlighted their play or had a picture of them — I guess when all is said and done, that is how I make my appearances at the parties.

Though my face is rarely one that someone may see at a grad-

uation party, my words are present at many of them across Northville, Novi and Walled Lake this season. And all though people may not be able to shake my hand, they get to read the articles that I have written and the photos that our very own John Heider was able to snap this year.

For years to come, parents, friends and family may flip open that scrap book and read the words that I wrote. These are words that may be read long, long after I have forgotten that I even wrote them. Same with the photos — how strange it must be to see a photo that you took 10 years ago and wonder what was going through your head at that very moment. I know that it is strange for me to read things that I wrote last year or the year before that and wonder why I chose to spin those words that particular way.

It does my heart good to know that I may have helped make someone smile or relive a particular moment in their athletic careers. It makes me happy to

know that all though I am not there in person, I am at most athlete graduation parties in spirit and on paper.

Every article that is clipped out and saved is a small part of me that made it from my thoughts onto paper for the world to read.

I just want to say thank you to all of the athletes that have graduated this year for allowing me to come to your houses, your parties and your scrapbooks. I hope that you enjoy the things that I have written for some time to come.

Heck, maybe someday your kids will read those articles and enjoy the words I wrote about their mother or their father.

Thank you for having me at your graduation party. Be glad that I am there on paper and not in person — it saves on the grocery bill that way.

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## Novi has firm hold on HomeTown tennis picks

By Sam Eggleston and Steve Bell  
SPORTS WRITERS

The Kensington Valley Conference alone has some of the top-notch tennis players of this area and when the Western Lakes Activities Association is added to the mix, you pretty much have an all-star cast. Pluck one or two players off of each team in the coverage area of HomeTown East and it is quite possible that you could put together a state-championship caliber team from them.

### SINGLES

— Player of the Year —

Brian Schubert  
Milford  
sophomore

After two varsity seasons it is safe to say that Schubert is the best player in school history. He's the only Milford player to have reached the state championships, where he made the quarterfinals of Division 4. Schubert was the KYC champion at first singles and regional runner-up.

"What a spectacular season he had," Milford coach Rich Kynast said. "The nice thing about Brian is he plays the same against the kids he should beat easily as he does against the tougher competition. It's very easy in tennis to play to the level of your oppo-

nent. But he up to his own level." Which is a pretty high level indeed. A phenom as a freshman, Schubert was even better the second time around.

"The most improvement has come in his first serve, which was helped by Brian gaining some height and 10 or 15 pounds and working on the mechanics of it," Kynast said. "It's gone from a non-factor into a weapon."

Kynast doesn't take much credit for the success of his star player.

"I mostly fill out the lineup card and tell him, 'See you in 30 minutes,'" he said half-jokingly. "And sometimes his matches are

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## Wildcats get fair share of All-Area soccer squad

By Sam Eggleston and Steve Bell  
SPORTS WRITERS

When a sports writer gets very, very lucky, they get to write about the amazing abilities of amazing athletes. This soccer season for the girls' was no exception to the amazing potential that our schools have to offer. With this line-up, we are pretty sure that we would have been looking at a state title, but even the best fall sometimes — right? Here are our selections for the best in our coverage area:

### — Player of the Year —

Larissa Fill - Senior  
Northville

Wow. What more is there to say about a player like Larissa Fill? She is a player that has collected so many goals throughout her career that she leads the Northville Mustangs in goals scored in the history of the girls' program. Coach Ron Meteyer noted that it may well take two players to make up for the loss of this senior. A hard-nosed player, Fill made her impact on the very successful Mustang season as she tallied goal after goal after goal to lead them on an almost-undefeated regular season before taking the reins and pushing her team to play to the best of their abilities until they fell to the Stevenson Spartans, who was also the only team to stop the Stangs in the regular season, to end their playoff run.

Lindsey Miglio - Junior  
Northville

The first thing that most people would notice about Lindsey Miglio is her ability to be the surprise X-Factor in a game. While her teammate, Larissa Fill, was being shadowed by two or more defenders, Miglio would find a way to notch the goal for the Mustangs. With the



Nikki Herman is one of the Wildcats named to the All-Area Soccer team.

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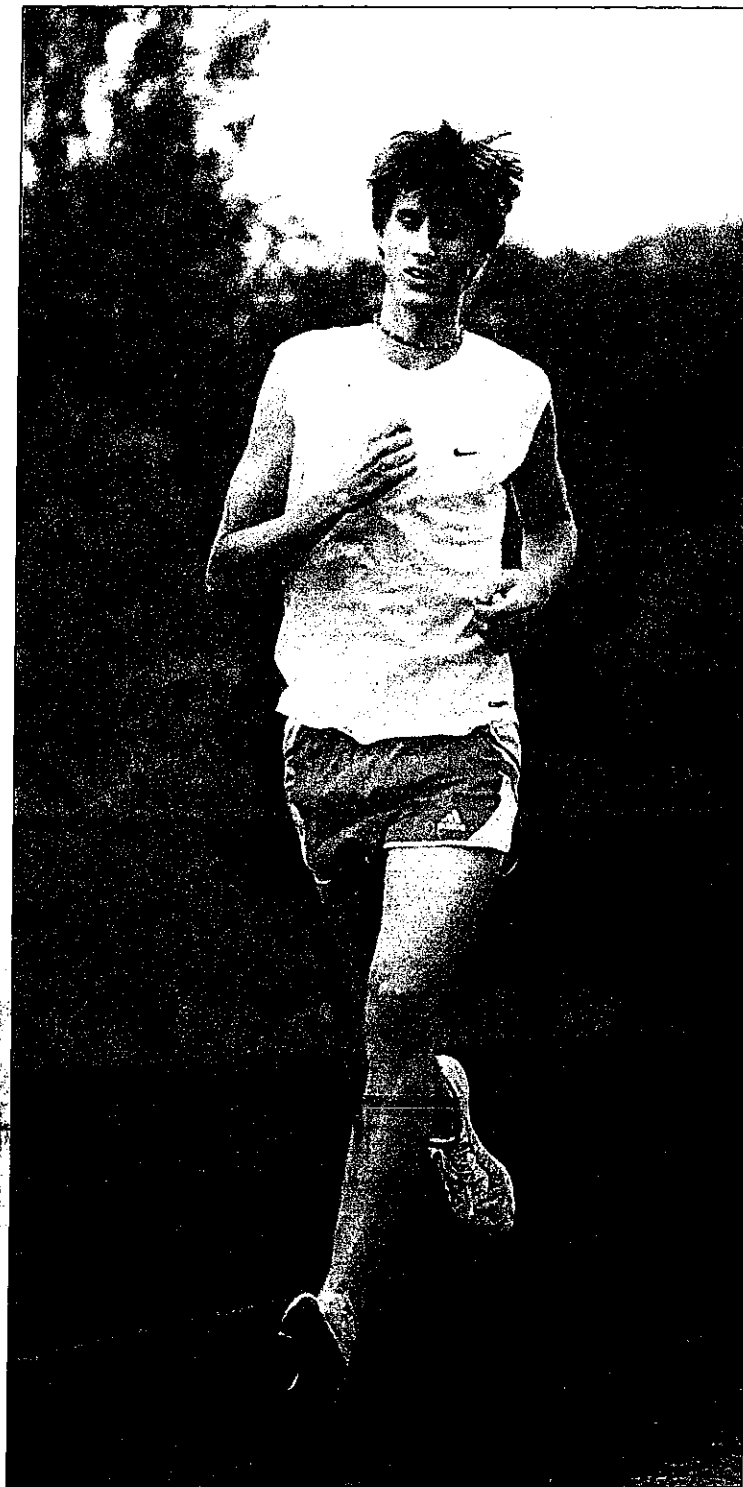


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Tim Moore runs on Novi High's track last Wednesday morning. Two days later he traveled to North Carolina to run in Nationals, where he took third in the two-mile run.

## Third best in the United States

Moore runs career-best 3200-meter time

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Tim Moore said he would do it in his high school career — and he did. No, Moore didn't go out and set the national or state record in the two-mile track and field event, nor did he prove to be the best of the best at the Adidas National Outdoor Track and Field Finals June 15, but he did say that he was going to turn in a sub-nine-minute 3200-meter run and that was exactly what he did.

"We interchange the words 3200-meter run and two-mile all of the time," Moore's coach Bob Smith said. "The truth is there is a bit of a difference. They had to start the kids about 30 meters back from the traditional start line to get the full two miles in."

Moore came out and ran the race he knew he was capable of doing as he took third place with a time of 9:01.50 behind a very tough senior Bobby Lockhart of West Virginia (8:59.19) and Chris Solsnsky of Wisconsin (8:59.2). The trio were also one, two, three in Orlando, Florida earlier this year in the Footlocker National Cross Country Championships, which Moore won with Lockhart in second place and Solsnsky in third.

"It was a really good race," Smith said. "It was evenly matched all the way down the line. It was just a whole slug of all-stars meeting at once finally."

Moore, being used to running the 3200-meter run at the high school level, was timed for that run as well, which found him setting the Novi High School record with an impressive time of 8:58.22.

"That was one of his goals," Smith said. "He was true to form this time. He was getting oh-so-close, but just couldn't get it. This time, he broke into the sub-nine-minute times, which is a record that may very well stand forever."

Moore's finish has also given him yet another All-American title as the top-six finishers in each event were awarded the status.

"Tim has been an All-American every time he has run at the national level," Smith said. "He took fourth in this very meet last year for his first time at the national level and was named All-American and now he did it again in his last time running at this level."

For Coach Smith, this signals the end to something great.

"I am proud of him," Smith said. "A coach couldn't be prouder of him. He represented our school with more pride, dignity and class than he could ever imagine."

Smith said that Moore has never let it get to his head though.

"For a high school athlete to succeed at the level that Tim does, there is always the possibility of becoming egotistical," he said. "Tim shied away from the behavior, in fact it is just not in his character at all. He isn't in it for the fame or the glory, he's in it because he likes to race."

And to watch Moore leave now, Smith said it is much the same feeling as what it may be like when his daughter, Sam, graduates and goes to college.

"I have gotten to know Tim on a rather personal basis," Smith said. "Everything about him is first class. It is just like he is one of my sons. Barry and Nancy Moore should be oh-so-proud of that young man."

And Smith noted that Moore has not only been an inspiration for him and the teams he plays for, but also generations of long-distance runners to come.

"Runners don't always get due recognition," Smith said.

"It is always nice for anyone who runs to get recognized for their accomplishments. When they are recognized, it improves the whole program."

# MacDonald named to Super Team

By Sam Eggleston  
SPECIAL WRITER

It is hard to imagine being one of the top candidates for Miss Golf and not being able to grasp that title. For Kate MacDonald, that's what happened. Instead of being named the best golfer of 2002 by the Golf Coaches' Association, she was instead named to the Super Team — an elite group comprised of the best-of-the-best across the state.

MacDonald fell out of the running when the Coaches' Association chose Flint's Jenna Walter as the top player in the state of Michigan.

You wouldn't even know that she had been in the running for the top title when you talk to MacDonald.

**"As a coach you are always pulling for your own player. I don't know what the other individual is like, but I know Kate's character. We all do. For us, she is Miss Golf."**

Trish Murray  
Northville Golf Coach

MacDonald's already and it always has been.

"As a coach you are always pulling for your own player," Murray said. "I don't know what the other individual is like, but I know Kate's character. We all do. For us, she is Miss Golf."

Heck, MacDonald already knows her immediate future is set. She has a full-ride scholarship to Grand Valley State University, under the guidance of coach Lori Stinson, where she

will get to compete in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletics Conference and against some very stiff golfing competition — but that's what she wants.

"It is going to motivate me to work harder on my game," MacDonald said of the competition at GVSU. "If I am going to excel at stuff I have to have that competition. I need new experiences and new opportunities. I am really looking forward to it, looking forward to the chal-



Northville's Kate McDonald hits off the green last Friday morning at Farmington Hill's Glen Oaks golf course. MacDonald didn't get the title of Miss Golf, but she was named to the elite Super Team for Michigan by the golfing coaches association.

lenge."

MacDonald has always found herself to play better under pressure.

"I find that I play better when I play with better people," she said. "The better the competition, the better I play. I guess I just rise up to where others play."

MacDonald also noted that she can't wait to learn the tricks of the trade at the next level under Stinson.

"She's a riot," MacDonald said.

"She is just great. I went up to watch them play in the nationals and got to go out and eat with Coach Stinson and the team. It was amazing. I just can't wait to be a part of it."

But MacDonald knows that to play with the best, one has to keep in mind that practice makes perfect. Even she thinks there are parts to her game that could use some tweaking.

"I would have to say my putting," she said when asked what

she wanted to improve this season. "That and I am definitely going to be working on my game as a whole. It's not just the putting or the drives. If you want to have a good round, you have to bring your whole game."

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# Novi youth baseball league has goals already set

By Brian Doyle  
SPECIAL WRITER

The Novi Youth Baseball League got underway earlier this month. The league is comprised of over 500 players in six different age groups and provides kids an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of baseball and develop their talents and teamwork.

"Our goal is to provide a fun and equitable environment for (kids) to play competitive baseball," League president Bill Borto said.

The league has kids ranging from seven to 18 years of age. The youngest division is the Pinto division which contains 12 teams. The Pinto division is a non-competitive, instructional league. The nine and 10-year-old Mustang division is currently the most popular with 14 teams. Both of these two divisions are reaching maximum capacity as the city of Novi grows.

"We're starting to reach our growth limits, given our current facilities," Borto said.

The league also contains a Bronco division with three teams, and a Colt and a combined Colt/Palomino team. The Bronco division is made up of 11- to 12-year-olds. Pony of 13-14, Colt of 15-16, and the combined team of

players who are 15-18 years of age.

The Bronco, Pony, Colt, and Colt/Palomino teams compete in inter-city play with other local cities.

The league is a completely voluntary organization and is made possible by over seventy volunteer coaches.

"When you consider most everybody works, your grateful that people are willing to volunteer their limited free time for the kids," Borto said.

The team is affiliated with the PONY Baseball organization which stands for Protecting Our Nations Youth.

"Our League believes in the PONY mission," Borto said.

The league has games running Monday through Friday of the week at two fields. The games are held at either Power Park behind the Civic Center or at the Community Sports Park at 8 mile road and Sapler road.

"Any given day of the week, you're likely to catch a Novi youth baseball team," Borto said.

The upper divisions also play games in other cities. The Bronco division is combined with seven Northville teams to make up a

## Novi Youth Baseball League

thirteen team league. The Pony division plays against teams from Farmington, South Lyon, and Northville.

The Colt division plays against three teams from Waterford, three from the Lakes area, two from Commerce, one combined Novi/Lake area team, one Birmingham team, two Farmington teams, and one team from Franklin.

The Colt/Palomino takes on teams from Commerce, the Lake Area, Farmington, Clarenceville, Wayne, Garden City and Livonia.

The league combines with other cities because as kids get older they begin to play fewer sports and have many other activities going on.

"They start to specialize and concentrate on fewer sports," Borto said. "That's when the attention comes in all of the sports."

In the younger divisions, kids have a whole lot of activities to choose from so the League tries to accommodate kids who play more than one sport during the summer.

"Because of the number of other competing or alternative sports we try within our league to be as flexible to kids participating in those sports as possible," Borto said.

While the League activities provide structure to it's partici-

pants. Borto expressed concern that the many activities available to youth today could be overwhelming them.

"I think you can sometimes give a kid too much structure," Borto said. "I'm wondering if they are getting enough free time to play informally as we did in our youth."

The League is also an affiliated travel baseball division, the Novi heat comprised of seven different travel teams.

As Novi's population increases, the league is also trying to work with the Novi Parks and Recreation to meet the demand.

"Within the next couple of years we're probably going to need an additional park facility and/or upgrades," Borto said.

The League is also helped out by team sponsors which help to offset a small portion of costs. Most of the contributions come from business owners who live in Novi who have kids in the league.

"We solicit sponsorships to keep our league fees more affordable," Borto said.

The league will wrap up its season in their annual picnic on Saturday, July 27. At that picnic,

some of the younger leagues will participate in an all-star game while some other leagues will be competing in tournament play. For the all-star games, three to five players are selected from each team and represent their team at the game.

The League keeps an open door policy to suggestions, complaints, and criticisms.

Borto said, "We try to make sure that (the kids) experience in the Novi Youth Baseball League reinforces and nurtures their desire to play baseball."

Anyone interested in joining the Novi Youth Baseball League Organization can contact Bill Borto at 380-8048.



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# Headed for Virginia Military Institute

By Sara-Beth O'Connor  
SPECIAL WRITER

Eight years ago Kelley DeNeen, a recently graduated Novi High School senior, started to play a sport that would travel with him through middle school and high school. Lacrosse has been a major part of his life and will continue to be when he plays for the Virginia Military Institute this fall.

because they live down the street from each other. They will share the memories of playing lacrosse for the Wildcats.

DeNeen played goalie for the Novi High School Lacrosse Varsity team for three years. His most memorable moment with the lacrosse team was winning Most Valuable Player his sophomore year. Supporting DeNeen the entire way have been his parents, Brian and Linda DeNeen.

"My brother got me interested in the sport," said DeNeen. Chris, his older brother of three years, showed DeNeen the game when he was in fifth grade and he was hooked from there. DeNeen started playing with his fellow classmates who continued playing with him through his senior year.

"They go to every game and buy me new equipment when I need it," said DeNeen. They have been there for me."

Now that the lacrosse season is over, he misses playing with his teammates that he has been playing with for the past eight years.

"There were 19 seniors on the team," said DeNeen. One of these seniors was DeNeen's very close friend Tyson Frantz.

"I've known him for as long as I can remember," said Frantz.

"The boys met when they were playing youth soccer together and became friends. The boys usually hang out with their girlfriends or practice lacrosse. Frantz enjoys DeNeen's sense of humor.

"He can be a goofy guy," said Frantz.

Although they are not going to the same college, they play on staying in touch, especially

for DeNeen when he did adjust because the teachers made it fun. His favorite teacher was Mr. Bob Saxton who taught A.P. environmental science.

"He was always excited to be teaching," said DeNeen, "and he was funny."

DeNeen had fun in his classes. He even found a way to incorporate lacrosse with his classes. In his public speaking class he did a demonstration speech on playing the game.

Next year DeNeen will find himself readjusting to a whole new group of people at the Virginia Military Institute where he received an academic scholarship. He will trade in his years of being a Wildcat and become a Keyet.

"In college I will be able to meet new people and play lacrosse for four more years," said DeNeen. "I hope to better myself mentally and physically."

He will be majoring in economics and business.

In 10 years DeNeen sees himself back in Michigan doing some sort of desk job making more money than he knows what to do with.

Sara-Beth O'Connor is an intern for the Northville Record and the Novi News. Comments can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.



Vipers have a venomous bite, win title

The Novi Ice Vipers carved some points out of the ice of a very cold arena as they skated to the West Championships of the Pepsi Showdown for the Squirt Division Hockey team. The team, coached by Michael Hart, was more than happy to stop and pose for all of their adoring fans after the hard-fought victory.

Pictured from left to right: Front row: Cooper Nye, Kyle Wozniak, Justin Antolec, Jonathan Hart, Kristler Eric. Second row: Kevin Marson, Collin Anglin, Nicholas Bageris, Alan Hencer, Brian Kosinski. Third row: Andy Wozniak, Michael Hart, Lucas Garcia, Jack Hicks, Connor Enisco, Scott Hicks, Michael Bageris and Mark Marson.

# All Area Tennis: Wildcats pretty much dominate

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over in less than 30 minutes, which is just brutal. His dad (Lakeland girls' coach Gerhard Schubert) was a teaching pro, so Brian grew up in tennis clubs. By the time he was 7 or 8 I'm sure he could rally against the wall. It's hard to grasp the number of balls he's hit compared to the other kids on the team, most of whom didn't pick up a racket until "high school." So my main thing is to keep him focused during matches and make sure we schedule quality opponents to keep him sharp."

Though a younger player with the Wildcats, Rungta proved that his ability is well above his years. A determined and dedicated netter, Rungta is going to be a prime piece of the puzzle next season as the Wildcats are aimed for by every team in the KVC. Expect to not only see this player repeat his performance from this season, but perhaps even exceed it.

Look for their performances to be repeated next season as both gritty competitors look to lead the competition in hopes of notching a berth into the state tournament. If anyone is capable of notching a regional win to earn a flight entrance into the coveted tourney, these Wildcats definitely are. Expect them to be one of the toughest teams in the KVC next season and beyond.

This year, the Mustangs found themselves with a very competitive and very talented doubles team in Tom Gavin and Brian Benseette. Though one-half of the duo won't be returning next season, the Mustangs will no doubt gain from the experience that Benseette gained from working with his top-shelf partner. Though Gavin will be missed in 2003, his experience and knowledge of the game should be carried on in the quality play of

Benseette.

**Aaron Storey, Senior**  
**Josh Martens, Senior**  
**Milford**

On a team which succeeded largely on the depth of its doubles play, Milford's third singles team of Aaron Storey and Josh Martens ended up with the best record.

"They did a terrific job," Kynast said. "Aaron is a consistent server and Josh never gets flustered."

He's one of the best point finishers we've got."

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### Suraj Ramachandran Novi Junior

This Novi Wildcat was one of the players that was responsible for notching a Kensington Valley Conference title for the Novi Wildcats tennis team this season. His quick feet and ability to think on the go helped him become one of the fiercest competitors on the team. No doubt Coach Jim Hanson will be looking to utilize this particular player's abilities and leadership qualities come next season as the Wildcats look to repeat at the KVC top-spot.

**Vashal Rungta Novi Sophomore**

### Andrew Laskowski Novi Junior

Andrew Laskowski showed what it meant to be relied on this season as his huge win in the KVC title tournament helped propel the Wildcats to a conference title as they downed Brighton and the rest of the KVC gang. Coach Jim Hanson will no doubt be looking for Laskowski to bring plenty of senior leadership to the court next year as he helps lead the Wildcats to a repeat performance — and perhaps above and beyond what 2002 brought them.

**DOUBLES**

**AJ Sansom, Junior**  
**Joe Lynch, Junior**  
**Novi**

And they are going to be back next season, that's the impressive thing. This flight was pretty much money each and every match — the ones they didn't win were to some of the best teams across the state of Michigan.

**Tom Gavin, Senior**  
**Brian Benseette, Sophomore**  
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Another doubles team that will find one leaving via graduation

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# All-Area: 'Cats get share of soccer

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graduation of the sharing starts from this season. Michigan going to be looked at to step up and fill some very big shoes as the Mustangs hope to have a repeat season and an even better post season in 2003.

**Lindsay Dunnead - Senior Northville**

Before most seniors could even think about where they really wanted to go to college, Northville senior Taylor Jarreau Dunnead already had her sights on signing the dotted line on a letter of intent to attend the soccer program at the University of Michigan. Dunnead was a soccer player in her previous years at Northville, but she decided to go to Michigan because she loved the game and she wanted to play for a top program. Dunnead collected 36 goals and 21 assists for 57 points this season. "I'm talking for two seasons to go to Michigan as well as having 37 assists for a very impressive 106 total points. And guess what else she's only a sophomore. The Wildcats and coach Brian O'Leary must be rubbing their hands together with a greedy grin on their faces knowing the impact that Dunnead is going to have on the Washtenaw Valley Conference and the post-season next year."

**Nikki Herman - Sophomore Novi**

What is it with these young ladies and Wildcats? As though she were helping signal a potentially amazing season next year and the year after, Herman collected 20 goals and 20 assists this season to help the Wildcats earn recognition in the KVC and in the playoffs. She is a tough player with a lot of grit who will be one of the major factors in next season's win-loss columns.

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**Kelle Pfeiffer - Junior Colone Brockman - Sophomore Novi**

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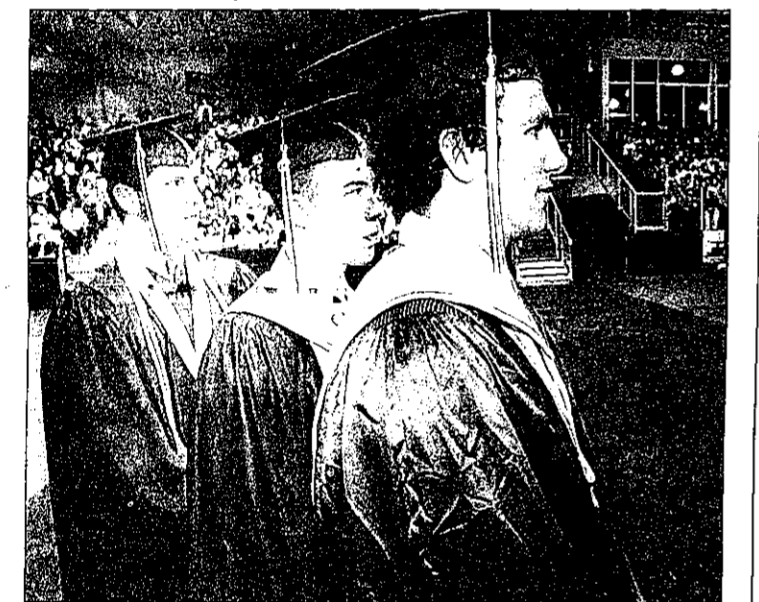
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## Not-so-dumb jock



Multi-Sport athlete Scott Kortlandt, right, and others wait in a line for their diplomas Saturday night at Compuware.

## Sports Shorts

**Basketball Camp**

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If interested in any of the above positions, please contact Dave Yarbrough at (248) 956-2074 or email "dbyarb" at yarbroughd@walledlake.k12.mi.us

**Football camps**

The Walled Lake Central Vikings, coached by Chuck App, will be holding various football camps this summer.

The first is a stunt defense camp geared toward sophomores, juniors and seniors and is open to any high school student that is interested in attending. The camp will be held July 8-10 and the cost is 60 dollars. July 15-17 will be the dates for a high school Wing-T camp geared toward sophomores, juniors and seniors as well as coaches. The camp is also 60 dollars.

If interested in attending both camps listed above, the price is discounted to 100 dollars.

A camp for sixth grade through ninth grade will be conducted July 22-25. The first two days of the camp will focus on the Wing-T offense while the last two days will focus on defense. All four days of the camp are 60 dollars.

If interested in signing up for the camp or for more information, contact Coach Chuck App at Walled Lake Central High School, (248) 956-4778.

**More football camps**

Walled Lake Western High School's Warrior football program, coached by Mike Ziebski, will be hosting a defensive and an offensive camp this summer. Both camps are offered for players, from any school, grades 7-12.

The defensive camp is June 14-16 and will be instructed by the WLV coaching staff and will include the fundamentals, drills

and reads of the 4-4 and 4-6 defense.

The offensive camp is July 19-21 and will include fundamental Wing-T series and drills.

Camps are 70 dollars each or 100 dollars for both. For more information, contact Coach Mike Ziebski at (248) 956-4419 or email him at ziebskim@walledlake.k12.mi.us

## Next Level Athletes

By Sam Eggleston

The Next Level Athletes portion of the sports section is dedicated to the men and women who play sports each and every day in hopes of continuing to be the best they can be at the collegiate level and beyond. It is here that we are able to applaud them for their abilities and their dedication to the sports they love to play.

**Ryan Rzepka, Sophomore, Oakland University** — Ryan Rzepka made his mark on the Oakland University soccer team this freshman year and did the same this season. As a freshman, Rzepka played in and started all of Oakland's 17 games and was part of the Golden Grizzly defense as Oakland was first in the Mid-Continent Conference

with 1.06 goals allowed. Rzepka was a 2000 graduate of Novi High School where he played soccer under coach Brian O'Leary.

**Tim Edick, Sophomore, Oakland University** — Tim Edick, a graduate of Northville High School, made quite the impact and earned a starting position on the mound after throwing a 90 mile per hour fastball his freshman season. The 6-foot-four, 220 pound right hander can be seen playing for the Golden Grizzlies in jersey number 50.

**Jill Gibson, Sophomore, Oakland University** — Jill Gibson, a graduate of Novi High School, became an impact player for the Golden Grizzlies women's soccer team this season after starting her collegiate career at Madonna University where she was the team's leading scorer. A

forward that wears number 16 out on the field, the game of soccer must run in her genes — her brother, Doug Gibson, plays men's soccer at Northwestern University and her cousin Kylie Bivens plays for the women's team at Santa Clara University.

Next Level Athletes includes former athletes from the readership area of the Northville Record, Novi News and the Lake Area Times. The Next Level Athletes are individuals who have taken the next step beyond high school athletics to the next level — including college, semi-professional, minor league and professional athletics. Anyone who would like to submit information about an athlete can do so via email at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net or mail information to The Northville Record, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

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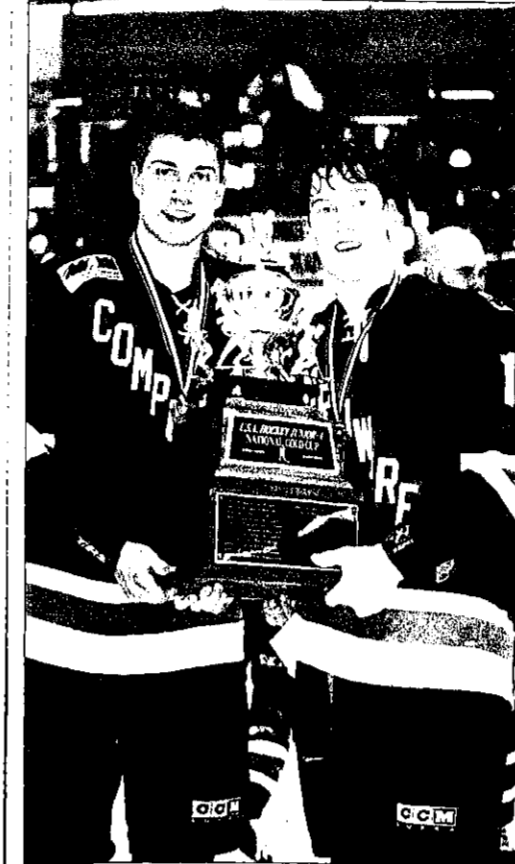
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David Rohlfis (left) and Jason Paige hoist their coveted national-championship trophy after a 4-0 win over the Pittsburg Forge.

# FINALLY!

## Junior-A national champs get to go to first function

By Sam Eggleston

One would be hard pressed to say that anything is as exhilarating as hoisting Lord Stanley's Cup above your head and shaking it in victory after winning the finals — but Northville senior David Rohlfis has something that comes pretty darn close.

Rohlfis and fellow Mustang senior Jason Paige, is a member of the Junior-A hockey team, the Compuware Ambassadors — a team that traveled to Bozeman, Montana to notch a 4-0 victory over the Pittsburg Forge to earn the national title.

"It was a very, very good game," Rohlfis said. "We decided as a team that we were going to go out and do it, and we basically dominated the whole game."

The Ambassadors were able to compile an impressive 55-9-5 record this season with the help of Rohlfis and Paige (who was in Saginaw and unavailable for comment). And then finally, for the first time in their high school careers, Rohlfis and Paige were able to do something they have always wanted to do besides win a national hockey championship — they went to the prom.

"It was definitely a night I will always remember," Rohlfis said. "The two seniors had become so accustomed to having hockey take up the majority of their school functions like prom and homecoming that the idea of going to the dance was something that wasn't really addressed."

"I've been playing hockey for nine years," Rohlfis said. "I love this game so much. It's just a blast to play and the experience and friendships that you get from it are unmatched."

The team is so competitive that they travel from Michigan to Texas to play in league games in the North American Hockey League — a competitive level just a peg below collegiate hockey.

But, as in everything in life, there was a first time for both of these seniors to rent their tuxedos, find a date and hit the prom. For Rohlfis, his destination was Northville's prom with stellar gymnast Andrea Leebetter on his arm, while Paige went to his girlfriend's prom in another school district.

# Pisha: Ready for Albion

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he's one of the all-time greats." Currently he is enjoying his summer and is just having fun with his friends. His closest group of friends is composed mostly of students from Walled Lake Central. Even though they go to different high schools he has known all of them for a very long time.

Ryan Traylor, Eric Lidstrom, and JR Ducat are the friends who he said he was closest with. "It's cool to get away from your school and hang out with Central kids," he said.

Pisha is also very close to a girl he met earlier this year. "I met her on spring break," he said of his current girlfriend. "She likes sports and she's real down to earth." Pisha said. A group of Pisha and his friends traveled down to Panama and that is where he met Ashley.

She will also be traveling to

Albion with him next year as she graduated from Plymouth-Canton this year.

Pisha also enjoys listening to all sorts of music including alternative, country and rap. His favorite artist is Kenny Chesney.

For other entertainment, Pisha enjoys watching movies and his favorite is "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back." He also said that his favorite actor is comedian Chris Rock.

When with his friends, the main thing Pisha said they do is just hang out.

"There's not much to do in Walled Lake," he said. Pisha is looking forward to college when they're will be much more around him to take part in.

He currently is driving a 1994

Ford Mustang and likes it pretty well.

"It's pretty nice," he said. Before he travels of to college in the fall, he said that he probably will be getting a Ford Explorer which he will be able to take with him to Albion.

As for food, Pisha likes Taco Bell and especially enjoys the Chicken Chalupas. "Those things are money," Pisha said.

Pisha will be heading about 80 miles west to continue his academic and athletic careers at Albion College. After leaving behind a strong showing in every sport at Walled Lake Western, he has a lot to offer the Albion Britons in the next four years.

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## Pisha going to Albion

By Brian Doyle  
SPECIAL WRITER

For four years Mike Pisha has been a four sport athlete at Walled Lake Western High school. Excelling at football, baseball and basketball he will move on to play baseball and football at Albion College next year.

Pisha will be following in his older brother Rob's footsteps who also went on to play college athletics. Pisha said that in sports he has looked up to his 20-year-old brother who was also a recent graduate in the class of 2000.

"I played baseball with him for a few years," Pisha said.

Pisha also has a younger sister Stacey. In athletics, he said that his parents, Bob and Cheryl, have always been very supportive of him in everything he's done.

Besides his family, Pisha looked up to long-time Tiger shortstop Alan Trammell who



Photo by DAVID AGUILAR

Senior Mike Pisha will continue his athletic career as a two-sport athlete at Albion.

played with the Tigers for nearly 20 years.

"He was just one of those guys you got hooked on when you were younger," he said, "I think

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## Warriors end it with a title run

### Gals fall to tough Portage Northern

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

It was a heck of a run, that's for sure.

The Walled Lake Western Warriors softball team, coached by Ron Repticky, took a long-awaited trip to Battle Creek where they fell to the pitching of Portage Northern's Jackie Greer June 15 in the Division I softball semifinal. The Warriors put up a valiant effort, but ended up dropping the contest 4-0 as the Huskies scored three runs in the fifth inning.

The Western softball team sent 23 batters to the plate against Greer, just two over the MHSAA minimum for a seven-inning softball game, and looked to be off to a nice start as senior slugger Kristen Burgess stepped up and doubled to right-center. Then it came to a screeching halt.

Northern's Greer whiffed 12 straight before smacking sophomore Lauren Talbot in the arm to get her on base. Talbot's effort was stymied as she was picked off of first by catcher Ashley Smith

before Greer had a streak of seven consecutive strikeouts.

Senior Nicole Tucker ended the Husky hurler's streak when she singled to right field with two outs in the seventh inning.

Greer wasn't the only one throwing well. Talbot was once again directed to the mound in hopes that her amazing play in the post-season would continue. With the Portage Northern team in scoring position in the fourth inning, Talbot found the bases loaded with two outs before she was able to force a soft groundout to end the Husky threat. Northern wouldn't be denied though and hit gold with three runs in the fifth inning before Talbot was able to pitch her way out of a jam.

Talbot allowed nine hits, three earned runs and whiffed six to take the brunt of the loss. Until her loss to the Huskies, Talbot had went 18 innings not allowing a run. Greer went the distance and allowed just two hits and sent 13 packing.

It wasn't the way the Warriors were looking to end their season

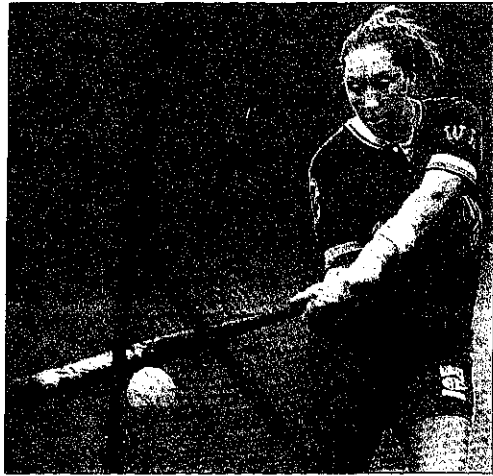


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Western's Alexis Jolly takes batting practice before last week's away game at Plymouth Canton. Alexis and the rest of the Warriors were waiting in the rain for the game to begin.

run, but it was a record setting year. This was the first time in school history that the softball team was able to drudge their way this deep into the swampy wilderness known as the state playoffs. And, for another season record, it was the first time in the history of Walled Lake Western High School that the team was able to complete a 30-win season as they stuck it to

many an opponent for a 31-6 record. The Huskies had a 31-8 record at the time the two teams played each other.

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